



# AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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Jim O'Connor, Chairman 602-538-9387

## The Lincoln Link

January 2015

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**NEXT MEETING OF LD23**  
**January 8, 2015, Mustang Library**  
**90th Street south of Shea Blvd, Scottsdale**  
**6:30 Sign-in, 7:00 Meeting**  
**6:00 Prayer time for those interested**  
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### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Jim O'Connor**

My Fellow Precinct Committeemen,

January will be a very busy month for all of us in LD 23.

We start with a Candidate Forum on Tuesday evening, January 6<sup>th</sup> at Tri-City Baptist Church in Chandler from 7:00PM to 8:30PM. Attendees will get to meet and hear from all candidates running for positions of leadership on the Maricopa County Republican Committee; to be voted on by each of you (in person or by proxy) at the Mandatory meeting on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at Grace Community Church in Tempe.

At that same meeting (January 6<sup>th</sup> in Chandler) you will also meet and hear from all candidates running for positions of leadership of the AZGOP for the next two years.

Details on the times and locations on each of the above noted events can be found on our LD 23 website: [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org) and on <http://archives.mcrcbriefs.org/>.

Next up is our first of the new year General Meeting this Thursday evening January 8<sup>th</sup> at Mustang Library. Those interested in participating in a prayer meeting may arrive at 6:00PM. Sign in for the meeting itself shall begin at 6:30PM with the meeting starting at 7:00PM. The main business of the meeting will be presentations by our LD 23 State Senator John Kavanagh, and State Representatives Michelle Ugenti & Jay Lawrence on their legislative agenda's for 2015.

Next PC event will be January 15<sup>th</sup>s PC DAY at the Capital from 9:00AM to 3:00PM including a free hot dog lunch on the capital lawn. You must RSVP for lunch.

January 24<sup>th</sup> is the AZGOP State Party Annual Meeting also being held at Grace Community Church in Tempe.

January 31<sup>st</sup> will be a meeting of the Districts new Area Director's and Precinct Captains. Contact Nancy Ordowski for details.

### **FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – Nancy Ordowski**

Hoping you had a wonderful start to 2015!

I am very excited about our plans for 2015. I want to take this opportunity to welcome our newly appointed Area Directors and let you know which precincts they will be working with.

Ron Schott from Pinnacle Peak, working with Canyon, Granite Mountain, Peak View, Rio Verde, Terravita and Vista Verde.

Linda Longazel from Desert Highlands working with Bronco, DC Ranch, Grayhawk, Hualapai, Loma Verde and Pinnacle West.

Lynne Breyer from McCormick Ranch working with Del Joya, McDonald, Mohave, Redwing, San Simon and Sundown.

Mary Ryan from Mustang working with Cocopah, Deerview, Park Meadows and Pine Valley.

Marney Thompson from Santo working with Cactus Glen, Cielo, Dreyfus, Laurel, Mirada, San Victor, Sentry and Sutton.

Patty Stetson from Pima working with Maricopa, Pecos, Pueblo, Scottsdale, Whitton and Yuma.

Evelyn Munn from Golden Eagle working with Fort McDowell, Fountain Hills, Four Peaks, Goldfield Ranch, Palisades and Saguaro.

Dave Urban from Westworld working with Rhodes, Rio Montana, Sierra Hills, Silver Spur and

Stonegate.

On January 31, 2015 we are scheduling a meeting with Area Directors (time to be determined), then will follow-up with a joint meeting with the AD's and the Captains of each Precinct. Please save this date on your calendars, locations and times will be sent out to you shortly.

During the months of February and March we will be having a training session for all PC's in their local locations. I will be reaching out to our AD's to select the best date and time for these meetings, information will then be sent out to our PC's.

You can always reach me at [ncordowski@gmail.com](mailto:ncordowski@gmail.com) or 480-203-5278.

Submitted by,  
Nancy Ordowski

### **SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich Rutkowski**

Happy New Year 2015! I hope your holidays were filled with family & friends, health & happiness. The new year affords us the opportunity to carry on with the mission of educating ourselves, enlightening fellow voters, and building support for the principles of the Constitution and the planks of the Republican Party platform. We will also be electing the county and state officers who will work with us in that effort. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have a duty - an obligation to God, to this nation, and to each other.

