



AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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Jim O'Connor, Chairman 602-

The Lincoln Link

May 2015

NEXT MEETING OF LD23

**May 14, 2015, Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center
16000 E Palisades Blvd, Fountain Hills
6:00 Credentials Open, 7:00 SHARP Credentials Close
7:00 Meeting
Prayer meeting at 6:00 for those interested**

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Jim O'Connor

First, I'd like to thank all of our Area Directors and Precinct Captain's for hosting the four "Getting to Know You" events held in early and mid April. We were pleased to welcome over 300 Republicans who chose to join us for a time of fun and fellowship. It is our hope that these events will convert to a series of continuous "pot lucks" held throughout the district. Two Precinct Captains may choose to combine their precinct's membership and reach beyond just fellow PC's with invitations to neighbors.

The Hagan's will be holding their annual "friend raiser" at their home in south Scottsdale on August 18th with details coming soon to our www.ld23gop.org home page. And the Paton's of McCormick Ranch are planning to host a BBQ at their home sometime this fall.

Please make your reservations for our Legislative Breakfast Saturday morning, May 9th at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort. Registration opens at 8:30AM. It's your chance to hear from our local LD 23 elected

Representatives: Michele Reagan, Secretary of State; Senator, John Kavanagh; and State House Members Michelle Ugenti & Jay Lawrence.

By this time each PC eligible to vote should have received their notice of call letter containing an explanation of changes to By-Laws, a Proxy form, and the finalized By-Laws from Judy Lawrence, our district Secretary, either by email or the posting in our Newsletter e-blasted to all PC's for whom the district had the PC's email address, or USPS mail for those PC's who have not provided an email address. Your Board requests that all PC's please provide their most current email address to save your district the cost and time associated with regular mail service. The approximate cost of mailing these packets is \$2.00 each. With a membership approaching 400 at this time, you can see the expense of mailing to everyone is significant. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Our By-Law adoption vote will be held at our regular general meeting on Thursday, May 14th with credentialing beginning at 6:00PM and closing at 7:00PM. For those interested, we will be holding a short prayer meeting from 6:00PM to 6:30PM in the board room just off the lobby of the Ft. Hills USD Learning Center. All are welcome to participate with us in prayer for our country, our state and our district.

We are thankful to all those who contributed comments during the 10 day Bylaws comment period. Many of the contributions were valuable and inserted into the final version from the original draft which was distributed on April 12th via e-blast and posting on the LD 23 website. After the changes were accepted by your board, the final version was reviewed by three of our district PC's who are lawyers. They independently found no issue of substance with the final version before you.

Please note that your Board voted unanimously on each and every change made and we submit the final version to you for consideration in an up or down vote on May 14th. For adoption a vote of 2/3rds of the members voting in person and by proxy together is required to pass. We respectfully ask for your vote in favor of adoption of the By-Laws proposed.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – Nancy Ordowski

During the past month we have been working to contact area directors and precinct captains, identifying precincts with vacancies and preparing for a vigorous get out the vote effort. The i360 program is being implemented by AZ GOP. During the next few months we will be able to have more information available to your area directors and thereafter provide walking list to PC's. It will take the effort of every PC to accomplish Victory in 2014, SO GET READY !

There are many exciting meetings being held for everyone to learn more about our candidates running on the Republican ticket in the upcoming primary election. Plan to attend these meetings so you will be well informed.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich Rutkowski

Our Annual Legislative Breakfast will be on Saturday morning, May 9, at Scottsdale Plaza Resort, featuring Secretary of State Michele Reagan, State Senator John Kavanagh, State Rep. Michelle Ugenti,

and State Rep. Jay Lawrence. This month's general meeting, on May 14, will be held at Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center at 16000 E Palisades Blvd. (on the NE corner of Palisades Blvd. & Golden Eagle Blvd.) in Fountain Hills. Please visit <http://www.ld23gop.org> for a map link. Parking is adjacent to the building. Additional parking is available just to the east (off Palisades) in the Fountain Hills High School parking lot and just to the north of the Learning Center (off Golden Eagle Blvd.) in a lot for Golden Eagle Park). In addition to our usual agenda, we will be voting on the adoption of amended Bylaws, so registration and credentials verification will begin a bit early at 6:00 PM. The call to order will be at 7:00 PM. At our May 14 meeting, we are pleased to welcome Mark Spencer from Judicial Watch as our guest speaker. Judicial Watch, Inc., is a conservative, non-partisan educational foundation, which promotes transparency, accountability and integrity in government, politics and the law. Its motto is "Because no one is above the law".

