

# AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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Jim OConnor, Chairman 602-538-9387

## Lincoln Link

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**Mustang Library**  
**February 12, 2015**  
**6:30 Sign-in, 7:00 Meeting**  
**6:00 Prayer meeting for those interested**

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### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Jim O'Connor**

Fellow Precinct Committeemen,

January was indeed a very busy month for most of us. We began with our LD 23 General Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> with Legislative updates from John Kavanagh & Jay Lawrence. At that meeting we voted to pass a Resolution to Close the Republican Primary. Identical Resolutions to that were also passed at the County Party Mandatory Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> and at the AZ-GOP Statutory Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Those Resolutions called for our State Party Executive Committee and legal counsel to file all necessary paperwork with the Arizona courts to seek summary judgment restoring closed primaries in partisan elections AND called for Arizona legislators to sponsor and pass legislation replacing Arizona's semi-closed primaries with closed primaries. Sources have recently reported that there is a move at the Capital to have the political parties pay for their primary elections as well as any Presidential Preference Election we should chose to hold. Estimate is our 2012 Presidential Preference Election cost our state approximately \$6 million. Stay tuned!

By now you all have read on the MCRC Briefs and elsewhere that we have newly elected leadership at both the County and State parties. I want to report that your LD 23 leadership

team enjoys excellent relationships at both levels of the County and State parties. This is credited in large part to our not taking sides and endorsing candidates or slates competing for those volunteer jobs. I am also pleased to report that our LD 23 is home to our three newly elected AZGOP Members at Large: Liz Alcorn, Linda Longazel and Patty Stetson representing CD #6. They will serve for a two year term on the state party Executive Committee.

LD 23 had strong participation at the PC Day at the Capital Event sponsored by the Arizona Republican Assembly and the Maricopa County Republican Committee. Turnout numbered close to 500 throughout the day. Many of our Republican lawmakers visited with us and addressed the PC's gathered outside the State House. PC's then attended respective sessions in the House and Senate and were introduced from our seats in the gallery.

We ended the month with a workshop of District Area Directors & Precinct Captains with 30 in attendance. That meeting was organized by Nancy Ordowski and led by Rich Rutkowski and focused on our organization structure and PC training in future meetings and workshops throughout the year. It is our goal to have a well trained highly motivated force of knowledgeable PC's ready to get out the republican vote in 2016. You will read a more detailed report on that meeting later in this newsletter prepared by Nancy Ordowski.

#### **FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – Nancy Ordowski**

On Saturday, January 31 a very informative meeting was held for our Area Directors and Precinct Captains. All of these leaders are volunteers and 30 were able to be in attendance. The meeting was a success because of the support from your officers. Due to a family medical emergency I was not able to return to AZ for the meeting and Rich Rutkowski stepped up and held the meeting. By his willingness to step in none of our leaders had to be inconvenienced by a rescheduling of the meeting.

Rich I greatly appreciate and thank you for standing in and doing a wonderful job holding the meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

The following information is for all of our Precinct Committeemen:

Area Director – Lynne Breyer

Precinct Captain - Del Joya Cheryl Pelletier  
McCormick Ranch Richard Breyer  
McDonald  
Mohave  
Redwing Baron Benham  
San Simon Wil Howarth  
Sundown

Area Director – Linda Longazel

Precinct Captain – Bronco Sheila Muehling  
DC Ranch

Dessert Highlands Linda Longazel  
Grayhawk  
Hualapai Barbara Dickerson  
Loma Verde  
Pinnacle West

Area Director - Evelyn Munn Precinct Captain -  
Fort McDowell  
Fountain Hills Nancy Ordowski  
Four Peaks  
Golden Eagle Rich Rutkowski  
Goldfield Ranch  
Palisades Hugh Henry  
Saguaro

Area Director - Mary Ryan  
Precinct Captain – Cocopah Guy Phillips  
Deerview  
Mustang Paula Linker  
Park Meadows  
Pine Valley Janet Buggeln

Area Director - Ron Schott  
Precinct Captain – Canyon Eric Luker  
Granite Mountain Jeanne McGill  
Peak View  
Pinnacle Peak Ron Schott  
Rio Verde  
Terravita Grant Winthrop  
Vista Verde

Area Director - Patty Stetson  
Precinct Captain – Maricopa Margie Creedon  
Pecos  
Pima Patty Stetson  
Pueblo Liz James  
Scottsdale  
Whitton  
Yuma

