



# AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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**Jim O'Connor, Chairman**  
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## The Lincoln Link

July 2016



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**NEXT MEETING OF LD23**

**Thursday, July 14, 2016**

**Via Linda Sr. Center, 10440 N via Linda Blvd., Scottsdale**

**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**

Fellow PC's

In last month's Chairman's Corner, I noted that our County Party Chairman intended to conduct a vote of the 30 member Executive Guidance Committee (EGC) to endorse republican candidates over others prior to the August 30<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. County Party By-Laws currently allow such a vote to take

place; however, it was recognized that a “top-down” approach was not desirable, and the idea shall be deferred to another election cycle.

As mentioned at our June meeting, now is the time for each of you to be determining which candidates you chose to support with your time, talent and treasure. Contact their campaign offices and volunteer to help where you are willing.

As many of our key LD 23 Office holders are running unopposed in this year’s primary, you are most welcome to speak with your District officers for suggestions as to opportunities to help other campaigns outside of our district. For those of you experienced telephone or phone banking volunteers, there are many fine candidates who will gladly accept your offer to serve them from the comfort of your own home.

Lastly, I must inform you that we must once again prepare to fend off another attack from the National Popular Vote Compact movement. Thankfully their bills were defeated in the 2016 session in largest part due to Senate President Andy Biggs. Andy has now left his Senate Seat to run for Congress in his CD 5. Each of us must be prepared to inform your House Member and Senate Member to vote NO, when these bills are presented again in 2017. The devil never sleeps, and this is a sure way to lose our Republic and our freedoms along with it. More on what you need to know coming this fall.

## **FEARTURED ARTICLE:**

### **Donald J Trump, Presumptive Nominee**



After months of presidential preference primaries, Donald J Trump won at least 1555 delegates, 318 more than he needed, to become the presumptive nominee. He wasted no time in re-vamping his campaign from “primary” mode to General election mode. Hillary is firmly in Mr. Trumps crosshairs. And now, he’s highly likely to become our next president, manipulated polls notwithstanding.

We must remember how to read polls. Polls can be manipulated to produce any desired outcome. Where they once were used to measure the mindset of voters, they are now produced to achieve a pre-determined outcome, hoping to influence outcomes. They are not to be believed for the most part.

While Hillary's plan was to move to the center for the General election, Mr. Trump has pushed her further left, leaving her with fewer options to bring independent voters to her side. Let's take a look at how that is working.

Only Mr. Trump was able to push Hillary to use the words, Islamist terrorists, something the main stream press has criticized her and President Obama for failing to use to describe the enemy we face. At last, Mrs. Clinton was forced to use the term even though she wrongly said it made no difference.

PHOTO PC Cindy Love & Jana Jackson

Mr. Trump has taken Mrs Clinton to task on trade. Hillary is prepared to double down on NAFTA and the TPP. However, Mr. Trump gave a magnificent barn-burner speech on how bad NAFTA, signed into law by President Clinton, has been for America. Mrs. Clinton is now having to walk back her gushing support for the TPP and NAFTA. Mr. Trump has as part of his platform to re-negotiate NAFTA in America's favor and refuse the TPP.



Hillary came out and said she was anti-coal and she would be putting “coal companies out of business.” Shortly thereafter, Mr. Trump gave speeches in several coal states where he received a rousing welcome by union coal miners who desperately need those jobs. Hillary was forced to defend her position of throwing people out of work to save the environment, a far left position.

Time and again, Mr. Trump has used Hillary's positions against her, citing facts that belie her positions on issues important to most Americans. It's fun to watch Hillary squirm



### **A REPUBLIC IF YOU CAN KEEP IT..**

This election season, there has been much talk about which candidates are or are not Constitutionals, who has or has not ever read the Constitution. Those questions cannot be answered, but the following one has been and it's likely the most important answer to any question for America. We all know about the meeting of Mrs. Powell and Benjamin Franklin at the close of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, when Mrs. Powell asked Mr. Franklin, “Well, Mr. Franklin, what have you given us?” “A Republic, Madam, if you can keep it.”

That statement was very critical to the future of America. Who among us has analyzed just what Franklin actually meant. The men who conceived and wrote that most critical of documents did a job, their job. When they ratified the Constitution, their job was essentially done. From that day forward, it has been the job and personal responsibility of every American to “keep the Republic.” It's been called the great experiment because no country before or since has ever had a document like the Constitution of the United States, the one document on earth that guarantees our freedom for ever more. To do that, each of us must not just agree to abide by that document, but to keep it alive and moving forward into the future through self-governance. We cannot sit around discussing the Constitution or judging who does or doesn't understand it. We cannot keep the Republic by doing good deeds. We must work to make it work, we must get off the sofa and participate in our government at some level. It is not the next guy's job, it is your job, our job. As PCs, we have made an implicit pledge to keep the Republic. If we don't, it will disappear forever. To truly get the astonishing essence of what needs... must...be

done, please read *If You Can Keep It*, by Eric Metaxas. You will never think about the Constitution, or your responsibility to it and America, in the same way ever again.

**FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski**

Come prepared to the July 14 District Meeting. Our Golden Ticket and candidate palm cards will be available for you to pick up.

It is time to start walking our precincts. Details and information will be made available on the 14th.

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

**SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich Rutkowski**

Our July 14 meeting will be held at Via Linda Senior Center at 10440 E. Via Linda in Scottsdale. A map link can be found on the home page of the web site, [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org). We will continue the effort to hear from candidates in upcoming elections and assess their qualifications for office. The agenda for the evening will include a Scottsdale Mayoral Candidate Forum, with Mayor Jim Lane and former Councilmember Bob Littlefield. We had planned on including candidates for city council in this forum, but all candidates except Guy Phillips declined to participate. Since the other council candidates wouldn't be taking part and since Guy has had the opportunity to address us before, he has offered to yield his time to the mayoral candidates. Be sure to bring your questions. Maricopa County Recorder Helen Purcell, who is running for re-election, will also be joining us.

Looking ahead - the following general meeting will be on August 11 at Via Linda. Congressman David Schweikert will be our guest at that meeting. Others are pending. As always, the web site, [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org), is a convenient way to keep apprised of dates of our meetings, news about other events, and additional information.



**CHAIRMAN EMERITUS - Joe Meli**

**The U.S. Marine Corps**

Dear Fellow PCs,

It was recently reported that many U.S. citizens don't know the reason for celebrating the 4th of

July That is most likely because patriotism, most notably under Democrat presidencies, is considered naive and out of step with the modern globalist view. Thank goodness then that there exist notable American institutions such as the United States Marine Corps. Some facts to consider:

On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress created the Marine Corps to fulfill the role of ship-board security for the new navy and to be the landing forces for said navy ships.

Marine lore has it that the first recruits to the newly-created Corps were mustered in a bar, Tun Tavern, in Philadelphia, PA in late November of 1775. Don't mess with a Marine in a bar, or for that matter, anywhere else!

On March 3, 1776, the first amphibious landing by the Marines took place on New Providence, Bahamas. They captured Nassau and secured valuable military supplies from the British to help George Washington's Continental Army. That wouldn't be the last time an enemy saw the Marines approach a beach!

"To the shores of Tripoli" is sung in part about the April 27, 1805 successful capture of Derna, in what is now Libya. U. S. Marines marched fifty days across the desert to reach their objective and complete their mission, thus helping to end the First Barbary War and stopping the Barbary Pirates.

These are just a few examples of the very early history of the U. S. Marine Corps, proximate to the founding of our nation. In time, they would be joined by many, many more acts of courage, sacrifice and valor all for the love of, and loyalty to, our country and their fellow Marines.

If a nation is to be judged by the quality of those worth dying to preserve it, then all members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and of course, the Marines, both past and present, are to be held as shining proof of the exceptional place we call the United States of America. Semper Fidelis. Happy Fourth of July!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **MAYORAL CANDIDATE LANE & DESERT DISCOVERY CENTER**

**from Los Portones Community**

Current Mayor Lane will answer questions on his position concerning the Desert Discovery Center. Your opportunity to ask and learn.

July 12th, at 7pm, at the MMR Community Center on Paradise Lane\McDowell Mtn Road. Someone will be videoing some of Lane's (in my personal opinion "fluid") responses, and handing out fliers for NoDDC. Following that page will keep you informed.

McDowell Mountain Ranch Community Center is located at the North West corner of N McDowell Mountain Ranch Road and E Paradise Lane. From N McDowell Mountain Ranch Road, turn north west into E Paradise Lane and take the immediate left.

16116 N McDowell Mountain Ranch Rd, Scottsdale, AZ, 85255

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**What's on your mind?**

For the next couple of Newsletters, we are opening up some space for a letter or article from our membership. There will be rules to follow. If you have something on your mind, please send a request for the list of criteria. We will publish one article in the August issue if we get something that both meets the criteria and passes muster with the Executive Committee.



**TREASURER: Valerie Giramberk**

**DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

**Statement of Income and Expense**

**Month Ended June 30, 2016**

<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 7,057.63</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Contributions (dues)	94.00
Name Badges	64.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$ 158.00</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Printing of Materials	\$ 360.00
Postage	7.99
Bank Charges	12.00
Room Rentals	297.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$ 677.49</u></b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$ (519.49)</u></b>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 6,538.14</b>
<b>PETTY CASH</b>	<b><u>\$ 60.04</u></b>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,598.18</u></b>

Thank you to the 125 PCs who have paid their 2016 dues. Dues are used for operating expenses including room rentals, postage, printing of training materials and much more. Please help us cover our operating expenses by making your contribution.

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2016, please send your check to: LD 23 Republican Committee, 8776 E Shea Blvd, Ste 106-341, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. Checks are to be made out to **District 23 Republican Committee**. Please fill out the donation form that is available on the website and include your occupation and employer. This is required by campaign finance law. It is important to note that if you are self-employed, you still need to state your occupation. If you are retired, please state that on the form. Please send only personal checks. Campaign finance law does not allow the acceptance of corporate checks. Thank you.

