



AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

Web: www.ld23gop.org

Jim O'Connor, Chairman
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The Lincoln Link

February 2016



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**NEXT MEETING OF LD23**  
**Thursday, February 11, 2016**  
**via Linda Senior Center**  
**10440 E via Linda, Scottsdale, 85258**  
**6:30 Sign-in, 7:00 Meeting**  
**Prayer meeting at 6:00 for those interested**  
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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Jim O'Connor

Fellow Precinct Committeemen:

Recently you have heard from me about the twin Bills moving through our State House & Senate (HB 2456 and SB1218). Yesterday a number of us from LD 23 together with other republicans appeared before Michelle Ugenti-Rita's House Elections Committee to testify in opposition to the House Bill.

Those are available for viewing at www.azleg.gov. Once on the home page search for HB 2456, you will find at the bottom of that page a Bill Video Archive giving you an option to view the meeting. Once you click to start the video slide the time line tab across to your right to minute 39 at which the discussion begins.

You will experience the Bill Sponsoring members of that committee had their minds made up before any of the testimony was offered. After giving lip service to their appreciation of citizen participation in their process, and their willingness to study our arguments, they voted 5 to 1 (with our Representative Ugenti-Rita casting the Nay vote) passing the Bill out of committee. What we only learned later that afternoon, was that sponsors rushed the Bill to the Rules Committee where it passed 5 to 1 with no testimony being offered.

Worse yet, that Bill has been added to the House Consent Calendar to be voted on anytime with other no longer debatable Bills, thereby avoiding a stand alone vote of the Committee of the Whole (COW). This is the cover these folks provide each other on such incidental matters as the conversion of our constitutionally guaranteed Republican form of government into a pure democracy!

We have requests in to a few House Members to send a request to the House Clerk to have HB 2456 removed from the consent calendar. Only one member need make that request and it will be voted on separately at the COW, where each members vote will be disclosed without excuse. Remember, 2016 is an election year and these lost souls voting in favor need to be held accountable. They will all be asking us to collect signatures, put up campaign materials, and donate money to get then re-elected. They will not want to lose their base, so they will do all they are able to do to hide and cover up their sellout.

ACTION from here: Please visit, call, email, write, or lobby the following eight (8) State Senators who are sponsoring or co-sponsoring the identical Bill in the State Senate SB 1218. If we are successful in convincing six of the eight to drop their support and vote NO, it will die in the Senate. Members need to know that the funding of this movement nationwide are the progressive socialists and that AZ will be the first Red State to join 11 Blue states that have already joined this NPV Compact.

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Heritage Foundation is preparing a fact sheet for us and we will get it to you shortly. Do weigh in with your voices. It's your "Republic to Keep."

HAPPENING IN SCOTTSDALE - Guy Phillips

Fellow Republicans,

It was a pleasure to see all of you at the County and State general meetings in January! I really enjoy seeing old time friends and meeting new patriots! While I am a diehard constitutional conservative, I agree with the mantra that we must be unified this fall whoever the Republican nominee is. The future of this country is at stake! As Congressman Matt Salmon said, "The worst Republican candidate is better than Hillary!" We MUST get a Republican back in the White House!! We can't have any of the "Not my candidate so I'm not voting", or "Not my religion so I'm not voting," Or "not conservative enough, not ethical enough, not- fill in the blank -enough!" We can't think a RINO is just as bad as Hillary or Bernie. NO ONE on this planet is as bad as Hillary or Bernie! If Jeb Bush is our nominee, I will vote Bush! If Trump is our nominee, I will vote Trump! If Clint Eastwood is our nominee, I will vote Eastwood! Let's get a Republican elected and then complain!

Now on a more local note, I have become aware of an injustice going on and decided to help resolve it by amending an old statute, courtesy of Rep. Jay Lawrence,

HB2200 is now waiting to be heard! This bill has to do with mobile home owners who get evicted because the property owner has sold or is planning on redeveloping the property. In many cases the elderly, indigent, veterans and welfare recipients are unable to afford to move and end up on the street. No joke.

