



**AZ Legislative District 23
Republican Committee
May 2014 Newsletter**

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Joe Meli, Chairman



**District Meeting May 8, 2014
6:30 Sign-in, 7:00 meeting
St. Bernard's Church
124th St just north of Shea Blvd.**



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER - Joe Meli

Dear Fellow PCs,

Recently on a trip to Washington, DC, I had the opportunity to visit two different but closely related American treasures: Mt. Vernon and the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum.

Mt. Vernon, the beloved estate of George and Martha Washington, stands as testimony to the kind of patriots our nation has produced. General Washington refused to be addressed as "President Washington" after he left office. He was a citizen-soldier first and foremost. The vain praise of politicians was lost on him. His character still radiates brightly as he set the precedent of voluntary abrogation of power; something we hope will always be emulated by our future presidents.

And what can one say of the Air and Space Museum? It is the world's greatest collection of artifacts and exhibits overwhelmingly created by American genius, ingenuity and perseverance.

The 66 years from Kitty Hawk to Apollo 11's moon landing are without a doubt the greatest testimony to what makes America exceptional.

So here we are in 2014, Republicans working to restore our nation to its rightful course. What is our biggest hurdle in our efforts? We, as a nation, have forgotten who we are. We have forgotten what makes us exceptional. We have forgotten what we are capable of doing.

The Left spends its time talking about social rights and social justice. It spends its time extolling sameness: our nation is the same as any other, nothing special here, folks! Our citizens, no matter what level of dedication and commitment to achieving they put into their lives, are entitled to the same outcome, merit be darned!

Our educational system promotes mediocrities unheard of even 25 years ago. So what can we do?

Remind ourselves and voters, Republicans and Independents, young people, middle-aged folks and seniors, that the America we were, are and hope we will always be, is EXCEPTIONAL. In the 20th century, we were the first to achieve any great, sustainable strides in science, medicine and technology. That's right, us, the United States of America! The men and women who came before us toiled and struggled and sacrificed to produce the nation we now enjoy.

We aren't ordinary, we don't settle for less, and we don't need government to dumb us down so that we will never repeat the kind of achievements of Washington, the Wright Brothers, Armstrong and Aldrin. We are Americans. We know who we are. We just have to remind our fellow citizens of it! Let us never be silenced again! We will fearlessly prevail in our noble cause in 2014 and beyond!

That's just the kind of folks we are.

Regards

Joe Meli
Chairman

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski

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Thursday, May 8th will be the next LD-23 Meeting. **Prior to the meeting from 6:10 pm to 6:50 pm you will be able to have your photo taken for an identification badge** to be worn when walking your precinct. The badge is being supplied by AZ GOP at no cost to you. It is important when walking precincts we can be identified as a PC to the voters. In this way they know you are an elected official of your precinct. We hope you all take advantage of this opportunity.

We are working with AZ GOP to make the i360 a program that each PC will be able to use easily whether using a smart phone, iPad/tablet or a paper walking list. We are asking PC's to contact their Captains to let them know if you have use of electronic devices or prefer paper lists.

The meeting will start at 7:00pm at St. Bernard's Church on 124th Street; please come early to have your photo taken.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich Rutkowski

Our May 8 meeting will be held at a new venue, the parish hall of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church, located at 10755 North 124th Street, just north of Shea and just south of Via Linda. (A map link can be found below.) Please park in the south parking lot (closer to Shea) and look for the "LD 23" signs by the large building past the church. This meeting place will provide us plenty of room, very nice amenities, and easier access to audio-visual support. Please note that NO political signage or activity is allowed outside of the building or outside of the area which we are renting.

[Map for St. Bernard Clairvaux Catholic Church](#)

As mentioned at our April meeting, there will be a photographer available for any PC wishing to have a photo ID, provided to you at no charge by AZ GOP. This will be available from 6:10 PM until 6:50 PM. Otherwise, registration and social time will begin at 6:30 PM and the agenda will commence promptly at 7:00 PM. Once again, we have a full complement of guests as we host a Gubernatorial Candidate Forum. Six candidates for the Republican nomination have confirmed that they will join us. They are: Secretary of State Ken Bennett, Christine Jones, State Senator Al Melvin, Dr. John Molina, former Congressman Frank Riggs, and Mesa Mayor Scott Smith. State Treasurer Doug Ducey and former Maricopa County Attorney Andrew Thomas were invited but are unable to attend.

The Forum will include brief opening comments from each candidate, Q & A (each candidate answering each question), and closing comments. Bring your questions, but please keep them clear, direct, and concise. Please refrain from giving a long "introduction" to your question. I'll attempt to keep the candidates' responses direct and on point. In order to maximize your ability to ask questions, the candidates' comments and answers will be subject to a time limit (to which all of them have agreed). This

promises to be another great opportunity for us to learn about and evaluate our candidates for the very important office of Governor.

