



## **THE LINCOLN LINK – JUNE, 2013**

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### **GENERAL MONTHLY DISTRICT MEETING – JUNE 13, 2013 SPEAKER TO BE DETERMINED**

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#### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – DOUG LITTLE**

District 23 PCs:

For the past few weeks there have been many discussions by members of the Board and with several PCs about the direction for the District. We had a very successful first fundraising event introducing the District 23 Business Network. We took in over \$1100 for the District in an evening of good food, music and conversation. We have some additional events planned for the fall and with the success of the first event, I know the fall events will be even more successful.

I also want to thank Shirley Cordasco and her committee for another wonderful job organizing our Legislative Breakfast on May 18th. It was a tremendous success and a great time was had by all. Great speakers, great entertainment and a beautiful venue. Shirley outdoes herself every year and this year was no exception.

One of the primary objectives I have for the District is to begin to try and bring us together in the District. As we approach the 2014 election, it will be very important for us to be united with a common purpose, which is to elect as many Republican's to office in Arizona as possible.

While our Legislative District and our Congressional District are strongly Republican, there are other Districts that could really use our help.

Both Ann Kirkpatrick in CD 1 and Ron Barber in CD 2 are considered vulnerable in 2014. Depending on the candidate that runs against her, Kyrsten Sinema in CD 9 is also potentially vulnerable. We have considerable resources in our district that we can bring to bear to help Republicans running in those critical races. We desperately need to reverse the losses of the past cycle and get a Republican majority in our Congressional delegation again.

But before we can begin our work and be truly effective, I want to insure that we share a common set of objectives as a District. To that end, I want to reach out and give our PCs a chance to be heard, to express concerns and to ask me questions about the direction that I want to take with our District. I believe that there has been some misinformation and confusion about what our plans are and how inclusive we want to be.

To accomplish this, I will be scheduling several **"listening sessions"** throughout the District over the next two months. These sessions will be held at a variety of locations across the District in order to make it easy for people to attend. In addition, we will try and keep the groups fairly small so that everyone who wishes will have the opportunity to discuss their issues and concerns.

I have scheduled the first two dates:

**July 17th, 2013 - 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Appaloosa Library**

**July 31st, 2013 from 10:30am to 12:00pm at the Civic Center Library.**

I am working on finalizing the schedule for a meeting at Mustang Library and at the Fountain Hills Community Center in August. I hope to have those dates finalized by our General Meeting at Mustang Library on June 13th at 7:00pm.

## **FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – JOE ROMACK**

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Please continue to recruit new Precinct Committeemen; we're on our way to reach 600! The nomination form is posted on our website: <http://d23azgop.org/sites/d8/files/Documents/PCAppointmentForm.pdf>

The prospective PC will need to fill out the following: Name of Precinct, Name, Address, Home Phone, Cell Phone, E-mail Address, Date of Birth & Voter ID #. Then scan the document or mail it to me.

If you need a walking list for your Precinct, please e-mail me and I will send one to you. Also, if you are receiving this newsletter via regular mail, please send me your e-mail address, since this is the most efficient way to communicate. Thank you all for your help.

## **SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – JOE MELI**

May 2013 turned out to be an exciting month. In lieu of our General Membership Meeting at the Mustang Library, we had our Armed Forces Day Breakfast on Saturday, May 18th at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club. Thanks to Shirley Cordasco and the commitment of the Members, the event was a great success. The featured speakers at this event were Congressman David Schweikert CD6, LD23 State Representatives John Kavanagh and Michelle Ugenti as well as State Senator Michele Reagan.

Our "Food and FUNdraising Extravaganza" that took place on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 was a tremendous success. A world of thanks to all the people who worked so hard and put in the time and talent to make our first event a success. When you consider that we had never held this event before, and the rave reviews it garnered, I think it's safe to say it was the beginning of a strong trend!

Again, thank you for making these events a success!

