



AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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Doug Little, Chairman

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The Lincoln Link – March, 2013

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District Meeting – March 14, 2013

6:30 PM, Social Hour - 7:00 PM Meeting – Mustang Library

10101 North 90th Street, Scottsdale

At this meeting the District will consider a resolution to be issued regarding Governor Brewer's recommendation to expand Medicaid in Arizona using federal funds under Obamacare.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – DOUG LITTLE

I want to invite you to attend a very important LD 23 meeting on March 14th, 2013, at the Mustang Library. We are going to do something a little different at this meeting.

Many of you have asked to see more about issues and have expressed a desire to participate in discussions about important issues at our LD meetings.

This is your chance to weigh in on a very important decision being considered by the Arizona Legislature.

During this month's meeting we will consider a resolution to be issued by our District regarding Governor Brewer's recommendation to expand Medicaid in Arizona using federal funds under Obamacare.

As some of you may know, Pima County, Cochise County, LD 9, LD 14 and LD 15 have passed resolutions recommending that Arizona **should not** accept federal dollars under Obamacare and expand Medicaid using those federal dollars.

Governor Brewer believes that we **should** accept federal funds and is pushing this very hard. She called a meeting of all LD and County Chairmen in January to present her reasoning as to why she is recommending that Arizona accept federal dollars and participate in Obamacare.

We wanted to discuss this as a District and take a vote on what our recommendation, if any, should be regarding this expansion.

As part of our agenda, I will be reporting on the meeting with Governor Brewer and provide a breakdown of her arguments in favor of the expansion. We have also invited former Maricopa County Attorney, Andrew Thomas to speak to why he believes that such an expansion is a mistake for Arizona.

After both presentations, we intend to open the floor for questions and discussion by our PCs, after which we will make a decision on whether we want to issue a resolution to support, a resolution to oppose or to issue no resolution at all.

This is a critical issue that we should all be informed about and we should take the opportunity to make our District's voice heard.

I hope you will join us for an exciting and informative discussion on March 14th!

See you there!

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – JOE ROMACK

On February 12th, PC Day was held at the Capitol. It was a great success! It felt good to be appreciated. Our Legislators, many of whom are also Precinct Committeemen themselves, really appreciate our efforts.

We registered quite a few PCs into the ALIS System, which allows us to make comments online about impending legislation. Part of being a PC is getting involved in the Legislative process, and this will be addressed during our PC Training.

I have also started the PC Nomination Process. If you know of any Republicans who reside in LD23 and want to become a PC, let me know and I will get the proper form to you.

The follow Precinct Committeemen and Committeewomen were honored at the Lincoln Day Luncheon:

2012 'Volunteer Of The Year' Certificate Recipient:

– Shirley Cordasco

2012 Certificates of Appreciation went to:

**Dr. C. T. Wright, Jim O'Connor, Paula Linker, Judy Eisenhower, Tom Buggeln, Edith Stock, Arthur Cooper,
John Strasser**

Congratulations and thank you all for your extraordinary efforts!

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – JOE MELI

This month we will have the former Maricopa County Attorney Andrew Thomas speaking on Governor Brewer's proposed Medicaid expansion.

Additionally, we will update the status of the business network and once again invite comments and ideas with which to improve upon it.

Please come and lend your voice!

DISTRICT 23 MINUTES – VERA HEMINGER, SECRETARY

I. Call to Order – The Monthly General Meeting of the Members of Arizona Legislative District 23, held at the Mustang Library located at 10101 North 90th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258 on February 14, 2013, was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Doug Little. Present were First Vice Chairman Joe Romack, Second Vice Chairman Joe Meli, Treasurer Linda Rizzo and Secretary Vera Heminger.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Led by First Vice Chairman Joe Romack.

III. Chairman's Business – Chairman Doug Little commented on the state of the Party. He pointed out that despite all the hard-working people, division weakens the Party, rendering it incapable of fighting outside forces focused on destroying the Party and its value system. He expressed hope that unity would win elections in 2014 that divisiveness lost in 2012. He also addressed the following goals for the District:

- Significantly improve fundraising in the District.
- Put a better system in place aimed at improving getting-out-the-vote efforts.
- Exceed LD23's largest Republican turnout in the State past its 86.9 percent mark.
- Obtain access to a get-out-the-vote data management tool at low cost for the District.
- Enhance and expand the Website to include online PC training.
- Establish LD23 as the cutting-edge, model Republican district in the nation.

Next, Chairman Doug Little discussed the divisiveness-engendering and ultimately destructive nature of political endorsements, particularly when they get abused within the Party. Mr. Little indicated that he would entertain proposals from the District to amend the bylaws barring officers from giving endorsements in a Republican vs. Republican race.

Introduction of Elected Officials and Guests – Chairman Doug Little introduced the elected officials present, as well as candidates and guests.

