



AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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Jim O'Connor, Chairman
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The Lincoln Link

October 2015

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**NEXT MEETING OF LD23**  
**10440 E via Linda Senior Center, 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 Precinct Committeemen,

As you have likely read Councilman Guy Phillips report in our September Newsletter and our support for the work of TaxPayersSpeakingOut.com against the proposed City bond issue, we ask you to get engaged in learning why this proposed bond issue is not in the best interest of our City's property owners and taxpayers.

Representatives of www.TaxpayersSpeakingOut.com (PAC#COS-2015-05) will be at our October 8th General Meeting with yard signs and flyers for your use on this campaign. You are also welcome to assist financially by making a donation at the website linked above.

Be sure to vote on or before November 3rd in Scottsdale's Special Election. For voters on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL), your ballots will be arriving October 3rd or soon thereafter.

Also during the month of October, LD 23 will be participating in a Special Voter Registration Project in cooperation with the AZGOP. Beginning in the third week of October interested PC will have the opportunity to volunteer to visit the homes of former registered republican voters who have left the party since 2012, independent registered voters who have consistently pulled Republican Primary Ballots for the past several election cycles, and voters who recently moved into the state who have not yet reregistered in the Republican party. Please contact Nancy Ordowski or your Area Director with your interest in making house calls on this short term project.

Other events of interest scheduled this month include:

11:00AM Saturday, October 10th; Mark Spencer (S. W. Regional Manager Judicial Watch & Chaplin of our Maricopa County Republican Committee) is speaking before the Paradise Republican Woman's Club at Gainey Ranch Gold Club.

5:00PM o 8:00PM Saturday, October 10th; Ardith Hildebrandt (President of N. E. Regional Chapter of AZRA) is hosting a neighborhood block party at 8604 E. San Ardo, just north of Royal Palm & east of Hayden Road.

10:30AM to Noon Saturday, October 17th a "Parents Right's Rally" will be held on the Senate Lawn at the State Capital. Everyone with an interest in our children is encouraged to attend.

6:00PM Wednesday, October 28th is the next Republican Presidential Debate.

Lastly, you recently received an e-blast from LD 23 asking you to "Save the Date" of November 7th for a Kick-Off Rally for Sheriff Joe's Campaign hosted by Liz & David Alcorn and Tom & Kris Morrissey. Please watch your email for a new date as that event has been rescheduled to accommodate the appearances of several of our Sheriff's more notable friends. Plan to attend this fun and entertaining event.

The final and most troublesome issue coming our way this fall is a little known and soon to be proposed City Ordinance to provide "special protections" to members of the LGBT community. At our City's 8/31/15 Council meeting, the City Manager and City Attorney were directed by a Council Vote of 5 to 2 to research other cities ordinances of similar kind and to draft an ordinance for our City to accomplish a special protection benefit or status to members of the LGBT Community, while assuring the other 240,000 citizens of Scottsdale remain protected under our United States Constitution. It is estimated that about 1.8% of Scottsdale residents fall in the LGBT category. This came from a statistical report found that is included on the article on this topic that was posted & blasted from AFA last week. Here is the link [Arizona Freedom Alliance](#) just in case you didn't see that (be sure to read the comments). What Councilman Korte is doing is trying to allow 4300 of Scottsdale's 240,000 citizens to change the City of Scottsdale construct, creating division that currently does not exist.

Our Mayor Jim Lane contends that "this idea is a solution in search of a problem". I happen to agree with Mayor Lane and Councilman Guy Phillips, the other dissenting vote cast at that August 31st meeting.

It is time that you make your voices heard at every City Council meeting between now and December, at which time the Council will be voting on this Ordinance.

HAPPENING IN SCOTTSDALE - Guy Phillips

Here we go again! To paraphrase an old saying, if at first you don't succeed, try a

different angle. This is what your Scottsdale City Council is doing to you, the taxpaying public. After TWO failed Property Tax Bond attempts, they rallied the troops and decided to try again. Pretending to be fiscally responsible, they reduced the size and cost of this new bond tax and managed to get 6 votes to move it forward. I alone dissented and I will tell you why.

