



# AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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**Jim O'Connor, Chairman**  
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## The Lincoln Link

March 2016



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**NEXT MEETING OF LD23**  
**Thursday, March 10, 2016**  
**Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center**  
**16000 E Palisades Blvd, Fountain Hills**  
**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 PC's,

Our May 12th inaugural "Endorsement Resolution" votes were cast and the winner is you, our district PC's. You have exercised your voice, your power by weighing in on races of your choosing during that important process. Candidates will continue to seek out your endorsements in the future. Those Repub-

lican candidates who you personally favor will have the benefit of your district support including the time, talent and treasure of those of our PC's volunteering their respective contributions.

Your Executive Committee, Board and Officers may only speak on behalf of the district with the approval of 2/3rds of the votes cast at a district endorsement resolution vote. In the case of last month's vote, that high threshold was achieved by Alex Meluskey for U.S. Senate; John Kavanagh for AZ State Senate; Michelle Ugenti-Rita for AZ State House; Joe Arpaio for Maricopa County Sheriff; and Guy Phillips for Scottsdale City Council.

Other candidates with strong showings in excess of 50% (the passing criteria for any Resolution to pass the district approval threshold) include Steve Chuceri for Maricopa County Supervisor; David Schweikert for Congress in CD 6; Jana Jackson for Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools; Jay Lawrence for AZ State House; Cathy Riggs for Justice of the Peace at Desert Ridge Court; Linda Kavanagh for Fountain Hills Mayor; and Royce Flora for Maricopa County Treasurer.

At our June 1st Maricopa County Republican Committee Executive Guidance Council meeting we were informed by the County Chairman that current county bylaws permit the EGC to conduct endorsement resolution votes in primary elections. He has asked us to come prepared to vote at our July meeting for countywide races both partisan and non-partisan. The threshold for endorsement is 60%.

News just in to me today: several candidates qualified to be included on the Republican Primary Ballot: Jana Jackson for Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools, Aaron Flannery for Maricopa County Recorder and non-partisan candidate Vicki Alger for Maricopa County Community College Board who qualified for the November ballot.

### **HAPPENING IN SCOTTSDALE - Guy Phillips**

First I would like to say THANK YOU for your support! I recently turned in my signatures (1956, 1000 needed) and am officially on the ballot. Because of your help I didn't have to "buy" any of my signatures!

Next, I would like to talk about the Desert Discovery Center. If you haven't heard, the DDC is a planned complex on the Scottsdale Preserve. Without getting into detail here, most feel there shouldn't be anything built on the Preserve but a small group of influential people want it, so we now need a concerted effort to stop this travesty. You can see more on You Tube- Your Voice, Your Preserve, by Guy Phillips. [https://youtu.be/cJk\\_tsttCKM](https://youtu.be/cJk_tsttCKM)

I hope you all had a Memorial weekend where you expressed in your own way your thanks for the sacrifice made by our war heros who risked everything for freedom.

Guy Phillips  
Scottsdale City Council





Scottsdale City Councilman has turned in nearly twice as many signatures as needed to be on the General election ballot for his second term on the City Council. Mr. Phillips is always looking out for the taxpayers of Scottsdale. We appreciate his monthly updates on what is happening in Scottsdale.

**NOTE:** Councilwomen Suzanne Klapp and Virginia Korte are also running for re-election and turned in their petitions to qualify to be on the ballot in November. We do not have photos of either of them. There is no Primary election for the City of Scottsdale Council this year. Both women are LD23 Precinct Committeemen.

### **FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski**

#### **DO YOU WANT TO TO BE A PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN FOR 2017-18**

**If you were unable to complete your signature form,  
and your precinct is not at it's quota.  
Please follow the instructions below!**

Please go to the District web-site at [ld23gop.org](http://ld23gop.org) click on Documents and then print the Write-In Candidate affidavit.

The Write-In Candidate affidavit must be completed and notarized. This form must be signed in front of the notary. The County Recorders Office **deadline is June 15, 2016.**

I will be taking affidavits to the County office on Tuesday, June 14 in the afternoon.

You can bring your affidavit to the District meeting on Thursday, June, 9, 2016. We will have notaries present to notarize your forms. Remember to bring your drivers license.

If you can't attend the June 9 meeting, you can drop off your forms in Scottsdale at Ardith Hildebrant's home (8604 E. San Ardo Dr) or mail to me. Keep in mind the time it takes for mail to move through the system.

Nancy Ordowski, PO Box 19630, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269

The County deadline is 5:00pm on June 15, 2016. This is your final opportunity to renew your PC status until February of 2017.

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](mailto:ncordowski@gmail.com) or 480-203-5278.

