



AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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The Lincoln Link – August, 2012

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District Meeting – August 9, 2012

6:30 PM, Social Hour - 7:00 PM Meeting – Mustang Library

10101 North 90th Street, Scottsdale

Our August 9th speakers will be Congressman Jeff Flake, candidate for United States Senate, Teresa Wright and radio personality Mike Broomhead about a special project for the Arizona Republican Party.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Doug Little

This past weekend, I was visiting a friend of mine in the Salt Lake City area. While Arizona and Utah are many miles apart, both are "Red" states, with predominately Republican voters and many of those Republicans share conservative values.

My friend shared a story about a 5th grade program at her son's elementary school that if successfully completed would result in her son receiving a "Patriot Award". I was impressed that such an awards program would even be offered in a public school, since most public curriculums barely include American History and rarely include 'government' studies. With all the stories we hear about liberalism in the education community, seeing this program for the kids was indeed refreshing.

I asked to see what the requirements for the award might be and was surprised to find them quite challenging for the 5th grade level. Students were required to learn the names of all 50 states and their capitals. They were required to be able to name every American president in the order of their holding office. They were required to name and label each of the 13 original colonies on a map and multiple book reports from a required reading list were also a part of the program.

Another requirement was to do a presentation on the major phases in the evolution of the American flag, from the original Betsy Ross flag in 1776 through the "Stars and Stripes" as they fly over our country today.

One of the requirements that I found to be the most interesting was a test they had to take to match historical quotes to the person that said them. I thought I would share some of the most meaningful of them, because in my view, the selection of quotes was impressive. I'd be curious as to how many of them we could name if pressed for an answer.

A few of the more significant ones were:

"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country.

"Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

"I have a dream that one day little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today!"

"We must all hang together, or most assuredly, we will all hang separately."

"Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration."

"This was not an act of terrorism, but it was an act of WAR."

"A government of laws and not of men."

"I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

Certainly these are worthwhile quotes to reflect on, whether you are a 5th grader or an adult.

Overall, this was work that would take a student an entire academic year to complete and that required a lot of support from parents to insure that everything was correct. Of course, in the process of completing the project, the student and parent would have a lot of time to talk about what American values are all about and why they are so important to preserve.

The only sad part was the fact that out of entire 5th grade class, only two students chose to embark on this program. Only two...out of over 120. My friend's son did it because his Mom encouraged him to do it and promised her help. Apparently, many of the parents didn't think it was important enough to spend time on. This is truly heartbreaking to me.

For us to preserve American values, we must take the responsibility to pass those values down to our children...to help them see what makes this great nation unique in the world. It is our responsibility to help them understand why what we have is worth defending, if necessary, with our very lives. The preservation of those values enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are essential if we are to preserve our way of life. But in order to preserve it, we must first teach others about why it matters which is hard work that requires time and effort.

I'd like to share a quote which was not included in the award requirements but perhaps should have been; outside Independence Hall when the Constitutional Convention of 1787 ended, a certain Mrs. Powell of Philadelphia asked Benjamin Franklin, "Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" With no hesitation whatsoever, Franklin responded, "A republic, if you can keep it."

Truer words were never spoken....

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – JOE ROMACK

Early ballots are out, and we need to encourage our neighbors to return those ballots ASAP; #1 because it's important, and #2, it makes the robo-calls stop! So, put on a pair of comfortable shoes and walk your Precinct!

In addition, several of our candidates can use help with tasks such as phone banking, stuffing envelopes, etc. Contact me and I can put you in touch with them.

One of the most important tasks that we will face after the August elections is filling each and every open PC seat in our Legislative District. Please think of friends and neighbors in your Precincts who would like to become a PC. Also, consider people who live elsewhere in LD23, too. We are very close to becoming the largest Legislative District in Arizona. Let's make it happen!

Precinct Committeemen training is still planned for the mid-September timeframe and both current and new PCs are welcome to attend.

If there are ever any questions/issues concerning LD23 membership, feel free to contact me at: azgopld23@hotmail.com

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – BOE JAMES

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The September speakers will be Brad Zinn speaking about voter fraud and Maricopa County Treasurer Hos Hoskins who is a candidate for re-election as Treasurer.

Our October meeting will cover the propositions and referendums on the ballot, plus the possibility of an appearance by conservative comedian, Eric Golub. Because of a conflict with the Vice Presidential debate, which many of you will be watching, the meeting time and location have been changed to Saturday, October the 6th at 10:30 AM, at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library. Please mark your calendars now so as not to miss it.

Don't forget to mark the December 13th Christmas party at Gainey Ranch Golf Club on your calendar. Chairman Shirley Cordasco will have more information for you as the date approaches.

DISTRICT 8 MINUTES – LINDA RIZZO, SECRETARY

- I. The July monthly meeting of LD 23, held at the Mustang Library was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Doug Little. Current officers were present.
- II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – Led by CT Wright
- III. Introduction of Elected Officials and Guests – by Chairman Doug Little introduced Elected Officials, Candidates and other Guests of note.