Area Director - Marney Thompson  
Precinct Captain - Cactus Glen  
Cielo  
Dreyfus Janet Oliver  
Laurel  
Mirada Adam Sonnenklar  
Santo Marney Thompson

San Victor  
Sentry Valerie Giramberk  
Sutton Brian Theut

Area Director - Dave Urban  
Precinct Captain - Rhodes

Rio Montana Joan Lang  
Sierra Hills Ted Naeckel  
Silver Spur Dennis Weiland  
Stonegate Carole Klein  
Westworld Dave Urban

I am missing some e-mail addresses and some phone numbers, plus my typing can leave something to be desired, so if you see an error or missing information please e-mail me the corrections.

Precinct Committeemen if you haven't met your Captain you may want to give them a call and introduce yourself. Captains I hope you are reaching out to your PC's in the up coming weeks. Area Directors have list of your PC's.

During the months of February and March we will be having a training session for all PC's in their local locations. I will be reaching out to our AD's to select the best date, time and location for these meetings, information will then be sent out to PC's in each area.

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

## **SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – Rich Rutkowski**

Our February general meeting will be at Mustang Library on Thursday evening, February 12. Sign-in begins at 6:30 PM and the call to order will be at 7:00 PM. Our guest speaker this month will be Dustin Romney, author of *Rule of Law: Why and How We Must Amend the Constitution*, and the Coalitions Director for the Convention of States Project in Arizona. A Convention of States has been a topic of vigorous debate in recent years and is a proposed strategy for bolstering states' rights. At the request of some of our members, Mr. Romney is being invited to present his viewpoint on this timely issue. As per our usual practice, there will be an opportunity for your questions and an exchange of ideas.

The following meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, so mark your calendars. You can stay apprised of dates and other information via the web site, [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org) . Please check out the "Extras" page for photos of recent events.

## LD23 Representative - Michelle Ugenti

As I begin my third term as a member of the Arizona House of Representatives I have been tasked with new responsibilities and look forward to addressing the many issues that continue to face Arizona. It is with your continued support that I am able to advocate for smaller, more efficient government, a balanced budget while reducing our debt, and maintaining the crucial functions of government.

This year, I was appointed to serve as Chairman of the Elections Committee. Voting and elections are crucial to our democracy. On the heels of the recent election and numerous cases in the courts concerning voting and elections, a new committee was established to manage these issues. As a member who knows all too well the challenges of attempting to reform the election process and having successfully done so, I welcome this role.

In 2012, I sponsored legislation to consolidate the date of all elections, which would have impacted propositions, bonds and candidates, but excluded special elections. My goal was to increase voter turnout, reduce the cost of administering elections and provide consistency for voters. Unfortunately, the influence of special interests reduced the impact of the bill to candidates only. This concept, which was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor, a former Secretary of State, is still being met with strong resistance and is currently being challenged in the courts.

As the Chairman of the Elections Committee, I believe there should be greater transparency of campaign finances for candidates for municipal and county offices. Further, I have attempted to increase information provided to voters on their ballot and was opposed by election officials who blame the limited ability of their voting machines. Uniformity and modernization of election equipment will allow the legislature greater influence on the consistency and style of the voter's ballot. Voting and the integrity of our election system have an impact on us all and should not be designed to facilitate a certain outcome. To ensure that integrity in the greatest way possible is to empower voters, increase participation and provide consistency in the administration of all elections.

For the fifth year, I will continue to serve as a member of the Appropriations Committee and I have also accepted a position to serve on the Ways and Means Committee. Arizona's current budget (Fiscal Year 2015) is \$148 million out of balance, excluding cost associated with the K-12 inflation litigation. Based on current projections, next year's budget (Fiscal Year 2016) is \$678 million out of balance, excluding any impacts from the K-12 inflation litigation. Arizona's Budget Stabilization (Rainy Day) Fund has a balance of \$464 million. In order to rebalance the current year budget and meet the constitutional requirement to balance next year's budget, the legislature will need to adopt a budget that reduces permanent spending, utilizes the balance of the Rainy Day fund and transfer excess balances from existing funds. We must resist the efforts of some to increase taxes in order to sustain spending. The ultimate objective is to eliminate the structural deficit by aligning permanent revenues with permanent spending without the utilization of one time revenues.

