



AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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Jim O'Connor, Chairman
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The Lincoln Link

March 2016



NEXT MEETING OF LD23
Thursday, April 14, 2016
Via Linda Senior Center
10440 E via Linda, Scottsdale
6:30 Sign-in, 7:00 Meeting
Prayer meeting at 6:00 for those interested

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Jim O'Connor

Fellow Precinct Committeemen,

Thank you to all of the 253 members who cast their votes in person or by proxy at our delegate election last Thursday evening. We successfully elected delegates and alternates to attend our AZGOP State Convention on April 30th at Mesa Convention Center. Be on the lookout

for your call letter being sent to you directly from the State Party. Details will be provided within that call letter.

After the State Convention April 30th, we will enter May with a focus on getting every PC to complete their Affidavits and Signature Petitions before that month's end. Nancy Ordowski will be leading that effort as she had two years ago. She has personally volunteered to take the required forms down to the County Recorder's Office and get receipts that each had been "received" by the County for entry on the ballot for the August Primary Election. Our LD stands currently at 440 and we remain in a growth mode.

Once we have completed our PC re-election requirements, we have a very busy primary season beginning in full stride for our legislative and countywide candidate races. As of this writing it appears there will be no primary in the City of Scottsdale Council race.

HAPPENING IN SCOTTSDALE - Guy Phillips

This month, the Scottsdale City Council will affect your lives in more ways than one!

We will be voting Tuesday the 6th to allow a commercial horse facility in a residential neighborhood that will have 54 horses on 6 acres. This is being pushed through by the wealthy Najafi family so his wife won't have to drive all the way from Paradise Valley to Cave Creek to visit her horses. The neighbors are willing to accept 25 horses but Mr Najafi says he can't make a healthy profit unless its over 50. If this passes, there will be a parade of horse trailers, manure trucks, hay trucks, garbage trucks, supply trucks, ranch hands, customers and yes, events at night in the arena.

Why does this effect you? Because the Najafis don't have 6 acres of land. What they purchased was 3 properties in a row that adds up to 6 acres. In order to have a horse ranch you need 5 acres. So the Najafis have applied for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to get around that pesky re-zoning process. Even if they get the CUP, it doesn't allow to build across property lines. Our zoning administrator told me they will get around that by using a land ordinance provision!

Bottom line is that if someone can come into YOUR neighborhood, buy two, three or four houses in a row, they can get a CUP and build whatever they want, like a giant drug rehab facility. This precedent has the potential to destroy family neighborhoods all across Scottsdale unless your Council says enough is enough and votes no. I certainly will.

We will also be holding a work study later in the month on our Transportation Master Plan. Unless you want to see lite rail on McDowell and up Scottsdale Rd all the way to Frank-Lloyd Wright, I suggest you email the city council and ask them to take lite rail off the Transportation Master Plan. We are already getting emails from special interest stakeholders asking us to include rail as an option.

Oh, and last Council meeting in March, Council passed a text amendment (changed the wording of an ordinance) that allows an extra 6 feet of height to buildings for 40% of the city.

Before that text amendment, if a developer wanted a 9 story building he would have to go 8 stories to include appurtenances (A/C, elevator, etc). Now the same developer can go 9 stories plus the 6 ft so in actuality they have been given an extra floor throughout downtown Scottsdale. This particular building is on Shoeman Lane, next to the Galleria. Watch for many, many more 9 story buildings now that this text amendment was approved. There is also one planned on the NW corner of Skysong on Scottsdale Rd and McDowell.

We are halfway there! The City Council has approved over 10,000 multifamily housing units in Scottsdale. Currently 5,000 have been or are being built all along McDowell and Scottsdale Rd. Can you say Transit Oriented Development? By this year's end T.O.D. will be established.

Lite rail is next.

Guy Phillips
Scottsdale City Council

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski

DO YOU PLAN 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, 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.
2. You may be able to have several PC in your Precinct sign at the April Meeting.
3. We will have three Notaries present at the April meeting to notarize your forms.
Government issued photo ID required. 6:00-6:45
4. Come prepared.

If you have completed your forms you can bring to the April 14 District Meeting and give them to me. 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 choose to mail your forms to me I will notify you by e-mail that I have received them. 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 I would like all of these submitted prior to May 31, 2016.

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 or 480-203-5278.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich Rutkowski

Remember the Annual Legislative Breakfast to be held on Saturday morning, April 9 at McDowell Center. Besides some tasty food cooked and served by your elected officers (and maybe a few volunteers), you'll be able to socialize with fellow PCs and chat with our LD23 state legislators and several other candidates for office.

Our April 14 meeting will be held at Via Linda Senior Center in Scottsdale on Via Linda south of Shea Blvd. and north of Mountain View Road. A map link can be found on the home page of the web site, www.ld23gop.org. Our main speaker for the evening will be Rick Gutridge, who will give a presentation on the interesting relationship between K-12 education funding and student achievement. Rick has thoroughly researched the subject and will share that information with us. We will also have a few candidates for office give brief introductions.