Our first general meeting in 2015 will be at Mustang Library on Thursday evening, January 8, with sign-in at 6:30 PM and call to order at 7:00 PM. We will be joined by newly-elected State Senator John Kavanagh, re-elected State Representative Michelle Ugenti, and newly-elected State Representative Jay Lawrence, for a look at the upcoming session of the State Legislature. This will include some discussion about proposed legislation and timely issues such as the state budget, education funding and undoing Common Core.

The following meeting will be on Thursday, February 12, so mark your calendars. Remember, you can stay apprised of dates and other information via the web site, [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org).

Rich Rutkowski

### **CHAIRMAN EMERITUS - Joe Meli**

### **TREASURER - Valerie Giramberk**

**DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE  
Statement of Income and Expense  
Month Ended November 30, 2014**

<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$5,818.18</b>	
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Contributions	\$ 110.00	
Name Badges	\$ 32.00	
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$ 142.00</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Supplies	\$ 52.67	
Website/E-mail	\$ 16.25	
Election Expenses	\$ 227.30	Regus & LD23 Voting
Meeting Room/Equipment	\$ 120.00	
Christmas Party	\$1,000.00	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$1,416.22</u></b>
	<b>NET REVENUE (LOSS)</b>	<b><u>(\$1,274.22)</u></b>
	<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$4,543.96</u></b>
	<b>PETTY CASH</b>	<b><u>\$ 18.04</u></b>
	<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$4,562.00</u></b>

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**DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**  
**Statement of Income and Expense**  
**Month Ended December 31, 2014**

<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,543.96</b>	
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Contributions	\$ 230.00	
Christmas Party	\$2,900.00	
Auctions/Raffles	\$ 235.00	
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$3,365.00</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Transfer to Petty Cash	\$ 42.00	
Postage	\$ 8.03	
Other	\$ 100.00	Gift for outgoing Chairman
Website/E-mail	\$ 16.25	
Meeting Room/Equipment	\$ 174.00	
Christmas Party	\$1,950.60	
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$2,290.88</u></b>
	<b>NET REVENUE (LOSS)</b>	<b><u>\$1,074.12</u></b>

ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$5,618.08
PETTY CASH	\$ 60.04
TOTAL BALANCE	<u>\$5,678.12</u>

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**DISTRICT 23 MINUTES - Judy Lawrence, Secretary**

**REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 23**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

**THE LEARNING CENTER  
1600 PALISADES  
FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA**

Credentialing and registration of PCs - 6:00 to 7:00 pm

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Joe Meli
- 2) Invocation was given by Reverend CT Wright at 7:07 pm, followed by
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance at 7:10 pm
- 4) Chairman Meli, at 7:11 pm, introduced all public officials elected on November 4, 2014, and present at meeting:
  - Secretary of State Elect, Senator Michele Reagan
  - Corporation Commissioner Elect, Doug Little
  - LD23 Arizona State House Representative Elect, Jay Lawrence
  - Scottsdale City Councilwoman Elect, Kathy Littlefield
- 5) Liz Alcorn informed all present about the LD23 Christmas Party. Contact Liz with any questions.
  - Thursday, December 11, 2014
  - 6 to 8 pm
  - Scottsdale Hilton Ballroom
  - \$25.00 per person
  - All are welcome
- 6) April Riggins, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman, Maricopa County Republican Committee informed all present about:
  - a. MCRC Statutory Meeting, January 10, 2015, Grace Community Church, Tempe, Arizona
  - b. MCRC Lincoln Day Luncheon, February 28, 2015, Shriner's Auditorium, 202 Freeway and 40<sup>th</sup> St, Phoenix, Arizona
- 7) Lynne Breyer, Secretary, LD23, presented the Credential Report and completed Tally Report at 7:40 pm.
  - a. Admitted and Credentialed PCs from 6 to 7 pm