Don't be fooled! If the last bond election was lipstick on a pig, this new one is merely lipstick on a piglet. Just because they reduced the size and scope doesn't change the real reason they want you to tax yourself.

It's not about doing worthy projects that are sorely needed. We can do that anytime with taxes already collected from you. Currently there is over \$20 million in the Unreserved Fund Balance, an account holding overpaid taxes the city didn't use. Add to this Contingency Funds, which is money set aside for emergencies in each department. Then there are budgets for each department to carry out their respective responsibilities to the citizens, as well as Federal, state, county and intergovernmental grants and matching funds. If we are short on cash to do these bond items why didn't the departments come forth during the budget talks?

Because it's not about the projects! Look at a few of the so-called "crucial" items they want you to tax yourself for: Sidewalk repair for the millionaire residents at Optima by Fashion Square? Shouldn't the developer have paid for that? Why you? How do YOU benefit? How about bike lanes on McDowell? Who asked for that and why is that so crucial? Or maybe Firestation 613, which we have been dangling in front of the public's nose for years when in reality we were already planning on building it! (see my video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5ivl0DrbnY>).

Did you know that the state allows municipalities like Scottsdale to raise your secondary tax rate by 2% each year through council vote? If these items were so crucial to Scottsdale's survival why didn't council just go ahead and vote to raise your tax? The reason is two-fold. One, because they aren't necessary or crucial, and two, because politicians don't have the backbone to raise your taxes as it doesn't bode well for them at election time. It's better they trick you into voting your own tax increase and then can say they didn't raise taxes.... you volunteered!

No, it's not about the projects. Okay Councilman Phillips, then what is it really about? I will tell you! It is about getting you to tax yourself for 20 years at 3-4 % interest in order to free up General Fund money to support a special interest project known as the Desert Discovery Center. This \$80 million dollar White Elephant has been bogged down by excessive costs and residents who don't want to see this commercial venture in our Preserve. Certain members of council who are pushing this forward know that if the Desert Discovery Center went to public vote, in the form of a bond no less, that it would be voted down. So in order to get the \$2-3 million needed every year to service the debt incurred from this massive loan, they concocted a shell game where

you, the low information voter, would agree to tax yourself in return for a few contrived and unnecessary amenities you didn't know you needed in the first place.

I am a small business blue collar worker, not a Banker or CEO like others on the council, who don't mind overburdening the middle class with yet another tax increase to help their special interest friends and projects. When you elected me as your representative on the city council I said I would be your watchdog on wasteful and irresponsible spending by the city. I would say this fits the bill!!

I urge you to Vote NO! For the third and final time and let these bureaucrats know you will not be duped into an unwanted and unneeded property tax increase.

Thank you,
Guy Phillips
Scottsdale City Council

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – Nancy Ordowski

Our September District was filled with a lot of information. So let me recap:

- 1) On September 21 we held a basic training class for new PC's and all others interested in attending. I thank the 20 of you who took time from your busy schedules to attend. Watch for future class schedules.
- 2) LD-22 has created a resolution entitled "Campaign for Student Privacy". Their goal is to protect our school children's personal information from being collected and then shared with other entities. For more information please e-mail me and I will forward their resolution to you.
- 3) Many have been working to reach voters in Scottsdale about the upcoming vote for a \$95M bond over the next 22 years. Please contact me if you want additional information, flyers or yard signs to support a NO vote. I will be happy to put you in contact with a person in your area. This is a very short term project as ballots will be out October 6 for a November 3 election.

If you had your picture taken at the September District meeting we hope to have the badges available for you to pick up at the October 8 meeting.

You can always reach me at ncordowski@gmail.com or 480-203-5278.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich Rutkowski

At our October 8 general meeting, to be held at the Via Linda Senior Center in Scottsdale, we will continue to explore important issues relating to our Constitutional rights and the future of our country. Our featured guest is Alan Korwin, author, advocate of gun rights, publisher (Bloomfield Press), and purveyor of www.gunlaws.com. Alan will bring us up to date on the current status of gun laws and challenges to our 2nd Amendment rights. Alan is extremely knowledgeable on this subject, so we're all likely to learn something new.