## TREASURER'S REPORT – LINDA RIZZO

April 2013 REVENUE		April 2013 EXPENSES	
Contributions (Dues)	445.00	Name badges/ribbons, etc.	197.74
Breakfast	900.00	Bank Charges	17.50
Name Badges	132.00	Website/Email	16.55
		Rental – Meeting Room	(10.02)
<u>Subtotal:</u>	<u>1,477.00</u>	<u>Subtotal:</u>	<u>221.77</u>
		<b><u>Net Income (Loss)</u></b>	<b><u>1,255.23</u></b>

### PLEASE MAKE YOUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION:

\$30.00 Individual, \$50.00 Couple of Household, \$100.00 Chairman's Level, or more

I would like to thank the following PCs for making a contribution during the month of April 2013: Chris Roden, Patricia Stetson, Larry & Joanna Hagan, Judi & Jim Perron, Mary Lou Luvisa and Sheila Muehling.

A special thanks goes to these PCs for contributing at the Chairman's Level: Linda Milhaven and Linda Rizzo.

## DISTRICT 23 MINUTES – VERA HEMINGER, SECRETARY

- I. **Call to Order** – The Monthly General Meeting of the Members of Arizona Legislative District 23, held at the Chaparral Suites located at 5001 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85250 on April 11, 2013, was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Doug Little. Present were First Vice Chairman Joe Romack, Second Vice Chairman Joe Meli, Treasurer Linda Rizzo and Secretary Vera Heminger.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Reverend C.T. Wright.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – All of the Members present having reviewed the Minutes of the March 2013 Monthly General Meeting (which were sent out for review and approval in the April 2013 Newsletter) and there being no questions or corrections to be made, Chairman Doug Little asked for a motion to accept the March 2013 Minutes as written. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was  
**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the March 2013 Monthly General Meeting be, and hereby are, approved as written.
- IV. **Introduction of Elected Officials and Guests** – Next Chairman Doug Little introduced the elected officials present, as well as candidates and guests.
- V. **Introduction of Newly-Appointed Official in Scottsdale** – Next Chairman Doug Little introduced Michael Auerbach who was recently appointed as Neighborhood Advisory Commissioner for the City of Scottsdale. Michael Auerbach held brief speech in which he thanked the audience for their support.
- VI. **Recognition of Award Recipients** – Next Mr. Little recognized the individuals who received Awards from the Maricopa County Republican Committee at the Lincoln Luncheon.
- VII. **Announcement of Newly-Appointed Official in Fountain Hills** – Next Chairman Doug Little announced that Nancy Ordowski was recently appointed to the Public Safety Commission in Fountain

Hills.

**First Vice Chairman's Report** – Next Chairman Doug Little gave the floor to First Vice Chairman Joe Romack for the Membership Report. He reported the following:

- PC Nomination forms are being processed.
- The total number of PCs in the District, including the processed nominations is 356.
- Nomination forms are being distributed at this meeting by Joe Meli.
- The District has a template for business cards. Business cards are around \$20.00 for 250 cards. E-mail Joe Romack to place an order.

**VIII. Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Linda Rizzo announced that the Financial Report for the District as of March 2013 was sent out for review and acceptance in the April 2013 Newsletter. The Treasurer reported that for the month of March the District sustained a net loss of \$227.59, with total contributions at \$369. As there were no questions or suggested corrections from the floor, the Chairman asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

**RESOLVED** that the March Financial Report be, and hereby is, approved as presented.

**VIX. Chairman's Business** – Chairman Doug Little took the floor and announced that Precinct Committeemen contributing at the \$50 level (for an individual) or at the \$75 level (for a couple) would receive a complimentary free e-mail address at (yourname)@ld23patriots.com. Please contact Joe Romack, Linda Rizzo or Doug Little if interested.

● **Event Chairman's Announcement** – Mr. Doug Little gave the floor to Event Chair Shirley Cordasco announced that the Legislative Breakfast 2013 (on Armed Forces Day) in late spring will be taking place at the Gainey Ranch Golf Clubhouse located at 7600 Gainey Club Drive Scottsdale, AZ 85258 on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 8:30 AM. With respect to the Legislative Breakfast she addressed the following:

- More people need to sign up.
- The Card Game will be back by popular demand, along with an auction and a raffle.
- Admission is \$25.00 per person.
- More people need to submit their pictures dating back to the 1970's (or 1980's if they weren't born yet)
- The pictures will not be made public outside the event.
- Any checks that haven't been cashed is because Mrs. Cordasco wants to accumulate them to reduce the number of trips to the bank.