Through the Arizona Mobile Home Tenant Act, the property owner and the mobile home owner pay into a fund that helps pay for expenses when this occurs. Unfortunately this act was made back in the 70's and the amounts have not kept up with inflation. My bill adjusts those rates to reflect today's costs. It also allows the state to pay out for expenses as they arise. Currently, a mobile home owner has to shoulder expenses up front and then get reimbursed 6 months later. Most simply do not have any money to fix up their home to move or to find a new place. This amount can run upwards of \$6,000 to \$10,000.

The Mobile Home Manufacturing Board has told me they will oppose this bill because it will increase the amount the property owner pays in. Is that a good reason? So I need your help! Please look at this bill online and email or call your Representatives to support this bill. It is an easy way to keep future friends, neighbors, parents, siblings and maybe yourself from becoming a homeless statistic. Thank you!

Guy Phillips

Scottsdale City Council

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski

Special thank you to Jeanne McGill, Linda Longazel, Kathy Schneider, Linda Brown, Jan Buggeln, Tom Sinyard and Adam Sonnenklar who worked the credential table at the MCRC Meeting along with

Janet Oliver, Valerie Giramberk, Judy and Rich Rutkowski who worked both the MCRC and State Meetings. You were a great team and I appreciate your willingness to be at the meetings at 6:30am on Saturday mornings.

Area Directors and Precinct Captains – the Saturday, February 13, 2016 meeting has moved to Wednesday, February 10, 2016 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the Starfire Golf Club. We will have new data, goals and maps for each precinct. There will be appetizers and social time before the meeting starts. For those who have paid their donations for 2016, there will be no charge. For those who have not made their \$30 donations, \$50 per couple, there will be a \$10 charge at the door or you can bring a check for your donation that night.

This year 2016 has already started out with much activity. Now is the time for our PC's to put on their walking shoes, pick up their phones and contact the voters in their precinct. We are here to help you, but it is important that you attend every possible meeting and keep very informed.

You can always reach me at ncordowski@gmail.com or 480-203-5278.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich Rutkowski

Our January 14 general meeting included a great presentation by Seth Leibsohn. Seth hosts a talk show on KKNT 960 The Patriot radio, but was speaking to us in his role as Chairman of Arizonans for Responsible Drug Policy. There will almost certainly be a November 2016 ballot proposition for the legalization of "recreational" marijuana in AZ. Seth and his organization are leading the charge to oppose this effort. At the meeting, he shared the many reasons we should actively oppose the legalization effort. By the way, County Attorney Bill Montgomery is also vigorously opposed to legalization of marijuana and supports Seth and Arizonans for Responsible Drug Policy. Please visit and do everything you can to join them in this vital mission. On a personal note, as a physician, I have seen firsthand the damage that marijuana can do to an individual and to family, friends, and society in general. I urge you to actively oppose the legalization of marijuana. For more information, visit <http://www.arizonansforresponsibledrugpolicy.org/>

Our February 11 meeting will again be held at the Via Linda Senior Center, 10440 East Via Linda in Scottsdale. A map link can be found on the home page of the web site, www.ld23gop.org. The theme for the evening will be county government. Our main guest speaker for the evening will be Maricopa County Commissioner Steve Chucri, who will provide an update on county legislative matters. We will also welcome someone who is well-known to many of us, Royce Flora, who is a candidate for Maricopa County Treasurer. Please plan to join us for an informative evening.

As always, the web site, www.ld23gop.org, is a convenient way to keep apprised of dates of our meetings, news about other events, and additional information.

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS - Joe Meli

My Fellow Precinct Committeemen,

Now that we have the state and county mandatory meetings behind us, we can now focus on the most urgent priority facing our party: winning the presidency. As much as we have worked for the election of local, state and congressional candidates, make no mistake, the one office that has the potential to harm or help us in our mission to restore our nation is the presidency. We can see the incredible destruction to the sanctity of our country the left has visited upon us. Our brave men and women in uniform throughout our nation's history did not lay down their lives just so that we could give it all away to the destructive liberal progressive movement!

The time has come to make personal our efforts to elect a Republican president.

Think about it this way, we are truly working to restore OUR America. Our family's America, our community's America, the Framer's America!

Even if we feel party politics is unsavory and a thankless task, it has come down to us, the grassroots, to save our country for ourselves.

So we must do our best to put aside the banalities and trivialities of our party's inner workings. See the bigger picture; see our futures being in each other's hands.