In November, we will hold a forum for the Republican candidates for United States Senate. That meeting will be held in Fountain Hills. The forum will include questions about the major issues of the day. Please visit the web site, www.ld23gop.org, on a regular basis to keep apprised of the specifics for our meetings, news about other events, and additional information.

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS - Joe Meli

Do any of us ever recall a time when our government was more disliked by citizens than right now? Aside from the American Revolution, Civil and Vietnam wars, it's fair to say we as voters are in no mood for business as usual. Here in Arizona, the anti-establishment movement has been pushed about quite a bit. One could compare it to kicking a hornet's nest; not something that should be undertaken lightly!

But here's the thing, we must not excuse ourselves from our role in creating the establishment. These folks didn't just materialize out of thin air. Some came bearing noble ideals and lofty promises. Some came disguised as Republicans, knowing full well that no matter what one's true ideological leanings, to win in our state, one must register immediately as a Republican. That is not to say that all voters that switch to our party have deception in mind, but there are certainly those who do.

In any case, we as platform-adhering Republicans must both closely examine our candidates and evaluate in our own minds the candidates' true motives and stands on issues not only as pertains to our party platform, but within their writings; speeches; votes, as applies and ultimately their character. If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that all politicians and elected officials give us "tells"; those subtle or not so subtle indications of how they really think and how they will eventually act in office. Were the signs there in what we now call the "establishment"? In hindsight, of course they were; but up until now, straying from our nation's and party's ideals was never scrutinized this closely.

So here's what we need to do: decide that "good enough" is no longer good enough. If a candidate can't convince you that he/she is not going to be true to our party at this very moment, don't vote thinking that one day that might change. It most likely will not. Those who get elected count on us to be persuadable; it's really just a matter of how much false persuasion some will use versus those who only offer honest, clear-voiced persuasion. We should by now be able to tell the difference.

If we can't tell the difference, it usually means we haven't studied our nation's history, Constitution or our party platform. These resources are fixed points of reference. Any deviation from them is pretty obvious. Candidates who know their subject matter aren't just pounding on popular issues, they are expressing the context, pro or con, for standing on said issues.

In this current election cycle, our opportunity to be responsible voters and not let candidates slide on anything is one we ought not waste.

Remember, the left is feverishly trying to create instant citizens that will blindly vote based solely on the fact that they were allowed to freely enter our country illegally. That's a lot of people. To win our country back, we will need ALL registered Republicans and Republican-leaning independents to vote for our candidates. Our total votes must outnumber the left's. Simple, right? We have to be sure our

candidates are the best we can choose. It can happen if we make it our goal. We just have to get out there and do it. Again, are you ready?

Regards,

Joe Meli
Chairman Emeritus

TREASURER - Valerie Giramberk

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

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE	\$4,141.27
REVENUE	
Contributions (dues)	.00
Name Badges	.00
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>0.00</u>
EXPENSES	
Bank Charges	12.00
Meeting Room/Equipment	130.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>142.00</u>
NET INCOME (Deficit)	<u>\$ (142.00)</u>
ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$3,999.27
PETTY CASH	<u>60.04</u>
TOTAL BALANCE	<u>\$4,059.31</u>

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

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE	\$3,999.27
REVENUE	
Contributions (dues)	160.00
Badges	48.00
Restitution	25.00
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>233.00</u>
EXPENSES	
Bank Charges	\$ 12.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>12.00</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 221.00</u>
ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$4,220.27

PETTY CASH\$ 60.04
TOTAL BALANCE\$4,280.31

Thank you to the 117 PCs who have made their donations for 2015. If you have not made your 2015 donation yet, please do so. It will soon be 2016 and we will start collecting for the New Year in January.

Please send your 2015 donation today or bring your checkbook to the October 8th 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.

DISTRICT 23 MINUTES - Judy Lawrence, Secretary

The minutes will be distributed in a separate message.