In keeping with Governor Ducey's goals of reduce the regulatory burden on business and making government more efficient, I have reintroduced legislation to make the County regulatory structure more transparent and less cumbersome. This is legislation that has received

support from the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Arizona Rock Products Association and has passed in the House of Representatives the last two years.

I am continuing my efforts to diminish the influence of public unions on local governments and taxpayers. Once again, I have introduced legislation to curtail paycheck protection. I do not believe it is the responsibility of the taxpayer to support the funding of a private entity via the government. As you are well aware, this legislation has meant strong opposition in the past and I expect to encounter it again. It is through your efforts and continued support that I believe we will be successful this year.

It is my privilege and honor to represent you in the legislature. With your support we have successfully advocated for a more efficient and transparent government. However, there is more to be done. While some view Arizona's current fiscal situation as a crisis, I view it as an opportunity. Together, we can establish priorities that will continue to make Arizona a place to raise a family and create opportunity.

Warmly,  
Rep. Michelle Ugenti  
district 23  
[State Rep. Michelle Ugenti - District 23](#)

#### **DISTRICT 23 MINUTES – Judy Lawrence**

**District Meeting  
Mustang Library  
January 8, 2015  
6:45 pm**

With concurrence of the members present, the District Meeting of the members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23, held at Mustang Library, Scottsdale, was called to order at 6:40 pm by Chairman Jim O'Connor

Officers Present:

Jim O'Connor, Chairman  
Nancy Ordowski, First Vice Chair  
Rich Rutkowski, Second Vice Chair  
Valerie Giramberk, Treasurer  
Judith Lawrence, Secretary

The Chairman stated that the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report would be moved to the end of the meeting. To honor our guest speakers in the future, this would be the order to be used. Anyone interested in the business portion of the meeting can stay, and anyone who wants not to stay can read the information in the newsletter.

The Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were given by Larry Rand.

Chairman Jim O'Connor Business:

- 1) Chairman Jim O'Connor recognized Sparky Smith as the Parliamentarian.
- 2) The Chairman stated that Michelle Ugenti would not be with us and that Senator John Kavanagh and Representative Jay Lawrence would be our speakers for the evening.
- 3) Jeannie McGill was introduced. She has volunteered to work on collecting the yearly voluntary contributions for membership. They are \$30.00 per person and \$50.00 per couple. She explained that our meetings and events and office supplies need to be paid for and we need the support of our membership. She said we can pay at a meeting or put a check in an envelope and mail to the address on our website. She explained that we cannot accept online payments as our website is not set up to accept them. Make the checks out to LD23 Republican Committee.

#### Second Vice Chairman Business

- 1) The next meeting will be February 12, 2015.
- 2) State Senator John Kavanagh was introduced and spoke about the budget. He is on the Budget Committee. He explained the challenges of the efforts to balance the State Budget. He spoke on some of the bills he is introducing. Among them are an "Aggressive Panhandling Bill". He is also working on a bill that would allow voters to avoid unwanted robo-calls;

State Legislator Jay Lawrence was the next to speak. He spoke of bills that he is introducing. He has introduced a bill to end Common Core as well as two education funding bills. He also introduced a bill that would protect a person who has been threatened by another and has an Order of Protection that has been violated. And finally, he spoke of a bill he was researching that would require a non-citizen designation on licenses issued to illegal aliens.

There was a brief question and answer period.

Chairman Jim O'Connor distributed copies of a Resolution that was written by AJ Lafaro that pertains to the State Statutory Meeting on Saturday, January 24, 2015. He explained why 10 of 12 proposed Resolutions would not be on the ballot for consideration. He spoke specifically of the resolution that would close Republican Primary Elections to registered Republicans only. He explained that in his opinion the resolution that was presented had been altered in a manner that the result would not be acceptable as it would cause delay in consideration and implementation, if passed. Then Chairman O'Connor asked for a show of hands of those who would support a resolution that would close the Republican Primary. The outcome was that Legislative District 23 would be in favor of closing the Republican Primary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented in the January 2015 newsletter. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Liz Alcorn and seconded by Charlie Mattille.

Boe James voiced an objection to some of the content of the October 9 meeting minutes, pertaining to the exact wording of his statements at that meeting, and the phrase, 'Robert's

Rules prevailed' in those minutes. No vote to approve the October minutes was taken. However, the tape recording of the October 9 meeting was previously reviewed by the District Secretary at the time and the minutes reflect the content of that recording.