**SECRETARY: Judy Lawrence**

**Legislative District 23 Republican Committee Monthly Meeting  
Via Linda Senior Center  
June 09, 2016 7:00 pm**

With concurrence of the members present, the District Meeting of the members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23 was called to order at 7:00 PM

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

In opening, District Chairman Jim O'Connor welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

The Invocation was given by Larry Rand.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Michelle Ugenti-Rita.

Second Vice Chairman – Dr. Rick Rutkowski confirmed that a quorum was present.

Present at the meeting, but not scheduled to speak, were Scottsdale Mayor Jim Lane and CD 9 Congressional Candidate Dave Giles, (Chairman Jim O'Connor asked those in attendance if any were from CD9 and that they are encouraged to help Dave in his race). Cecil Yates was also introduced as running for Fountain Hills Town Council and Judy Rutkowski who is running for the Fountain Hills School Board.

The speakers were announced for the evenings meeting, three candidates qualified for the ballot: Jay Lawrence, Michele Ugenti-Rita, and Bob Lettieri. Because Mr. Lettieri is out of town, Jay Lawrence and Michele Ugenti Rita were invited to just speak to what is going on and has gone on at the capitol instead of having a forum with questions and answers. Two candidates qualified for the ballot Maricopa

County College District, District 2, Vicki Alger and current Board Member, Dana Saar and lastly, Aaron Flannery, who is running for Maricopa County Recorder.

Michele Ugenti-Rita and Jay Lawrence each spoke and had a brief question and answer period afterwards. Vicki Alger next addressed our members, followed by Dana Saar, our currently serving Board Member for District 2. They each spoke on why they were running and what their vision was for Maricopa County College District. Each had a brief question and answer period afterwards.



Aaron Flannery spoke on the need for new processes and procedures to be put in place to make the Maricopa County Recorder's Office run with fewer errors and more effectively. He took questions afterwards. Boe James questioned the absence of current Maricopa County Recorder, Helen Purcell. Dr. Rutkowski responded that she will be invited to speak in the future but was not invited to this meeting due to time constraints.

Vice Chair Nancy Ordowski gave a report regarding new PC's. All PC's will not be effective until after the August 30<sup>th</sup> election and the results are certified by the County Board of Supervisors. Nancy called our attention that if anyone is aware of a voter who will not be in Arizona between August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, to please inform them to request a temporary Change of Address with the County Records Office, because Ballots will not be forwarded to them at an out of state location without advanced notice. Forms were provided to members at the back table.

Dr. Rick Rutkowski went on to recommend a book called Original Intent, by David Barton; it is about the Constitution and the intent of the Founding Fathers.

Treasurer, Valerie Giramberk, gave her report. The report is attached to this newsletter.

Ardith Hildebrandt spoke about Jana Jackson who is running for Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools. She encouraged everyone to reach out to help with contributions and particularly someone to serve as a coordinator for Jana's campaign.

A motion was made by Harlan Stratton to accept the Minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and was seconded by Judith Lawrence and was passed.

Our next meeting will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Via Linda Senior Center in Scottsdale. There will be a forum for Scottsdale City Mayoral candidates Jim Lane and Bob Littlefield.

Lastly, at the request of Boe James and the agreement of Rich Rutkowski, approval of these minutes will in fact "amend" the minutes of the Districts April General Meeting to include the fact that Candidate for County Sheriff, Marsha Hill, did speak to our members at the April meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34



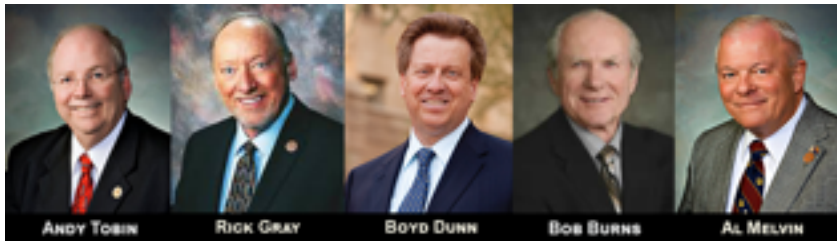


## **DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS**

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

**AZ Corporation Commission mixer**

**Mix and Mingle with the candidates for the Commission**



Join us for an evening of wine, mingling and mixing! Get to know the AZ Corporate Commission Candidates and get answers to your most pressing questions. RSVP Anna Morrison 623-234-3717

**Date:** July 13th 2016

**Time:** 5-7PM

**Location:** Black & Bleu American Grill

9343 E. Shea Blvd

Scottsdale, AZ

Refreshments / Cash Bar All are welcome.

### **Fountain Hills Republican Club:**



Next meeting: 9 a.m., Saturday, July 16, 2016

Keynote speaker: County Recorder Helen Purcel plus Corporation Commission candidates

All candidates welcome to attend, be introduced and speak

Fountain Hills Community Center,

13001 N La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

Program 9 a.m., Meet & Greet/social period: 8:30

For more information, contact Boe James at [FHRepublican@gmail.com](mailto:FHRepublican@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.fhrepublicanclub.org/>

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

No report submitted

### **Palo Verde Republican Women**

No meetings for July or August