



# AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

Web: [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org)

Jim O'Connor, Chairman  
602-538-9387

## The Lincoln Link

January 2015



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**NEXT MEETING OF LD23**  
**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**

To My Fellow Precinct Committeemen & Campaign Volunteer's,

There are two items I shall address in this letter: the first is to ask all LD 23 PC's to pay your voluntary dues. This amounts to \$2.50 per month and is used to pay for the district meeting and training venues

throughout 2016. There will be monthly meetings throughout 2016, as we have much work to do. No campaign contributions will be made with these monies, as it is your Executive Committee's belief that campaign contributions are best made by each of you directly to the candidates of your choosing.

The second item: by now you have very likely made your selection for Presidential Candidate. For those who are desiring to volunteer for that candidate, I am providing contact information herein for your convenience in reaching the appropriate people within the campaigns for you to contact.

Candidates are listed in the order they will appear on our Arizona State Ballot, as determined by our Secretary of State (and LD 23 Precinct Committeewoman), Michele Reagan, on December 11, 2015 via lotto drawing for position. I shall provide local contact information in cases where the campaigns have contacted me; in all other cases I am providing the national campaign website addresses. If any of you have local contact information for the Arizona campaigns of those below, please provide them to me directly at [ld23gop@gmail.com](mailto:ld23gop@gmail.com) and I shall circulate them to our membership in our February **News-letter**. The Presidential Preference election in Arizona is March 22, 2016. Only registered Republicans may vote. Registration or a change of registration can be done online at [www.servicearizona.com](http://www.servicearizona.com) for anyone in your precincts who wish to register as Republicans.

\*\*\***Jeb Bush** <https://jeb2016.com/?lang=en>

\*\*\***Ted Cruz** <https://www.tedcruz.org/> represented locally by Linda Brickman LD 15 PC, [luvbug1611@cox.net](mailto:luvbug1611@cox.net), phone (602) 330-9422.

\*\*\***Ben Carson** <http://www.2016committee.org/>  
represented locally by Tara J. Nolan LD 15 PC,  
[RBR-Arizona@2016committee.org](mailto:RBR-Arizona@2016committee.org). phone 602-410-0498 and Nancy Jenkins LD 26 PC at same email & phone.

\*\*\***Marco Rubio** <https://marcorubio.com/pick-our-next-digital-video-ad/>

\*\*\***Rand Paul** <https://randpaul.com/>

\*\*\***Chris Christie** <https://www.chrischristie.com/>

\*\*\***Donald Trump** <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/> represented locally by Lynne & Richard Breyer LD 23 PC's Lynne 480-948-2798,  
[breyer.7244@outlook.com](mailto:breyer.7244@outlook.com) or Richard at [rbreyer1815@gmail.com](mailto:rbreyer1815@gmail.com)

\*\*\***Rick Santorum** <http://www.ricksantorum.com/> represented by Frank Riggs, LD23 precinct committeeman, [frankriggs@aol.com](mailto:frankriggs@aol.com) or 602-920-8248

\*\*\***Carly Fiorina** <https://www.carlyforpresident.com/>

\*\*\***John Kasich** <https://johnkasich.com/>

\*\*\***Mike Huckabee** <http://mikehuckabee.com/fightforreligiousliberty>

At our District Meeting on the evening of January 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be conducting a Presidential "Straw Poll" vote by ballot for all in attendance. It will be a fun way to see where the candidates place among PC's in our Legislative District.

**HAPPENING IN SCOTTSDALE - Guy Phillips**

Happiest of New Years to all!

I hope everyone had a nice Holiday season (Merry Christmas!) but alas, it's time to pay the piper! The New year has begun and with it brings new issues and old problems. To recap, your Scottsdale city staff is currently working on a DRAFT ORDINANCE for the LGBT community, courtesy of Councilmember Virginia Korte. With support from most of the council, staff will be sending out yet another "survey" in the utility bill to ask for your help in drafting this ordinance. There is supposed to be a line for residents to say they don't want one, but if somehow staff "forgets" to include it, please feel free to add your own line. Don't fall into their trap of giving staff input on drafting an ordinance, as it is already a done deal and this is merely a feel-good survey for their due diligence.

I have stated before and will state here again, if council approves an LGBT ordinance for Scottsdale, I will refer it to the ballot. A majority of the public and small business should not have to bow to the will of a select few with an agenda which I feel will cripple small business and has the potential for ruining the lives of those whose faith is more important than being politically correct.

