



AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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The Board of LD23 wishes everyone a wonderful CHRISTmas Season. May it inspire each of us in the coming year.

Chairman's Corner - Doug Little

As most of you know by now, January 9th will be my last District meeting as Chairman. In the 19 months I have served, there have been many challenges and many victories. I originally ran for the office of District Chairman with three goals in mind. I hoped to increase the visibility and prestige of our District, grow our membership and treasury and most importantly, I hoped to create greater unity in our District.

On the first goal, I believe I have succeeded. I have been a visible and vocal advocate for LD23 at both the county and state party levels. Our District is highly regarded in both the Maricopa County Republican Committee and at the AZ GOP. We are considered by many to be a model District and many other LDs throughout Maricopa County have used approaches that we developed to further improve their own Districts.

On the second goal, the numbers show that we are both larger and have more financial resources than virtually any other district in the state. My purpose for this was to increase the impact that our District committee could have on our own future. People and resources are the "mother's milk" of politics and are an essential component for any party organization. I hope that our District will continue to grow and prosper under the next Chairman's leadership.

On the third goal, that of bringing unity to the District, I cannot point to the same success as I had with my first two goals. I tried very hard...harder than most of you probably realize. There were hours of meetings, dozens of conversations, and mountains of personal frustration on my part. Much to my chagrin, I discovered that a few in our district simply do not wish to come together in the spirit of tolerance and compromise.

This part of the job troubled me greatly, as more than anything else, I wanted to pull all of the factions in our district together to work to elect Republicans to office and to do everything possible to ensure that Arizona does not go the way of Colorado and California. Even using the argument that "the enemy of my enemy is my friend", I could not pull everyone together. Yes, there were some successes, and for them I am grateful, but not nearly enough for me to feel that I accomplished my goal.

I also want to thank my Board for all of the hard work, assistance, wise counsel and support they have provided me over the past 19 months. I hope that every member of our district appreciates all of the time, energy and effort that they invested to conduct the business of our District. I literally could not have done my job without them. The words 'thank you' seem so inadequate to express the gratitude I feel for the members of my board.

My tenure as District Chairman has been personally rewarding in many ways. I have had the satisfaction of working to promote and encourage our Republican principles. I have made many enduring friendships. I have received support and encouragement from many of you and for that I am humbled and eternally grateful. You all should know that despite differences that we sometimes had, I consider each of you to be my friend and colleague.

We have many wonderful, committed, hardworking people in our District. I am proud to have been able to serve you as your Chairman. I will miss all of the fantastic people in LD 23 that I had the great privilege to represent.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to be your Chairman.

Sincerely,

Doug

First Vice-Chair - Joe Romack

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First, I would like to wish a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year to my fellow Precinct Committeemen. I hope that you all can find time to relax and spend some quality time with friends and family.

As we enter 2014, we are entering a crucial period for the GOP. Each and every one of us will need to give 100% to help take back our country from the party of "No Clue".

Obamacare has been a complete failure and it needs to be repealed. Other failed policies such as Common Core also need to be stopped. We can only do that by taking back the Senate in 2014 and the White House in 2016.

That battle starts in January, and I will do everything I can as your First Vice Chairman to recruit, train, and energize the Precinct Committeemen in the BEST Legislative District in Arizona!

Second Vice-Chairman - Joe Meli

To my fellow PCs,
As we look back on 2013 there is much for which we can be grateful.

I would like to thank our out-going chairman, Doug Little, for his steadfast leadership and wise counsel.

I would like to thank my fellow board members for their support and encouragement. After all, we only succeed as a team, one person alone does not a board make!

This year we had interesting and informative speakers, all of whom added to our knowledge base as PCs!

We've had such great work from our LD 23 state representatives and Senator. Their efforts are much-appreciated.

Of course, our US Congressional Representative, David Schweikert, has once again set the bar against which all other members of Congress shall be measured!

Our growth as an LD has been phenomenal. I'm especially thankful for those who stepped forward to help us form the new LD 23 Business Network.

We had two events, the second of which was attended by 630 guests! That's a new record.

