



**AZ LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 23
REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

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The Lincoln Link

July 2014



LD23 DISTRICT MEETING

JULY 10, 6:30 SOCIAL & SIGN-IN

6:45 BUSINESS MEETING

**NOTE: THE BUSINESS MEETING WILL START EARLIER
THAN USUAL.**

Please be there early as we have a very full agenda

LOCATION: SCOTTSDALE VIA LINDA SENIOR CENTER
See 2nd Vice Chair report below for map and address



CHAIRMAN'S CORNER - JOE MELI

Dear Fellow PCs,

Happy 4th of July! As a proud citizen of the United States of America, I celebrate with my fellow Republicans the birth of our nation! How many of us can remember what it was like as kids on the 4th of July? It was a holiday we all shared with a common pride. State fairs, barbecue, fireworks and of course, Old Glory, our flag!

Our nation has persisted and survived and triumphed for two main reasons: Our Constitution, and each successive generation's commitment to protect it, preserve it, live by it, and, when necessary, die for it!

At this very moment, brave men and women in the uniform of our country are standing watch over our freedom. Think about them and thank them quietly in your heart.

In our own small way, we as PCs are standing watch over our freedom by working to elect candidates who will take their respective oaths of office. Oaths that include

these words: "to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States".

Once again, we are reminded that our cause is a noble one; a just one. Let us put aside ambition, resentment, gossip, bickering and of course, character assassination for the sake of winning elections.

Our great Congressman David Schweikert, has said on many recent occasions that during this election cycle the left is in deep political peril and they know it. They will go negative on our candidates in ways that will make even the most cynical among us shocked. He asks us as PCs not to fall prey to their tactics. We must work together for our precincts, our district, our state and our nation.

Some reading these words may think destroying a fellow PC or Republican candidate by ruinous emails, deliberate falsehoods and rumor-mongering is actually good in the long run for the district and party. They probably think "Everything will be ideal once so-and-so is off the ballot or humiliated by relentless criticism and picayune attacks." For example, in LD23, six precincts are competitive in the August 26th election. Five of the six are relying on grassroots campaigning to get their candidates elected. One precinct, however, has witnessed desperate PCs resorting to lobbying candidates to drop off the ballot to avoid having to campaign for election. Several candidates complained to me directly, questioning if this is how ethical Republicans should behave. A true, loyal Republican PC in LD23 will work for our noble cause, not political intrigue. The left can do all the political scheming and rumor-mongering without our helping them! They're really good at it, we shouldn't be so quick to embrace their ways lest we become like them. Again, heed the wisdom of our Congressman.

Yes, it is our great nation's birthday. Let's give our country the greatest gift, the same gift our Founders gave: loyalty to our Constitution above petty self-interest. Loyalty to the values of our nation. Loyalty to keeping our flag flying for each generation to come.

I'm honored to stand shoulder to shoulder with the proud Republican PCs of LD23 working to elect Republican candidates to all levels of office. Winning will ensure our flag continues to fly; and win we will in 2014!

Regards,

Joe Meli
Chairman, LD23

1st Vice Chair - Nancy Ordowski

email: ncordowski@gmail.com

On June 19, 14 Area Directors and PC Captains met to learn about the i360 program. Several of them have requested their passwords and will be working with their precincts to get workbook information out to them.

The upcoming 7 weeks are when all of us as PC's need to be out walking our precincts and talking to voters. Reminding voters to return their early ballots or remind them them to go to the polls on August 26th to cast their votes for the primary.

Precinct Captains and Area Directors should contact me for the password for the i360 program, paper walking list are also available and and can be sent to your computer or printed.

If you do not know how to contact your Captain or Area Director please call or e-mail me at ncordowski@gmail.com or call me at [480-203-5278](tel:480-203-5278). If you should call when I am in a meeting please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I do not have all of your phone numbers in my phone so if you don't leave a message I have no idea who called.

If you did not pick up your photo badge at the June meeting they will be at the July 10th meeting for you to pick up.

Please fill out the attached form and return to me as soon as possible.

Thank you for all of your work and support.

Attachment: [PC Information Document](#)

2nd Vice Chair - Rich Rutkowski

The July 10 meeting will be held at the Scottsdale Via Linda Senior Center, located at 10440 East Via Linda, just south of Shea and north of Mountain View, in Scottsdale. (A map link can be found below.) The entrance is on the south side of the building, close to the tennis courts at Scottsdale Ranch Park. Registration and social time will begin as usual at 6:30 PM, but due to a full complement of guest speakers, we'll plan to get the actual meeting underway a bit earlier than usual, by about 6:45 PM.

