



AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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The Lincoln Link

April 2015

NEXT MEETING OF LD23

Thursday, April 9, 2015

6:30 Sign-in, 7:00 Meeting

NOTE: E Via Linda Senior Center

10440 N via Linda, Scottsdale 85258

Prayer meeting at 6:00 for those interested

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Jim O'Connor

March was a busy and productive month for most of the PC's in LD 23. We had over 100 participants in the many precinct committeemen trainings conducted by our 1st Vice Chairman, Nancy Ordowski, throughout the district. We had lots of our new PC's in attendance at each of the areas where classes were held. Thank you, Nancy, and everyone who invested their time in coming to learn more about how to get connected to action within the district.

Additionally, we had 30 of our PC's experience the Center for Self Governance (CSG) trainings Levels 1, 2 & 3 during the last week of March. We thank the North Scottsdale Christian Church and several individual PC's who opened their homes for use as class rooms for these trainings. The focus of CSG trainings is to change the paradigm through which we understand and interact with our various levels of government. If we the people are to keep our republic, then we must learn how to get that accomplished. CSG trainings are the place to do just that.

Before our weather becomes too hot, our LD is sponsoring four social events throughout the district. These are designed for fun, connecting, meeting new PC's in your areas, building new relationships and strengthening old ones. You should each have received an eblast announcement from LD 23 communications with the dates, times and locations for the specific event in your area. If you had not received such email notice, it is likely that we do not have your email address. Please call me or email Lynne Breyer at ld23gop@gmail.com with a good email address for us to reach you. We do not want you to miss attending one of these fun & free events. They will all be very casual, friendly, meet, eat & greets with many of our elected in attendance. None will have speakers as these are intended to be one on ones with all in attendance.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next general meeting Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the Via Linda Senior Center. Come at 6:00PM if you would like to join other PC's in prayer for our nation or at 6:30PM to sign in for the general session.

Happening in Scottsdale - Councilman Guy Phillips

The Scottsdale City Council continued its Work Study program in March by having a discussion Tuesday, March 31st on whether or not Scottsdale should impose an ordinance upon its residents and business owners to accept business from the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) community or pay the penalty.

I received plenty of emails on both sides. Those who approve of an ordinance, besides the LGBT community itself, were comprised mostly of the hospitality industry who were afraid of repercussions ala HB1070. Surprising (to me, anyway) was the number of self-appointed "community faith leaders," who wanted an ordinance because we are all Gods' children.

The majority of those against a LGBT ordinance were residents and concerned citizens who didn't want onerous laws forcing them to accept someone's alternative lifestyles.

At the meeting the council heard from both sides. There is only 15 minutes allowed for public comment during a Work Study, as opposed to a regular council meeting where the public could speak for hours. This equates to 5 people at 3 minutes each. The room was filled with LGBT community folks with a smattering of opposition.

After the staff presentation, Council member Korte spoke on behalf of the LGBT ordinance but, seemingly realizing there wasn't support from the council, opted to make a motion to have community outreach to see if the public was in favor.

Vice-Mayor Milhaven seconded the motion.

Then Mayor Jim Lane spoke about how the city was already inclusive and would rather have staff work on getting our "Unity Pledge," (which was approved unanimously in August) out to the public at-large so they could see the city is all inclusive. Council member Klapp agreed with the Mayor, as did Council members Smith and Littlefield.

I spoke briefly about how we shouldn't be making motions during a Work Study as it's the same as a vote and bypasses the council meetings. My suggestion to staff was to take no action at all. It is my contention that Scottsdale is already all inclusive and doesn't need a law to enforce it.

If a municipality or other government entity makes laws forcing citizens to accept someones lifestyle or sexual orientation, that will only breed contempt for that individual. I would want people to accept me because they want to, not because they are forced to out of fear of reprisal.

Council member Klapp made the best comment in my opinion, that an LGBT ordinance will only serve to divide the community and its better to find ways to unite us.

So, Dear Readers, at least for now there will be no LGBT Ordinance in Scottsdale.

Guy Phillips

Scottsdale City Council

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – Nancy Ordowski

During the past month, 100 plus PC's have attended our basic training class. I recognize dates offered are not always good for everyone. This session will be repeated and an e-blast will notify all of you the date, time and location. Future classes on specific topics will be scheduled and announced during the month of April.

During the month of April, with the support and organization of our Area Directors, 4 social barbecues will be held at several locations within our District. We encourage you to attend, and want you to bring your family and other Republicans that you know who with encouragement will be willing to work to help us win the 2016 campaigns. Watch for e-blast reminders and make your reservation for the April 11, 12 or 18 event in your area.

To all of the PC's you have attended our training session, I thank you for your interest to learn more about your job as a Precinct Committeeman.

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

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich Rutkowski

The Mustang Library auditorium is unavailable again this month, so our Thursday, April 9 general meeting will return to the Scottsdale Via Linda Senior Center at 10440 E Via Linda. Please visit <http://www.ld23gop.org> for a map link. As usual, sign-in begins at 6:30 PM and the call to order will be at 7:00 PM.