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, we will also be voting whether or not to approve \$1.7 million for Desert Discovery Center Scottsdale Inc., a group that incidentally are the same people who have been advocating to build the DDC **at your expense** for the last 30 years. This \$1.7 million is for management services to "produce a business plan and feasibility analysis" for a project that you have already spent \$2 million on and it hasn't even been decided if the DDC will be built or not. Government in action!

It's the typical government/private business plan where we continually spend more and more until we have to build it or else all that time and money was wasted.

This is the same Desert Discovery Center that they want built on the preserve and the real reason for the last bond election. With the defeat of 4 of the 6 bond questions, you have crippled their hopes of general fund money to pay for it (and an increase in your property tax). This \$1.7 million is being requested through the city bed tax. Funny how they always find a source! It is also funny that the same people who advocate for the DDC also advocate for the LGBT ordinance. And the Bar district. And the Multi-family housing. Hmmm.... With elections coming up this year, it is critical to vote for those who advocate for you, not developers and special interests.

Diligently yours,  
Guy Phillips  
Scottsdale City Council

**FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – Nancy Ordowski**  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all had wonderful holidays, but now 2016 is here and it is now time to put the pedal to the medal and get to work to get our candidates elected in 2016

Area Directors and Precinct Captains – please save Saturday, February 13, 2016 (9:00am to 12:00pm) for a meeting with new data and goals for each precinct. Location to be determined. We will have new maps of each precinct and new walking list will be available after mid January. More details to follow.

Donations – it is that time of the year again for all of us to make our annual donation. The suggested donation is \$30.00 of an individual PC, \$50.00 for couples or \$100.00 for the Chairman level. Please bring cash or your check with you to the January 14, 2016 District Meeting. These monies cover our meeting room expenses and if everyone steps up we will be able to help with **some** of printing cost for walking list. We are all volunteers, but there are expenses to run all of our programs.

New Precinct Committeemen who made their donations in November or December are covered for 2016. Thank you for stepping up so promptly.

New PC applications can be submitted after the State Meeting on January 23, 2016 meeting.

You can always reach me at [ncordowski@gmail.com](mailto:ncordowski@gmail.com) or 480-203-5278.

### **SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich Rutkowski**

Happy New Year! It's back to work as we get educated and prepared for Campaign 2016.

Our January 14 general meeting will be held at the Via Linda Senior Center, 10440 East Via Linda in Scottsdale. If needed, please check the map link on the home page of the web site, [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org). Our main guest speaker for the evening will be Seth Leibsohn. Seth is the host of a talk show ("Principles, Not Politics") on KKNT 960 The Patriot radio and the Chairman of Arizonans for Responsible Drug Policy. As you may know, there is an effort to place the legalization of "recreational" marijuana on the November 2016 ballot. Seth and his organization are leading the charge to oppose this effort. At the meeting, he will be educating us about the issue and informing us about how we can support and join them.

Please visit the web site, [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org), on a regular basis to keep apprised of the specifics for our meetings, news about other events, and additional information.

Rich Rutkowski

### **CHAIRMAN EMERITUS - Joe Meli**

My Fellow Precinct Committee Members,

It's official! Welcome to the long-awaited 2016 election year! Not only will there be a new president-elect by the year's end, there will also be races and elections at every level of government. In much the same way it always has, the mechanical structure the Founders created propels us to change whom we choose to govern our nation. It can't happen soon enough!

Right now, many conservative Republicans are angry with many of our elected representatives. Their reasons are varied and mostly well-founded. When elected officials defy the will of the very constituents responsible for their being in office, then it is certainly legitimate to work towards replacing them. If we are conscientious voters and PCs, that is what we are responsible for seeing done.

However, don't bash the Republican Party as an institution. Our platform and beliefs stand apart from those who will only ever hold temporary positions in our party. No matter how long elected officials serve, poorly or well, they are eventually going to leave office. Our party and its values transcend the people who occupy it.

You may often be hearing the refrain "I'm a conservative, not a Republican!" Balderdash! We are Republicans who stand for the conservation of our nation's values framed by the United States Constitution. By definition, a Republican cannot be progressive if progressivism requires abandoning our history and the legacy of the Framers. To be a conservative is to conserve. To conserve is to preserve. To be a Republican in practical terms, one must stand for that concept. Make no mistake, folks who claim to be moderate Republicans are really unsure of what they believe, and therefore pick and choose what planks in our platform to support. They are certainly free to do so, but they offer only a compromised future for our party.

