

October 2017 Newsletter



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## **NEXT MONTHLY MEETING OF LD 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, October 12, 2017**

**Registration: 6:30 PM ~ Call to Order: 7:00 PM**

**Terravita Community Center Desert Pavilion**

**34108 N 69th Way - Scottsdale**

[MAP](#)

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Nancy Ordowski

Your officers work hard to bring you information you can use when speaking with voters in your precinct or with friends and family. As Precinct Committeemen it is your job to take advantage of these meetings to keep yourselves well informed and up to date on issues that are important to our communities.

Please mark your calendars and save the second Thursday in November, and each month in 2018. Even though 2018 is not a Presidential Election, we will be very busy reaching voters in our precincts and it is important you are well informed.

We hope to have the meeting location settled and on a schedule that will make it easy for you to know where a meeting will be held. Details and maps are always on the website. You can always check www.ld23gop.org for current information, if you have misplaced your meeting e-blast.

Looking forward to seeing you at our October 12, 2017 District Meeting. at Terravita in north Scottsdale. You can reach me at ncordowski@gmail.com or 480-203-5278.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Tim Horn

The National Popular Vote Controversy

Those of us active in Party politics recognize the value of the Electoral College (EC) and saw it work close to first hand in the 2016 election when our LD23 past Chairman, Jim O'Connor, actually served as an AZ Elector. So why the reviving *clamor* by those

seeking to change the way the POTUS has been elected, successfully and peacefully, for well over *two centuries*?

The National Popular Vote (NPV) proponents contend that only a direct popular vote should be used, and that the elector weighting is not fair to voters because only a few states get major attention from the presidential candidates. A key part of evidence they cite is data on "Post Primary" visits of the candidates to each state. This data shows that 8 or 9 states get most of the presidential candidate attention, visits and campaign expenditures. This statement seems very shallow, since the change they propose would could make the popular votes of entire states meaningless, and make the outcome of presidential elections different. And the proponents seem to say that US elections are supposed to be votes where everybody votes and a simple majority wins. In reality, many of the votes proscribed in our American system neither include neither all citizens *nor* a majority to win. We know how constitutional amendments require representatives to vote *on behalf* of citizens and that 2/3 of the votes to propose and 3/4 approval to prevail, rather than a simple vote by all. Consider that to pass state or federal laws it is the representatives of the people that vote, and in the U.S. Senate most votes need 60% to pass. The NPV people seem to promote that the US is a simple democracy; it is not. In Political Science terms, America is better described as a Constitutional-Republic where we elect representatives whose job is to consider issues and vote on behalf of others. Our government was carefully crafted in the Constitution in order to avoid tyranny of the majority, and to keep power from getting concentrated into the states with the most people. (Next Issue: How the NPV Proponents are trying avoid the EC)

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich Rutkowski

For our monthly meeting, on Thursday, October 12, starting with registration at 6:30 PM and call to order at 7:00 PM, we'll be trying out a new venue, the Terravita Community Center Desert Pavilion at 34108 N. 69th Way in Scottsdale. [[MAP](#)] It's a nice facility and will be free of rental charges this month. It's very convenient for those in north Scottsdale, a little less convenient for others, but let's check it out. We continue searching for alternative rental facilities, but they are commonly limited by cost, location, availability, or capacity. Our guest speaker this month will be United States Marshal for the Arizona District David Gonzales. He'll be speaking about the role and responsibilities of the U.S. Marshal's Office. We will also be holding a vote to adopt amendments to our bylaws, as explained in the notice sent out last weekend. Details and documents are also posted on the "[Bylaws](#)" page of www.ld23gop.org ;

Remember to visit the web site, www.ld23gop.org, and read LD23 "e-blasts" for information about future meetings, upcoming events, documents, and links to other web sites and resources. The "Extras" page has photos of recent events, including the August 22 Trump rally in Phoenix.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Valerie Giramberk