Finally thank you to all our area directors, precinct captains and most especially our PCs. By your efforts, you made 2013 our best year ever. Without your hard work, none of our accomplishments would have been possible. Again, thank you!

Our path in 2014 is clear, win elections! After this year, our prospects couldn't be brighter!

Regards,

Joe Meli

District 23 Minutes - Lynne Breyer, Acting Secretary

With concurrence of the members present, the General Meeting of the Members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23, held at Mustang Library, located at 10101 North 90th Street, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258 on November 14, 2013 was called to order by Chairman Doug Little at 7:07 pm.

Officers Present:

Chairman Doug Little
1st Vice Chair Joe Romack
2nd Vice Chair Joe Meli
Acting Secretary Lynne Breyer

Officers Absent:

Linda Rizzo, Treasurer

Also present were 68 Precinct Committeemen for a quorum under Art. V., Section 1 of the Bylaws, and 7 guests. Speakers Diane Douglas, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction and Diane Post, Maricopa County NAACP were also present.

The invocation was given by Rev. C.T. Wright. The Pledge of Allegiance was also led by Rev. Wright.

Chairman Little introduced the following people:

*Current office holders: Dan Ryan, Constable; C.T. Wright, Fountain Hills School Board

*Candidates: Randy Pullen, State Treasurer; Diane Douglas, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Chuck Schmidt, LD23 House; Joe Romack, LD23 House; Laddie Shane, Scottsdale School Board; Greg Weisman, Scottsdale City Council; Michael Auerbach, Scottsdale City Council; Christine Weisman, Justice of the Peace

Minutes from the October meeting:

*A motion was made by Joe Meli and seconded by Joe Romack to approve the Minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

*Boe James asked when the June and September minutes will be available. No definite date for that is known at this time but they will be forthcoming from Vera Heminger as soon as possible.

Chairman's business: Doug Little

*The Chairman reported that the Dennis Michael Lynch event was very successful and anyone who was not there missed a great party with nearly 600 people in attendance. This was the largest event LD23 has ever had.

*The Chairman then recognized the committee and awarded each with a Certificate: Karen John, Gayla Coletto, Evelyn Munn, Joe Meli, Chuck Schmidt, Rich Rutkowski, Jim Gray, Linda Longazel, Linda Rizzo, Kathy Trojanowski, Sheila Meuhling, Allison Mary, Cheryl Pelletier, Shirley Cordasco, Jim O'Connor, Zina Brodovsky, Lynne Breyer and Committee Chair Liz Alcorn. A special award was presented to Liz by Joe Meli in appreciation of her efforts in presenting a wonderful special event.

Reports:

1st Vice Chair: Joe Romack, Membership

*Nominations for PCs are in hand. Please keep up the good work. LD23 currently has 380 PCs. We need to take advantage of Obama's problems and push to fill empty seats. Training for PCs will take place in early 2014.

*Boe James said we need to replace 9 state committee. The Chairman announced that those appointments will be made in January.

*The Fountain Hills Republican Club Picnic will take place on Saturday, November 16, 2013

Treasurer's Report:

Doug Little read the report in the absence of Linda Rizzo

In the month of October, there was revenue of \$8,987.02, Expenses of \$6,800.27 for a net income of \$2,186.75.

*Thank you to the following for their contribution during October: Dee Harrison, Sam West, Joanna and Larry Hagan, and Will Berry. A special thank you to Ted Mark and Richard McMullen for their Chairman's Level contributions

*Boe James argued that petty cash should not be in the Expenses column.

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

2nd Vice Chair: Joe Meli, Programs

*Joe introduced Shirley Cordasco who made an announcement about the Christmas Party. She asked that everyone please buy their tickets now and help out where you can. Shirley promised it will be an unforgettable evening on Dec 12, Gainey Ranch Golf Club, 6:30 pm.

*Joe announced that starting in January, prayer meetings will be held at the home of Ellie Conklin. An email reminder will be sent.

Speaker Introduction:

*Joe Meli introduced Diane Post, NAACP, who spoke on Arizona prisons and the concerns that need to be addressed. She was advocating that results oriented costs should be of prime importance. Please go to www.rightoncrime.com for more information.