[Map to Scottsdale Via Linda Senior Center](#)

We have several guests this month, beginning with **Wil Cardon**, a candidate for AZ Secretary of State. We'll also be hearing from the two Republican candidates for Congress in CD 9, Lt. Col. (retired) **Wendy Rogers** and **Andrew Walter**. They are running for the opportunity to challenge and unseat Rep. Kyrsten Sinema. A

few of our southern precincts are located in CD 9, and we need to help in any way we can to turn that seat in Congress back to a Republican. Our main event for the evening is an LD 23 State Senate Candidate Forum, with current State Representative **John Kavanagh** and Mr. **Jeff Schwartz**. The format will be the same as at our recent meetings, with brief opening remarks from each candidate, Q & A, and closing comments. Bring your questions, and please keep them clear, direct, and concise. This will be another great opportunity for us to learn about and evaluate our candidates.

There's no meeting scheduled in August, but mark your calendar for the evening of Thursday, September 11. Details will be forthcoming. Please make plans to attend and encourage your fellow PC's to come along for these important and informative evenings.

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**DISTRICT 23 MINUTES - LYNNE BREYER, SECRETARY**  
**Arizona Legislative District 23**  
**District Meeting**  
Fountain Hills School District, Learning Center  
Fountain Hills  
June 12, 2014  
7:00 pm

With concurrence of the members present, the District Meeting of the members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23, held at Fountain Hills School District, Learning Center, 16000 E. Palisades, Fountain Hills, was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Joe Meli. There were 90 PCs and guests signed in for the meeting.

The Invocation was given by Dr. C.T. Wright.

The singing of God Bless America was led by Judy Rutkowski.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Arch McGill.

All elected officials present were introduced.

The meeting began with the House of Representatives Candidate Forum moderated by 2nd Vice Chair Rich Rutkowski. Candidates participating were Michelle Ugenti, Jay Lawrence, Effie Carlson and Bob Littlefield. A period of Q&A followed candidate self-introductions and the forum concluded with candidate closing statements.

The business meeting followed the forum.

**Minutes, Lynne Breyer**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. With no discussion, the motion passed.

**Chairman's Business, Joe Meli**

Joe thanked Marilyn Byerly for taking the AZGOP badge photos last month.

Joe asked the assembly, "Why are we here tonight? We are here for one purpose only as PCs and that is to get our Republicans elected." Joe spoke about Congressman Schweikert's view that the PCs are the most important part of the Republican party with the power to defeat the Democrats and their personal attacks on Republicans. Schweikert said, "I beg you: do not engage in the partisan bickering inside the party. Be it among candidates. Be it among PCs. Because if we do this, we essentially aid the left. Do not engage in the destruction of character inside the party" and serve the party to do the job we are charged to do. The

assembly, by voice vote, agreed in answer to Joe's question if this LD was ready and willing to do that. Our number one priority as PCs is to win elections for Republicans and that is what we must focus on doing. We need to serve the Party!

**First Vice Chair, Nancy Ordowski**

Nancy announced that voters often leave the state for cooler weather and we need, we want, them to vote. It is against state law to forward early ballots. If anyone knows of voters who will be leaving the state and won't be in the state to vote in the Primary, they can do the following and we will put this out on Constant Contact for you to have it in writing:

- 1) They have to write a letter to the Maricopa Election Department with their name, their address and their voter ID requesting the ballot be sent to a temporary address. It must be signed. It has to be sent to the attention of Kristi Pasarelli at the County Offices, 111 S. Third or 510 S. Third Ave, Phoenix. You should not use the mailed cards that we got in the mail as that will provide a permanent address change.

Nancy has been working with AZGOP to get i360 set for our district. Training is set for Area Directors and Precinct Captains. Area Directors are to be working with their Precinct Captains and Precinct Captains are to be working with their PCs. Training session is Thursday, June 19, 6:00-8:00 pm, Mustang Library Conference Room. Come prepared with smart phone or tablet if you have them. Call PCs to know how they want to use i360. They have tried to make it as user friendly for our PCs as possible. It's an easy program to use and it gives us the tools to elect our Republican candidates.

**Second Vice Chair, Rich Rutkowski**



Joe introduced Rich by saying he has done a fabulous job with all the forums and candidates. Rich also thanked Marilyn Byerly for doing a great job with the photography for the AZGOP badges. The July 10th meeting location is still to be determined. Watch for an announcement on that. The program will be the LD23 State Senate candidates, Rep. John Kavanaugh and Jeff Schwartz. Andrew Walter, candidate for Congress in CD9 and perhaps one more candidate are expected to participate, pending confirmation.

**Treasurer's Report**, Gayla Coletto  
Gayla passed out the 2014 Budget.

May 2014

REVENUE

Breakfast \$ 430.00

Donations \$ 130.00

Badges \$ 61.50

TOTAL \$ 621.50

EXPENSES

Badges \$ 105.25

Breakfast \$ 538.47

Barry Asmus \$ 350.00

Office Supplies \$ 81.48

CC web page \$ 16.40

Room Rental \$ 450.00

TOTAL \$1,541.60

NET INCOME/(LOSS) (\$ 920.10)

Please make your ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$30.00 Individual \$50.00 Couple of same Household, Chairman's level \$100.00 or more. These contributions are used to help elect Republicans.