- i. 154 in person
    - ii. 118 by proxy
    - iii. 272 Total
  - b. From 6 to 7:15 pm
    - i. 159 in person
    - ii. 125 by proxy
    - iii. 284 Grand Total
  - c. An official quorum has been established
  - d. All attending PCs were sworn in by Reverend CT Wright
- 8) Hugh Henry, Nominations Committee Chairman, announced the candidates for LD23 Officers/Board.
  - a. Reported all documentation was present for examination
  - b. Candidates for Chairman: Sheila Muehling and Jim O'Connor
  - c. Candidates for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman: Cheryl Pelletier and Nancy Ordowski
  - d. Candidates for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman: John Strasser and Rich Rutkowski
  - e. Candidates for Secretary: Karen Garrett and Judith Lawrence
  - f. Candidates for Treasurer: Valerie Giramberk and Dennis Weiland
- 9) Chairman Joe Meli asked for nominations from the floor. He asked three times for each office. There were NO nominations for any office submitted from the floor
- 10) Chairman Meli asked for nominations from the floor for State Committeeman. Previous nominees names already printed on ballot. Nominations submitted from the floor. Dr. Rutkowski (Rich) wrote each person's name on a large sheet with a number attached to each name.
  - a. Point of Order for a question. Questioner was not identified by name.
    - i. Question: Does a person who is nominated from the floor have to be present?
    - ii. Discussion
    - iii. Parliamentarian, Christopher Campbell, ruled that a person nominated from the floor does not have to be present.
  - b. Point of Order for 2 questions raised by Lisa James.
    - i. Question 1: Is a registered Republican, not a PC, allowed to carry proxies into the meeting?
    - ii. Discussion
    - iii. Parliamentarian, Christopher Campbell, ruled that a registered Republican, not a PC, is allowed to carry proxies subject to will of PC to whom the ballot was originally issued.
    - iv. Question 2: Lisa James carried 2 proxies to the meeting that were disallowed. Why?
    - v. Parliamentarian, Christopher Campbell, ruled that the proxies were from outside of Lisa's precinct.

- 11) Chairman Meli gave a detailed explanation of the rules of the election and procedures.
  - a. Speeches: minor offices, 2 minutes each. Chairman, 5 minutes each.
  - b. Flip of coin to decide who goes first with each 2 candidates.
- 12) Each candidate spoke for appropriate time per the rules, after coin flip to decide who would go first.
- 13) 8:25 pm, Chairman Meli asked all PCs to vote for LD23 Board Officers and then proceed to bin at rear portion of room to drop off ballot.
  - a. 8:39 pm, Chairman Meli requested all ballots to be dropped in bin for Board Officers and declared voting closed for Board Officers.
  - b. 8:40 pm, Chairman Meli requested all PCs to begin voting for State Committeeman and then proceed to bin at rear portion of room to drop ballots.
  - c. Voting for State Committeeman closed by Chairman Meli.
  - d. 9:25 pm, Chairman Meli announced Elected LD23 Board Officers:
    - i. Chairman - Mr. Jim O'Connor
    - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair - Mrs. Nancy Ordowski
    - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair - Dr. Rich Rutkowski
    - iv. Secretary - Mrs. Judith Lawrence
    - v. Treasurer - Ms. Valerie Giramberk
  - e. 9:27 pm, LD23 Board Officers were sworn in by State Senator and Secretary of State Elect, Ms. Michele Reagan.
  - f. Chairman Meli announced by name elected State Committeemen.
    - i. 112 PCs elected
    - ii. For a complete list with vote tally please open attachment
- 14) 10:15 pm, meeting adjourned by immediate past Chairman Joe Meli

Respectfully submitted by:

Marney Thompson, Area Coordinator, Santo Precinct Captain  
Acting Secretary  
November 20, 2014

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**SCOTTSDALE REPORT:**

December blog by Guy Phillips

It is January in Scottsdale and while your City Council and staff are gearing up for a multitude of events this winter season, I want to let you know about some positives happening down at Drinkwater Lane.