We will welcome two guest speakers on April 9. Education and Common Core in AZ have been hot topics lately. Who better to speak to us on this topic than Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas. Our second speaker is Tyler Bowyer, the recently elected Chairman of the Maricopa County Republican Committee. Tyler will discuss his plans for the county party, including a branding campaign for Republicans in Maricopa County.

Don't forget our Annual Legislative Breakfast, planned for Saturday morning, May 9, at Scottsdale Plaza Resort, and featuring several of our elected officials, including Secretary of State Michele Reagan, State Senator John Kavanagh, State Rep. Michelle Ugenti, and State Rep. Jay Lawrence. Our general meeting in May will be on Thursday, May 14, so mark your calendars and look for details as

that date approaches. You can stay apprised of dates and other updated information via the web site, www.ld23gop.org

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS - Joe Meli

A very short while the 2016 Presidential campaign will be upon us. We ask so many things of our presidents. Naturally, we want competence, experience and judgment. Ultimately, though, the greatest quality we ask for and in the current moment of history we need urgently, is leadership.

The capacity to lead is a mysterious amalgam of those substance qualities we look for, but each of those must be held together with the president's ability to speak to us, inspire us, relate to and exude confidence in the convictions our Framers envisioned for our nation.

To lead, one must have the persistence of a future-looking vision based on the personally-held certainty that whatever path we choose as a nation, we choose it as an expression of our exceptionalism.

Our common purpose is to be the beacon of liberty in a world governed mostly by force and oppression. To stand tall in the face of our enemies knowing full well there is no parallel nation capable of defending freedom the way the United States of America can.

Our current leadership is the most self-absorbed, craven and unprincipled as we have seen in decades.

Look now for a candidate for president who shows his or her mettle. Look to be inspired to stand up and support their candidacy. Listen to their speeches, their content and delivery and then ask yourself: 'Can this person restore our nation to its rightful place?' Will the next Republican presidential candidate lead or simply speak comforting platitudes?

As precinct committeeman, our family, friends and business associates will be asking our opinions and advice. From this point on, we must do our homework on each candidate. None will be perfect or fit our individual mold as much as we'd like. However, if we want to see a Republican president again in our lifetime, we'd better decide very quickly if we are Republicans who will work to elect our candidate, or if we will sit another election out because we didn't get the candidate we so passionately wanted to win.

As mature political grassroots activists, our choice is clear: support the eventual Republican candidate no matter who it is. The stakes are too high, made higher by irresponsible leadership for the past 6 years.

So please let us pay close attention to our candidates, pay close attention to who and what they are, and be realistic about supporting the primary winner. If the candidate makes it that far, then we must be prepared to take that individual the rest of the way.

We no longer have the luxury of sitting this one out.

Regards,

Joe Meli
Chairman Emeritus

TREASURER - Valerie Giramberk

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

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE	\$6,858.11
REVENUE	
Contributions	\$ 760.00
Name Badges	\$ 30.00
Legislators' Breakfast	\$ 40.00
Special Event	\$ 30.00
Other Donations	\$ 30.00
Restitution	\$ 20.00
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 910.00</u>

EXPENSES	
Badges	\$ 43.56
Training Manuals	\$ 68.61
Bank Charges	\$ 4.00
Meeting Room/Equipment	\$ 172.43
Legislators' Breakfast	\$1,600.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$1,888.60</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$(978.60)</u>
ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$5,879.51
PETTY CASH	<u>\$ 60.04</u>
TOTAL BALANCE	<u>\$5,939.55</u>

Eighty-three PCs have now paid their dues - thank you! Hopefully we can double that number shortly. Dues help pay for the upcoming events being held by our Area Directors as well as for training; so thank you again for supporting the District

DISTRICT 23 MINUTES - Judy Lawrence, Secretary

Arizona Legislative District 23
District Meeting
Via Linda Senior Center
March 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 was called to order at 7:00 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 Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were given by Dr. CT Wright

Chairman Jim O'Connor introduced new Precinct Committeemen and announced that Precinct Committeeman, Alex Melusky, had filed the necessary paperwork to run for the United States Senate.

Chairman Jim O'Connor introduced Liz Alcorn who announced that the Annual LD23 Breakfast will be held on Saturday May 9th at The Plaza Scottsdale Hilton, 7200 N. Scottsdale Road. Registration will start at 8:30 and buffet breakfast will be served at 9 o'clock. Cost is \$40 per person. Email invitation forthcoming. Also, The Maricopa Lincoln Day Dinner will be Saturday, March 28, Keynote speaker that evening will be Ted Nugent. Congressmen and Joe Arpaio will be there as well. Event will be held at the Scottsdale Hilton Resort. Tickets will be sold at 3 levels: PC Level \$60 per person, Sponsor Level \$125 Per person, Chairman's Table \$250.00 per person.

Second Vice Chairman Business - Rick Rutkowski

- 1) The next meeting will be April 09, 2015. Diane Douglas will be the guest speaker.
- 2) Barbara Blewster, who, along with her husband, has been an active member of The John Birch Society, was introduced as the speaker for the evening, She spoke against The Convention of States,. There was a brief question and answer period.