- IV. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of the June 14, 2012, General Meeting motion to approve the minutes as written by Joe Meli; second by Tom Buggeln. Minutes approved. A copy of the minutes was placed on file.
- V. Chairman's Business
- Newsletter Issues: The newsletter will be re-sent. It did not reach everyone
 - Resolutions from the ECG Meeting
 - Establish a committee to draft a State Convention Handbook
 - File a lawsuit against Open Elections if approved.
 - a. At a coming general meeting there will be discussion and information concerning the propositions to enable us to discuss them competently.
- VI. First Vice Chair Report – Joe Romack
- A total of 362 candidates; 590 PC positions; we have 228 to fill after the election.
 - PC training will occur in September.
- VII. Treasurer's Report – Joan Parker
- Joan explained the report. A copy is attached.
 - Required reporting for the period 1/31 to 5/31 were filed timely with the Secretary of State and the County
 - Reconciliation with LD7 will occur at the next Board meeting.
 - Chairman Little asked again for time and/or money in support of all the activities required to win in November. Joan is available to take donations this evening and by mail.
- VIII. Second Vice Chair – Boe James
- Speakers scheduled:
 - Septembert – not confirmed as yet
 - October – Brad Zinn to discuss Voter Fraud and Poll Watcher opportunities
 - November
 - December – the Christmas Party
 - Speakers this evening:
 - Lester Pearce candidate for County Supervisor
 - Sheriff Joe Arpaio
- IX. Candidates Introductions – Chairman Little invited the Candidates in attendance to introduce themselves. There followed some general announcements from the floor.

Meeting Adjourned ad 8:30 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOAN PARKER

DISTRICT 8 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSE

Month ended July 31, 2012

	Month of <u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2012 Budget</u>
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE	\$ 10,474.82	\$ 10,422.73	
REVENUE			
Contributions (Dues)	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,055.00	\$7,400.00
Fundraisers - Legislators' Breakfast*	20.00	3,220.00	3,200.00
- Silent Auctions/Raffles		1,714.00	1,350.00
- Bake Sales			100.00
- Holiday Party			4,500.00
- Auctions/Raffles			650.00
- Bake Sales			100.00
Name Badges		135.00	600.00
Misc. Income		\$ 5.22	275.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 50.00	\$ 6,129.22	\$ 18,175.00
EXPENSES			
Supplies - Name badges/ribbons		\$ 128.01	\$ 550.00
- Other	\$ 171.61	435.32	50.00
Printing - Newsletter, inserts, envelopes			50.00
- Training Manuals			
- Misc.			50.00
Postage - Newsletter			100.00
- Other than Newsletter		45.00	100.00
Bank Charges			25.00
Late Fees - State & County			
Website			100.00
Election Expenses		20.00	8,000.00
Rental-meeting room/equipment		979.00	1,000.00
Fundraisers: - Legislative breakfast		3,107.36	2,600.00
- Holiday Party			

	264.71	4,400.00
- Special Events		
Donations: Tars	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance		150.00
Miscellaneous expense	219.34	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 171.61	\$ 6,198.74
		\$ 18,175.00

Net Income	\$ (121.61)	\$ (69.52)
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ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$ 10,353.21
PETTY CASH	\$ 50.00
TOTAL BALANCE	\$ 10,403.21

BALANCE SHEET
Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Assets (all Current)

Cash in Bank	\$ 10,353.21
Petty Cash	\$ 50.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 10,403.21

Liabilities & Equity

Beginning Balance	\$ 10,524.82
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (121.61)
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 10,403.21

Beginning bank balance	\$10,474.82
Deposits	50.00

Checks issued	<u>(171.61)</u>
Ending bank balance	<u>\$10,353.21</u>

Thank you to Christian Serena for making a contribution during the month of July.

A REMINDER TO ALL PC'S:

The District asks all PC's to make a voluntary contribution each year to help with the expense of running the District. The suggested amount is \$30 for an individual and \$50 for a couple who are both PC's. Any amount you can give would be welcome. We are expecting to open an office shortly after the primary election. This will be a costly undertaking but we feel it is necessary to win this election. **PLEASE HELP BY SENDING IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION TODAY.**

EVENT CHAIRMAN – SHIRLEY CORDASCO

Just another reminder, folks, I know it's a few months away, but December the 13th will be here before you know it.

FOUNTAIN HILLS REPUBLICAN CLUB – BOE JAMES

The Fountain Hills Republican Club's next meeting is Saturday, August 18th and will feature the two candidates for the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Lester Pearce and Steve Chucuri.

The Club's annual Picnic will be Saturday, October 20th. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

The Fountain Hills Republican Club will be hosting two meet and greets for all Republican candidates appearing on the General Election Ballot in the five precincts that encompass Fountain Hills. All registered voters in Legislative District 23 and Congressional District 5 are invited. The "Pizza and Politics" evenings will be held at the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church from 6:00-8:00 PM Friday, September the 1st and Friday, October the 5th.