



AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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The Lincoln Link – December, 2012

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District Meeting – December 13, 2012

6:30 PM, Social Hour - 7:00 PM Meeting – Mustang Library
10101 North 90th Street, Scottsdale

This meeting will be our annual Christmas Dinner to be held at the Gainey Ranch Golf Club, 7600 East Gainey Club Drive, Scottsdale. This is a great place to have such a function and the officers of District 23 are looking forward to seeing you there.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – DOUG LITTLE

I know most of you probably share my feelings of deep disappointment and sadness after the results of the November 6th election.

Many of us worked very hard and spent many hours in support of the Romney/Ryan ticket. While there are far too many to recognize individually, I'd like to personally thank you all for your outstanding efforts on behalf of the Romney campaign.

For our national Republican Party, the next few months will be a time of reflection. We will need to think carefully about what this election told us and incorporate that into our planning for 2014.

Personally, I do not agree with many of the media characterizations that the election results constituted a rejection of the Conservative agenda.

Conservatism is not done. The message of freedom and opportunity is not done. Since the Reagan administration, Republicans have articulated a message of freedom and opportunity — a rugged individualism that says if you work hard you can be what you want and do what you want.

But people forget.

We need to rededicate ourselves to becoming evangelists for Conservatism and Republican principles. We need to continue to educate and explain our vision of less intrusive government, equality of opportunity, preservation of individual liberty.

I believe that for many years, Republicans assumed everyone just naturally agreed. They stopped explaining. They stopped being evangelists. Republicans no longer articulated a core set of principles but tried to be all things to all people...they compromised with the administration when they should have been fighting. They cut deals that flew in the face of core conservative principles.

The media and the Democrats have made much of the discussion about the demographics of the Obama voters. He has tremendous support among African-Americans, Hispanics, Women and younger voters.

We must remember that not all of the losses occurred in states with heavy minority populations. Romney lost Ohio, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Wisconsin, and New Hampshire.

Romney also won the Independent vote, so our message obviously isn't turning off too many people in the middle.

The bottom line is that the demographic of single-issue voters, government dependent voters and racially based voters has grown, and they will oppose any Republican that attacks their particular issue or point of view. Moderating our stance on one or two issues will not fundamentally alter their votes.

At some point, we must figure out that if we are destined to confront an unfavorable demographic trend, we may as well stand on Conservative principle and clearly articulate that message in the hopes of changing minds and hearts.

The next Republican presidential candidate needs to have an inspirational message, money and a solid ground game to prevail.

Closer to home, we have much to be thankful for. We had many Republican victories in important races:

In our State-Wide Races

1. Jeff Flake beat Richard Carmona by a significant margin to become Arizona's junior Senator.
2. David Schweikert handily won re-election in CD 6 and statewide we hung on to 5 House seats.
3. In the Corporation Commission race, we had a sweep with all three Republican candidates winning election. We should congratulate Susan Bitter-Smith, Bob Burns and Bob Stump on their victories.
4. We were able to preserve Republican majorities in the Arizona House and Senate.

In our County, District and City Races:

Joe Arpaio cruised to re-election as Maricopa County Sheriff
Steve Chucuri won his race for Maricopa County Supervisor for District 2
Michele Reagan was re-elected to the State Senate
Michelle Ugenti and John Kavanagh were re-elected to the State House of Representative
Suzanne Klapp, Virginia Korte and Guy Phillips were elected to Scottsdale City Council.
C.T. Wright won re-election to the Fountain Hills Unified Governing Board

Statewide propositions saw strong voter opposition, leading to the defeat of two tremendous threats to our Republican agenda in the form of Proposition 121 Open Primary and Proposition 204 - Permanent Sales Tax Increase.

In closing, I say to each of you...take heart, there will be other elections, other battles to fight; the most important thing to remember is, in the words of Winston Churchill, "Never Give Up, Never Give Up, Never Give Up."

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – JOE ROMACK

First, I would like to extend a big thank you to everybody who helped with our elections for Officers and State Committeemen, starting with the Nominating Committee, to the group who printed the various forms, to the team who stuffed envelopes, to the credentials team, and, finally, to the group who assisted in counting the ballots. It is a difficult operation at best, and your valuable contributions ensured that it went as smoothly as possible.

