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**Nancy Ordowski, Chairman**

# **April 2017 Newsletter**



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**MONTHLY MEETING OF LD23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**  
**SCOTTSDALE VIA LINDA SENIOR CENTER**

**10440 E. Via Linda Scottsdale**

**April 13, 2017**

**Registration: 6:30 PM ~ Call to Order: 7:00 PM**

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## **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Nancy Ordowski**

On Saturday, April 1 we held our Legislative Pancake Breakfast. There was NO April Fool's joke about the event. A good time was had by all. Congressman David Schweikert spoke and answered many question about legislation in DC with a lot of focus on the Health Care bill. Secretary of State Michele Reagan, Commissioner Steve Chucri, AZ Senator John Kavanagh, AZ Representatives Michelle Ugenti-Rita, Jay Lawrence, Justice of the Peace Cathy Riggs, former Congressman Frank Riggs, former State Senator & US Senate candidate Dr. Kelli Ward were present to speak with all of our PCs.

A great breakfast starting with orange juice and coffee, continued with pancakes, warm ham slices two varieties of quiche, awesome fresh fruit salad, mini danish and cinnamon rolls topped off the meal. Several left with the extra food, after everyone had eaten their fill.

**THANK YOU to everyone that supported our spring event.**

Looking forward to seeing you at our April 13, 2017 District Meeting at the Via Linda Senior Center, just south of Shea on Via Linda. Sign-in begins at 6:30pm and the meeting will start at 7:00pm.

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

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

Our April monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13 at Via Linda Senior Center in Scottsdale. [ [MAP](#) ] Registration will commence at 6:30 PM and the meeting will be called to order promptly at 7:00 PM. The theme for this meeting will be "Veterans' Issues." We will be welcoming Matt Dobson, the AZ State Director of Concerned Veterans for America. Matt will discuss several current issues facing our veterans, including the problems in the VA Health System, and will take questions. One of our PCs, Alex Meluskey, will also speak about a new project in support of our veterans which he is organizing.

Looking ahead, our May 11 meeting will feature Maricopa County Recorder Adrian Fontes, so get your voting-related questions ready. Remember that the web site, [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org), provides you with a wealth of information about meetings, upcoming events, documents, and links to other web sites and resources.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT - Valerie Giramberk**

### **DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE Statement of Income and Expense Month Ended March 31, 2017**

<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 2,750.29</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Donations	\$ 4,674.17
Badges	16.00
Legislators' Breakfast	<u>584.00</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,274.17</u></b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Legal Fees (Note 1)	\$ 2,000.00
Badges	50.00
Rental: Meeting Room (Captains' Training)	<u>50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,100.00</u></b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,174.17</u></b>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 5,924.46</b>
<b>PETTY CASH</b>	<b><u>\$ 4.16</u></b>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,928.62</u></b>

**Note 1:** Legal fees were incurred in December 2016 and January 2017 to defend State Committeemen. The outstanding balance for these fees is \$11,953.97.

Donations are always voluntary, we do encourage them, and they are greatly appreciated. The recommended donation is \$30 for an individual and \$50 for a couple. There are many ways to pay: cash, checks or credit cards are all accepted. Please help us cover our operating expenses by making your contribution. Note: These contributions are not tax deductible.

Checks can be mailed to: LD 23 Republican Committee, 8776 E Shea Blvd, Ste 106-341, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. Please make these out to **District 23 Republican Committee**. Be sure to fill out and include the donation form that is available on the website including your occupation and employer. This is required by campaign finance law. It is important to note that if you are self-employed, you still need to state your occupation. If you are retired, please state that on the form. Only send personal checks. Campaign finance law does not allow the acceptance of corporate checks. Thank you.

### **MARCH 9, 2017 MEETING MINUTES - Barbara Rothe**

The meeting at the Scottsdale Via Linda Center was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Nancy Ordowski. The prayer was delivered by Rev. C.T. Wright. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Nancy apologized for her inadvertent omission at the last meeting of recognizing newly elected Maricopa County Republican officers, Sheila Muehling and Yvonne Cahill. She also wanted to recognize Congressman David Schweikert, who was also in attendance at that meeting.