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

**Statement of Income and Expense
Month Ended September 30, 2017**

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE	\$ 7,985.23
REVENUE	
Donations	\$ 440.00
Restitution	40.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ <u>480.00</u>
EXPENSES	
Legal Fees (Note 1)	\$ 1,000.00
Room Rental	75.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ <u>1,075.00</u>
NET REVENUE	\$ <u>(595.00)</u>
ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$ 7,390.23
PETTY CASH	\$ <u>4.16</u>
TOTAL BALANCE	\$ <u>7,394.39</u>

Note 1: Legal fees were incurred in December 2016 and January 2017 to defend State Committeemen. The outstanding balance for these fees is \$5,953.97. Donations are always voluntary, we do encourage them, and they are greatly appreciated. The recommended donation for an individual is \$30 and \$50 for a couple. Cash, checks or credit cards are all accepted. Please help us cover our operating expenses by making your contribution. **Note:** These contributions are not tax deductible.

Checks can be mailed to: LD 23 Republican Committee, 8776 E Shea Blvd, Ste 106-341, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. Make these out to **District 23 Republican Committee**. Please fill out and include the donation form that is available on the website. Campaign finance law requires your occupation and employer information be disclosed. If you are self-employed, you still need to state your occupation. If you are retired, that needs to be noted as well. Only personal checks can be accepted. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 MEETING MINUTES - Barbara Rothe

Chairman Nancy Ordowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center. Rev. C.T. Wright gave the prayer and Ron Schott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nancy announced the recent death and funeral arrangements for longtime LD23 PC, State Committeeman, mentor, and political activist Evelyn Munn. Second Vice Chair Rich Rutkowski introduced Secretary of State Michele Reagan. After her presentation, Secretary Reagan entertained questions about the current activities of her office.

Nancy recognized PCs that have attended the Maricopa County Recorder's meetings on re-precincting. PC Gina Swoboda spoke on this issue. Maricopa County Supervisor Steve Chucuri was also in attendance and discussed the re-precincting issue.

Chris Herring, Maricopa County Republican Chairman, presented the Lincoln Luncheon award to PC Cyndi Love for her work on behalf of LD23. He also spoke on other issues of interest in the County.

PC Barry Graham reported on activities of the Scottsdale City Council. Rich Rutkowski reported on the Fountain Hills Town Council's actions on a proposed lagoon project in Fountain Park. PC Jim O'Connor announced that Dick Morris and Corey Lewandowski will be guest speakers at the Sheraton Mesa on October 7 at the NFRA Convention. The June 8, 2017 minutes were accepted. Valerie Giramberk presented the Treasurer's report.

The next meeting will be held October 12, 2017 at the Terravita Community Center Desert Pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Barbara Rothe, Secretary

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS

Paradise Republican Women's Club

Next meeting: Saturday, October 14

Gainey Golf Club

7600 E. Gainey Club Drive, Scottsdale

9:30 AM Social / 10:00 AM Meeting / 11:00 AM Brunch

Speakers: -----

For information, visit <http://prwc.org>

Lincoln Republican Women's Club

Next meeting: -----

Millenium Resort Scottsdale-McCormick Ranch

7401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

5:30 PM Meet & Greet / 6:00 PM Meeting / 6:20 PM Dinner / 7:00 PM Program

Speaker: -----

Reservations needed: RSVP to Patricia Kaufman, 480-368-2777 or

patiamiam@gmail.com.

Palo Verde Republican Women

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 18

Grayhawk Golf Club

8620 E Thompson Peak Parkway, The Fairway House

11:00 AM Social / 11:30 AM Program & Lunch

Speakers: -----

Reservations required. Contact Karen Wiswell,

pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com, or 480.699.2694.

Fountain Hills Republican Club

Next meeting: Annual Picnic on Saturday, October 21

Fountain Hills Community Center

13001 N. La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills

4 - 7 PM Click [2017FHRC PicnicFlyer.pdf](#) for details.

Next FHRC Social: Tuesday, October 24; 6:00 PM
Fireside Grill at Lexington Hotel
12800 N. Saguaro Blvd. in Fountain Hills
For more info or to confirm FHRC Social dates, contact Boe James
at FHRepublican@gmail.com or visit <http://FountainHillsRepublicanClub.org>

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This month's newsletter was compiled and respectfully submitted  
by Rich Rutkowski, 2nd Vice Chairman.