

AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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December 2014

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, January 8, 2015

Mustang Library, 90th Street South of Shea Blvd. Scottsdale

Speakers: Senator-elect John Kavanagh, Rep. Michelle Ugenti, Representative-elect Jay Lawrence

MEETING TIME: 6:30 Sign-in, 7:00 Meeting

Prayer meeting in auditorium at 6:00 for those interested

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Jim O'Connor

Dear Fellow Patriots and LD23 Republican Precinct Committeemen,

As this will be the first of my monthly letters, I present to you our direction as a district in 2015 & 2016. It is often asked of newly elected officials how they intend to heal the wounds or unify the PC's after competitive election campaigns. Here is my reply.

Over the next two years all who wish to be involved are heartily encouraged to join us as we protect and defend the U. S. Constitution, the Arizona State Constitution, and principles in the Republican Party Platform. That is consistent with the mission statement contained within our District, County and State Party By-Laws.

Every interested Precinct Committeeman will be trained by selected members of our district to become more familiar with and more effective at registering republican voters, canvassing our neighborhoods, cleaning up our voter rolls, and communicating our platform message within our spheres of influence. Our first and best resource to provide the training rests in the talents and expertise of many of our PC's. These will become evident as we initiate small group training sessions across the district.

Additionally, the Center for Self Governance has established an Arizona presence with their robust training course on how “We the People” must engage with every level of government to ensure a true balance of power between the two; i.e. us and our government. I have completed four of their five levels of training over the past year. It is my expectation that you will be attracted to and interested in their solution(s) to the over-reaching power grabs by our federal, state and local governments.

Regarding the upcoming County Party and State Party Officer elections in January, your board has made a unanimous decision to abstain from endorsing any candidates or slates for either of those political contests. This board is committed to work constructively with whoever is elected to leadership within our party. We have been elected by you for a mission and that is not to select leadership for you. We trust each of you with that decision as you acquaint yourselves with those “volunteers” running to serve us in their respective jobs at both the County Meeting on January 10th and the AZGOP Meeting on January 24th. Your District Secretary, Judy Lawrence, will be providing detail on those meetings later in this newsletter.

I am reinstating a voluntary prayer meeting prior to every district General Meeting, at which all PC's and guests of all faiths and of no faith are most welcome. It shall commence thirty minutes prior to each meeting. A careful study of our American History reveals that our founding fathers relied on nature and nature's God, and declared the importance of the Divine Providence granted by our Creator in guiding them in the creation of our nation.

I am of the opinion that we stand no chance of reversing this loss of our republican form of government, guaranteed by our federal and state constitutions, and our freedoms along with them, should we fail to understand our enemy and ignore the only One who can empower us to keep our republic. If we cannot argue that our rights come from God, the only other place to seek them is from the government. We created government for specific limited reasons one of which was to secure our rights, not to grant them to us.

In closing I wish for you and your loved ones a most Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year.

Jim O'Connor

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – Nancy Ordowski

Fellow Precinct Committeemen, this is a special time for all of us as we prepare for Hanukkah and Christmas. Because so many have fought for us, we have the freedom to celebrate our faith. We have been blessed. I thank each of you for stepping up to work together to make sure we keep these hard earned rights.

The O'Connor team has been working hard to get a working plan together and details will be announced in early January. But now it is time for you to enjoy being with your family and friends.

May you and your loved ones have a Joyous Hanukkah and Christmas. May 2015 be a time for making our Republic strong for all of those coming after us.

Submitted by,
Nancy Ordowski

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – Rich Rutkowski

First of all, allow me to express my appreciation for the opportunity to continue as 2nd Vice-Chair and the privilege to serve you in this way. We recently celebrated Thanksgiving Day, a celebration derived from the early 1600's, and a tradition first declared by President George Washington. In his Thanksgiving Day Proclamation in 1789, Washington acknowledged "the Providence of Almighty God," and called for the people to "...render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed..." These words remind of us our noble mission - our obligation to God, to this nation, and to each other.

As we reflect on this commitment and how to implement it, I look forward to working with my fellow officers and you in 2015. We will continue to host elected officials and guest speakers with information and expertise at our monthly meetings to keep us engaged and involved. We plan to have eight general meetings in 2015 as well as multiple smaller issue-focused sessions. The goal is to empower us to accomplish our responsibilities as PCs, to defend the Constitution, promote the platform of the Republican Party, and set the stage for the election of Republicans in 2016. Our first general meeting in 2015 will be on Thursday evening, January 8 at Mustang Library, with newly-elected State Senator John Kavanagh, re-elected State Representative Michelle Ugenti, and newly-elected State Representative Jay Lawrence, for a look at what is expected in the upcoming session of the State Legislature. Looking ahead to February, mark your calendars for Thursday evening, February 12. If you haven't visited the web site, www.id23gop.org, please do so and find meeting updates, links to useful resources, and much more.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoy and share in the peace, love, and joy of the season.

Rich Rutkowski

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS - Joe Meli

Getting it Right!

So often we hear about the demise of Conservatism and the lack of cohesion in the Republican Party.

If the recent midterm elections are any indication, then the only people who believe this are the democrats and those who think like democrats.

The American voters certainly rejected the left whole-cloth. Could it be that there are those who call themselves Republicans but only for the sake of being politically active in places like our great state of Arizona?

I hope not. As PCs, we are the basic unit of the Republican Party. Our task is relatively straightforward: work to get Republican candidates elected to every level of office, advocate our party's platform and message, encourage citizens to register and vote Republican.

There was an old rivalry in New York City between Macy's and Gimbal's department stores. An old expression went "does Macy's tell Gimbal's?", meaning, in part, 'duh, we aren't working to help out our competition.'