● **Report by Joshua Tucker from the Governor's Office** – Joshua Tucker handed out brochures and reported on how PCs can become a volunteer Member of an Arizona Board or Commission.

**Second Vice Chairman's Report** – Next Second Vice Chairman Joe Meli opened by announcing that there is a skeletal form of the new Website accessible through ld23businessnetwork.com. He then briefly gave the floor to Jim O'Connor to announce the fundraiser taking place on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Mr. Joe Meli then proceeded to introduce the guest speaker of the evening,

● **Presentation of Christine Jones** – Christine Jones, the former Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of GoDaddy Operating Company LLC made some of the following points during her presentation:

- During the election the Opposition was better at collecting information about people, analyzing it, putting it into a message and delivering it to people they were targeting in a way that mattered to

them.

- We don't know about the people in our Precincts about the normal day life things they care about, and we don't know what specific issues they care about most, what is meaningful to them.
- It's not enough to know they voted in the last eight elections.
- It's all about personal relationship building.
- We have a decade of work to catch up on.
- While the Opposition has fulltime paid employees doing the job year-round (not just in election cycles), the Party has to rely on its few volunteer PCs.
- We have a system that educates voters to vote against the American Dream and to vote for dependence on government.
- Dependence on government without workers and a huge debt to China will turn the USA into a third-world country and China into a superpower.
- There is no data sharing between campaigns, whereas the Opposition keeps their collected voter data in a centralized location to be shared by all campaigns – free of charge. What is the incentive for a Republican campaign to share data with another campaign?
- Where factionalism inside the Party is concerned – who will you support: the faction you can't stand or the path to Socialism?
- Consensus can sometimes only be achieved by getting all fighting factions together in a room after kicking out all staff and don't let anyone leave until something has been accomplished. Living on the 80% consensus instead of dying on 20% dissent takes discipline.
- **Presentation of John DeCarlo** – John DeCarlo reported on stemming the recall effort lead by Respect Arizona and Randy Parraz (the same person who ousted Senator Russell Pearce) and how PCs could help with this effort.

X. **Adjournment** – There being no further business to come before the Meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

## **EVENTS CHAIR'S REPORT – SHIRLEY CORDASCO**

I would like to thank everyone, from our members that sold raffle tickets, to our Chairman Doug Little, who brought in all the A/V equipment, and saved us several hundred dollars. This camaraderie is what makes all of our events worth attending. So, my hat is off to membership for assisting me through another successful event. Our numbers keep growing every year, our prizes and raffles keep getting better, and as I said before, if this level of participation continues, we are going to need a bigger room!

It was great having Paula & Bruce back at the registration table, no worries when they're in charge. There were lots of new faces and names and for sure I will not remember them all, but I hope everyone returns for the next event which is our Christmas celebration.

I know, I complained that the reservations weren't coming in fast enough. But then again, all of that changed in the last few days, even hours, and my phone rang constantly. It was no surprise that my calls to Gainey's chef became annoyingly frequent. I'm sure he thought I was incompetent at best ... but that's alright, we got through it like every year before, never came up short once. Well, that's not going to change, because I'm already working on our Christmas party, and you're gonna love it!

## COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOUNTAIN HILLS REPUBLICAN CLUB

**Date:** June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Place:** Fountain Hills Community Center  
**Featured Speakers:** Ken Bennett  
**Topic:** This is the Annual Fundraiser Breakfast  
**Admission:** Members: \$15, Guests: \$17  
**Contact Information:** fhrepublican@yahoo.com  
**Website:** [www.fhrepublicanclub.org](http://www.fhrepublicanclub.org).

