



# AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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**Joe Meli, Chairman 480-652-3623**

## **The Lincoln Link**

**February 2014**

### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JOE MELI**

Dear Fellow Precinct Committee Members,

On December 15th, 1791, the Bill of Rights, the surviving ten of the original twelve proposed by Congress on September 25, 1789, were ratified.

One of our great patriots, Patrick Henry, bitterly opposed elements of the Constitution if it did not include the Bill of Rights.

The debates that led to their ratification were sometimes quite heated, and well-intentioned men who had stood shoulder to shoulder against the British, became bitter towards each other during the process of ratification.

However, after the Bill of Rights was made an integral part of our Constitution, a new resolve took hold of our founding fathers. They understood that the work of governing our still new republic far superseded their individual disagreements and discord. They knew, that for our nation to survive and prosper in its infancy, that they would have to become statesman and work together.

At our present time in the history of our great nation, we are faced with a similar dilemma. Are we, as Republicans, able to rise above our individual differences and work for the sacred goal of electing our candidates to every level of office? I believe we are. I know that every Precinct Committee Member, when faced with the alternative of two, four, eight or even longer rule by the Democrat party, would rather work side-by-side with our fellow brothers and sisters in arms than allow the left to remain in power.

We can ill-afford to argue amongst ourselves when doing so only strengthens and emboldens our enemies.

Yes, reasonable people can and will disagree, but especially now, we must place our

work to unseat Democrats above all else. In 2014, we continue the fight. Our real enemy is the left, not one another. Our mission is clear, let us work together to achieve it.

Regards,

Joe Meli

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

Let us never forget what is the primary responsibility of a Precinct Committeeman:

That is to **WIN ELECTIONS!**

In the words of our first Republican:

*“Divide the country into small districts and appoint in each a subcommittee. Make a perfect list of all the voters and ascertain with certainty for whom they will vote. Keep a current watch on the doubtful voters and have them talked to by those in whom they have the most confidence.*

*and on election day see that every Whig is brought to the polls.”*

Abraham Lincoln, 1840

This election year is going to be very important for the future success of the GOP and it starts in Arizona.

In addition, this election cycle will be a very unique experience for the Republican PCs in LD23. We will need to reach out into other Legislative and Congressional Districts and help support our fellow Republican candidates across the state. We will have to find new and unique ways to reach voters that don't live in our neighborhoods.

To accomplish our goals we need to do several things:

Fill every PC opening in LD23  
Begin the training for the new PCs  
Reach those “doubtful voters”

**If you ever have any questions about how to fill an open PC position, or have any other questions, feel free to contact me.**

Contact Info: [azgopld23@hotmail.com](mailto:azgopld23@hotmail.com)

## **SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN –**

No Report

## **DISTRICT 23 MINUTES – LYNNE BREYER, SECRETARY**

**NOTE:** These minutes were taken by Linda Rizzo, transcribed as written by Lynne Breyer:

**LD 23 Special Meeting/General Meeting Minutes  
Scottsdale Civic Center Library, Scottsdale  
January 9, 2014  
5:30 Credentials, 7:00 pm Meeting**

**With concurrence** of the members present, the Special Meeting of the Members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23, held at Civic Center Library, located at 3839 N Drinkwater Blvd, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251 on January 9, 2014 was called to order by Chairman Doug Little at 7:10 pm.

The Invocation was given by Dr. C.T. Wright and the Pledge was led by Christopher Campbell.

**The Chairman** announced there were only two pieces of business that would be conducted at this meeting. Those are the approval of the Minutes from the November meeting and the Treasurer's Report.

**Secretary's Report** and Approval/Corrections to the Minutes from November meeting: The Minutes were approved as presented.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's report was given by Linda Rizzo. Joe Meli made a motion to accept the report as presented, Kathy Littlefield seconded. The report was approved as presented.

### **Presentation of Award:**

Outgoing Chairman Little was very appreciative of the award presented to him and said he wanted everyone to get together behind our candidates. He talked briefly about Tom Buggeln, a long-time and active member who passed away in 2013. Tom worked hard every day whether he was thrilled with the candidates or not, setting a good example for all of us.

### **Chairman's announcement:**

The Chairman asked that everyone please stay at the meeting for the vote to maintain a quorum and please don't fold the ballot. He also thanked George Teegarden and Tom Husband for being there to handle the balloting and counting.

### **Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee:**

Secretary Lynne Breyer reported at 8:10 pm there were 159 PCs in attendance in person, 75 PCs in attendance by Proxy for a total preliminary attendance of 236 PCs.

**Other announcements:**

Senator Michele Reagan reported that she expects a busy Legislative session. She expects they will address the Dark Money issue and will try to tighten up the disclosure requirements.

Chairman Little explained how the process would work. Ray Wallage was appointed to be the timekeeper.

**Final Credentials Committee Report:** Secretary Lynne Breyer reported at 8:20 that the final tally was 159 PCs present in person, 81 PCs present by Proxy for a total of 240 PCs in attendance.