Next, our tasks will be the election of officers at both the County and State Level in January. Stay tuned as information on the various candidates will be distributed so that you will have the proper information to make your decisions.

And, finally, we can now start the process of filling the open Precinct Committeeman slots via the Nomination Process. Please think of fellow Republicans who reside in Legislative District 23 who you feel have the qualifications to become a PC.

The process consists of a verification of the potential PC, and the completion of the Nominating Form. If you wish to nominate someone, or have any questions, feel free to contact me at: azgopld23@hotmail.com

Also, if you know of someone who wants to become a PC, but does not live in LD23, also send me that information, and I will make sure it is forwarded to the appropriate LD Chairman.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – JOE MELI

It is with profound gratitude and humility that I thank you for your votes. To be part of the new officers of LD 23 is very exciting and I will work very diligently to earn the confidence you have shown in me.

I wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication my predecessor, Boe James, brought to the position of 2nd Vice Chair. He is a credit to the District.

For those PCs who did not vote for me, I hope to earn your trust and ask for your continued support. Together we will accomplish great things!

We are hard at work assembling a schedule of events designed to strengthen and enhance party unity, networking and fundraising for LD23.

Our first event will be purely a social one. Throughout the year we will be having several, but each event will have the same message: Unity strengthens our networking. Networking strengthens our fundraising.

Fundraising strengthens LD23. This is our LD, let's work together to raise it to the next level!

DISTRICT 23 MINUTES – VERA HEMINGER, SECRETARY

Minutes by Linda Rizzo - November 8, 2012

- I. **Call to Order:** The monthly meeting of LD 23, held at the Mustang Library, was called to order at 7:02pm by Chairman Doug Little. Current officers were present with the exception of Boe James.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Joe Romack.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** –Motion to approve the October 6, 2012, General Meeting minutes as written by Ray Wallege; second by Joe Romack. Minutes approved. A copy of the minutes was placed on file.
- IV. **Introduction of Elected Officials and Guests**
- V. **Chairman's Business**
 - The Call letter for the Nov 29th meeting will be prepared for mailing this Saturday. Anyone who would like to help please be at the campaign office at 10:00am.
 - The November 29th meeting: doors will open at 6:00pm for Credentials at Chaparral Suites, thanks to Shirley Cordasco for finding us space.
 - Chairman Little spoke about the election and the good results in Arizona.
- VI. **First Vice Chair Report – Joe Romack**
 - Thanked everyone for their efforts in the campaign. We'll take some time off and then begin to make ready for 2014.
- VII. **Treasurer's Report – Joan Parker**
 - Joan explained the October 31 report. A copy is attached.
 - Expenses included: 5000 GOTV postcards written by our members, yard signs, door hangars, flyers, etc.
 - There is restitution of \$500.00 included in the report.
- VIII. **Program**
 - **Speakers:**
 - Congressman David Schweikert addressed the group
 - Candidate for AZGOP Chairman Robert Graham
 - Candidate for County Secretary, Colleen Lombard (on the Arizona Party Builders Slate which includes: Lisa Gray as Chairman, Paul Brierley as 1st Vice Chair and Walter Dudley as Treasurer)
 - MCRC Candidates Jose Borrajero, Jeni White and David Ludwig. (Also on the slate: AJ LoFaro as Chairman and April Riggins)
- IX. **Committee Chairs**

- Jim O'Connor introduced the candidates for the LD 23 Offices who spoke on their own behalf:
 - Vera Heminger for Secretary
 - Linda Rizzo for Treasurer
 - Joe Meli for 2nd Vice Chair
 - Joe Romack for 1st Vice Chair
 - Doug Little for Chairman
 - (Boe James for 2nd Vice Chair was unable to be present)
- Ray Wallege – By-laws – the committee will meet briefly after this meeting to schedule its first meeting.
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- Shirley Cordasco – Christmas Party will be very special. Please get your tickets as soon as possible. The date is fast approaching.

X. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:40pm, Motion by Linda Rizzo, second by multiple people.