EVENTS:

The Paradise Republican Women invite you to learn more about the 13 Hours in Benghazi: The Inside Account of What Really Happened at 7 pm., Mon., Nov 16 at the Gainey Golf Club, 7600 E Gainey Club Drive, Scottsdale AZ 85258 with Marine Security Operatives and co-authors **Mark "Oz" Geist** and **John "Tig" Tiegen**. Share their first-hand knowledge of the harrowing true account from the brave men on the ground who fought back during the Battle of Benghazi on Sept. 11th 2012. Movie release Jan. 2016. Sponsor packages available. Cash bar. 6 pm VIP and sponsors reception. Tickets \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Limited Tickets. VIP Seating / Reception / Photo / Autographed Book \$150. Contact: **Anna Morrison** 623-234-3717.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SAVE THE DATE: Jonathon and Angie Patton will have a barbeque for our district on November 14, 2015. Details to come but please put this on your calendar.

CONGRATULATIONS to Paradise Republican Women's Club. The Caring for America 2014-2015 1st Place Award at the AZFRW Convention, held at the Desert Ridge Marriot on September 10th for their UMOM program that provides help to homeless families and individuals. This award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions and support within the community.

You are personally invited to attend a forum with Republican presidential candidate and former U.S.

Senator Rick Santorum next Friday, Oct. 2nd from 9:30 to 11:15 am at the Sheraton Downtown Hotel at 340 North 3rd Street, Phoenix 85004 (Ahwatukee-A Room on the 2nd Floor). Parking is available in the hotel garage. Please RSVP to or call Frank Riggs with any questions at 480-437-1032 or 602-920-8248.

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, October 5th, 2015

5:30 PM Meet and Greet prior to 6:00 pm dinner meeting \$35 pp

Christine Jones

Former Go Daddy exec and AZ gubernatorial candidate
"Empowering Women in Politics"

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

DEADLINE THURSDAY, September 1, 2015

Please send check made out to "LRWC" or bring cash
A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION PAID!
Judy Eisenhower, 7915 E Sage, Scottsdale, 85259
480-941-8162 or email her at egiaz@cox.net

Fountain Hills Republican Club

FHRC's Republican Fall Forum and buffet dinner
Oct 17, 4-6 pm in Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church
13001 N Fountain Hills Blvd, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

Cost \$15 for members advance pay/\$18 for non members and at the door. Youth 12 and under free.
Reservations can be made by mailing your check to the club's Treasurer at FHRC, P.O. Box 17814, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269.

Beverages: Wine and beer available. in addition to water and soft drinks

Speakers: **ALL Republican Elected Officials and Republican Candidates will be given an opportunity to speak. Campaign literature available.**

Elected officials and candidates planning on attending are requested to notify the club's 1st Vice Chair at rbud88@msn.com in addition to the Treasurer (replady2015@outlook.com).

Further information about the club can be obtained by contacting the Fountain Hills Republican Club at fhrepublican@gmail.com or visiting the website at <http://www.FHRepublicanClub.org>

Paradise Republican Women's Club



Mark Spencer

Southwest Coordinator,
Judicial Watch and
Author "A Moment in Time"

The watchdog group making a difference for YOU!

Judicial Watch fights corruption and has been in front of scandals: Hillary's Emails, IRS Attacks, Fast & Furious Gun Scandal, and Benghazi Attack.

Mark will have a Presentation

**"All Lives Matter; All Police Lives Matter"
& More.**

Come and Hear These Timely Topics
Saturday, October 10, 2015
Gainey Golf Club
7600 E. Gainey Golf Club Drive, Scottsdale AZ 85258
10:30am Social 11:00am Program

Palo Verde Republican Women

Palo Verde will meet on Oct. 21st. at 11:00 at Grayhawk CC.

Lunch is \$27.00 or if paid by check or cash, a \$1.00 discount will be offered.

Speaker: Seth Leibsohn, Host on 960 the Patriot radio

For reservations, contact Edith Stock: pvrwlunch@gmail.com or 480-294-7093 No Later Than October 18, 2015.

"A reservation made is a reservation paid"

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie. Coffee/Tea/Rolls/Butter/Apple Tart

