



AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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The Lincoln Link

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**NEXT MEETING OF LD23**  
**Thursday, September 8, 2016**  
**Via Linda Senior Center**  
**10440 E Via Linda**  
**6:30 Sign-in, 7:00 Meeting**  
**Prayer meeting at 6:00 for those interested**  
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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Jim O'Connor

My fellow LD 23 PC's.

Our 2016 Republican Primary is behind us and our party's candidates need our active support and personal involvement in their General Elections two months from now. From the top of our ballot to

the bottom, we must drive republican and independent voters to vote for EVERY Republican running.

Our message is positive across the board. Avoid even the mention of the name of Trump's opponent. Smile a lot. Engage with enthusiasm about the prospect of "Making America Great Again." Each of us are the top sales agents for the Republican brand.

Invite everyone you speak with to a campaign event. Invite them to volunteer an hour or two at any of the Trump call centers throughout the valley. Specific locations will be made available through the Trump Campaign and the AZGOP get out the vote offices.

Our entire focus for the next two months needs to be behind our republican candidates at every level of elected office. Detailed information on each of their campaigns are now posted on our district's website for your convenience in contacting the candidates which you choose to work for and support.

Lastly, our contested precinct election results will be made available on the County Recorders website sometime Wednesday, September 7th 2016.

HAPPENING IN SCOTTSDALE - Guy Phillips



Now that the Scottsdale City Council is back in session, I would like to show you a few reasons why local elections matter. I know we get caught up in the Presidential election, but the Electoral College will be the ones to decide that. Who decides what happens in your own hometown?

You have probably heard of the Desert Discovery Center, or DDC. A special interest group that has decided we need to exploit our Preserve by building a commercial venture disguised as a tourist attraction. But besides the DDC, did you hear about the sign tower up north? 25' high along our scenic corridor on Scottsdale Road? Of course that probably won't be as bad as the bright Texaco Star on the new gas station at Pima & Dynamite!

How about the residents of Rio Verde having to pay more for water hauling because Scottsdale National has effectively closed down their hydrant at the golf entrance? What about the Gentleman's Club on FLW and the 101? Then there is the mega-multi-use project on 64th & McDowell that has residents up in arms. Lets not forget the 90' tower going up at Skysong on the SE corner of McDowell and Scottsdale Rd, across from Virginia Korte's property. This is not to be confused with the six story, 325 Bolshevik-inspired concrete slab apartments on Hayden and Northsight, only 1000 yards from the airport runway. Or the 3x density project slated for 92nd and Cactus. Be aware of the canal project along 79th and Chaparral which is violating every county code for dust, noise and hours of operation.

Oh yes, there is also the four story office/apartments in our Scottsdale mall, courtesy of my new opponent and his friends, Councilwomen Korte and Milhaven. Do you think the LGBTQ ordinance is gone? How about light rail? Both are only a election away from reality.

You may think that Pickleball courts without rotating paddle racks is more important (an actual issue right now) but let's not forget others like Mosquito Lake, a flood runoff basin to protect the CAP which in recent times has become a Zika test basin. Let's not forget the stadium lights from Notre Dame Prep keeping residents of Windgate up at night while hazing the summer night skies. And recently, we found out that a fire station the voters approved in the last bond vote will be built by taking land through eminent domain. I don't think that was in the bond question!

Roundabouts, bond elections, property values, regressive food taxes, General Plan woes, traffic timing, height and density, increasing vagrancy and crime. These are all coming up on our Council agendas. Marijuana dispensaries near schools, Air B&B turning neighborhoods into youth hostels, Sober Homes across the street, Federal and State laws superceding local ordinances.....

Local Elections Matter! Will you continue to vote for those who are perpetuating all these issues for personal benefit or for those who are fighting towards keeping our city special and our neighborhoods safe?

Guy Phillips
Scottsdale City Council



FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski

Special **THANK YOU** to the 6 PC Poll Watchers and 15 PC's that worked the polls handing out candidate literature. In addition there was a large number of our PC's who walked their precinct sections, reaching out to voters and giving them the Golden Tickets. All of your time and work in the Arizona heat is greatly appreciated.

Now we will move to the next step and begin the work to get our Republican candidates elected in the General Election on November 8, 2016.

Hope to see all of you next **Thursday, September 8** at the Via Linda Senior Center.

You can always reach me at ncordowski@gmail.com or 480-203-5278.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich Rutkowski

Our September 8 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. The agenda for the evening will include Chris Herring, Chairman of LD 21, who will give a presentation on Maricopa County Young Republican Professionals. We will also hear from Mark Lewis (one of our PCs) & Michael Francis, candidates for the Central Arizona Water Conservation District.