It's about winning the White House. It's about taking back control. It's about our very way of life not disappearing. Bring your anger into sharp focus, it's the presidency we need, anything less will not save us or our nation.

Only we can do it.

Regards,

Joe Meli
Chairman Emeritus

TREASURER - Valerie Giramberk

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
Statement of Income and Expense
Month Ended January 31, 2016

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE \$ 4,826.15

REVENUE

Contributions (dues)	\$ 1,130.00
Badges	48.00
Restitution	20.00

TOTAL REVENUE **\$ 1,198.00**

EXPENSES

Badges \$ 10.89

Postage 8.99

Room rentals \$ 97.50

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 117.38**

NET INCOME **\$ 1,080.62**

ENDING BANK BALANCE **\$ 5,906.77**

PETTY CASH **\$ 60.04**

TOTAL BALANCE **\$ 5,966.81**

Thank you to the 44 PCs who have already paid their 2016 dues. Your dues help cover room and training costs, as well as events held throughout the year.

Please send your 2016 dues today or bring your checkbook to the February 11th meeting. Checks should be made out to LD 23 Republican Committee or they can be mailed to: LD 23 Republican Committee, 8776 E Shea Blvd, Ste 106-341, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. Please remember to include your occupation and employer as it is required by campaign finance law. It's important to note that if you are self-employed, you still need to state your occupation. If you are retired, then please state that as well.

DISTRICT 23 MINUTES - Judy Lawrence, Secretary

**Legislative District 23 Republican Committee Monthly Meeting
Via Linda Senior Center, Scottsdale AZ
January 14, 2016 7:00 pm**

With concurrence of the members present, the District Meeting of the members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23 was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Jim O'Connor.

Officers Present:

Jim O'Connor, Chairman Nancy Ordowski, First Vice Chair

Rich Rutkowski, Second Vice Chair Valerie Giramberk, Treasurer

The Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were given by Carol Klein

Second Vice Chairman - Rick Rutkowski

The February meeting will be on Thursday 11th at the Via Linda Senior Center. The primary speaker will be Maricopa County Supervisor, Steve Chucri. The second speaker will be LD23 PC, Royce Flora, who is running for County Treasurer.

Chairman Jim O'Connor then introduced Bob Burns who is running for the Arizona Corporation Commission. He needs 7,000 signatures and 5,000 with \$5.00 contributions as he is running as a Clean Elections Candidate. There are three seats open.

Chairman Jim O'Connor then introduced Michael Loverine to address 2 resolutions he drafted that will be moving through both the MCRC Mandatory meeting on January 16th and the AZGOP Meeting on the 23rd.

Resolution #1 Appeal Proposition 203 passed in 2010 to legalize Medical Marijuana.

Resolution #2 To prohibit the legalization of Recreational Use of Medical Marijuana.

Liz Alcorn reported that the Fundraiser for Joe Arpaio will be on Saturday, January 30, at her home from 3pm to 6pm. The contribution will be \$25 per person for the event. There will be food, live music and a chance to meet some of your favorite stars.

Roberta Meluskey announced that the Meluskey for Senate campaign is holding a debate watching party at the Meluskey Election Headquarters on January 28th. The headquarters is at the NE corner of Shea Blvd and Hayden Rd.

Mark Singer then reminded us that the 13 Hours in Benghazi – Truth Speech will be held Sunday, February 21, 2016. Tickets are \$25 per individual and \$45 per couple and \$98 VIP package with books and photo op. \$15 for students and active military personnel.

Chairman Jim O'Connor then spoke about the MCRC Mandatory Meeting on January 16th . We had a net increase of 715 PC'S for a total of 3,445.

There will be 5 "Members at Large" elected and Bylaw recommendations adopted.

Boe James objected to certain recommendations of the County By-Law Committee changes.

First Vice Chair, Nancy Ordowski added that there will be a meeting for Area Directors and Precinct Captains Wednesday, February 10, from 6 to 8:30pm. Location to be determined. (Was originally set for February 13th). Will be presenting walking list info and voting data.

A motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting as published was made by Boe James and seconded by Wil Berry and John Dickerson and passed.

Treasurer Valerie Giramberk gave her report. The report was accepted and a copy can be found in this newsletter

Old Business –

There was no old business.

