



AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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Joe Meli, Chairman 480-652-3623

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER - Joe Meli

Dear Fellow PCs,

As Republicans, we have endured for the last five years the social engineering experiment that the left has forced upon us. It cuts across all aspects of our lives: our economy, our national security and of course, our liberty.

But there is good news, the left's unfettered policies and programs have so horribly overreached that even citizens who normally ignore the political process are suddenly waking up. (Just ask anyone whose gotten an "Obamacare love-letter"!)

So what does that mean for us? It means we will win, but only if we keep our focus and remember the ultimate reason for the work we do: The left is steadily ruining our beloved country and they must be stopped. I repeat: they must be stopped. Think about that each and every time you talk to a fellow PC, a family member, a friend, a co-worker. Keep that thought close to your heart.

The left is in panic-mode in 2014. The Affordable Care Act is their Achilles heel. They can't hide from it, bluff around it or spin it into something good. It hurts everybody, it is an equal-opportunity offender. It also is solely-owned by the Democrat Party.

All Republicans despise Obamacare; but our real focus is on the slowly-awakening independents: Those in their 30's and 40's who are no longer able to ignore politics. It's too personal for them now. Obamacare is not a story on the evening news anymore, it's in their mailbox, and then in their home as they open the "you've been dropped by your health care provider" letter; and then, finally, its in their pockets. It couldn't be more personally relevant to them what the Democrats have done in the last five years.

So lets be sure we remind everyone who thought politics doesn't affect their lives that it does. Lets remind everyone we know there is a way back to the country we love. Lets remind everyone we talk with on a daily basis that soon the left will be out of power and this ridiculous social engineering

experiment will be over.

We are Republicans, we are the grassroots, and we will take our country back, legislative district by legislative district. Our noble cause will soon be realized. The Founders will finally be able to stop rolling in their graves. We will grab the steering wheel and turn right at the fork ahead; for the salvation of our Republic!

Regards,

Joe Meli
Chairman
LD23

1ST VICE CHAIR - Nancy Ordowski

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I am excited for this opportunity to serve all of the PC's in LD-23. Please don't hesitate to contact me at ncordowski@gmail.com with your questions, ideas and concerns.

Contacted Kathy Hedges at AZGOP to set up i360 training. Mark Naufel has scheduled a training time before LD-23 Board Meeting, on Wednesday, March 5th at 5:30pm.

Attended Target 2014 meeting; working on ways to assist other LD's primary campaigns.

Requested PC records from Joe Romack, no reply to date.

Submitted by,
Nancy Ordowski

2ND VICE CHAIR - Rich Rutkowski

Let me begin this, my first report as 2nd Vice Chair of LD 23, acknowledging that it is my privilege to serve you in this position. I pledge to commit the time and energy to provide you with guest speakers who will educate and inform us about issues and candidates as we prepare for the August primary, the November election, and beyond. Mustang Library is unavailable on March 13, 2014. Our monthly meeting on that date will be held at the Civic Center branch of Scottsdale Public Library.

Because of a full agenda, we will begin a bit earlier than usual, with registration and social time at 6:00 PM. The meeting will officially commence at 6:30 PM. Shane Wikfors, Director of Communications for Americans for Prosperity – Arizona, will speak to us about some state legislative issues and a strategy for assisting Republican candidates for the US House of Representatives to regain seats in Arizona's Congressional Districts presently held by Democrats. We will then host a forum for the Republican candidates for Arizona State Treasurer. Jeff DeWit and Randy Pullen will attend. Hugh Hallman is unable to attend in

person due to a prior commitment, but a representative of his campaign will join us. Candidates will have the opportunity to offer their reasons for seeking office, and will respond to questions. Here's where you, the PC's, come in. Think of some questions and have them ready to submit at the start of the forum. Write them down on an index card or transfer the idea to a card at the meeting. The plan is to have each candidate answer each question, illustrating how they agree or differ on issues. Make your questions clear and concise; I will attempt to keep the candidates' answers direct and on topic. After adjournment, we will likely have some time for informal one-on-one conversations with the candidates.

This promises to be an important and informative evening. In the coming months, we will be hosting candidates for other state and local offices. Once again, I am honored to be your 2nd Vice Chair and to serve the PC's as we work together to strengthen LD 23, support Republican principles and achieve victory in 2014.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Linda Rizzo

February 2014

REVENUE

Contributions	220.00	
Name Badges	18.00	
Restitution	<u>842.00</u>	
		1080.00

EXPENSES

Legislator's Breakfast	500.00	
Website/Email	16.40	
Fees	19.01	
Rental: Meeting Room	<u>122.00</u>	
		657.41
Net Income (Loss)		<u>422.59</u>

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 February:

Eric and Terry Luker, Sheila Muehling, Kathie Trojanowski, Roberta Knapp

I would like to thank the following for her Chairman's level donation in February:

Liz Alcorn

DISTRICT 23 MINUTES - Lynne Breyer, Secretary

With concurrence of the members present, the District Meeting of the members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23, held at Mustang Library, located at 10101 North 90th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258 on February 13, 2014 was called to order by Chairman Joe Meli at 7:01 pm.

Officers Present:

Joe Meli, Chairman
Joe Romack, 1st Vice-Chair
Linda Rizzo, Treasurer
Lynne Breyer, Secretary

Others Present:

92 Precinct Committeemen signed in
3 Precinct Committee not signed in
8 Guests

The Invocation was given by Jim O'Connor. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boe James.

Speaker Introduction, Rich Rutkowski:

Chairman Meli handed the meeting over to Rich Rutkowski who has been handling the meeting speakers during the period the 2nd Vice Chair's seat has been vacant. Rich outlined the speakers he has planned in the coming months. They are candidates for Governor, Attorney General, LD23 House and Secretary of State. For March, he has candidates for Treasurer and a representative from Americans for Prosperity. The March meeting will be held at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library as the Mustang Library is not available.

Rich introduced the evening's speaker, Arizona State Republican Chairman Robert Graham. Chairman Graham introduced his GOTV program, i360, to be used by PCs to walk districts. An important point the Chairman made is that it's time to put the squabbling aside, roll up our sleeves and get to work. If you work and you don't like the outcome, you have a right to complain. If you don't work and you don't like the outcome, you shouldn't complain. So let's just get on board, commit a few days to training and it will be well worth it. The PCs present were very welcoming of having a tool that tracks activity and provides an array of good information on every voter for effective campaigning for Victory 2014.

Approval of the Minutes:

Chairman Meli called for approval of the January Minutes. Boe James said the numbers for the voting members present in person or by Proxy at the January meeting did not add up. Lynne Breyer stated that the minutes were taken by Linda Rizzo and she typed what was in those notes and was aware that the number were incorrectly noted and asked for a motion to correct. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, Linda Rizzo:

Linda Rizzo explained that for every dime that moves in and out of this district the transaction must be made to the database to be sent to the Secretary of State and County. A report has been made for the past 13 months of transactions. Those reports were filed January 21, 2014 with the Secretary of State's office and County's office. The report was in line with our checking account. She then gave the Treasurer's Report that was published in the January Newsletter.

January 2014

REVENUE

Contributions	563.48
Name Badges	<u>19.14</u>

582.62

EXPENSES

Supplies	319.93	
Printing	152.25	
Postage	165.14	
Website/Email	16.40	
Fees	16.50	
Rental: Meeting Room	<u>178.25</u>	848.47
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: 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

She would like to thank the following for his Chairman’s level donation in January: **Norman Jacobs**

1st Vice-Chair Report, Joe Romack:

Joe Romack reported that the election season has kicked off and forms for PC Signatures to get on the Primary ballot are ready and he put the forms out via email a day or two ago. Every PC has to run if they want to be an elected PC for the 2015-2016 term. The forms have to be filled out and back in May. He asked for all to be on the lookout for those who can fill the remaining PC spots. Currently, 361 PC seats are filled with 229 seats to fill.

Chairman's Business:

Chairman Meli explained with a new Chairman in place, we will be hitting the reset button. He encouraged each member of this LD to make their donations and that donations can be made through the LD23 website to make it really easy for all.