Looking ahead - the following general meeting will be on October 13 at Via Linda. Our guest for that meeting will be Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery. Bill will give us an update on current legal issues and the ballot proposition to legalize "recreational" marijuana. 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

Dear Fellow PCs,

As of now we find ourselves in a historically turbulent political climate. For those who are either pro or con regarding climate change science, the main argument for the pro position is that empirical observation plus computer modeling result in absolute prognosticative certainty that things are getting worse. For the con position, the argument is that since no single data source or combined datum sources are ever 100% reliable, there is no way to be certain of said worsening is inevitable.

What does this have to do with political climate change? Very simply this: like the weather, politics is anything but predictable and certain; however, we must look as far ahead as we can to plan for what future, good or bad, might come.

Are we doing this? Mostly, no, we are not.

The main political climate change threats to our nation and the society and way of life it has nurtured, are the pervasive drumbeat of multiculturalism and its partner, economic globalism by the left. These two concepts, when properly managed, are not inherently bad for our country. Indeed, Ellis Island in the 19th century and Ford Motor Company early 20th respectively show us that being a strong nation and embracing outside cultures and markets can create great opportunity. Now however, our political climate change is out of control. We must focus ourselves on the future, that if nothing is done to correct the current abuses, we will cease to be the nation that our Framers created.

Look past this election cycle, look to our deeper, far-reaching concerns and let us focus our attention to them.

We will need conservative candidates who will answer to their constituents and restore the power of governing to the people. They will need to have common sense, and govern solely by its use; so many aspects of our society and economy are bereft of it!

There are many consequential election storms coming in years ahead. We must assume that our opponents are only going to make things worse if we give up. We must never give up. There will always be bad political weather, we have to prepare for it and meet it head on. Our Founders would expect nothing less.

Regards,

Joe Meli
Chairman Emeritus



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TREASURER, VALERIE GIRAMBERK

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Statement of Income and Expense

Month Ended August 31, 2016

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE **\$ 6,993.98**

REVENUE

Contributions (dues) \$ 78.10

Name Badges 48.00

TOTAL REVENUE **\$ 126.10**

EXPENSES

Postage (mailing to Golden Eagle PCs) \$ 245.05

Election Expense (Golden Eagle PC printing) 268.81

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 513.86**

NET REVENUE **\$ (387.76)**

ENDING BANK BALANCE **\$ 6,606.22**

PETTY CASH **\$ 60.04**

TOTAL BALANCE **\$ 6,666.26**

Congratulations to all of our new and returning PCs. As many of you know, we encourage all PCs to pay dues on an annual basis. Recommended dues are \$30 for an individual and \$50 for a couple. To date, we have received dues from 144 PCs. There are many ways to pay. We accept cash, checks and credit cards. I will be available at the September meeting to process credit cards or take your cash and checks. Dues are used for operating expenses including room rentals, postage, printing of training materials and much more. 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.

SECRETARY, JUDY LAWRENCE

Legislative District 23 Republican Committee Monthly Meeting Via Linda Senior Center, Scottsdale August 11, 2016 7:00 pm

With concurrence of the members present, the District Meeting of the members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23, held Via Linda Senior Center, Scottsdale 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 Giramberg, Treasurer
Judith Lawrence, Secretary	

The Invocation was given by Tim Horn

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Michelle Reagan

In opening, District Chairman Jim O'Connor welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. Jim announced that Alex Meluskey has suspended his campaign.

Jim suggested that the following candidates need our help doing phone calls.

AZ Senate LD 18 Frank Schmuck (running against Jeff Dial)

AZ House LD 28 Marie Sims.

Please take yard signs for these candidates and those of any you support.

Jim then spoke of the inappropriate behavior of Sheila Muehling in the last election of using the AzGOP logo has repeated the same behavior.

Second Vice Chairman – Rick Rutkowski told us that our next meeting will be on September 8th and will be held at the Via Linda Senior Center in Scottsdale. Chris Young, Mark Lewis and Michael

Francis, candidates for the Cap Water Board, will be the speakers at that meeting.

The speakers, David Schweikert and Russ Whittenberg were announced for this evenings meeting,

Russ Whittenberg spoke first about his campaign and why he is running for the US House of Representatives. He handed out his bio to those in attendance. He took a short Q and A session,

David Schweikert spoke next regarding his terms in office and what his intentions are for his next term. He spoke about the fights to de-regulate and to simplify the tax code and the efforts of the Freedom Caucus to rewrite Dodd Frank and constrain the EPA.