How relevant that is today! Again, voters overwhelmingly rejected, REJECTED, the left this last election cycle. They are not looking for Republicans to act like democrats; they want us to be the dominant party. So that is the substance and confidence of our efforts. We won, we have the better argument.

You can easily see the platform of the party by going to the link:

<https://gop.com/platform/>

Here are excerpts from the GOP 2012 Platform:

"Our goal is a tax system that is simple, transparent, flatter, and fair... A reformed code should promote simplicity and coherence, savings and innovation, increase American competitiveness, and recognize the burdens on families..."(Page 3, GOP Platform 2012)

"We are the party of the Constitution, the solemn compact which confirms our God-given individual rights and assures that all Americans stand equal before the law." (Page 9, GOP Platform 2012)

"Unlike the current Administration, we will not pick winners and losers in the energy marketplace. Instead, we will let the free market and the public's preferences determine the industry outcomes." (Page 16, GOP Platform 2012)

"As the pioneer of conservation over a century ago, the Republican Party believes in the moral obligation of the people to be good stewards of the God-given natural beauty and resources of our country and bases environmental policy on several common-sense principles." (Page 18, GOP Platform 2012)

"At a time when the federal government has become bloated, antiquated and unresponsive to taxpayers, it is our intention not only to improve management and provide better services, but also to rethink and restructure government to bring it into the twenty-first century." (Page 21, GOP Platform 2012)

These messaging points can be boiled down in your own words. The point is to read the platform and understand its true meaning and purpose: returning our great nation to its rightful place as the steward of liberty and free markets both here and around the world.

That's what the Framers envisioned. That, my fellow PCs, is our noble cause.

Let's not fall prey to folks who would try to distract us from our mission. Know your party's philosophy and platform. It is YOUR message, it is your TRUTH! Share it boldly with as many people as you can. We will win bigger in 2016!

Regards,

Joe Meli
Chairman Emeritus

TREASURER'S REPORT – Valerie Giramberk

Thank you for electing me to serve as your Treasurer for the next two years. Since taking office, I have amended our Statement of Organization with both the Secretary of State's office as well as the Maricopa County Recorder. The transfer of documents took place the day after the election and the transfer of signatures on the bank account took place shortly thereafter.

One of my goals during this term is to increase the number of Precinct Committeemen that pay their dues. With that in mind, please consider making your 2015 contribution in January. Your contribution to the District helps pay for room rentals, campaign expenses, office supplies, and to support Republican candidates. Please make your \$30 contribution today for an individual, \$50 for Couple in a household, or \$100 for Chairman's Level.

The financials for the month of November are attached.

2012 REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM

As PCs, we all want to be familiar with our party platform. You can find it at this link:
[Republican Party Platform 2012](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am pleased to announce the Maricopa County Republican Committee (MCRC) and the Arizona Republican Assembly (AzRA) are co-sponsoring the 2015 PC Day at the Capitol.

PC Day at the Capitol is a day long event open to all Arizona Republican Precinct Committeemen and Patriotic Conservatives. At our last PC Day at the Capitol, we had well over 400 attendees from around the State. Our goal for 2015 is 800 or more.

The Schedule of Activities include -

All Day - Create an account in the ALIS Request to Speak web application system at the kiosks in the Senate and House Lobbies

[AZ Legislative Apps](#)

09:00am - 11:30am Meet with your Legislators

We encourage the attendees from the various Legislative Districts to schedule group meetings with their respective Senators and Representatives to discuss the important issues facing the legislative session. It's important to call and get on their schedules as soon as you can.

11:30am - 01:00pm Rally & Complimentary Lunch in the Rose Garden

Lunch is complimentary; however, attendees need to go to the Eventbrite website below and make their reservations as soon as possible:

[PC Day at the Capitol Reservation](#)

A group of our distinguished Legislators will address the luncheon assembly.

01:00pm - 01:30pm House Gallery

01:30pm - 02:00pm Senate Gallery

02:00pm - 05:00pm Continue to meet with your Legislators or attend Committee Hearings if in session

Who are we? We are Arizonans and Americans - incredibly strong, logically optimistic and eternally hopeful. With everyone's help and support, we can demonstrate to our Legislators we are actively involved and care about the future of Arizona and our Great Republic.

Respectfully yours,

A. J. LaFaro
Chairman, Maricopa County Republican Committee (MCRC)

LD23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS

Palo Verde Republican Women's Club

Palo Verde RW will meet at Grayhawk GC on Dec. 17 at 11:00.

Gov. Elect Ducey is the keynote speaker.

Lisa Gray will also speak

Rock a Billy hall of fame star, Jimmy Gray, will provide entertainment.

Reservations required. Pvrwlunch@gmail.com

\$25.00 at the door. Check, cash or CC.

Paradise Republican Women's Club -

The Paradise Republican Women's Club enjoyed a wonderful morning at Gainey Ranch Golf Club on December 13 in celebration of our newly elected leaders and the holiday season. Keynote speaker at the meeting was Secretary of State-Elect Michele Reagan, a member of our Republican club, to give us an overview of her plans for our state. Along with Secretary-elect Reagan were other notable elected officials and we applaud all of them for running to guide our state for the next few years.

We want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a joyful Hanukkah season.

Fountain Hills Republican Club -

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's Christmas Party was held December 13th with Secretary-elect Michele Reagan, Secretary of State Ken Bennett and former Senator Jon Kyl as the speakers.

The January 17th meeting will feature Representative-elect Jay Lawrence, Senator-elect John Kavanagh with keynote speaker Senator Flake (schedule permitting). A number of other elected officials have may also attend the meeting starting at 9 a.m. in the Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Drive, FH.

EVENTS:

Please add January 15th to your calendar for PC Day at the Capitol. More details in the next newsletter.

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