Looking ahead - the following general meeting is on May 12. That meeting comes just a few weeks before the filing deadline for the August primary. We anticipate that some of our PCs may wish to show their support for particular candidates via an endorsement by District PCs. The May agenda will provide an opportunity to consider and vote on any endorsement resolutions proposed by our PCs. As always, the web site, 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

Where were you when you decided to become active in politics? Do you remember your first candidate coffee, elected official town hall or showing up with a friend at a Get Out the Vote office? It all started with that simple thought that we've all had: as citizens in the United States of America, our voices and votes have power.

In the 2016 election cycle, no matter what the outcome, the paradigm has shifted from a cynical, uninvolved electorate, to an energized activated one. Indeed, the Framers are probably scratching their respective heads asking "what took them so long?"

On March 31st our district held its state convention delegate elections. It was illustrative of how things have changed in the last several years. There was an excitement, a buzz in the air. You could feel how much energy our PCs and registered Republican voters had for the process and its outcome.

Whoever the eventual nominee is for president, and we must certainly support that person, our ascendancy as the political center of gravity in the Republican Party must no longer be taken for granted. The conventional wisdom that money buys grassroots infiltrators, negative ads and squishy candidates willing to say or do anything to get elected has been thoroughly discredited. It is no longer the insider special interest groups that control politics in our nation, it is, as the Founders always designed it to be, the people!

It truly IS our time. It truly is our duty. It truly is our country. Do you feel it? Then let us be about the work of restoring our nation to its rightful path. We know we are ready, and it will not be easy, but now, we will be heard! The waiting is over. Together we will win in November!

Regards,

Joe Meli
Chairman Emeritus

TREASURER - Valerie Giramberk

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Statement of Income and Expense

Month Ended March 31, 2016

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE	\$ 7,138.80
REVENUE	
Contributions (dues)	500.00
Legislators' Breakfast	144.00
Restitution	<u>20.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 664.00</u>
EXPENSES	
Printing/training materials	\$ 38.66
Postage/Mailbox rental	428.97
Bank charges	4.00
Room rentals	<u>90.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 561.63</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 102.37</u>
ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$ 7,241.17
PETTY CASH	<u>\$ 60.04</u>
TOTAL BALANCE	<u>\$ 7,301.21</u>

The District is in sound financial shape with 114 PCs having already paid their 2016 dues. The dues are used for operating expenses such as meeting 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.

As a reminder, I bring the detail for every months' revenue and expenses as well as year-to-date to the monthly meetings and you are welcome to review it. Copies can also be sent by email if requested.

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.

DISTRICT 23 MINUTES - Judy Lawrence, Secretary

Legislative District 23 Republican Committee Monthly Meeting Fountain Hills School District Learning Center March 10, 2016 7:00 pm

With concurrence of the members present, the District Meeting of the members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23, held at Fountain Hills School District Learning 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

Valerie Giramberk, Treasurer

Judith Lawrence, Secretary

The Invocation was given by CT Wright.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Francis Riggs.

District Chairman, Jim O'Connor, informed us that Michele Reagan and Michele Ugenti-Rita's Anti-Ballot Harvesting bill had passed and that it is now a felony to harvest ballots in the State of Arizona. Terry Goddard and Paul Johnson, who supported a Top Two Primary initiative announced that it failed because they failed to meet the signature requirement. He then announced that anyone on the LD23 Board could give out Helen Purcell's website address to find their nearest polling place for the Presidential Preference Primary coming up on March 22, 2016. People can vote at any polling place.

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 March 31, 2016, Credentialing will start at 6pm. Details will be on the website and will be sent out in an e-blast. Those without email will receive their notices by regular mail.

The LD23 Breakfast will be on April 9th. Location will be at the McDowell Center at 16116 McDowell Mountain Ranch Rd, Scottsdale 85259. It is a buffet breakfast with pancakes, ham, assorted pastries, and fresh fruit with coffee and juice. The price is \$18 if paid in advance and \$20 at the door. The candidates will have an opportunity to speak and may pay for a campaign table as well.

The next meeting will be on April 14, 2016 at the Via Linda Senior Center. The speaker will be Rick Guttridge. He is the Chairman of the Joint Legislative District Taskforce on Education who will speak on the difference between K through 12 funding on education and student achievement.

Second Vice Chairman – Dr. Rick Rutkowski then introduced the speakers for the evening, State Treasurer Jeff DeWit, who spoke against Proposition 123 and Chuck Schmidt of the Arizona State Board of Education, who spoke in favor of the proposition. There was a question and answer period.