Looking ahead to our June 12 meeting, we will be hosting an LD23 House Candidate Forum. Please make plans to attend and encourage your fellow PC's to come along for these important and informative evenings.

TREASURER - Gayla Coletto

APRIL 30, 2014

REVENUE

May Breakfast	\$2,200.00
Donations**	224.00
Badges	45.00
Merchant Acct.	30.00
*Total Revenue	\$2,499.00

* transfer \$161.04 from merchant account closed not included in Revenue Total

EXPENSES

Office supplies	\$14.59
Room Rental SG Class	329.26
Breakfast Deposit	873.32
Website/ E-mail	16.40
Total Expenses	\$1,233.57

Net Income \$1,265.43

PLEASE MAKE YOUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION \$30.00 Individual \$50.00 Couple of Household, \$100.00 Chairman's level, or more.

Explanation:

We would like to thank the following for their April Donations:

Jerry Anderson, Rod Morris, Maxine Decker, Carole Klein, Barbara Espinosa, Max McNeely, Jayne Heckman.

**\$34.00 from 50/50 raffle included with donations.

DISTRICT 23 MINUTES - Lynne Breyer, Secretary

Minutes

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, AZ 85258 on April 10, 2014 was called to order by 1st Vice Chair Nancy Ordowski at 7:02 pm.

Officers Present:PCs Present:88

Nancy Ordowski, 1st Vice Chair**Guests Present: 9**

Rich Rutkowski, 2nd Vice Chair

Gayla Coletto, Treasurer

Lynne Breyer, Secretary

Officers Absent:

Joe Meli, Chairman

The Invocation was given by Dr. C.T. Wright. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Brant.

Nancy Ordowski, acting Chair:

Introduced 1st Vice Chair, Richard Rutkowski

Rich Rutkowski, 2nd Vice Chair:

Rich explained the evenings format change and then proceeded to remind everyone of upcoming meetings and events.

The next meeting of LD23 on May 8th will be at St Barnard's Church on 124th St just north of Shea Blvd, Scottsdale. The information will be in the next newsletter. The annual breakfast will be May 3rd and Shirley will give more information later in the meeting. Petitions for Congressman David Schweikert are in the lobby for those who want to get signatures for David and you can deliver those petitions you already have.

Rich then introduced elected officials present:

Judge Michael Reagan

Representative Michelle Ugenti

Representative John Kavanagh

Congressman David Schweikert

Dr. C.T. Wright, Fountain Hills School Board

Suzanne Klapp, Scottsdale City Council

He then introduced the program of speakers by explaining the rules and noted the timer would be managed by the Secretary. When the timer rings and the red flag is raised, that means the time is up. Rich explained he had informed each candidate previously of the rules and the time they would be allowed and all candidates agreed to the rules. Questions will be asked by PCs if time permits.

Rich explained the rules for the speakers, that we have a full agenda and limited time. Rich asked candidate speakers please refrain from criticizing their opponents unless they have documentation to back up their comments.

1. Former LD23 Chair, Doug Little, candidate for Arizona Corporation Commission spoke first.
2. Attorney General Tom Horne and candidate for re-election led off the Attorney General speakers followed by Attorney General candidate Mark Brnovich. Q&A was taken to fill out Horne's allotted time.
3. Candidates for Secretary of State, LD23 Senator Michele Reagan and LD25 Representative Justin Pierce were present for the Secretary of State Forum. Rich explained that Wil Cardon was unavailable to attend due to a prior commitment. The candidates led off with a 2 minute introduction, questions from the assembly for both candidates, and 3 minutes for closing statements.

Nancy Ordowski, Acting Chair:

For those wishing to make a motion or a second, please stand to be recognized, say your name before you make your motion or second.

Approval of the Minutes:

Acting Chair Ordowski called for approval of minutes from the March 2014 District meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ray Wallage, seconded by John Strasser. There being no discussion, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy introduced the new Treasurer, Gayla Coletto. Gayla explained the report she was presenting was the final report from former Treasurer Linda Rizzo that was previously posted in the newsletter.

Gayla reported that donations were due and the suggested amount is \$30 for individuals, \$50 for couples of household and \$100 at the Chairman's level. Following the reading of the report, Gayla read the written explanation of the expenses and then read a statement by Linda Rizzo to wide applause.

There being no need for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, the report was accepted by General Consent.

Chairman's Business:

Nancy Ordowski reminded the assembly that CD6 Congressman Schweikert needs petition signatures and they can be mailed directly to David as collected.