New Business –

Save the Date Reminders:

1/16/16 County Mandatory GOP Meeting

1/23/16 State Mandatory GOP Meeting

2/11/16 LD23 District Meeting at Via Linda Senior Center, Scottsdale AZ

3/10/16 LD23 District Meeting at Fountain Hills School District Learning Center

3/31/16 Delegates Election at Fountain Hills School District Learning Center (no proxies)

4/30/16 Mesa Convention Center elected delegates for Congressional District 6. CD 6 can elect 6 delegates. Arizona will have 28 delegates.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Lawrence

Secretary

EVENTS:



Friday, February 19, 2016, 6:30 pm

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in the Great Hall, ASU in Tempe (located in Armstrong Hall) Click link for parking, locations of Hall and other information

Clint Bolick and other legal scholars will discuss the meaning of the Constitution as it relates to current events.

Political and candidate events are in abundance. Please search these out and attend those that interest you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations To The AZGOP Chairman's Awards nominees and winners. They received their awards at a dinner in Phoenix on January 22. The winners are: (LD23 winners in bold face).

Barry Goldwater Award – **C.T. Wright**

Exceptional Dedication to GOP – Shuron Harvey

Most Outstanding Party Worker in Arizona: Bonnie Jansson, Kip Kempton, Margo Treece, Jeni White.

Most Outstanding Party Worker in a Legislative District:

ü Judy Eastman – LD18

ü Ted Farmer – LD21

ü Nancy Hawkins - Pinal County LD8

ü Janet Mohr - LD1

ü John Patrick Perkins - LD26

ü Karen Schutte - LD9

Most Outstanding County – Graham County - Keith Alexander accepting for John Rhodes.

Most Outstanding Legislative District: LD4, LD 17

Best Republican Club: Ahwatukee Republican Club, Arizona Federation of Republican Women, Chandler Republican Women, Estrella Conservative Republican Club, Fountain Hills Republican Club, Maricopa County Young Professional Republicans, Palo Verde Republican Women, Republican

Women of Prescott.

Rookie of the Year 2015: Lisa Askey, Shuron Harvey, Nancy Jenkins, Shelly Sundaram

Cutting Edge Award – Tyler Hudgens

Dodie Londen Award – Federation of Republican Women (many of our LD23 women involved)

Lifetime Achievement Award – Carol Joyce.

Thanks to Frosty Taylor for providing this information in the MCRC Briefs.

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS:

Lincoln Republican Women's Club

This meeting was held before our Newsletter was published. Please contact Patricia Kaufman for future dates.

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Paradise Republican Women's Club

Dynamic Women Making a Difference

Educate/Promote/Contribute/Participate

Saturday, February 13th, 2016

Gainey Ranch Golf Club, 7600 E Gainey Club Dr, Scottsdale 85258

10:30 Social - 11:00 Meeting - 12:00 noon lunch

Speaker: Rep. David Gowan, Speaker of the House, will discuss his plans for the budget and other matters of importance \$30.00 pp Go [HERE](#) to purchase tickets or mail your



payment to Paradise Republican Women, P.O. Box 14425, Scottsdale 85267
Remember, it's time to pay dues. Visit the website: PRWC.org

Palo Verde Republican Women

February 17, 2016,

Grayhawk Golf Club:

8620 East Thompson Peak Parkway, The Fairway House, Scottsdale



Keynote speaker: Alex Meluskey, U.S. Senate candidate.

Speaker: Chuck Schmidt, Arizona State Board of Education, on Prop 123 which is Governor Ducey's education plan to allow additional and sustainable funding that our schools currently do not have. The special election will be held on May 17, 2016

11:00 a.m. Social

11:30 a.m. Program/Lunch

The cost of the luncheon is \$27 if paying by credit card. Pay with cash or by check and the cost is \$26.
To make a reservation for our luncheon, contact Sherry Gray by email: pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com.

Please note that reservations are REQUIRED. And a reservation MADE is a reservation PAID!

February Menu:

Chicken Pot Pie

Red Velvet Cake

Coffee/Iced Tea/Wine Bar

Fountain Hills Republican Club:

No report was provided but it is expected that Sen. John McCain will be the speaker

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