Michael Francis was introduced as a candidate for the CAP Water Board. He asked that we also vote for Mark Lewis and Jennifer Brown.

Kelli Ward spoke about her candidacy for the US Senate and what she would bring to the office. She took a brief Q and A period.

Next was Clair Van Steenwyk who spoke on his bid for the US Senate.

Nancy Ordowski, First Vice Chair, introduced Wes Harris of MCRC chair of ballot harvesting. He explained HB 2023 and told us that the County Recorder's office stated that they would not enforce the law. Consequently we are working to devise our own plan to ensure voter fraud will be perpetrated. "Protect The Vote". A sign-up sheet was in the back for those who wanted to volunteer.

Nancy then spoke of the need for polling place volunteers, hand ballot counters, poll watchers, and precinct volunteers. She thanked all of the PC's that walked their precincts, handing out the Golden Tickets and additional candidate palm cards.

The minutes of the June 14th meeting were brought up for approval. A motion was made by Tim Horn to accept the Minutes for the May 12th meeting and was seconded by Ardith Hildebrandt. The minutes were then passed.

Treasurer, Valerie Giramberk, gave her report that is attached.

Ron Schott spoke about a book about our border called "One If By Land" by William R. Daniel.

Aaron Flannery was introduced. He is a candidate for Maricopa County Recorder. He spoke about ballot harvesting and the need to update systems in place.

Bo James presented a proposed bylaw change. That was given to Dr. Rutkowski

The motion to adjourn was made by Tim Horn and seconded by Ed Toschik. The meeting adjourned at 8:38.



DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS

Paradise Republican Women's Club

Join us on to hear guest speaker Joey Cilano: Chairman of the Arizona Federation of College Republicans. Chilean will be speaking on the impact of millennials on American politics.

Gainey Ranch Golf Club

7600 E Gainey Ranch Dr, Scottsdale, 85258

Saturday, September 10th

Tickets: \$30 per Person

(A Reservation Made Is A Reservation Paid.)

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prwc-september-2016-general-meeting-tickets-27355888198>

Palo Verde Republican Women

Please join us on September 21 to hear Rep. Kate Brophy McGee speak on the legislative process as well as hot legislative topics as well as Prop 123.

We hope to see you there!

11:00 a.m. Social

11:30 a.m. Program/Lunch

Grayhawk Golf Club:

8620 East Thompson Peak Parkway, The Fairway House, Scottsdale

The cost of the luncheon is now \$30 whether paying by credit card, check or cash. To make a reservation for our luncheon, please contact Sherry Gray by email at pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com, or call her at 480.220.7405.

Please note that reservations are REQUIRED. And a reservation MADE is a reservation PAID!

September Menu:

Prime Rib Sandwich, Side Salad, Triple Mousse Dessert, Coffee/Iced Tea/Wine Bar

Fountain Hills Republican Club:

The annual Picnic and Election Rally

Saturday, September 17th at 4 p.m., inside and outside the Fountain Hills Community Center with grilling outside. Catered by the Saddle Bronc Grill. The usual picnic food will be cooked and served on site.

Cost \$20 members paid in advance/\$25 non-members and members at the door. Children under 12 free when accompanied by a paying adult.

*** Representatives of the Trump for Arizona campaign will also be on hand with campaign memorabilia. *****

*Keynote speaker will be Sheriff Joe Arpaio.

GOP candidates, Commissioner Steve Chucri, County Attorney Bill Montgomery, Senator Kavanagh, Representatives Michelle Ugenti and Jay Lawrence, Mayor Kavanagh, CAP candidates Mark Lewis, Jennifer Brown and Michael Francis, Community College Board candidate Dana Saar and several other candidates will be attending.

ALL Republican candidates are invited to attend and speak at the picnic. This replaces the 9 a.m. meeting.

Reservations can be made by mailing \$20 for members and guests or \$25 for non-members to FH Republican Club, P.O. Box 17814, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269 or to Nicole Oswald at Replady2015@outlook.com. A reservation made is considered a reservation paid. Attendees without reservations can also pay \$25 at the door. Visit www.fhrepublicanclub.org for more information or e-mail the club secretary at FHRepublican@gmail.com.

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Editor's Note: This will be my last time to publish this Newsletter. I want to thank all of you who have submitted information and all of you who have found it useful. In this very busy election season, I have decided my time needs to be devoted to working for and helping the candidates that I support. Managing our time is always a challenge for all of us and I appreciate the time you have dedicated to this Newsletter over the past three years.

Now, let's go out and get our Republican candidates elected!

Respectfully,
Lynne Breyer
Communications