Meli reported that Ann Flora has been appointed the Parliamentarian. Ann stood to introduce herself and explain her qualifications for the position.

New Business:

Chairman Meli announced that the first order of business is to resolve the uncertainty about the Secretary's voting privileges. There has been some discussion about the voting rights for our Secretary due to some confusion about the By-Laws. Meli explained that Vera Heminger was elected to be Secretary but then she had to withdraw for personal reasons. The former Chairman, Doug Little, then called for an election to replace Vera as the Board Secretary. That election was held and Lynne Breyer became our new Secretary. She assumed all the responsibilities of the Secretary and she has all the rights of the Secretary. Joe said he had checked with the MCRC Chairman, A.J. LaFaro, he checked with the Executive Director Tom Husband and both said since she was voted on by the Board, she has all the rights and responsibilities of the position. Joe Romack stood and called for Point of Information and referred to Article I, Section 8, Subsection D of the By-Laws and read from Article III, Section 2 of the By-Laws regarding Appointed Officers who are Non-Voting members of the Board and claimed the current Secretary was only appointed to the position and did not have voting rights according to the By-Laws Article III, Section 2. Chairman Meli asked the Parliamentarian for a ruling. Ann said a vacancy to elected offices, other than chairman, attain all the rights and responsibilities of the position through a Board vote of the Executive Committee. Romack argued against the Secretary's voting status saying it was invalid because she was elected to be appointed. The Parliamentarian said there is no provision for appointed or interim Executive Committee members. Her opinion was that Lynne was duly elected at the Executive Board meeting and there has been precedent set for the way Lynne was elected Secretary, citing she herself attained a board position in the same way. Chairman Meli accepted the opinion of the Parliamentarian.

A question was asked whether Vera Heminger had resigned from the position and Chairman Meli said she had not indicated one way or the other. Either way, she had abandoned her position and the Parliamentarian repeated that it doesn't matter. The Board has voted and the matter is settled. The Chairman said, and the Parliamentarian confirmed, that there is no difference between "temporary" and "permanent" pertaining to voting rights. The Chairman confirmed he accepted the decision of the Parliamentarian.

Chairman Meli then explained that the vote taken at the previous Board meeting was invalid due to Lynne being denied voting rights. The 2012 By-Laws do not allow for a proxy at a typical business meeting of the Board. Therefore, there was not a quorum present at the meeting to conduct a vote. Joe Meli explained that he had nominated Rich Rutkowski to be the 2nd Vice-Chair. He said he would now briefly call for the Executive Committee to elect Rich Rutkowski to the 2nd Vice-Chair's seat by a voice vote. Sheila Muehling stood and said that she was recommended for the position. Discussion followed. The Chairman called for a new vote at this time. Results: Linda Rizzo - No; Joe Romack - No; Lynne Breyer - Yes; Joe Meli - Yes. The Board is deadlocked.

Since the matter could not be resolved with a deadlocked Board, Meli said he recommends having a vote of the body of PCs at the March meeting to elect a new 2nd Vice-Chair. Joe Meli called for nominations from the floor. Sheila Muehling rose and nominated herself for the position. A vote was held and it was unanimous for Boe James to Chair that Committee. Meli called for nominations from the floor. As no other nominations came from the floor, the candidates will be Muehling and Rutkowski. Further nominations will remain open for any that might come from the floor at the meeting for the election.

Speaker Introduction, Jim O'Connor:

Jim O'Connor took the podium to introduce speaker, Tracy Langston, Center for Self-Governance. Tracy spoke on how the CSG classes that were coming up in the Phoenix area. These classes prepare the people to take their control back from the government. Her powerpoint presentation outlined what could be learned in the five level of classes and encouraged everyone to be a better equipped activist with the information to be gained through Center for Self-Governance.

Old Business:

Chairman Meli explained there was a tabled motion still to be resolved. Mark Stuart explained the background of his Motion to Censure the Scottsdale City Council for using taxpayer money for private businesses and asked for the previous motion to be voted. He said his goal was to force city government to be accountable to the people. Laddie Shane objected based on the rules that a Committee Review of the Motion to Censure was required.