IV. Approval of Minutes – Secretary Vera Heminger discussed the Minutes of the January 2013 Monthly General Meeting which were sent out for review and approval in the February 2013 Newsletter. An error was brought to her attention, involving the misspelling of a Member's name. Since there were no further questions or suggested corrections from the floor, the Secretary asked for a motion to accept the January 2013 Minutes as corrected. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the January 2013 Monthly General Meeting be, and hereby are, approved as corrected.

V. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Linda Rizzo announced that the Financial Report for the

District as of January 2013 was sent out for review and acceptance in the February 2013 Newsletter. A full Income/Expense Statement was made available at the time of the Meeting. The Treasurer reported that for the month of January the District sustained a net loss of \$715, with total contributions at \$195. As there were no questions or suggested corrections from the floor, the Treasurer asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED that the Financial Report be, and hereby is, approved as presented.

VI. First Vice Chairman's Report – The next order of business was the Membership Report by First Vice Chairman Joe Romack, who addressed the following matters:

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- **PC Appreciation Day at the Capitol** – Mr. Romack reported that the event was a success.
- **Online Commenting System on Bills** – Mr. Romack encouraged PC's to sign up for the Capitol's online commenting system, which at first needs to be done in person at the Capitol. After sign-up PC's can log in any time of the day for commenting on bills.
- **PC Support of Legislators** – The Legislators expressed appreciation and gratitude for the PC's support in their endeavors.
- **Report on Executive Guidance Committee ("EGC")** – At the EGC Meeting George Teagarden identified LD23 as the third-biggest Legislative District, which could become even larger if all currently open PC positions in the Precincts could be filled, bringing the District to 100% filled positions.
- **PC Recruitment** – Since State and County officials have been seated, PC's can move forward with recruitment and start submitting nomination forms for processing.
- **First Vice Chairman's Announcement** – A meeting will take place at the AZGOP Headquarters on Saturday, February 18, 2013 at 1:30 PM, to discuss counter-measures against a recall petition seeking to overturn election results and remove duly elected Sheriff Joe Arpaio from office. Overturning election results is not a legitimate use of the recall process. Volunteers are needed to help stem egregious uses of the recall process.

VII. Chairman's Remarks on Membership Report. – Mr. Romack gave the floor to Mr. Little for remarks on the First Vice Chairman's Report. Mr. Little stated the following relating to Membership:

- The objective is to make LD23 the number one District in terms of PC participation.
- Volunteer opportunities abound and are varied. There is something for everyone to accommodate talents and favorite activities.
- Expressed support for a suggestion from a Member on the floor to make available precinct maps and walking lists on the Website, including a listing of precincts with vacancies.

VIII. Second Vice Chairman's Report – Next Mr. Little gave the floor to Second Vice Chairman Joe Meli who opened by giving the floor to Event Chair Shirley Cordasco.

● **Event Chairman's Announcement** – Shirley Cordasco announced that the Legislative Breakfast 2013 (on Armed Forces Day) in late spring will be taking place at the Gainey Ranch Golf Clubhouse located at 7600 Gainey Club Drive Scottsdale, AZ 85258 on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at 8:30 AM. With respect to the Legislative Breakfast. She addressed the following:

- Ms. Cordasco was able to keep the ticket price at \$25 per person.
- The open item remaining with respect to fundraising is whether there should be an auction or a raffle or both.
- Call for suggestions and/or feedback from the Membership regarding the raffle vs. auction issue. Currently the Events Team is leaning toward a raffle.
- Call for volunteers to assist with the raffle/auction. This event is more work-intensive than the Christmas party.
- The date of the Christmas Party 2013 has been set to take place at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club House located at 7600 Gainey Ranch Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85258 on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 6:30 PM.

● **Maricopa County First Vice Chairman's Announce** – April Riggins announced that the Maricopa County Republican Party Lincoln Day Luncheon 2013 will be taking place at the El-Zaribah Shrine Auditorium located at 552 North 40th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008 at 11:00 AM. Check-in is at 11:00 AM and the program starts at 11:30 AM. Ticket price is at \$30 per person.

● Lori Urban has two tables at the Lincoln Day Luncheon event, one for LD23 and one for the Paradise Republican Women's Club. To sign up please see Lori Urban who will get you seated. Sheriff Joe Arpaio will introduce Congressman Matt Salmon.

VIX. Chairman's Remarks on Lincoln Day Luncheon. – Mr. Little took the floor to announce that the names of eleven people from LD23 were submitted for achievement awards at the Lincoln Day Luncheon Event. He asked that as many PC's as possible attend to show support for LD23.

X. Announcement by Councilman Bob Littlefield – Next, Mr. Meli gave the floor to Bob Littlefield, who, having termed out at the Scottsdale City Council, announced that he has formed an exploratory committee to run for State Representative in 2014. Details can be found at his website boblittlefield.com.