Chairman Jim O'Connor introduced Former U.S. Congressman and Gubernatorial Candidate, Frank Riggs who then introduced his wife of 35 years, Cathy Riggs, who is running for Justice of the Peace in Desert Ridge. Cathy spoke of qualifications and her desire to "raise the bar for JP's"

First Vice Chairman, Nancy Ordowski, announced that anyone who had picture ID badges made up could pick them up at the back table. If you have ordered yours and haven't gotten it, you are to give your name to Nancy and she will follow up with the AZGOP to see that you get it.

Secondly she announced that there are forms for voters who know that they will be out of town in August during the Primary Election. They are temporary address change forms that will allow your ballot to be sent directly to them as the ballots can not be forwarded.

PC Boe James announced that the Fountain Hills Republican Club's annual Fundraising Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 19th. Tickets are \$15.00 for members who purchase them early and \$18 for non-members and those paying at the door. The keynote speaker is AZGOP Chairman, Robert Graham. There tables available for candidates who want to collect signatures and hand out election materials.

Secondly, March 30, 2016 Dr. CT Wright will be adopted into the Lower Verde River Valley Hall of Fame. The dinner ticket price is \$30.00 each. Boe will give you the phone number of the person to call for reservations.

Chairman Jim O'Connor then spoke to anyone one who wishes to self-nominate themselves at the State Convention to remind them that the forms are to be turned in by 5pm March 14th. The convention is April 30th and will very likely last most of the day and requires a \$50.00 Fee. LD23 will elect 70 delegates and up to 70 alternates.

A motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting as published was made by Richard Breyer and seconded by Patty Stetson. Boe James asked for a discussion of the minutes. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have minutes accepted as corrected with the following modification: Boe James submitted two proposed By-Law changes, one to modify the method of appointment of PCs to fill vacancies in contested precincts. The second dealt with Memorial Resolutions. He moved that his comments would be included in the minutes, that motion was seconded by Steven Jackson and passed favorably. A motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting as corrected was made by Richard Breyer, seconded by Steven Jackson and passed favorably.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by Patty Stetson and seconded by Ed Toschik. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Lawrence, Secretary

EVENTS:



LD23 Annual Legislative Breakfast

April 9, 2016 8:30 am

McDowell Center, 16116 N McDowell Mountain Dr, Scottsdale

Buffet Breakfast - Hobnobbing with Candidates and elected officials

\$18.00pp in advance, \$20pp at the door

To make a reservation, make your check to LD23 Republican Committee and mail to Valerie Giramberk, Treasurer; 8776 E. Shea Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Time to think about the elections of Precinct Committeemen in each precinct. For those new to the process, this happens every even year, no matter when you may have been appointed or elected. Please see the 1st Vice Chair's report for details.

Congratulations to long time Republican Precinct Committeemen, Boe James and Dr. C.T. Wright, for their awards as mentioned below in the Fountain Hills Republican Club news.

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS:

Lincoln Republican Women's Club

[Editor: We are sorry that this event has passed. Please use the following contact info to get information on the next meeting. It's the first Monday of each month.

Pat Kaufman 480-368-2777 or 602-214-2114 or email her at patiamiam@gmail.com

Paradise Republican Women's Club

Exploring Prop 123 - The Pros and Cons

Saturday, April 9, 2016 10:00 Social, 11::30 Business, 12:00 Lunch and Speakers
Rep. Anthony Kern, LD20, will be speaking for Prop 123, AZ Treasurer Jeff DeWit will be speaking against Prop 123. This is a perfect opportunity to hear both sides of the issue before it's time to vote on May 17, 2016 at a Special Election.

Gainey Ranch Golf Club
7600 E Gainey Club Dr, Scottsdale
Lunch \$30 A Reservation made is a reservation paid!
Buy Tickets at [Eventbrite](#)

Palo Verde Republican Women

The always entertaining Treasurer Jeff DeWit will speak on "The State of the Arizona State Treasury"
The presentation will include information on the Arizona economy and the economic outlook for our state.

Additionally, Palo Verde RW member, Cathy Riggs, candidate for Justice of the Peace, will speak briefly on why she is running and is qualified for this office.

Grayhawk Golf Club
8620 East Thompson Peak Parkway, The Fairway House, Scottsdale

11:00 Social, 11:30 Program and lunch \$26.00 cash or check, \$27.00 credit card Reservations are required. To make a reservation, please contact Patty Prosin by email at pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com, or call her at 480.656.4746 A Reservation made is a reservation paid!

Fountain Hills Republican Club:

Next meeting: 9 a.m., Saturday, April 16, 2016
Christina Sandefur, Executive VP, Goldwater Institute
Fountain Hills Community Center,
13001 N La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

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

For more information, contact Boe James at FHRepublican@gmail.com or <http://www.fhrepublicanclub.org/>

Congratulations to Dr. C.T. Wright, FHRC's President, for induction into the "Fountain Hills and Lower Verde River Valley" Hall of Fame.

The Fountain Hills Republican Club announces that Boe James was selected as the club's 2016 "Republican of the Year."