Jim O'Connor outlined a program by MCRC Chairman LaFaro for those in the four safe CD's to help CD9 candidates get on the ballot to defeat Kyrsten Sinema, Democrat. Volunteer PCs have time and talent and are asked to channel those resources in to CD9 to carpet bomb Sinema. Republican candidates are Andrew Walter and Wendy Rogers. Jim has sign up sheets for volunteers for every Saturday until the filing deadline. With this help, CD9 is a winnable seat. As a side note, all Republican Congressmen throughout Arizona are on board with this plan as all of them are in safe Districts.

Shirley Cordasco, Special Events, Annual Breakfast

This meeting will be the last time to see Shirley before the annual breakfast on May 3rd which is in three weeks. With the help of Arthur Cooper, Shirley stated that she needs money for reservations. Speakers will be there including Rep. Kavanagh, Congressman Schweikert, Rep Ugenti and National speaker, Barry Asmas, voted as one of the top five speakers in the US. Please send in your checks!

Nancy Ordowski, 1st Vice Chair Report:

An i360 Training Schedule:

It is time for PCs to get their affidavit filled out and notarized, get their petitions with 10 signatures on the front and filled out on the back by the PC. ALL the information at the top of the affidavit needs to be filled out and notarized. The completed petition must be on one page, front and back, turned in to the county along with the affidavit between 4/28/2014 and 5/28/2014. Nancy will be collecting the petitions at the next meeting. All current PCs have to re-apply to be PCs for a new two year term. Their names will be on the ballot if there are more applications than there are seats available in each precinct.

Nancy stated she needs to know the names of PC captains for the 57 precincts. She also has been given no information on Area Directors, either, and needs those Area Directors to contact her as soon as possible.

The i360 training will start in the next few weeks and Nancy will be working with Area Directors and PC Captain's first. Each PC needs tablet's or smart phones to use the program digitally but for those who do not have those devices, they will get printed walk sheets.

The AZGOP wants to have picture name badges for those walking neighborhoods. Please come to the May 8th meeting ready to have your photo taken at no cost to the PCs. The meeting will be at St. Barnard's church.

50/50 Raffle

Larry Rand was the winner.

Announcements:

1. The Fountain Hills Republican Club will be having a Governor's forum on Saturday, April 12.
2. Fountain Hills Tea Party will be on the April 15th with LD23 House candidates speaking.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Strasser and seconded by Ron Smith and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Breyer, Secretary
Legislative District 23 Republican Committee



EVENTS - Shirley Cordasco

Shirley reports that the Annual Breakfast is sold out. Thanks to all who are participating.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Alison Mary, Director of Events for David Schweikert's Arizona office requests that everyone with signature petitions for David please bring them to the Annual Breakfast for those who will be attending. Otherwise, they should be brought to the meeting on May 8th. They can also be dropped off or mailed to David Schweikert's office at Shea Blvd and Hayden Rd. Time is of the essence in getting signature petitions turned in to all candidates.



**If you know of any PCs who are not getting our Newsletter and want to be put on the distribution list, they can email to breyer.7244@gmail.com and put LD23 Newsletter in the subject line. Or they can add their email address to the sign in sheets at the next meeting.

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS:

**Paradise Republican Women's Club luncheon is Saturday, May 10 at Gainey Ranch Golf Club, 7600 E Gainey Club Drive, Scottsdale AZ 85258.

Come join these dynamic Republican women for lunch and to hear speakers Hon. Vernon Parker, candidate AZ Corporation Commission and the LD 28 House and Senate Republican Candidates.

Social and Check in 10:30am

Program 11:00am with lunch served at 12:00 noon.

Call Lori Urban [480-221-9633](tel:480-221-9633) or www.prwc.org for more information! Visit the website to make reservations online.



****The Fountain Hills Republican Club** will next meet on Saturday, May 17 at the Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N La Montana Drive at 9:00 a.m. with social period starting at 8:30., featuring the candidates for the two LD 23 House seats.

Effie Carlson, Chuck Schmidt, Jay Lawrence, Bob Littlefield, John Strasser and Rep. Michelle Ugenti are scheduled to be present. This round robin event will be a great opportunity to personally meet each candidate and to ask questions.

Further details about this and other FHRC events including the monthly GOP Social event are on the club's website at Fountain Hills Republican Club

****Palo Verde** is hosting a Governors forum on May 21 at McDowell Mountain Golf Club, 10690 E Sheena Dr. - 85260. 11:00 am Social - 11:30 lunch, \$25.00. Reservations required. pvrwlunch@gmail.com

Tyler DeGrazia, a young Republican from ASU will moderate. this will be an interesting forum as we will see where the candidates stand on the some of the things that are important to young people...you won't want to miss this event!

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