Again, remember a party is only as strong as it's weakest adherent, but at the same time, our party will certainly outlast the contemporary problems facing it. People come and go. Politicians retire or are replaced in the next election or some other time in the future.

Take comfort in knowing that if we continue at the grassroots to support the values of our party, then it will outlast those, good or bad, who pass through its ranks.

It's going to be an exciting year!

Regards,

Joe Meli  
Chairman Emeritus

**TREASURER - Valerie Giramberk**

**DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE  
Statement of Income and Expense  
Month Ended November 30, 2015**

**BEGINNING BANK BALANCE**

**\$ 4,434.71**

**REVENUE**

Contributions (dues)	50.00
Christmas Party	225.00
Badges	16.00
Restitution	<u>40.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$ 331.00</u></b>

**EXPENSES**

Bank Charges	\$ 12.00
Meeting Rooms	<u>272.50</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$ 284.50</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$ 46.50</u></b>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 4,481.21</b>
<b>PETTY CASH</b>	<b><u>\$ 60.04</u></b>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,541.25</u></b>

**DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**  
**Statement of Income and Expense**  
**Month Ended December 31, 2015**

**BEGINNING BANK BALANCE** \$ 4,481.21

**REVENUE**

Contributions (dues)	330.00
Christmas Party	2,690.00
Restitution	<u>75.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,095.00</u></b>

**EXPENSES**

Christmas Party	\$ 2,750.06
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,750.06</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$ 344.94</u></b>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 4,826.15</b>
<b>PETTY CASH</b>	<b><u>\$ 60.04</u></b>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,886.19</u></b>

Please send your 2016 dues today or bring your checkbook to the meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**DISTRICT 23 MINUTES - Judy Lawrence, Secretary**

**Legislative District 23 Republican Committee Monthly Meeting**

**Fountain Hills School District Learning Center**

**November 12, 2015 7:00 pm**

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

Officers Present: Jim O'Connor, Chairman

Nancy Ordowski, First Vice Chair

Valerie Giramberk, Treasurer

Rich Rutkowski, Second Vice Chair

Judith Lawrence, Secretary

Chairman Jim O'Connor announced that Evelyn Munn had once again been hospitalized, that Joan Lang's sister is very ill, and Patty Stetson's brother was ill and that is why they were not in attendance.

The Invocation was given by Dr. CT Wright and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boe James. Chairman Jim O'Connor announced that Tracy Ireland of LD27 needed support for legal fees and asked for our help.

Second Vice Chairman - Rick Rutkowski

- 1) The Arizona Standards Development Committee was given the task to review and replace Common Core in Arizona. A critical part of that process is collecting public input. Best way to give that input is online. The deadline is November 20th.
- 2) Next Tuesday, November 17th there is a proposal for an anti-LGBT discrimination ordinance to be heard at Scottsdale City Hall. We are all invited to participate.
- 3) The next meeting will be our Annual Holiday Party, Friday, December 11, 2015
- 4) The January meeting will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at the Via Linda Senior Center. There will be two speakers that night Maricopa County Supervisor, Steve Chucuri and Seth Reisen a radio talk show host. KTNT 960, The Patriot. He is the co-chair for the Arizonans for Responsible Drug Policy.
- 5) The Candidate's Forum with Candidates for the US Senate, Alex Meluskey and Claire Van Steenwyk. Invitations were also sent to Senator McCain and Dr. Kelli Ward who chose not to participate. They started with opening statements then the floor was opened for questions. Then each candidate was given 3 minutes for closing statements.
- 6) Dr. Ben Carson Representative, Vern Robinson. Spoke on behalf of Dr. Ben Carson's race for the White House.

Chairman Jim O'Connor then introduced Ted Naekel to speak to the LGBT ordinance that is being presented to the City of Scottsdale, Tuesday, November 17th. He took a straw poll of those present to determine how many were in favor of this body to censure Virginia Korte's LGBT Ordinance. The vote was overwhelmingly opposed to the ordinance. There was a motion made by Denny Weiland for LD23

Executive Board set a date for a special meeting to draft a resolution condemning the votes of the Republican members of the Scottsdale City Council who voted in favor the resolution. It was seconded by Richard Breyer. The motion passed. Resolution wording will be drafted and circulated well in advance of the meeting.

Chairman Jim O'Connor then introduced Michael Lovering 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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Resolution #1 Appeal Proposition 2030 passed in 2003 to legalize Medical Marijuana.

