



# AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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**Jim O'Connor, Chairman**  
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## The Lincoln Link

March 2016



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**NEXT MEETING OF LD23**  
**Thursday, March 10, 2016**  
**Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center**  
**16000 E Palisades Blvd, Fountain Hills**  
**6:30 Sign-in, 7:00 Meeting**  
**Prayer meeting at 6:00 for those interested**

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### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Jim O'Connor**

Fellow Precinct Committeemen,

Our May 12<sup>th</sup> General Meeting is shaping up to be an exciting one. By now you should have all received the “Call Notice” to that meeting. If not please check our district website

[WWW.LD23GOP.ORG](http://WWW.LD23GOP.ORG) and download the call letter, proxy for your use should you be unable to make the meeting, and the ballot we will be using for voting for your favorite. If your favorite candidate is not listed on the ballot, that means that no one submitted their names to us by the deadline set for April 25<sup>th</sup>. Not to worry as you will be able to submit nominations from the floor before voting.

This process will have several advantages for the candidates and the district. For those candidates who receive 2/3rds of the votes of those voting in person and by proxy that evening, they will receive the official endorsement of the Membership of the LD 23 Republican Committee. Those not showing so well will understand they have more work to do. All candidates will benefit as our PC's will be refreshed on who is running for what office.

Our PC's will become more knowledgeable in their jobs communicating with Republican voters in their precincts. Our PC's will also get to express their opinions on the individual candidates for each race in which they chose to cast their vote. We are hopeful it will be a fun and interesting time for all who participate. Come and make your voices heard.

Nancy Ordowski, our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman, has focused her comments in this newsletter on the subject of each of you qualifying to stand for election in our Republican primary as PC's for the 2016 to 2018 term. Please do not fail to renew, we need each of you if we are to indeed "keep our republic".

## **HAPPENING IN SCOTTSDALE - Guy Phillips**

### **Government-Speak**

You hear them talking or read a paragraph from a city document.

Everyday, they come up with new terms and words to describe what otherwise might not be acceptable by the public. It's called Government-Speak, likened to George Orwell's 1984, where today's progressive government probably got the idea.

An example might sound like this: *"Even as stakeholders engage in inclusive dialogue, various forms of outreach on multimodal transportation will be the catalyst in the revitalization and connectivity as part of a diverse and multicultural community."* HUH??

Now read below the meanings they want you to get and what they really mean:

#### **Stakeholder:**

What they want you to think: Applying to those who have a vested interest in an area, like you the resident.

What it really means: Those who have invested heavily in a certain outcome for their benefit.

#### **Outreach:**

What they want you to think: Engaging in public conversation for your input on city projects before they start.

What it really means: Pretending to care what you think when the project is already a done deal.

#### **Multi-modal:**

What they want you to think: a vast array of ways to move the public from point A to point

B. What it really means: Light Rail, period.

**Dialogue:**

What they want you to think: Listening to both sides to be fair and balanced.

What they really mean: Telling you what you will have to put up with.

**Inclusive:**

What they want you to think: Letting everyone join in.

What they really mean: Forced acceptance by you.

**Consensus:**

What they want you to think: Coming to a majority conclusion during a non-voting work study session.

What they really mean: If four agree, it will be done.

**Connectivity:**

What they want you to think: Various ways of getting from one place to another.

What they really mean: Light Rail, period.

**Multi-cultural:**

What they want you to think: many different races of people. What they really mean: LGBT

So now the harmless statement above can be read as this: “Even as developers and council talk about including an LGBT ordinance, we still have to pretend to listen to the public via work study before deciding to run light rail through the downtown.”

Of course the last one backfired on them as we took any form of fixed rail out of the transportation master plan. Sometimes what's good for the goose is good for the gander!

Guy Phillips

Scottsdale City Council

**FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski****DO YOU WANT TO TO BE A PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN FOR 2017-18**

If so you need to complete the following forms.

Yes I know more forms!

Please go to the District web-site at [ld23gop.org](http://ld23gop.org) click on Documents and then print the PC Nomination and Petition forms.

The Nomination form must be completed and notarized. This form must be signed in front of the notary.

The Petition form must be printed front and back on one page.

1. All signatures on the petition form must be **Republicans** in **YOUR** Precinct.

**PRECINCT CAPTAINS**, please host signing parties, this is the easiest way for your PC's to get most or all of their signatures. It also assures they are all Republicans in their Precinct.

Please bring completed forms to the May 12 District Meeting and give them to Lynne Breyer or Rich Rutkowski. Rich and I will be taking the PC Nominations and Petitions directly to the Records office. You can mail them to the Records office, but when I deliver them I receive a signed receipt of the forms I have submitted. A more secure delivery.

If you can't attend the May 12 meeting, please mail your affidavit and petition to me. Please mail completed forms to:

Nancy Ordowski, PO Box 19630, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269

The County deadline is 5:00pm on June 1, 2016, but Rich and I will be making our FINAL trip to the Records office on May 31. Remember May 30 is Memorial Day and there is no mail delivery.

I hope you will consider renewing your PC commitment. We have much work to do in the next 2 years and we need everyone's help.