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

Our June 9 meeting will 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). At this meeting, our main agenda item will be a Arizona House Candidate Forum, featuring all Republican candidates who successfully qualified for the August 30 Primary Election. The forum will afford us the opportunity to learn the candidates' positions on the issues. Bring your questions. Depending upon the number of candidates who qualify for the House race, we may also have some time to hear from a few candidates for other contests.

Looking ahead - the following general meeting is on July 14, again at Via Linda Senior Center in Scottsdale. We are planning another forum, featuring candidates for the Scottsdale City Council. 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.

## **FEATURED:**



Senator John Kavanagh has successfully submitted his signatures to be on the ballot seeking his second term as Arizona State Senator. Sen. Kavanagh previously served in the Arizona House of Representatives. Senator Kavanagh has no Republican opponent in the Primary so will be on the ballot for the November 8 General Election.

## **CHAIRMAN EMERITUS - Joe Meli**

### **Do voters matter?**

Dear Fellow PCs,

After it is all said and done, those who wring their hands, even now, at the prospect of a Donald Trump Republican presidential candidacy, seem to share the same point of view: voters don't matter.

Putting aside the individual candidates in 2016, for the sake of discussion, the most amazing point of view from those who don't want the winner of the MOST votes in all our primaries is that their opposition is candidate-focused, not fellow-voter focused.

It is as if our candidates who win do it on their own, without the consent of the people. If one is upset about this primary season's results, who's to blame or at least responsible? The candidates or the voters? Or to put it another way, why are we focused on the candidates qualities or deficiencies instead of their ability or inability to get voters to vote for them?

If a candidate can resonate and persuade voters, he or she wins. If a candidate CAN'T resonate or persuade voters, he or she loses. It is that simple. Candidates get their chance, voters speak. It's not the party, it's not the press, it's not opposition, it's the PEOPLE, grassroots Republicans, who elect primary candidates. Instead of asking why the presumptive nominee won, although that should be obvious, ask why that candidate's rivals lost. Voters matter, you either win their support or you don't. We should consider that this fall at the ballot box.

Regards,

Joe Meli  
Chairman Emeritus

**FEATURED:**



Representative Michelle Ugenti-Rita is seeking her fourth and last term as one of LD23's Representatives in the Arizona House. Rep. Ugenti-Rita served as the Chair of the House Elections Committee where she pleased Republicans everywhere when she was successful in passing the ballot harvesting bill.

**TREASURER - Valerie Giramberk**

**DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE  
Statement of Income and Expense  
Month Ended May 31, 2016**

<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 7,790.58</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Contributions (dues)	190.00
Legislators' Breakfast	100.00
Name Badges	<u>48.00</u>
Restitution 40.00	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 378.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Office Supplies/Badges	100.00
Election Expenses	270.00

Room rentals	105.00
Misc. Expense (Sound Equipment)	<u>635.95</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,110.95</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ (732.95)</b>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 7,057.63</b>
<b>PETTY CASH</b>	<b>\$ 60.04</b>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 7,117.67</b>

The District would like to thank the 121 PCs who have paid their 2016 dues. However, this is only 30% of all PCs. Please remember, the dues are used for operating expenses including 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.

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. Please send only personal checks. Campaign finance law does not allow the acceptance of corporate checks. Thank you.



**FEATURED:**



Representative Jay Lawrence has just completed his first term in the Arizona House of Representatives, having won the seat vacated by John Kavanagh. He served as Vice-Chair of the Education Committee, a most important committee, where he participated in shepherding good education bills through the House.

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**DISTRICT 23 MINUTES - Judy Lawrence, Secretary**

**Legislative District 23 Republican Committee Monthly Meeting  
Fountain Hills Learning Center  
May 12, 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 Learning Center was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Officers Present: Jim O'Connor, Chairman  
Rich Rutkowski, Second Vice Chair  
Judith Lawrence, Secretary

Nancy Ordowski, First Vice Chair  
Valerie Giramberk, Treasurer

In opening, Chairman Jim O'Connor explained that the purpose of the meeting was for resolutions for endorsements of candidates. Lynn Breyer was in charge of the credentialing and the management of the proxy vote process along with her team of volunteers.

The Invocation was given by Dr. C.T. Wright

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Luca Ugenti and his sister's. Their proud mom, Michelle Ugenti-Rita has served LD 23 as one of the District's two State Representatives for the past six years.

District Chairman Jim O'Connor reminded us that there are 2 important items to remember as Precinct Committeemen. The first is to be sure that we are re-elected and be sure that we have, at least begun the process of getting nomination sheets signed and affidavits notarized. Secondly, for those candidates who haven't gotten all of their required signatures, our PC's need to consider offering our individual help with that process before the deadline on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Then the Chairman introduced the visiting Chairman from LD20, Naomi Kruz and she was warmly welcomed by the members and guests.