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

Chairman Jim O'Connor then introduced Linda Longazel who asked for volunteers for the MCRC Mandatory Meeting on January 16th to set up tables, sign in members, etc.

Chairman Jim O'Connor then introduced Larry Rand who is on the leadership team with Moral Action Ministry with North Scottsdale Church renamed Christian Dream City Church at 9:45 to 12:30pm Saturday, November 21 will have Jason Walsh of the Right to Life as MC as well as Shane Krauser, Constitution expert who will speak on abortion conflicts with the Constitution. Then Dave Everett, Co-founder of Crisis Pregnancy Centers, will speak and show 2 documentaries on Eugenics.

Liz Alcorn told us that the Annual Christmas Party would be Friday Dec. 11, 2015 at the Marriott Courtyard at Salt River Field 5201 N. Pima Road in Scottsdale. The price will be \$25 per person for "very light" dinner.

A motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting as published was made by Lynne Breyer and seconded by Archie McGill and passed favorably

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

Old Business – Dues are voluntary but are very necessary for the operation of the LD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Lawrence  
Secretary

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## EVENTS:

Maricopa County Republican Committee Mandatory Meeting for ALL precinct committeemen in



person or by proxy. Saturday, January 16, 2016. Church of the Nations, 6225 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ. 85012. Registration 7:00 am, meeting 9:00 am

Arizona Republican Party Mandatory Meeting for elected State Committeemen in person or by proxy, Saturday, January 23, Grace Community Church, 1200 E Southern, Tempe, AZ. Registration 7:00 am, meeting 9:00 am.

PC Day at the Capitol. **Wednesday the 13th** – 9am-3pm PC Day at the Capitol 1700 West Washington in the Rose Garden (West of the House)

For your **FREE lunch Ticket** – go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/>

Please see attached for details: [2016-AZPC\\_Day\\_At\\_The\\_Capi-](#)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:



A **Fundraiser For Sheriff Joe Arpaio** is scheduled from 3-6 pm., Sat., Jan 30, 2016 in Scottsdale with food, entertainment and live/silent auctions. Contact: Liz Alcorn at [lizalcorn@ymail.com](mailto:lizalcorn@ymail.com)



Is this your salad bowl? It was left at the bar-b-q in November. We'd love to return it to you. Please email to [ld23gop@gmail.com](mailto:ld23gop@gmail.com)

### DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS:

#### **Lincoln Republican Women's Club**

The New McCormick/"Millennium" Resort

Scottsdale-McCormick Ranch, 7401 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ, USA 85253-3548

(480) 948-5050

Dinner Meeting, Spouses invited!

Monday, January 11, 2016

5:30 PM Meet and Greet

6:00 PM Business Meeting

6:20 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Program

Let the Sun Shine in... The controversy of Solar power in AZ and what we can about it Laura Knaperek, Former Appropriations Chair of the AZ House

\*\*\*\*\*\$35 per person\*\*\*\*\*

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

DEADLINE THURSDAY January 7 th 2016

Please send check made out to "LRWC" or bring Cash  
A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION PAID!

Patricia Kaufman,  
7436 E. Tuckey Lane,  
Scottsdale, AZ 85250  
480-368-2777 or email her at [patiamiam@gmail.com](mailto:patiamiam@gmail.com)

### **Palo Verde Republican Women**

On January 20th, Meir Jolovitz, Pro-Israel Advocate, To Speak on Middle Eastern Affairs

Date: January 20th

Time: 11:00 a.m. Social; 11:30 a.m. Program/Lunch

Location: Grayhawk Golf Club: 8620 East Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale

The cost of the luncheon is \$27 if paying by credit card. Pay by cash or check and the cost is \$26.

To make a reservation, contact Helene Gross by email at our reservation email:  
[pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com](mailto:pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com). **NOTE:** This is a new email address. The original reservation email is no longer available.

Please note that reservations are required. And a reservation made is a reservation paid!

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

Dynamic Women Making a Difference

Saturday, January 9, 2016

Gainey Ranch Golf Club

7600 E Gainey Club Drive, Scottsdale, 85258

Guest Speaker: Steve Chucri, Maricopa County Commissioner, District 2

Cost: \$30 per person Reservations: Evenbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/january-general-meeting-tickets-20159850656> or mail you check to:

Paradise Republican Women, P.O. Box 14425, Scottsdale, AZ 85267

Click HERE for Membership application <http://prwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Membership-Application-2016.pdf>

### **Fountain Hills Republican Club**

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