Chairman's Business - Jim O'Connor spoke on the upcoming PC training to be held on March 30, 2015 for the Area Directors and Precinct Captains. He spoke on the importance of participating in The Center For Self Governance Program. There will be 4 PC social events coming up. Dates will be published in the upcoming newsletter. Then Laddie Shane was introduced. He is now the Constituents Affairs Coordinator for the governor's office. He invited us to contact him with any concerns we may have. He announced that the budget had been passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Ducey.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented in the March 2015 newsletter. A motion was made by Ron Schott and seconded by Richard Breyer to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report is attached.

First Vice Chair - Nancy Ordowski

- 1) She has been doing training sessions for PC's all over the district.
- 2) She spoke on the upcoming PC training to be held on March 30, 2015 for the Area Directors and Precinct Captains.
- 3) We were reminded that these meetings and training session cost money and the need for contributions in the form of dues are needed. Dues are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple.
- 4) Nancy said that we should visit the website at least once a week to keep up with what is going on in the district.
- 5) Badges with pictures will be ready soon and Nancy will pick them up and have them for us in an upcoming meeting.

- 6) Volunteers to man the sign-in tables at the general were requested. Mark Singer and Kim Bongiorno volunteered.
- 7) ALIS is available to everyone. Nancy explained how it works and that she will sign in for anyone who is interested in participating.

Old Business – Voter Registration was discussed. It was decided that it would be left with the 4 Republican clubs, but that we would support them in their efforts.

New Business – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Lawrence
LD23 Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to Precinct Committeeman, Ron Smith, for being nominated as the LD23 Volunteer of the Year at the MCRC Awards Dinner.

There will be four social events for precinct committee, their families and their Republican friends held throughout the month of April. If you are unable to attend the one in your area, please feel free to attend one of the others. The goal is to provide small groups where PCs can get better acquainted.

The socials are as follows:

Saturday, April 11, 3:00-6:00 Old fashioned backyard cookout at the home of Chairman Jim O'Connor, 8801 E Del Joya, Scottsdale. Hosted by Jim O'Connor and Lynne Breyer. Contact Lynne Breyer at ld23gop@gmail.com if you wish to attend.

Sunday, April 12, 2:00-6:00 Picnic in the Park in Fountain Hills. Golden Eagle park at the ramada nearest the school buildings. Just north of the intersection of Palisades and Golden Eagle. Hosted by Evelyn Munn. Contact Evelyn at munnkey1@aol.com

Saturday, April 18, 9:00-11:00, Pancake Breakfast with all the goodies, McDowell Mountain Ranch Community Center, 10607 E Paradise Lane, Scottsdale 85255. Hosted by Marney Thompson and Lori Urban. Contact Lori Urban at 480-221-9633

Saturday, April 18, 9:00-11:00, 5:00 - everyone leaves! Picnic under the stars at the home of Ron Schott, 11850 E Mariposa Grande Ave, Scottsdale 85255. Hosted by Linda Longazel and Ron Schott. Contact Ron Schott at 480-502-6727.

LD23's Annual Legislative Breakfast will be held at Scottsdale Plaza Resort on Saturday, May 9. More information will follow but please put this date on your calendar.

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS:

Lincoln Republican Women's Club

A Penny for your Republican Thoughts

Monday, April 6th, 5:30 Meet and Greet, Business, Dinner & Program to follow

Scottsdale Millennium Resort

7401 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale 85253

Helen Purcell

Maricopa County Recorder

"Maricopa County Voting Issues"

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

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED Judy Eisenhower egiaz@cox.net

Palo Verde Republican Women

Palo Verde RW will host Seth Liebsohn, author and radio personality on April 15 at the Grayhawk Golf club. Debbie Moak will be our co-presenter. Topic: The dangers of legalizing marijuana.

Menu:

April: Filet Mignon Chop Salad - Seared Beef Tips, mixed greens, blue cheese, chopped egg, tomatoes, avocado, bacon, crispy onions blue cheese vinaigrette. Coffee/ Tea, Rolls/ Butter/Fresh Berries.

Social begins at 11:00, lunch at 11:30. Reservations required: pvrwlunch@gmail.com or call Edith Stock:480-298-7818.

Paradise Republican Women's Club

Bingo with a Political Spin

Celebrity Callers, Ca\$\$h prizes, Door Prizes

FUN filled meeting. Bingo cards \$10 for all five games - Bring a non-member guest and get a free card for yourself and your guest

Saturday, April 11, 2015, 10:30 Social, 11:00 Program

Gainey Ranch Golf Club

7600 E Gainey Golf Club Drive, Scottsdale 85258

Contact Lori Urban at gopgal14@gmail.com

Fountain Hills Republican Club

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's Saturday, April 18th meeting will feature our own CD 6 Congressman, David Schweikert, as the keynote speaker. Program starts at 9 a.m. in the Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. Program is free with a social period/meet and greet commencing at 8:30.

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>.

The Club's monthly "GOP Social" will be April 28th on the patio at Fireside Grill at the Lexington Hotel, 12800 N Saguaro, Blvd., F.H. This is a social event, NO speeches, no reservations. No host bar. Food (snack or dinner) available.

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