XI. Presentation on the Mutual Support Initiative Council ("MUSIC") – The next order of business was a presentation on the contemplated formation of an LD23 member mutual support project using three components for the project:

- **Social media network** – Kathy Bernhardt reported on the importance of social media.
- Submit ideas on what to call the project.
- Call for original artwork for the project.
- Call for volunteers for the project.
- **Dedicated website** – John Strasser reported on website development and purposes.
- Membership source listing on the website.
- **Special events at various venues in LD23** – Mr. Meli reported on the contemplated events

promoting a unified purpose.

- Events to take place in three key zones: Scottsdale, Rio Verde and Fountain Hills.
- Mr. Meli reported that the ultimate goal for the project is to enable eligible candidates to obtain support from Party sources rather than turning to extraneous, unprincipled sources. A discussion ensued in interactive format and various suggestions, concerns, questions and ideas were presented.
- Mr. Arch McGill took the opportunity to express his appreciation for the discourse on togetherness given by Mr. Little earlier. Mr. McGill pointed out that even to achieve the most modest objectives, LD23 must move as one body. He urged the Membership to bury past disagreements, which is critical to the survival and effectiveness of the Party going forward. – *[Thank you from all of us, Mr. McGill. We salute you. Individuals like you are the glue that holds this Party together.]*
- Next Mr. Meli introduced the Special Events Committee who will take the lead on finding the venues in the key zones in order to facilitate PC recruitment in local member mutual support circles which in turn will cooperate with support circles in other localities.
- **Webmaster’s Communications Report** – The next order of business was a report by Communications Chairman Jim Nachbar who stated that the Website offers many avenues of communication and opportunities to get vital information disseminated within the LD23 community. However, volunteer involvement is essential to put into reality a multitude of good ideas. Mr. Nachbar issued a call for volunteers to help with Website improvements.
- Next, Chairman Doug Little announced that for Member’s convenience and to facilitate participation, future Board Meetings will be posted on the Website on the weekend of February 16. The meeting location will be at the Mustang Library unless otherwise noted.
- **Announcement by Lynn Breyer** – Mrs. Lynn Breyer announced that a recall effort against Mary Rose Wilcox is underway, headed by LD27 Leadership Team.

XI. Adjournment – There being no further business to come before the Meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

TREASURER’S REPORT – LINDA RIZZO

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February 2013

REVENUE

Contributions (Dues)	170.00
Breakfast	
Name Badges	272.68
Restitution	620.00
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EXPENSES

Name badges/ribbons, etc	287.63	
Supplies		
Website/Email	31.90	
Rental-meeting room	70.25	
Christmas Party		
Breakfast		
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Net Income (Loss)		<u>672.90</u>

Please note: without the restitution payment of \$620.00, the District would show a gain of only \$52.90.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION.

I would like to thank the following PCs for making a contribution during the month of February 2013:

Jim Gray, Robert Deppe, Karen Garrett and Joe Meli.

A special thanks to these PCs for contributing at the Chairman's Level:

Mark and Virginia Stuart

FOUNTAIN HILLS REPORT – BOE JAMES

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's next meeting will be the annual fundraising breakfast on March 16th. The Keynote speaker will be Secretary of State Ken Bennett. Tickets are \$15 for FHRC members and \$17 for others. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Reservation can be purchased from Edith Stock by calling her at [480 298-7818](tel:4802987818) or by e-mail at eestock_33@yahoo.com. FHRC Membership is \$15 for individuals or \$20/family/year, also payable to Edith.

The February 16th FHRC meeting was a brainstorming session to identify national, state, county and Fountain Hills issues and priorities. MCRC Chairman A.J. LaFaro and State Representative John Kavanagh participated and were present to answer questions and receive the results. Congressman David Schweikert also addressed the club.

The Club is proud and honored to have as members Dr. C. T. Wright who received the Lincoln Award and Edith Stock who was runner up for the Rookie PC of the Year Award at the AZ GOP Chairman's Awards Dinner. Both also received Certificates of Appreciation at the MCRC Lincoln Day Luncheon. The Club is also proud to have been recognized as runner up for the Republican Club of the Year. Congratulations to you for receiving an MCRC Certificate of Appreciation.

With LD 23 PC's, the FHRC conducted a voter outreach effort at the Great Fair the weekend of February 22-24. Several new voters were registered. Youth were offered the opportunity to take a quiz on the US History and Constitution and win prizes. Many good conversations were held. Thanks to everyone who helped at the booth. The next LD23/FHRC joint voter outreach booth will be at the Fountain Festival, Thursday to Sunday, November 8-10. LD 23 PC and FHRC 1st Vice President Chris Brant was in charge of this event and will be in charge of the November Voter-Outreach effort.

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