Three new PCs stood and were welcomed. Kimber Hattendorf and Barbara Medal were also recognized as guests.

Second Vice-Chair, Rich Rutkowski, announced that Commissioner Tom Forese had to attend to Corporation Commission business, and would be unable to be the guest speaker.

Mike Loverine gave an audio-visual presentation on the danger of the National Popular Vote Compact. Bob Hathorne also spoke on this topic and offered to speak to groups wanting more information. Sen. Andy Biggs blocked it in the Senate's last session. Our LD23 Representatives Jay Lawrence and Michelle Ugenti-Rita have voted against the bill. Questions were taken from the floor.

Mark Lewis, member of the Central Arizona Project Board, spoke. He said that the snowpack is good this year and the drought prediction is now pushed out to 2021. He also discussed the excess power on the grid and the balance shift to Arizona from California. The closing of the Navajo power plant was also addressed.

Gina Swoboda spoke on the refugee situation. She stated that all refugees are available for welfare upon arrival. Large amounts of federal monies are flowing to different refugee groups across the country.

Representative Jay Lawrence talked about tribal gaming revenue and the impact that wider lottery access will have on said revenue.

Announcements by Nancy:

1. David Giles has filed the necessary paperwork to run against Kyrsten Sinema.
2. People are encouraged to mail postcards to President Trump on March 15.
3. Pancake Breakfast on April 1 (8:30-11:30AM) at the McDowell Mountain Ranch Clubhouse. Cost: \$18 now; \$20 at the door.
4. The success of the 3/11/17 rally at the State Capitol.
5. MCRC Keep It Red campaign is \$10/mo. per person for 12 months.
6. MCRC Lincoln Day Luncheon on 5/13 is \$55 per PC; \$75 for non-PC.

PCs Jack Zohar, Margie Creedon, Jeanne McGill, Ed Toschik, and Charles Wood were called on by Nancy to introduce themselves and discuss their non-political interests.

A motion to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting was made by Adam Sonnenklar. The motion was seconded by Mark Lewis. Boe James inquired about the November, 2016 minutes and Nancy said she would get them to him. He also inquired about the December, 2016 minutes. Nancy stated there were no minutes as Judy Lawrence was out of town. The minutes were accepted as modified.

Valerie Giramberk presented the Treasurer's Report. The status of the legal fees were discussed.

Gina Swoboda made a motion to adjourn at 8:35. It was seconded by Ed Toschik.

## **DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS**

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

Next meeting: Saturday, April 8

Gainey Golf Club; 7600 E Gainey Club Drive, Scottsdale

9:30 AM Social / 10:00 AM Meeting / 11:00 AM Brunch

Speaker: Tom Jenney, Americans for Prosperity & Mark Spencer, Judicial Watch

Topic: "Fair Tax vs. Flat Tax" and "Freedom of Information Act"

For reservations & information, visit <http://prwc.org>

### **Palo Verde Republican Women**

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 19

Grayhawk Golf Club; 8620 East Thompson Peak Parkway; The Fairway House

11:00 AM Social / 11:30 AM Program & Lunch

Speaker: Caroline Lynch, an expert in privacy, cyber security, national security and criminal law, will share her views on President Trump's tweets and the media narrative that Russia influenced the November election. Reservations required by April 13.

Contact: Karen Wiswell, [pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com](mailto:pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com), or 480.699.2694.

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

Next meeting: Monday, May 1. Meet & greet at 5:30 PM & meeting at 6:00 PM. Millenium-McCormick Ranch, 7401 N. Scottsdale Road, with Constantin Querard and Hugh Hallman speaking pro & con about National Popular Vote. Reservations needed. RSVP to Patricia Kaufman, 480-368-2777 or [patiamiam@gmail.com](mailto:patiamiam@gmail.com).

**Fountain Hills Republican Club**

Next meeting: 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 15  
Keynote Speaker: AZ Secretary of State Michele Reagan  
Fountain Hills Community Center,  
13001 N La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268  
Next FHRC Social: 6 PM on Tuesday, April 25  
Fireside Grill at Lexington Hotel  
12800 N. Saguaro Blvd. in Fountain Hills  
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This month's newsletter was compiled and respectfully submitted  
by Rich Rutkowski, 2nd Vice Chairman.