Before hosting Small Business Saturday in Oldtown, I met with our city manager, Fritz Behring, to discuss small business reform for Scottsdale. Having been a General Contractor and involved with residential as well as light commercial T/I's for the past 20 years, I fully understand the permit and regulation process in Scottsdale. While our staff is competent and strives to maintain a high degree of efficiency, there are many areas where Scottsdale is still lagging behind. We are looking for innovative ways to speed up the permitting, scheduling, and inspection process, including an App to schedule inspections and time of inspection, which will save contractors and homeowners countless hours of idle time waiting for the inspector to show up.

Pre-certification is also on the table, which will save thousands of dollars and hours for contractors, businesses and homeowners from the long wait for engineering, only to have your prints redlined and having to re-submit. My hope is to cut the permit time in half or better. I will let you know how that turns out! I have a list of 20 items we are working on that should allow small business to overcome the red tape and get their business up and running sooner and cheaper.

The museum of the West is nearing completion after 30 years of planning and will be a boon to downtown, bringing a new attraction for tourists and residents alike. Of course, Westworld has been completed as well and now allows events 365 days a year.

I can also point out the pitfalls and bad decisions that will leave Scottsdale in a compromising position, but that is for a later time. For now I would like to say I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I want you to know that I will continue to fight for your quality of life and to keep Scottsdale special!

Your servant,  
Guy Phillips  
Scottsdale City Council  
Gphillips@scottsdaleaz.gov

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Candidate Forum:**

All MCRC candidates for Board positions and all State candidates for Board positions will participate in a Forum organized by Shadow Asgari, LD17 Chairman. Also participating in the forum are LDs 12, 16, 18, 25 and 26. All are welcome to attend. Ti-City Baptist Church, 2211 W Germann Rd, Chandler. 7:00 - 8:30pm.

**MCRC Statutory Meeting** to be held on January 10, Grace Community Church, 1200 E. Southern Ave, Tempe. Registration: 7:30 am, Call to Order: 9:00 am. [ATTACH PDF](#)

### **ASU Center for Political Thought and Leadership Launch**

Keynote Address by Richard Lowry, Editor National Review



January 22, 2015, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

This event is sponsored by:

Center for Political Thought and Leadership

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Center for Political Thought and Leadership

Location: Old Main Room: Carson Ballroom

Campus: Tempe

The Center for Political Thought and Leadership at Arizona State University seeks to train a new generation of leaders well-versed in the principles of democracy. The Center's mission is to impart a deeper understanding of the meaning of political liberty and economic well-being to the academic and larger public community through undergraduate education, scholarly research, and public events.

Richard Lowry graduated in 1990 from the University of Virginia, where he studied English and history. He edited there a conservative monthly magazine called the Virginia Advocate. He went on to work as a research assistant for Charles Krauthammer, then as a reporter for a local paper in northern Virginia.

Lowry joined National Review in 1992, after finishing second in an NR young writers contest. He became NR's Articles Editor before moving to Washington in the summer of 1994 to cover Congress. He was named editor of National Review in 1997.

Lowry has written for the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, the Los Angeles Times, and a variety of other publications. He is a syndicated columnist and a commentator for the Fox News Channel. His book, "Legacy: Paying the Price for the Clinton Years," was a New York Times bestseller. He lives in New York City.

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<https://asuevents.asu.edu/asu-center-political-thought-and-leadership-launch>

**DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS:**

The Fountain Hills Republican Club meets on Saturday, January 17th. The meeting will feature Representative-elect Jay Lawrence, Senator-elect John Kavanagh with keynote speaker Senator Jeff Flake (schedule permitting). A number of other elected officials are likely to attend.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. in the Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills 85268. Registration and social period with coffee and breakfast snacks starts at 8:30.

Paradise Republican Women's Club

Please join the dynamic women of Paradise Republican Women's Club at the next meeting on January

17th at Gainey Ranch Golf Club.  
10:30am social and 11:00am program  
\$28 pp for lunch and program

The speaker is Bill Montgomery - Maricopa County Attorney

Mr. Montgomery will be speaking on problems that may come with the Pro Bowl, Super Bowl and the Phoenix Open - along with other happenings within the Maricopa County Attorney's office.

[www.prwc.org](http://www.prwc.org) to register or Lori Urban 480-221-9633

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