**Report of the Nominating Committee:**

Laddie Shane reported there were two declared candidates for the office of LD23 Chairman: Joe Meli and Sheila Meuhling. Both candidates were approved by the Nominating Committee.

**Election of New Chairman:**

\*Nominations from the Floor: The Chairman called three times for nominations from the floor.

\*Hearing none, Mark Lewis moved that nominations be closed, the motion was seconded by Kathy Littlefield and the nominations were closed.

\*Candidate Remarks, 5 minutes each, were presented from the podium. The order was by coin toss. Sheila Meuhling began first with Joe Meli to follow.

\*Balloting began at 8:25.

\*Tally and Announcement of results:

Joe Meli received 136 votes, Sheila Muehling received 99 votes.

**Voting Results:**

**Be it Resolved** that Joe Meli won the election and becomes the new Chairman to fill out the unexpired term of Doug Little.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

**The swearing** in of the new Chairman immediately followed adjournment of the meeting as provided in the By-Laws.

Minutes taken and submitted by Linda Rizzo.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Breyer  
Acting Secretary, LD23

Copy of Ballot Machine Receipt:

Jan 9, 2014 LD23 Special Election for Chairman  
Unsorted Summary for 237 Ballots

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Joe Meli . . . . . 136 | 11. Write in.....0 |
| 2. Sheila Meuhling . 99   | 12. Write in.....0 |
| 3. Write in . . . . . 0   | 13. Write in.....0 |
| 4. Write in . . . . . 0   | 14. Write in.....0 |
| 5. Write in . . . . . 0   | 15. Write in.....0 |
| 6. Write in . . . . . 0   | 16. Write in.....0 |
| 7. Write in . . . . . 0   | 17. Write in.....0 |
| 8. Write in . . . . . 0   | 18. Write in.....0 |
| 9. Write in . . . . . 0   | 19. Write in.....0 |
| 10. Write in . . . . . 0  | 20. Write in.....0 |

**TREASURER'S REPORT – LINDA RIZZO**

**January 2014**

**REVENUE** 582.62  
*Contributions* 563.48

*Name Badges* 19.14

**EXPENSE**

<b>S</b>	319.93	
Printing	152.25	
Postage	165.14	
Website/Email	16.40	
Fees	16.50	
Rental: Meeting Room	178.25	
		848.

*Net Income (Loss)* (265.85)

**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 for their donations in January:

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| Paul Lee           | Ronald Smith     |
| Roberta Heine      | Greg Heine       |
| Barbara Hathorne   | Robert Hathorne  |
| James Gray         | Janet Stephenson |
| Michael Stephenson | Jeanne McGill    |
| Archie McGill      | Barbara Pearse   |
| David Leicken      | Colleen Goodrich |
| Rich Rutkowski     | Judith Rutkowski |

I would like to thank the following for his Chairman's level donation in January:

**Norman Jacobs**

## REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS

### **\*Paradise Republican Women's Club**

Please join us at our meeting on Saturday, February 8, 1030am social / 11am meeting / 12n lunch, \$28, Gainey Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale. Reservations required.

Featured : Frank Riggs, Candidate for Governor

Justin Pierce, Candidate AZ Sec. of State

Martin Sepulveda, Candidate AZ Treasurer

Bonnie Katz, Candidate AZ Corp Com

Plus Author and Conservative Professor Donald Critchlow will speak! Critchlow is a dynamic speaker and author whose books are regularly reviewed on *The New York Times Book Review*. At ASU He teaches courses on American conservatism, political thought, political conspiracy, and contemporary American history.

[www.prwc.org](http://www.prwc.org) for more information and reservations.

### **\*Palo Verde Republican Women**

Palo Verde Republican Women's general meeting will be on February 19<sup>th</sup> at Grayhawk Golf Club in the Fairway House. 11:00 Social followed by lunch at 11:30. (\$25.00 at the door)

This month's speaker is Zack Taylor, retired border patrol agent. He will be speaking about his experiences on the border. Be sure to join us! Reservations required:

[www.pvrwlunch@gmail.com](mailto:www.pvrwlunch@gmail.com) or call Edith Stock at 480-298-7818. A reservation made is a reservation paid!

The Palo Verde Ladies are going to begin teaching English to the Pacific Islanders and Chinese living here in Arizona waiting to take their Citizenship tests! We are looking for volunteers to help, and you do not need to be a member of Palo Verde to sign up!

Save the date of March 19 and join Palo Verde's debate on Common Core moderated by Terri Gilberg of KFYY. Details next month!

**If you have any questions regarding our club, please call Joan Lang at 480-703-0416 and call Jan Stephenson to volunteer for our English Classes 480-488-1139.**

## EVENTS – SHIRLEY CORDASCO

\*Look for information soon on LD23 Annual Breakfast in May.

**DISTRICT MEETING:** February 13, 2013, Mustang Library, 6:30 social time, 7:00 pm meeting.

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