### PALO VERDE WOMENS REPUBLICAN CLUB

**Date:** Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
**Time:** 11:00 AM Social, 11:30 AM Lunch  
**Place:** Grayhawk Golf Club "Fairway House", 8620 East Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale  
**Featured Speakers:** Gabrella Mercer, Congressional Candidate  
**Topic:** Hispanics and the Republican Party.  
**Website:** <http://www.azfrw.org/clubs/paloverde.htm>

### PARADISE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

**Date:** Saturday, September 14, 2013  
**Time:** 10:30 AM Social, 11:00 AM Business Meeting, 11:15 AM Guest Speaker, 12:00 PM Luncheon  
**Place:** Gainey Ranch Golf Club, 7600 Gainey Club Drive  
**Featured Speakers:** Congressman David Schweikert  
**Website:** <http://prwc.org>

### FOURTH AT THE FOUNTAIN

**Date:** July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
**Time:** 5:00 PM to 10 PM  
**Place:** Fountain Park, downtown Fountain Hills  
**Featured Entertainment:** Arizona Skyhawks Parachute Team doing a night-time precision parachute drop. Music by Ageing Hipsters. VFW Post 7507 will be serving beer, wine, soft drinks and water. Food vendor and childrens' entertainment.  
**Admission:** Free  
**Contact Information:** [www.fhrepublicanclub.org](http://www.fhrepublicanclub.org) (Co-Sponsor)

### TEA PARTY PATRIOTS OF SCOTTSDALE AND PARADISE VALLEY

**Date:** Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
**Time:** 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM  
**Place:** Scottsdale Thunderbird Suites, 7515 E. Butherus Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85258  
**Featured Speakers:** John Huppenthal and Sheila Muhling  
**Topic:** Continued Discussion of Common Core

### LINCOLN REPUBLICAN WOMEN

**Date:** Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Place:** Scottsdale Millenium Resort, 7401 North Scottsdale Road  
**Featured Speakers:** TBA  
**Topic:** TBA  
**Admission:** \$28 Dinner  
**Website:** [http://www.azfrw.org/clubs/Lincoln\\_RW.htm](http://www.azfrw.org/clubs/Lincoln_RW.htm)

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Statesmen, my dear Sir, may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is religion and morality alone, which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. The only foundation of a free Constitution is pure virtue, and if this cannot be inspired into our People in a greater Measure than they have it now, they may change their rulers and the forms of government, but they will not obtain a lasting liberty." -- John Adams

## STRAIGHT TALK – MEMBERS' CORNER

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### The Misunderstanding of “Separation of Church and State”

By Dr. Paul Kengor

<http://catholicexchange.com/paul-kengor-on-churchstate-separation/>

For too long, this country has suffered from a severely misguided understanding of church-state separation, fostered by secular liberals/progressives. And now, those same forces—or at least those devoted to President Obama and so-called “abortion rights” above all else—are employing that very misunderstanding in an assault upon the religious freedom and consciences of Catholics. They are doing so, of course, via the Obama mandate on contraception and abortion drugs.

The problem begins with the very notion of “separation of church and state.” Huge numbers of Americans mistakenly believe those words are chiseled into the Constitution, ascribing to them a tremendous weight and power that plainly do not exist. In fact, those words are not found in the Constitution at all.

To the contrary, the First Amendment ensures “the free exercise” of religion.

Well, if the words “separation of church and state” appear nowhere in the Constitution, then where are they?

The phrase is found in an 1802 letter from Thomas Jefferson, written to the Danbury Baptist Association of Connecticut.

Jefferson, the newly elected president, assured his Connecticut friends that they had no fear from the federal government, which would not intrude upon them and the practice of their faith—nor, as Jefferson put it, their “rights of conscience”—given that their relationship with God was between them and God. The purpose in this historic Jefferson-Baptist exchange was to protect not government from religion but religion (that is, religious people) from the intrusion of government.

And now, 200-plus years after Jefferson’s letter and the signing of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, we are left with too many liberals/progressives too often incorrectly telling us that at the crux of religion in America is a sacred “Constitutional” anchor called “separation of church and state,” which means that your

individual faith should not disrupt or disorder society and the state. You must take your faith out of the public square and confine it to yourself, your home, your church.

That's wrong. And that wrong is now breeding yet more wrongs.

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