TREASURER'S REPORT – LINDA RIZZO

NOVEMBER

REVENUE

Contributions (Dues)	695.00	
Christmas Party	2,610.00	
Name Badges	60.00	
Misc. Income	210.25	
	3,575.25	

EXPENSES

Name badges	81.83	
Postage	59.34	
Rental-meeting room	244.50	
Christmas party	150.00	
	535.67	

Net Income	3,039.58
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I would like to thank the following PC for making a contribution during the month of November, 2012:

Karen Garrett, Mike and Jan Stephenson, Noella Kuntz, Lorna Bennett, Annette Scott, Arch and Jeannie McGill, David and Debbie Moore, Joan and Warren Lang, Paula and Bruce Linker, Debra and John Hay.

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

Lin Davis

Mike and Donna Reagan

November 29, 2012 Minutes

I. Call to Order – The Organizational Meeting of LD 23 was called to order at 7:35pm at Chaparral Suites, 5001 North Scottsdale Road Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Current officers were present.

II. Pledge and Invocation - was led by CT Wright

III. Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee indicated a quorum was present with 164 PCs present and 97 proxies carried. The quorum requirement is 87. Credentials then re-opened for 15 minutes.

IV. Report of the Nominating Committee - District Officers Candidates provided by Jim O'Connor, who named the candidates for the Officer positions:

- Doug Little for Chairman
- Joe Romack for 1st Vice Chair
- Boe James for 2nd Vice Chair
- Joe Meli for 2nd Vice Chair
- Linda Rizzo for Treasurer
- Vera Heminger for Secretary

V. Final Report of the Credentials Committee indicated no change in attendance; a quorum was present with 164 PCs present and 97 proxies carried. The quorum requirement is 87.

VI. Election of New District Officers – Chairman Little called for nominations from the floor for all of the positions. There being none, nominations were closed. He invited the candidates for 2nd Vice Chair to address the group: Boe James first, then Joe Meli. Chairman Little then called for a motion to accept the other positions by acclamation. Motion to accept by Joan Lang, second by Mark Lewis. Officers accepted. Ballots were then collected for the position of 2nd Vice Chair. The ballots were held until the arrival of George Teagarden with the equipment.

V. Report of the Nominating Committee - State Committeemen – Jim O'Connor thanked everyone for the enthusiastic turnout for volunteers for State Committeeman. We have 184 and we will vote for 17 positions.

VI. Election of State Committeemen - Chairman Little called for nominations from the floor. The following were nominated:

- #183 RAZI BERRY
- #184 JAYNE HECKMAN
- #185 TOM BOTOS
- #186 KELLY HART
- #187 RAY CLARK
- #188 MARK LEWIS
- #189 LORNA BENNETT
- #190 MARILYN MCDONALD

There being no additional nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and the ballots collected. George Teagarden was in transit from an earlier LD meeting at which he oversaw the election, so we experienced a delay.

VII. Tally and Announcement of new District Officers – at 9:30pm, tallying was completed for the District Officers:

- Doug Little for Chairman
- Joe Romack for 1st Vice Chair
- Joe Meli for 2nd Vice Chair
- Linda Rizzo for Treasurer

- Vera Heminger for Secretary

VIII. **Swearing in of new District Officers** – by State Representative Michelle Ugenti

IX. **Tally and Announcement of new State Committeemen** - At 10:45pm, tallying was completed for the State Committeemen. The results will be posted to the district Website on Friday morning, Nov 30.

X. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:00pm: motion to adjourn by Linda Rizzo, second by Joe Romack; motion accepted.

EVENT CHAIRMAN – SHIRLEY CORDASCO

Thursday Dec. 13th is going to be a wonderful evening and full house. This will also be our biggest, greatest raffle ever...no, it's not a car or a trip to the White House for lunch but, our donor members have stepped up to the plate and secured for us great items for the raffle. I will list a few,

ELECTRICAL SERVICES FROM A REGISTERED, RELIABLE COMPANY: VALUE \$250.00; BASKET OF WINE AND CRACKERS FROM HUMBLE PIE; DINNER AT MASTRO'S, DINNER AT FRANCO'S, BODY & FACIAL FULL MASSAGE: VALUE \$175.00; GETWAY WEEKEND AT GAINNEY SUITES HOTEL; DINNER PREPARED AT YOUR HOME: GOURMET CHEF...OH, HOW WE SPOIL YOU...CANT GIVE UP ANYMORE...BE THERE -- BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK! MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKKAH