

LD23 Republican Committee

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**The Republican Party  
of Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, and Rio Verde**



**AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee**  
[www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org)

**Jim O'Connor, Chairman**  
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## October 2016 Newsletter



**WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED PCs!**

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

10440 E Via Linda, Scottsdale

October 13, 2016

Sign-in: 6:30 PM ~ Meeting: 7:00 PM

Prayer meeting at 6:00 PM for those interested
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**CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Jim O'Connor**

Fellow PCs,

Now is the time for us to drive with everything we've got to help create a TRUMP landslide victory on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Whether you have done a little or a lot to date, we need you now to volunteer to make calls for Trump. Commit to take action now!

Additionally, we need you all to be aware that we risk losing control of our Arizona State Senate. Thankfully we have one excellent conservative candidate, Frank Schmuck in LD 18, who handily defeated Jeff Dial in the primary last month. That said Frank is facing a strong democrat challenger in the upcoming General election. Frank needs our financial as well as volunteer support. Call or email me 602-538-9387 or [jwo@ronnoco3.com](mailto:jwo@ronnoco3.com) for a LD 18 precinct list and I shall get you plugged in. It's not what we say, but rather what we do, that will make the difference. Commit to take action now!

Hopefully you are all looking forward as much as I am to celebrating and partying beginning the morning of November 9<sup>th</sup>. Until then, let's all get to work now for the cause of keeping our republic.

Jim O'Connor

**FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski**

Precinct Committeemen, please take 3 minutes to complete your State Committeemen Intent to Run form, scan and e-mail to Michael Loverine. Every 2 years State Committeemen are elected at our Organizational Meeting (to be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016). You only need to attend 2 meetings, January 28, 2017 and January 2018. Go to our web-site [ld23gop.org](http://ld23gop.org) to "Documents" and print the Intent to Run Form.

This is the time to be contacting ALL Republicans in your Precinct to remind them their vote counts and encourage them to mail in their early ballots as soon as they arrive, or to make sure they go to the

polls on November 8. If they need transportation to the polls, please let us know.

If you wish to be the Captain of your Precinct, please complete the Precinct Captain Form also located on the web-site under "Documents." Have your PC's sign and then return to me.

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

Submitted by, Nancy Ordowski

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

Our October 13 meeting will again be held at Via Linda Senior Center at 10440 E. Via Linda in Scottsdale. A map link can be found on the home page of the web site, [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org). The agenda for the evening will feature Bill Montgomery, Maricopa County Attorney.

Hopefully, you are aware of Prop 205, the proposal to legalize "recreational" marijuana in Arizona. Bill has been actively involved in the effort to defeat Prop 205. His presentation to us will focus on the multiple legal consequences that would occur if Prop 205 passes. He will educate us on the issue and prepare us to enlighten voters and urge them to VOTE NO ON 205. You are encouraged to bring other interested parties to hear Bill's eye-opening presentation.

Looking ahead - there will be no general meeting in November. Hopefully, we will all be celebrating victory for the Trump/Pence ticket and the Republican Party nationwide, and the path to making America great again! Until then, it's time to walk your precincts, talk to anyone who will listen, and get out the vote. Read the PC 101 e-blasts, which provide information for new and existing PCs to use with voters. Campaign materials are available from Nancy and me, and will be available at the October 13 meeting. 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, such as the newly revised LD23 PC Handbook ("Documents" page). That will also be the place to find upcoming information about the December 1 Organizational Meeting, which will be held at the FHUSD Learning Center in Fountain Hills.

## **CHAIRMAN EMERITUS - Joe Meli**

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; It tolls for thee." - John Donne (1572 -1631)

Dear Fellow Precinct Committeemen,

With the presidential election just over a month away, it's time to take stock of our situation. We, the voters who elected Donald Trump our candidate, are under attack. We are attacked by the left-wing media, Democrats and, of course, members of our own party. The bell is tolling for the end of the left's assumed control of the national discourse, and its power to decide elections. The bell tolls for a wooden, abrasive, secretive and utterly uninspiring candidate, Hillary Rodham Clinton. Finally, the bell tolls for those members of our party, who put their own agendas ahead of grassroots voters; we who every four years loyally brought all of our energy to bear on working to elect WHOMEVER our party chose as it's presidential candidate. We have to fend off these attacks and soldier on, no matter how high

the waves or stiff the winds trying to sink our respective boats! Remember this: whether you are for our candidate or against him, HE DIDN'T ELECT HIMSELF! When you insult Donald Trump, you insult all of us, around fourteen million, who voted for him! He is the candidate of the Republican Party, either help us get him elected, or stand down. It's difficult enough working to elect a candidate with a unified party, so much more so with one in conflict with itself. We don't need another obstacle to jump over. Don't be embarrassed or afraid to support our candidate! Listen for the bell, it's the sound of we, the grassroots, taking back our country, come help us ring it.

Regards,  
Joe Meil  
Chairman Emeritus

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

#### **DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE Statement of Income and Expense Month Ended September 30, 2016**

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</b> | <b>\$ 6,606.22</b>        |
| <b>REVENUE</b>                |                           |
| Contributions (dues)          | \$ 50.00                  |
| Name Badges                   | 16.00                     |
| Restitution                   | <u>40.00</u>              |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>          | <b>\$ <u>106.00</u></b>   |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>               |                           |
| Name Badges                   | \$ 59.98                  |
| Printing                      | 120.00                    |
| Postage                       | <u>7.57</u>               |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>         | <b>\$ <u>187.55</u></b>   |
| <b>NET REVENUE</b>            | <b>\$ <u>(81.55)</u></b>  |
| <b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>    | <b>\$ 6,524.67</b>        |
| <b>PETTY CASH</b>             | <b>\$ <u>60.04</u></b>    |
| <b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>          | <b>\$ <u>6,584.71</u></b> |

As we near the end of the year, we encourage anyone who has not paid their 2016 dues, to do so. While dues are voluntary, these contributions help offset the cost of room rentals, postage, web site costs, and more. Recommended dues are \$30 for an individual and \$50 for a couple and there are many ways to pay. We accept cash, checks and credit cards. Please help us cover our operating expenses by making your contribution.

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.

## **MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 MEETING - Judy Lawrence**

### **Legislative District 23 Republican Committee Monthly Meeting Scottsdale Via Linda Senior Center September 8, 2016 7:00 pm**

With concurrence of the members present, the District Meeting of the members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23 was called to order at 7:00 PM

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 Tim Horn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Gayla Coletto.

In opening, District Chairman Jim O'Connor welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

Second Vice Chairman, Rich Rutkowski told us that our next meeting will be on October 13th and will be held at the Via Linda Senior Center in Scottsdale. Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery will be the speaker at that meeting. He will be speaking against Prop 205, the recreational marijuana proposition.

The speakers for this meeting were announced: Chris Herring, Chairman of LD21 Republican Committee, and President of Young Republican Professionals; Mark Lewis (incumbent), Jennifer Brown, & Michael Francis, candidates for CAP Water Board.

Chris Herring explained the difference between his group and the other young Republican groups.

Its members are from 18 years of age (eligible to vote) to 40 years old. This contrasts with the younger membership of Teenage Republican Clubs. However, they do work together with them.

There are also college Republican clubs, but they only exist on college campuses. He reminded us that Michele Reagan and other elected officials, were members of a Young Republican Group. He explained the 5-year plan to grow their organization and asked for a \$10.00 contribution for a bumper sticker as part of their plan to raise money to grow and add new chapters. He also announced his candidacy for Maricopa County Republican Party Chairman.

Suzanne Klapp spoke about her campaign for reelection to the Scottsdale City Council.

Dave Giles, the Republican Nominee for the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, followed and extended his appreciation for the support of his campaign in the primary. He is running against Kyrsten Sinema, the Democratic incumbent and asked for our help in that fight.

Jennifer Brown spoke about her reasons for running for the Central Arizona Project Central Arizona

Water Conservation District 4. She decried the problems we are facing if the water board isn't brought under conservative control. This is an unpaid, non-partisan position. Ten candidates are running; 5 are Democrats and environmentalist attorneys. She is running along with Mark Lewis and Michael Francis and asked for our support in the general election. A brief Q & A followed her remarks.

Mark Stuart invited us to attend a hearing at 1:30 PM on October 17 at the Palomar Hotel at Jefferson and Central in Phoenix. This hearing relates to alleged problems with the management of the Tournament Players Club golf facility in Scottsdale. Mark explained that this facility is owned by the City of Scottsdale but managed under contract by a private entity. He explained further that there are concerns with a serious lack of transparency on the part of the City of Scottsdale and the projection of an approximately \$50 million financial loss to taxpayers of Scottsdale despite the large revenues generated by the facility, which hosts a popular PGA event each year. Mark stated that, if we wish to preserve our right of self-governance, we must appear at this hearing on October 17.

Nancy Ordowski, First Vice Chair, then highlighted a campaign flyer for many State and Maricopa County candidates in the general election, produced by the team of Mark Lewis, Jennifer Brown and Michael Francis. LD23 will not be producing a "Golden Ticket" for the general election, but campaign materials for candidates and issues to use while walking precincts will be available for PCs. Nancy then told us about Precinct Captain elections. Forms for this purpose are available on the LD23 website. Completed forms should be returned to Nancy. Also, any PC wanting to be elected as State Committeeman must fill out an "Intent to Run" (also available on the LD23 website) and must return the form back to Nominating Committee Chairman Michael Loverine before the deadline of 5:00 PM on October 31. Nancy then explained that early ballots cannot legally be forwarded. She outlined the procedure for use of temporary change of address forms for those voters who will be out of town between October 12 and November 8, 2016, but still want to vote by early ballot. Nancy alerted PCs of the need for polling place volunteers, hand ballot counters, poll watchers, and precinct volunteers. She thanked all those who walked their precincts distributing "Golden Tickets" and other candidate material. Boe James added his opinion about the importance of having our people at the polls to be sure everything is being handled correctly. Nancy will be presenting a class on poll watching. She concluded by describing her experiences at a recent Trump Rally in Phoenix.

Tim Horn offered observations about his personal experience "backstage" and as a driver of one of the transport vehicles for part of the Trump team at the recent rally in Phoenix. He said that everyone in the campaign was friendly and polite. He really enjoyed the experience.

Our Organizational Meeting will be held on December 1. We will be electing new LD officers and State Committeemen. In preparation for that meeting, we must form a Nominating Committee. The duties of the Nominating Committee, as described in LD23 bylaws, were announced. Chairman Jim O'Connor appointed Michael Loverine as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Nominations for 4 additional members were requested from the floor. Gayla Coletto, Larry Hagan, Jeannie McGill and Alex Meluskey volunteered to serve. No additional nominations were made and these PCs were accepted by the membership.

Gayla Coletto spoke about her work with the “Constitution in the Classroom” program. She encouraged all of us to get involved.

Liz Alcorn offered information about the MCRC Lincoln Day Awards Dinner, to be held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in downtown Phoenix on Saturday, October 15, 2016. The cost for PC’s is \$60.00 per person. Standard tables of 10 will be sold for \$600.00 for PC. The price for a seat at the speaker's table is \$3000. The awards to be given at the event include a Lincoln bust, a Reagan bust, and others. This annual event honors the commitment and work of PC’s who are a credit to MCRC and the Republican Party. More details will be forthcoming.

Michael Loverine proposed a resolution rebuking Senator Jeff Flake for his “Never Trump” stand. Since the language of the resolution was not provided to PCs at least 10 days in advance of this meeting, in accordance with our bylaws, no formal action could be taken. Michael requested that LD23 PCs contact Senator Flake's office and inform him that they will not support his reelection to the US Senate.

Boe James announced the Fountain Hills Republican Club Annual Picnic, to be held at the Fountain Hills Community Center on Saturday, September 17.

Jim O’Connor officially announced his candidacy for Arizona Republican Party Chairman in the January, 2017 election.

Due to time constraints, Valerie Giramberk did not present the Treasurer’s report but it will be available for review by PCs in the published newsletter. Also, because of time constraints and the need to vacate the room before closing time, the amended minutes of the August 11, 2016 meeting were not brought up for approval. Those minutes will be voted upon at the next meeting on October 13, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.  
Respectfully submitted by Judith Lawrence, Secretary

## **DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS**

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

Guest speaker: LD22 AZ House Representative Phil Lovas, Arizona Chairman for Trump, will speak on the Road Ahead to November 8 Saturday, Oct 6, 2016  
Gainey Golf Club  
7600 E Gainey Club Drive, Scottsdale 85258  
10:30 Social, 11:00 Meeting, 12:00 Lunch

**Tickets: \$30 per Person**

*(A Reservation **Made** Is A Reservation **Paid**.)*

Reservations can be made at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prwc-october-2016-general-meeting-tickets-28163055457>

Guests welcome. Membership opportunities available at the sign in table.

### **Fountain Hills Republican Club**

| Next meeting: Saturday, October 15th at 9 a.m. at the Fountain Hills Community Center.  
Keynote speaker: **Cheryl Todd**. Main topic:the 2nd Amendment. At the end of this meeting you will be convinced that you must get your neighbors and friends out to vote the Republican ticket.  
Find out more about Cheryl at [www.gunfreedomradio.com](http://www.gunfreedomradio.com), [www.azfirearms.com](http://www.azfirearms.com) or [www.potofgoldestate.com](http://www.potofgoldestate.com) or on Facebook at [GunFreedomRadio](#), [AZFirearms](#) or [PotofGoldEstate](#).

KFYI radio personality **Mike Broomhead** will be the keynote speaker for the club's annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 17th.

"GOP Social" 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 25rd  
Fireside Grill in Lexington Hotel, 12800 N Saguaro Blvd., Fountain Hills 85628.  
Everyone invited. NO host bar, NO speeches, Just fun and good conversation, drink and food.  
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This month's newsletter was compiled and respectfully submitted
by Rich Rutkowski, 2nd Vice Chairman.