On Tuesday evening, May 19, at 6:30 PM, former Maricopa County Republican Committee Chairman A.J. LaFaro will be giving a presentation on closing the primaries to a meeting of Fountain Hills AZ Tea Party at the FHUSD Learning Center. LD23 PCs are cordially invited to attend and learn about this timely topic of great importance to Republicans in AZ. Admission is free, but donations to offset expenses are gratefully accepted. Our pursuit of knowledge continues on June 11, when our general meeting will return to Mustang Library auditorium for a discussion on the protection of religious freedom with Neville Verster from Alliance Defending Freedom. Please stay apprised of dates and other updated information via the web site, www.ld23gop.org.

CHAIRMAN EMERITUS - Joe Meli

Dear Fellow Precinct Committeemen,

It is beginning to dawn on a lot of folks that in a rather longish 17 months from now, we will have a new president and a new opportunity to correct the path of our great nation. One of the most startlingly accurate things President Obama said after his disastrous mid-term congressional and state legislature losses was that too few citizens turned out to vote. In his mind, more turnout would have meant his party would have won. This is patently false. Had more turnout been possible for the left, they would not have needed, nor would they now need, freshly-minted voters in the form of naturalized citizens derived from illegal immigrants.

As conservative Republicans, how do we compete in 2016 against voter fraud at the ballot box and instant-citizen voters? The answer is two-fold.

- 1) We must focus all, not just most, of our efforts on activating the grass roots to vote and persuade inactive Republicans and under-informed voters to vote! We have to numerically off-set the millions of "instant-voters" the left is working very hard to put into place for 2016.
- 2). We must, and this is critical, abandon attacks on all present Republican elected and party officials.

Any energy and time not devoted to getting citizens to vote for the eventual Republican presidential nominee will be truly a gift to the left. Any anger and angst spent decrying those folks who are either not with us or are pursuing an agenda contrary to what we elected them for are inconsequential to the disaster losing the presidency again will do to us.

Think about it. The current president is doing basically what he wants without congressional oversight or hindrance. The presidency IS the only priority our grassroots can have. The current congressional districts are fortunately and likewise unfortunately locked-down for the incumbents. We hold such a strong majority in the House that it is unlikely that will change. The Senate is more tenuous, but in spite of that, the loss of the majority there pales in comparison to the loss of the presidency. The most powerful world leader must be a Republican. We all know the reasons why.

My fellow Precinct Committeemen, let us not be distracted by fights which we either won't win or won't affect the state of the world if we do.

We must win the presidency. We must. The left will turnout voters by executive decree and media propaganda. They have those two great advantages.

We have only each other, and the pure truth that is our Constitution, and the brave patriots who are willing to rouse every non-left wing voter to action. It will be a hard, vicious fight. We will question who are friends and whom are foes. Ultimately, if we keep moving, walking, calling, persuading and inspiring, we will win. We simply can't stop

We must win. It is our duty and debt to this great nation we cherish and want to see continue.

Let us work side by side for victory in this historic battle! Nothing else matters.

Regards,

Joe Meli
Chairman Emeritus

TREASURER - Valerie Giramberk

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

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE	\$5,879.51
REVENUE	
Contributions	\$ 325.00
Legislators' Breakfast	\$ 520.00
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 845.00</u>
EXPENSES	
Badges	\$ 21.78
Office Supplies	\$ 80.05
Meeting Room/Equipment	\$ 111.50
Area Directors' Events	\$ 744.27
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 957.60</u>
NET INCOME	<u><u>\$ (112.60)</u></u>
ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$5,766.91
PETTY CASH	\$ 60.04
TOTAL BALANCE	<u><u>\$5,826.95</u></u>

training opportunities are coming, She suggested everyone watch for the e-mails that will be sent out when the schedules are set.

- 2) The information on the social meetings is on the website, www.ld2323gop.org
- 3) Badges with pictures will be ready soon and Nancy will pick them up and have them for us in an upcoming meeting.
- 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) We were reminded that these meetings, social events and training sessions cost money and the need for contributions in the form of dues are needed. Dues are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple.