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

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

Our May 12 meeting will be held at Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center at 16000 East Palisades Blvd, in Fountain Hills. A map link can be found on the home page of the web site, [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org). In addition to the parking immediately adjacent to the Learning Center, additional parking is available in the main parking lot for the high school about one block to the east along Palisades Blvd. and also about one block to the NNE along Golden Eagle Blvd. in a parking lot for Golden Eagle Park.

Our main agenda item for the meeting will be consideration of and voting on resolutions in support of Republican candidates for office which have been submitted by PCs.

Looking ahead - the following general meeting is on June 9. That meeting will be held at Via Linda Senior Center in Scottsdale. The plan is to host a Candidate Forum for the candidates running for the Arizona House of Representatives. This will include the opportunity for you to ask questions of the candidates and compare their positions on the issues. As always, the web site, [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org), is a convenient way to keep apprised of dates of our meetings, news about other events, and additional information.

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

How Would You Decide?

My Fellow Precinct Committee Members,

The following is written to promote a reasonable, mature dialogue regarding the April 30th, 2016 AZ GOP Convention to select delegates for the July 2016 National Convention.

Here are some salient facts:

- Our state party's recent presidential preference election resulted in Candidate A receiving 47% of the popular vote to Candidate's B 25%.
- The rules of our state party bind delegates on the first vote to vote for the winner. Subsequent votes allow the delegates to be unbound and vote their conscience/preference.
- Candidate A's most recent delegate count is stated as ranging from 996 to 1001 depending on the source cited.
- Candidate B's delegate count stands at 565.
- Candidate A's popular vote tally stands at 10,056,690.
- Candidate B's popular vote tally stands at 6,854,211.
- Candidate B's delegate count thus far is approximately 43% of Candidate A's.
- On course to setting a record for primary votes, Candidate A is now 3,202,479 votes ahead of Candidate B.
- Utilizing an internet voting system, one that experienced "glitches" which were never explained, a so-called "Unity Slate", not requested by the general body, appeared which listed potential delegates names as being simultaneously for one, two and even three candidates.
- The subsequent vote tally essentially diluted the support for the delegate candidates of Candidate A and Candidate C and resulted in a landslide for Candidate B.
- Former Governor Brewer's name was the first name approved by Candidate A's Campaign for their slate but was far down the list with only 93 votes. She actually came in five slots lower than Chairman Graham's son, Dustin Graham, who got 418 votes!
- The meeting was gaveled adjourned despite a noticeably robust "nay" voice vote and no opportunity for members to call for division.

So in a state where voters waited in some cases for 8 +hours to vote and where the front runner received 47% of the vote, the delegate convention result was a landslide for the second place finisher. If you were a Republican voter in the state of Arizona, not at this convention, not familiar with goings on within our party among grassroots PCs and high-ranking party and elected officials, how would this look to you?

If a candidate relies on manipulation of the system to win in spite of having only 43% of the front runner's delegate tally, would that not seem highly inconsistent with the will of the people?

By all accounts, Republican voters are engaging at a level never before seen. How do you explain that their voice, their vote is irrelevant?

Is winning without will of the people truly winning? How would you decide? It seems Chairman Graham has!

Joe Meli, Chairman Emeritus

### **TREASURER - Valerie Giramberk**

#### **DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**

#### **Statement of Income and Expense**

**Month Ended April 30, 2016**

**BEGINNING BANK BALANCE**

**\$ 7,241.19**

**REVENUE**

Contributions (dues)	30.00
Legislators' Breakfast	1,251.00
Name Badges	<u>64.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,345.00</u></b>

**EXPENSES**

Office Supplies	\$ 62.37
Printing of materials	62.15
Bank charges	(4.00)
Room rentals	317.50
Legislators' Breakfast	<u>\$ 357.59</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$ 795.61</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$ 549.39</u></b>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 7,790.58</b>
<b>PETTY CASH</b>	<b><u>\$ 60.04</u></b>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,850.62</u></b>

The District would like to thank the 119 out of 425 PCs who have paid their 2016 dues. The dues are used for operating expenses including room rentals, postage for mailing to those who do not have or give us e-mail addresses, printing of training materials and more. Please help us cover our operating expenses by making your contribution.

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2016, please send your check to: LD 23 Republican Committee, 8776 E Shea Blvd, Ste 106-341, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. Checks are to be made out to **District 23 Republican Committee**. Please fill out the donation form that is available on the website and include your occupation and employer. This is required by campaign finance law. It's important to note that if you are self-employed, you still need to state your occupation. Or if you are retired, please state that on the form. Please send only personal checks. Campaign finance law does not allow the acceptance of corporate checks. Thank you.

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**DISTRICT 23 MINUTES - Judy Lawrence, Secretary****Legislative District 23 Republican Committee Monthly Meeting****Via Linda Senior Center****April 14, 2016 7:00 pm**

With concurrence of the members present, the District Meeting of the members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23, held at Via Linda Senior Center was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Jim O'Connor.