The Chairman called for a motion that the minutes be accepted as amended. The motion passed to accept the amended minutes.

Treasurer's Report is attached.

First Vice Chairman Nancy Ordowski explained the procedure for registering to vote at the County Statutory Meeting on Saturday, January 10, 2015 and the procedure for carrying proxies to that meeting.

She then gave the information regarding the January 31, 2015 PC training meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Lawrence  
Secretary, LD23 Republican Committee

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Valerie Giramberk**

##### **Statement of Income and Expense Month Ended January 31, 2015**

<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$5,618.08</b>	
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Contributions	\$ 680.00	
Name Badges	\$ 32.00	
Misc. Income	\$ 510.00	Reimburse AZGOP Dinner
Restitution	\$ 45.00	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$1,267.00</u></b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Name Badges	\$ 21.78	
Postage/POB	\$ 338.71	POB Prepaid 15 mos.
Website/E-mail	\$ 16.25	
Meeting Room/Equipment	\$ 52.00	
AZGOP Chairman's Dinner	\$ 600.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$1,028.74</u></b>	
<b>NET REVENUE (LOSS)</b>	<b><u>\$ 238.26</u></b>	
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$5,856.34</b>	



PETTY CASH  
TOTAL BALANCE

\$ 60.04  
\$5,916.38

Thank you to the 25 PCs who have paid their dues! If you have not paid your 2015 dues yet, please bring a check to the next meeting or send it in to the POB along with the form that is on the web site.

A finance committee needs to be formed to audit the accounts, as is standard procedure when a new treasurer comes on board. Two PCs have already volunteered to be on that committee and a third is needed. Please let one of the board members know if you are interested.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Arizona Republican Party Officers 2015-2016

Chairman - Robert Graham  
1st Vice Chairman - Paralee Schneider  
2nd Vice Chairman - Gabby Saucedo-Mercer  
Secretary - Linda White  
Treasurer - Jonathan Lines

LD23 Members-at-Large:

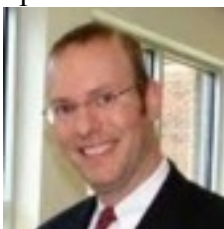
Patty Stetson, Linda Longazel and Liz Alcorn.

#### Maricopa County Republican Committee Officers 2015-2016

Chairman - Tyler Bowyer  
1st Vice Chair - Jeni White  
2nd Vice Chair - Aaron Borders  
Secretary - Matt Eberle  
Treasurer - David Ludwig

### **LD23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS**

Paradise Republican Women's Club -  
Special Guest:



The Free Market Warrior Loren Spivak

Mr. Spivak will make the case that capitalism is the victim of environmental extremists who destroy prosperity without achieving even their own goals. He is the author of "Free Market Warrior" and "The Gorax"

Gainey Ranch Golf Club 7600 N Gainey Club Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Saturday, Feb 14 10:30 am Social 11:00am Program

NEW PRICE: \$30 PP

Mail your check and reservation to:

PRWC

P.O. Box 14425

Scottsdale, AZ 85267

Palo Verde Republican Women's Club

No report sent.

Fountain Hills Republican Club -

Congratulations to the the following Fountain Hills Republican Club officers who were elected on January 17th and sworn in by judge Michael Reagan.

President - Dr. C.T. Wright

1st Vice President (Programs) - Rosemary Hansen

2nd Vice President (Membership) - Leona Johnston

3rd Vice President (Hospitality) - Shari Morris

Secretary - Boe James

Treasurer - Nicole Oswald Walters

Speakers at the January meeting were Senator Jeff Flake, State Senator John Kavanagh and State Representative Jay Lawrence. who gave insightful comments. It was a very informative meeting.

Volunteers are still needed to assist at the LD23/FHRC Voter Registration and Outreach Booth during the Fountain Hills Great Fair, Friday - Sunday, February 20-22. To volunteer, please send an e-mail to FHRepublican@gmail.com. Please specify preferred/desired times or times that you are not available. Or call 480 588-7612 (leave a message if no answer).

The next FHRC meeting is scheduled for February 28th (date changed to 4th Saturday due to the Great Fair). Sheriff Joe Arpaio will be the featured speaker.

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Events:

LD 23 PC's invited to District 17 meeting on Tuesday, February 24, at 7 PM, at Tri-City Baptist Church, seminary building.

Superintendent Diane Douglas and Senator Keli Ward are our guest speakers, addressing education and current related bills.

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