Second Vice Chairman – Dr. Rick Rutkowski confirmed that a quorum present. Our next meeting will be on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Via Linda Senior Center in Scottsdale. A forum is being planned for the candidates for the Arizona House of Representatives. The following meeting scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> will also be held at the Via Linda Senior Center in Scottsdale. There will be a forum for the Scottsdale City Council and Mayoral candidates.

He went on to explain that we were here for resolutions for endorsements for several of the local races. He explained the ballots and the election process. He explained that some nominations for the resolutions were given at the last meeting; some were sent in or emailed in but that we would be taking nominations from the floor. The ballots will be calculated electronically by two senior volunteers from the MCRC. All credentialed PC's signed in and were given ballots. There was a brief question and answer period. Boe James made a motion that we not vote on non-partisan races. Chairman Jim O'Connor determined that the motion was out of order. Dr. Rutkowski reminded everyone that these are resolutions voted on by PC's and must be acted upon.

Lynne Breyer in her capacity as Credentials Chairman announced that we had 118 PC's in attendance in person and 40 by proxy. A total of 158 ballots were handed out. The numbers that constituted an endorsement were given and explained. The results would depend on the number of ballots actually submitted. Nominations were taken from the floor and their names were posted on the overhead projector for all voting members to see.

The balloting began and finished approximately 30 minutes later. During the ballot calculations, the Minutes were submitted for approval and voted unanimously. Then the Treasurers Report was received by the Committee as presented in the monthly Newsletter.

Preliminary results were read by Lynne Breyer but the final results were posted on the LD23 website and in the newsletter.

Special thanks were given to Michael Peck for serving as Parliamentarian advising Chairman O'Connor throughout the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Lawrence

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## FEATURED:



LD3 Precinct Committeeman/State Committeeman Robert Lettieri has turned in sufficient signatures to be a candidate for the Arizona House of Representatives. This is Mr. Lettieri's first run for elected office. He is soon to retire from a successful career in business. This photo was taken last week with his son, Christopher, who was promoted to Colonel at the nation's Capitol. Our congratulations to Mr. Lettieri and his son and thank Christopher for his service.

## DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS:

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

City of Scottsdale Mayoral Forum between Bill Crawford (since withdrawn from the election), Jim Lane and Bob Littlefield

### **The New McCormick/"Millennium" Resort**

Scottsdale-McCormick Ranch

7401 North Scottsdale Road

Scottsdale, AZ

USA 85253-3548

(480) 948-5050

(Between E. Cheney and E. McCormick Rds  
on the East side of Scottsdale Road)

Dinner Meeting  
Spouses invited!

Pat Kaufman,

7436 E. Tuckey Lane, Scottsdale, AZ 85250,

Please bring a jumbo ziplock plastic bag filled with personal hygiene items for homeless vets.

Pat Kaufman 480-368-2777 or email her at [patiamiam@gmail.com](mailto:patiamiam@gmail.com)

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

**Cheryl Todd**, Owner and co-host of Gun Freedom Radio talk about how the Second Amendment can be a powerful vehicle to drive voters to the polls. Todd is the owner of AZFirearms.com, Pop Of Gold Estate Auctions, a lifetime NRA members and holds a degree in psychology. **Cyndee Harding**, a NRA certified instructor, and owner/designer of Cyndee's Conceal Carry Purses, will have her purses on display.

Saturday, May 14th, 2016, 10:30 Social, 11:00 meeting and program

Gainey Ranch Golf Club

Gainey Center Drive, Scottsdale

Lunch \$30 per person

Make your reservation at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prwc-may-2016-general-meeting-tickets-25171034241>

### **Palo Verde Republican Women**

On May 18th, Dan Saban will join us to talk about why he is running for Maricopa County Sheriff. Saban, a Republican, is running to unseat Sheriff Joe Arpaio in the August 2016 primary election.

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 \$27 if paying by credit card. Pay with cash or by check and the cost is \$26. To make a reservation for our luncheon, please contact Patty Prosin by email at [pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com](mailto:pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com), or call her at 480.656.4746.

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

May Menu:

Cobb Salad, Strawberry Cheesecake, Coffee/Iced Tea/Wine Bar

### **Fountain Hills Republican Club:**

Next meeting: 9 a.m., Saturday, June 18, 2016

Keynote speaker: County Attorney Bill Montgomery

All candidates welcome to attend, be introduced and speak  
Fountain Hills Community Center,  
13001 N La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268  
Program 9 a.m., Meet & Greet/social period: 8:30

"GOP Social" 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 28th  
Fireside Grill in Lexington Hotel, 12800 N Saguaro Blvd., Fountain Hills 85628

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

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