Officers Present:

Jim O'Connor, Chairman Nancy Ordowski, First Vice Chair

Rich Rutkowski, Second Vice Chair

In District Chairman Jim O'Connor's opening comments , he pointed out that Ballot measures Proposition 123 and Proposition 124 were received by most in attendance by mail, He recommended that we read them carefully and respect the opinions of others in their regard as well as everyone's presidential preferences.

The Invocation was given by Tim Horn

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Former Chairman Joe Meli

Second Vice Chairman – Dr. Rick Rutkowski reminded everyone that:

The AZ GOP LD-23 State Delegate Elections meeting will be at the Fountain Hills School District Learning Center on May 12, 2016. It will be for the purpose of proposing resolutions and or endorsement for candidates. In order to submit those endorsements, there are forms that are available here and also on the documents page of the website. Your endorsements can be submitted by mail or email and will be voted upon at the May 12th meeting. We may or may not have a guest speaker depending on how many endorsements we receive and time permitting.

Second Vice Chairman – Dr. Rick Rutkowski introduced our speaker for the night, Rick Guttridge. He is the Chairman of the Joint Legislative District Task Force on Education who spoke on the difference between K through 12 funding on education versus student achievement. He spoke on state level spending per student and how higher funding doesn't equate to higher results. He suggested that a means of evaluation be put in place to insure that our funds are achieving the scholastic results we want and need. There was a lengthy question and answer period.

Speakers were: Guy Phillips running for re-election to the Scottsdale City Council;

Ardith Hildebrandt spoke on behalf of all conservative candidates and urged everyone to contribute to the campaign and/or put up yard signs or help with signature's, phone calls and to knock on doors.

Linda Longazel spoke about the State Convention meeting in Mesa. They need volunteers to help on the credentials committee or tallying votes or setting chairs and directing foot traffic.

Mark Singer spoke about educating our constituents.

First Vice Chairman, Nancy Ordowski said that the speakers of the evening gave us all examples of ways we can support our causes and candidates. We must all participate in the events that will support our Republican Party. The PC's must get out to meet the 120 people in their precincts. We need to educate them, listen to how they feel and what they care about.

A motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting as published was made by Joe Meli and seconded by Patti Stetson.

Treasurer Valerie Giramberk gave her report. The report was accepted and a copy can be found in this newsletter.

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Motion to adjourn was made by Tim Horn and seconded by Joe Meli. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Lawrence, Secretary

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## EVENTS:



All events have happened in the past couple of months. Please look up your local political campaigns and get to know our candidates!

## DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS:

### **Lincoln Republican Women's Club**

**[NOTE:** This club meets the first Monday of each month and their announcement misses our Newsletter deadlines. Please contact them for information on the next meeting.]

### **The New McCormick/"Millennium" Resort**

Scottsdale-McCormick Ranch

7401 North Scottsdale Road

Scottsdale, AZ

USA 85253-3548

(480) 948-5050

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

**Dinner Meeting**

**Spouses invited!**

Pat Kaufman,

7436 E. Tuckey Lane, Scottsdale, AZ 85250,

480-368-2777 or 602-214-2114

or email her at [patiamiam@gmail.com](mailto:patiamiam@gmail.com)



### **Paradise Republican Women's Club**

Meet the SEAL Team of Arizona!

Speakers: Former Sen. Thayer Verschoor, President, Arizona Republican Assembly and Jason Hayes, Assoc. Director, Arizona Coal Council, Arizona energy advocate

Saturday, May 14th, 2016

Gainey Ranch Golf Club

Gainey Center Drive, Scottsdale

Lunch \$30 per person

Make your reservation at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prwc-may-2016-general-meeting-tickets-25171034241>

### **Palo Verde Republican Women**

On May 18th, Dan Saban will join us to talk about why he is running for Maricopa County Sheriff. Saban, a Republican, is running to unseat Sheriff Joe Arpaio in the August 2016 primary election.

11:00 a.m. Social

11:30 a.m. Program/Lunch

Grayhawk Golf Club:

8620 East Thompson Peak Parkway, The Fairway House, Scottsdale

The cost of the luncheon is \$27 if paying by credit card. Pay with cash or by check and the cost is \$26. To make a reservation for our luncheon, please contact Patty Prosin by email at [pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com](mailto:pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com), or call her at 480.656.4746.

Please note that reservations are REQUIRED. And a reservation MADE is a reservation PAID!

May Menu:

Cobb Salad, Strawberry Cheesecake, Coffee/Iced Tea/Wine Bar

### **Fountain Hills Republican Club:**

Next meeting: 9 a.m., Saturday, May 21, 2016

Legislative Update featuring LD 23 Legislators, Senator J. Kavanagh and Representatives M. Ugenti-Rita and J. Lawrence

All candidates welcome to attend, be introduced and speak

Fountain Hills Community Center,

13001 N La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

Program 9 a.m., Meet & Greet/social period: 8:30

"GOP Social" 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 24th

Fireside Grill in Lexington Hotel, 12800 N Saguaro Blvd., Fountain Hills 85628

For more information, contact Boe James at [FHRepublican@gmail.com](mailto:FHRepublican@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.fhrepublicanclub.org/>

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