Chairman Jim O'Connor introduced Liz Alcorn who announced that the Annual LD23 Breakfast will be held on Saturday May 9th at The Scottsdale Plaza Resort, 7200 N. Scottsdale Road. Check in will start at 8:30 and buffet breakfast will be served at 9 o'clock. Cost is \$40 per person. Honored Guests will be Michelle Reagan, State Senator John Kavanagh and State Representatives, Michelle Ugenti and Jay Lawrence. Make checks out to LD23 Committee. Send to 8776 Shea Blvd. Ste 106-341 Scottsdale, AZ 85260. Deadline for reservations is May 6th.

Second Vice Chairman Business - Rick Rutkowski:
Old Business

LD23 Bylaws over the last few months have been updated and are now going to be presented as proposed, to the District membership for review in anticipation of our next meeting on May 14th. A copy of the bylaws will be on the website tonight or tomorrow and will be available for review until April 21st. Please read and consider them and respond with any comments and/or suggestions. Please send those by April 21st. At least 10 days before the meeting on May 14th the proposed bylaws will be emailed out and sent out on hard copy to members that don't have email addresses on file. At the May 14th meeting a motion will be made to accept them and they will be up to date.

Gary Johnson was introduced. Member At Large for Chairman Bowyer. He spoke of the need to enlist many more good, active PC's to elect good, solid Republicans to win the election. Between now and July 1st the LD with the most new PC's will have the option of a pizza party or an ice cream social provided by Maricopa County Republican Committee. Contenders are LD16, LD23, LD24, and LD25.

Mark Singer was introduced and spoke on the events going on at North Scottsdale Christian Church. Coming up this Saturday, April 11th, Guest speaker will be Trevor Loudin who will speak on Socialist, Communist Progressives in the US Congress. He also spoke on the Center for Self Governance Classes being held there.

Ron Schott spoke on the need to eliminate the 35% fee charges by our government to bring the money we have invested in companies overseas home to be invested here.

New Business – None

A motion was made to adjourn by Ron Schott and seconded by Liz Alcorn

Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Lawrence, Secretary
LD23 Republican Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The May Meeting will include the vote to adopt the proposed amended ByLaws. You can still get the Call letter, a Proxy form and a copy of both the existing and the proposed amended Bylaws on the website. These have been sent twice via email and by USPS mail to those without email addresses on file with the Secretary.



Legislative Breakfast

Scottsdale Plaza Resort

Saturday, May 9, 8:30 check-in, 9:00 breakfast

\$40 per person

Speckal Guests:

Senator John Kavanagh

Representative Michelle Ugenti

Representative Jay Lawrence

Please send your check to LD23 Republican Committee, 8776 E Shea Blvd, Suite 106-341, Scottsdale 85260 Deadline: May 5, 2016

Contact Liz Alcorn for more information at 602-315-0349

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS:

Lincoln Republican Women's Club

The New McCormick/"Millennium" Resort

Scottsdale-McCormick Ranch, 7401 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85253-3548

(480) 948-5050

(Between E. Cheney and E. McCormick Rds on the East side of Scottsdale Road)

Dinner Meeting

Spouses invited!

Monday, June 1st, 2015

5:30 PM Meet and Greet

6:00 PM Business Meeting

6:20 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Program



Congressman David Schweikert

"A 2015 Congressional Update"

\$35 per person

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

DEADLINE THURSDAY MAY 28th 2015

Please send check made out to "LRWC" or bring Cash

A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION PAID!

Patricia Kaufman,

7436 E. Tuckey Lane,

Scottsdale, AZ 85250

480-368-2777

or email her at patiamiam@gmail.com

Paradise Republican Women's Club

OPINIONS, THOUGHTS AND GOALS

Saturday, May 9, 2015, Gainey Ranch Golf Club

7600 E Gainey Golf Club Drive, Scottsdale 85258

10:30 Social

11:00 Program

Speaker: Attorney General Mark Brnovich

Vegetarian Menu available

Cost: \$30.00 Reservations deadline April 8, 2015

Mail your check and reservation to

PRWC

P.O. Box 14425

Scottsdale, AZ 85267

Members to vote on the adoption of Bylaws at the MAY meeting.

Fountain Hills Republican Club



The Fountain Hills Republican Club's Saturday, May 16th meeting will feature Diane Douglas, AZ Superintendent of Public Education, 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 May 26th at El Encanto Restaurant, 11044 N Saguaro, Blvd., F.H. This is a social event, NO speeches, no reservations. No host bar. Food (snack or dinner) available. Enjoy a pleasant evening with fellow Republicans in a friendly social atmosphere. Everyone is invited.

Palo Verde Republican Women

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