We would like thank the following for their May Donations  
Lynne & Richard Breyer, Anthea Dyer & Gary Conrad, James Sinyard,

Vote to accept the 2014 Budget:

The previous board did not make a budget in October 2013 as required by the Bylaws so Gayla had to start with January financials going forward through May using actuals and budgeting the remainder of the year through 2014. It is easy to see based on the variance column where the district is at any given time during the year. The Balance Sheet is also a part of the financials. Discussion was held. A motion was made and seconded to pass the budget. The motion passed.

### **New Business**

1) Joe Meli discussed the recent Executive Guidance Council (EGC) meeting - In attendance were Joe Meli, Nancy Ordowski and Rich Rutkowski. Joe delivered a report on what occurred in that meeting. There was a discussion on spending our efforts on CD9 to unseat Democrat Kyrsten Sinema, which is considered by Congressman Schweikert and LD23 Leadership to be vital. Everyone is asked to participate in the effort to support one of the two candidates in the Primary and the Republican nominee in the general since LD23 does not have a contested Congressional race.

A straw poll was taken: Doug Little placed 1st in the election for ACC. Clean elections forms are in the lobby. Doug still needs \$5s and would appreciate help from our PCs.

2) Water Issue, Nancy Ordowski

Nancy attended a meeting at the Capitol in a Senate Hearing Room. Congressmen Schweikert, Gosar, Salmon and Franks were in attendance along with Congressman Lamar Smith from Texas. A panel of 9 individuals spoke from the realty board, ranchers associations, Arizona water projects and other organizations. The EPA has a clean water act in place and now they have a proposed change to take over more water in places like dry washes, ditches, water remaining in gravel pits after rain. For people whose homes back up to a dry wash who put dirt in that wash, they can be fined. Businesses of all kinds, including ranchers, will need to apply for a federal permit to use the water. Anyone caught using that water without a permit, will be fined \$37,500 per day per incident. Ranchers cannot move cattle from one field to another field if the cattle have to walk across a dry wash without a permit. For materials for road building and maintenance, they will need to apply for a permit to do the work which will slow down all work and the costs will be passed on to taxpayers. Information has sent out that Nancy will forward to the PCs so all can be adequately informed how to use links to do some research and post comments to the EPA. The deadline is in October and Nancy is concerned that we will get focused on the elections and will forget about this issue so she will be sending reminders. We need to keep the pressure on the EPA through the election season.

3) Candidates and their literature will be available after the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:58.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Breyer  
Secretary, LD23 Republican Committee

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT - GAYLA COLETTO**

JUNE 30, 2014

### REVENUE

Donations \$415.00

Badges \$21.50

TOTAL REVENUE \$436.50

### EXPENSES

Breakfast \$187.84

Room Rental 158.00

Office Supplies 65.20

Refund Badge fee 21.50

Web-Site/Email 16.40

TOTAL EXPENSES \$448.94

Net Income(Loss) (\$12.44)

Please make your ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$30.00 Individual, \$50.00 Couple of same household, Chairman's level \$100.00 or more.

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

Arthur & Linda Cooper, Adam Sonnenklar, Janet Buggeln, Valerie Giramberk, Jen White,

Chairman level, Donald Murray & Alanna Mack, Carolyn & Ronald Schott

**REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS**

**\*\*Paradise Republican Women's Club**

***Hot Happenings for Summer!***

**Saturday, July 26  
Candidates Forum & Fiesta**

**4:00pm Social & Visit with Candidates**

**5:00pm Forum**

**Scottsdale Plaza Resort  
7200 N Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale AZ**

**Buy Your Tickets NOW! [CLICK HERE](#)  
\$20 per person Early Bird (before 7/11/14)**

**Fiesta Appetizers & Cash Bar**

**[Last Chance before Mail in Ballots are received!](#)**

**[Arizona Republican Candidates for :](#)  
Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Superintendent  
of Public Instruction, Treasurer, Corporation Commission,  
Legislative Districts 23 \$ 28,  
Scottsdale City Council and Scottsdale School Board &  
Congressional Candidates!**

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### **Fountain Republican Club -**

The Fountain Hills Republican Club will next meet on Saturday, July 19th at the Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N La Montana Drive at 9:00 a.m. with social period starting at 8:30. Featured speakers are Doug Little and Vernon Parker, candidates for the Corporation Commission; Randy Pullen, candidate for State Treasurer; and Republican candidates for Fountain Hills School Board. Additionally, Steve Chucri, County Supervisor will speak.

The FHRC's July "GOP Social" will be Tuesday, July 29th location not yet been determined. Information will be posted on the club's website in the near future.

The FHRC's monthly "GOP Social" in August will be August 26th/ Primary Election Night at the Fireside Grill (12800 N Saguaro Blvd) commencing at 6 p.m.

The September 20th meeting will be an Election Rally at American Legion Post 58 replacing the traditional FHRC picnic. ALL candidates in the General Election have been invited.

Further details about the club and all FHRC events are on the club's website at [Fountain Hills Republican Club](#).

### **Lincoln Republican Women**

No meeting in July.

### **Palo Verde Republican Women**

The next meeting will be in September. Details to follow.

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