*Mark Stuart, LD23 PC, spoke briefly on freedom and improving the party by remembering that we are all equal under our laws. He wants help from LD23 by asking the LD to Censure the Scottsdale City Council on the golf course contracts that have taxpayer money going to private business. The meeting was turned over to Chairman Little. Greg Weisman made a motion to Censure the City for failing their obligation to practice their duty not to misuse public money. It was seconded by Patty Stetson. The Chairman suggested we table this motion until the next meeting so that a written Resolution can be presented. Greg agreed to table and changed his motion, Larry Hagan seconded the new motion and the motion passed to table the issue.

*Joe Meli assumed the floor and introduced Diane Douglas, candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction. Janet Ryan, the other scheduled speaker, did not attend.

Ms. Douglas spoke on the problems with education in general over the time since the 1920's. She also spoke against Common Core Standards which is a federal mandate. Questions & Answers followed.

Announcements:

Chairman Little made it clear that this announcement is not formal at this time but is offered as a heads up to the District PCs. The Chairman will be declaring his candidacy for Arizona Corporation Commission in the coming days. A round of applause was given. He wanted to let everyone know that it's important that we have a smooth transition. Although the Bylaws do not require he resign to run, Doug feels it is the correct action for him to take. Doug said he is running clean and needs two thousand \$5 donations and asked for help from the PCs.

LD23 will be holding a special election for the position of Chairman. Ten days notice must be given. The election will be January 9th, 2014. Notice will be sent at the appropriate time. Chairman Little asked for five

elected PCs to volunteer, by standing to be recognized, to serve as a Nominating Committee. The Committee will prepare a list of candidates to be put on the ballot. Candidates need to submit to the Committee a written declaration of intent to run for the position. Shirley Cordasco, Gayla Coletto, Laddie Shane, Kathy Barnhardt and Dennis Weiland volunteered to serve. Chairman Little selected Laddie to serve as Chair. Anyone who is interested in serving as District Chair should send in their written application Statement of Intent to Run to Laddie. The Committee will produce the ballot that will be used at the Jan 9th election.

A motion was made by Joe Meli and seconded by Joe Romack to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Breyer
LD23 Acting Secretary

Treasurer's Report - Linda Rizzo

November 2013

REVENUE

Special Events (Nov 1)	<u>2735.87</u>	2735.87
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EXPENSES

Name Badges	106.23	
Website/Email		16.40
Fees	265.24	
Special Events	<u>4251.36</u>	4639.23

Net Income (Loss)	<u>(1903.36)</u>
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PLEASE MAKE YOUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION. \$30.00 Individual, \$50 Couple of household, \$100 Chairman's Level or more.

Reminders

Save the dates:

- * January 9th, General Meeting followed by Special Meeting to elect a new Chairman for LD23
- * January 11, 2014 Maricopa County Republican Committee Mandatory Meeting
- * January 25, 2014 Arizona Republican Party State Meeting, Mandatory for State Committeemen

More information will be forthcoming.

The Christmas Party

Each year, LD23 wraps up the year with the annual Christmas Party. It's one of the highlights of the year and a nice way to send us into the new year refreshed and ready to go again. This year, like so many years before, Shirley Cordasco, long the Chairman of that party, along with her committee, did a magnificent job. The room was packed to overflowing with good will and happy chatter. Representative John Kavanaugh was his usual witty self in handling the

raffle drawings. The highlight of the evening was the Three Tenors, Arizona style, singing arrangements from Andrew Lloyd Weber and Christmas carols that highlighted the season, setting the tone for Christmas to come. Truly, it was an evening to behold. The Board of LD23 and everyone who attended says, "Hats off to you, Shirley, for a job well done."

The District Speaks

This is the place for you, the Precinct Committeemen, to have your say on issues that affect those of us in LD23. If you write an article that you would like published in the newsletter, please forward that to the District Chairman for review and consideration. Publishing will be at the discretion of the Chairman.

Merry Christmas