There would be five minutes for those speaking against the motion and five minutes for those speaking in favor of the motion. Each speaker would have no more than one minute to speak. Those against would line up at the podium on the left and those speaking in favor would line up on the right. There were 92 PCs signed in, three PCs present but not signed in for a total of 95 PCs present to vote. A majority of 48 votes are required to pass the motion.

Speakers for the Motion to Censure: Mark Stuart

Speakers against the Motion to Censure: Boe James, Laddie Shane, Barbara Espinosa and Donna Reagan.

Royce Flora and Jim O'Connor asked the body to please vote and get this issue resolved. The assembly informally agreed to take a vote. Lynne Breyer explained how the vote would be taken.

Voting: The Chair Called for the motion on the floor. The Chairman recognized Laddie Shane who called to form a Committee to consider the motion. Results of a show of hands: For: 14, against: 27, abstentions: 54 and motion fails. The Chair recognized one more speaker, Donna Reagan, who spoke against the resolution. Lynne asked all in favor of the Motion please stand to be counted. Second call: all in favor of the Motion please stand now to be counted. As no one stood in favor of the Motion, the Motion on the floor failed.

Events Report, Shirley Cordasco:

Shirley Cordasco reported that the annual LD23 breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014. Reservations will \$30 pp. Please be there to relax and have fun.

Announcements:

****April Riggins, 1st Vice-Chair, MCRC, is taking table reservations and individual reservations for the Lincoln Day Luncheon on March 4, 2014 to be held at El-Saribah. Mark Herr, Sr., Co- Founder of Center for Self-Governance, will be the keynote speaker . Reservations are \$30pp with eight seats to a table. This is the hard cost of the event, which is not a fundraiser.**

****Chris Brant, Fountain Hills Republican Club, announced that three candidates for Secretary of State will be at the meeting at the Fountain Hills Community Center on Saturday, February 15th, 9:00 am. Please google the address in zip 85268. Please join us at this no cost meeting.**

****Boe James announced that Fountain Hills is having a Valentines Day Love in the Hills event to renew your marriage vows. He asked for help in setting a record for people renewing their marriage vows.**

Adjournment:

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Rich Rutkowski and seconded by April Riggins. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Breyer,
LD23 Secretary

EVENTS - Shirley Cordasco, Chairman

Hello to all again, Spring is here and we all know what that means....our legislators come to visit, bring a peace pipe and report all the happenings of the last session. Everyone should be there, this is your chance to ask questions, eat a healthy breakfast and enjoy the familiar faces, then relax and enjoy the rest of the program. Saturday May 3rd, Gainey Ranch,tickets \$30.00, reservations a must ! Call or email Shirley, seeshirley@cox.net or phone me, but most of all"show me the money"

Shirley Cordasco
Events Chair for LD23
480-251-7031 mobile

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If you know of any PC who is not receiving the newsletter or any other information that we send out, please have them contact me to be put on the email list. We are getting over 30 bounced emails each mailing which tells me these emails are incorrectly entered. We'd like to be sure everyone who wants to receive these mailings is properly on the email distribution list.

Lynne Breyer - breyer.7244@gmail.com and please put LD23 in the subject line

REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS

****Fountain Hills Republican Club**

Please join us at our meeting on Saturday, March 15th, at 8:30 a.m for the club's Annual Breakfast to be held at the American Legion Post 58, 16837 Parkview Ave, Fountain Hills.

Program includes three candidates for Attorney General and State Treasurer as well as the presentation of the FHRC Republican of the Year Award.

Reservations required. RSVP to Edith Stock at eulachris1893@gmail.com. Mail checks made payable to Fountain Hills Republican Club at FHRC, P.O. Box 17814, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269-7814. Cost \$15 members/\$25 non-members or at the door.

More information, <http://www.FHRepublicanClub.org> or contact Tait Elkie 345-2993 or Edith Stock 480 294-709 or see the attached flyer.

The next GOP Social in the Hills (formerly Fountain Hills Republican Meet-Up) will be Tuesday, 3/25 at 7:00 p.m. at Moxie, 13014 North Saguaro Blvd, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268 (Restaurant's Grand Opening was Tuesday, 3/4/14)