

AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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Joe Meli, Chairman 480-652-3623

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August 2014

NEXT MEETING

September 11, 2014

Mustang Library, 10101 N 90th Street, Scottsdale

**Speaker: Former State Representative Jonathan Paton will speak on
YES on 122**

6:30 Sign-in, 7:00 Meeting

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – JOE MELI

Dear Fellow PCs,

On February 26th, 1993, a rented van filled with fertilizer-based explosives detonated in the parking garage of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York. Six people were killed. Everyone said at the time, it could have been much worse. They were right.

Early on September 11th, 2001, as our nation was getting up to start the day, the news flash came on TV of the first plane hitting the World Trade Center. The rest, sadly, is history.

In 1993, we were troubled and became aware that our nation was no longer at risk only abroad in strange, faraway places of the world. We were now targets at home.

What we did or didn't do as a nation before September 11th, 2001 would make a tremendous difference. We learned in the hardest, most brutal way that those who seek to destroy our country will never rest. We must remain ever vigilant, ever mindful that what we hold dear, our country, the dream of our Founders, must always be protected. We must always remember those who perished, and all those who wear a uniform, past, present and future, who swear to protect us every day with their very

lives. We honor them all.

Our primary is over. We went to the polls on August 26th to do our duty as citizens. Those we elected as Republican candidates must now receive our full support. Naturally, our great congressman David Schweikert overwhelmingly won!

We are particularly proud that LD23's very own Michele Reagan and Doug Little have won their very difficult primary races and will now be our candidates for Secretary of State and Corporation Commissioner, respectively. The same is true for Michelle Ugenti , John Kavanagh and Jay Lawrence who saw victory in their very tough races. Kudos to all!

To all those who stepped forward to run, thank you! It takes courage and conviction to be a candidate. Your efforts were appreciated.

To our newest PCs, we welcome you to the fight! To our re-elected PCs, we are proud to serve shoulder to shoulder with you to continue the work we started in August, 2012!

We must remember, our real adversaries are not each other, but rather those who seek to destroy our great country. When we work together as PCs, we keep safe the values the Framers entrusted to us. We can never take that for granted.

For us as Republicans, our nation is exceptional, not simply just another member of the United Nations. For us as Republicans, our freedoms are not given to us by government, we allow government to function with our cautious consent!

For us as Republicans, our borders are not supposed to be symbolic, a line on a map, they are the safeguards of our sovereignty.

Mindful of these truths, as we move towards November 4th's election, our noble cause is once again within our grasp. We will retake the majority in Arizona's congressional caucus! We will retake the majority in the US Senate! In 2016, we will retake the White House! We will win in 2014!

Joe Meli
Chairman

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – NANCY ORDOWSKI

The past 6 weeks have been very busy for many of you. I want to CONGRATULATE all of you who worked so hard to elect the best Republican candidates for our District and the State. Now it is time for us to put our boots on the ground again and phones to our ears to contact Republican and Independent voters to encourage them to vote for our candidates in the November 4th General Election.

More information will be forth coming about the i360 program.

In the near future we will be sending information to each precinct to elect your Captains for the next 2

years. Please watch for the forms and details in future e-mails.

If you do not know how to contact your Captain or Area Director please call or e-mail me at ncordowski@gmail.com or call me at 480-203-5278. If you should call when I am in a meeting please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I do not have all of your phone numbers in my phone so if you don't leave a message I have no idea who called.

There are still a few photo badges that will be at the September 11 meeting for you to pick up. Thank you for all of your hard work and support.

Submitted by,
Nancy Ordowski
Contact Info: ncordowski@gmail.com

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN – RICH RUTKOWSKI

The September 11 meeting will be held back at Mustang Library, located at 10101 North 90th Street, just south of Shea and north of Mountain View, in Scottsdale. (A map link can be found below.) Registration and social time will begin at 6:30 PM, and the meeting agenda will commence at 7:00 PM.

[Map](#) for Scottsdale Mustang Branch Library

As we move our focus to the November general election, our featured guest this month will be former State Representative Jonathan Paton, who recently moved to LD 23. Jonathan will be speaking about YES on 122. The federal government likes to pass costly programs and let the states figure out a way to pay for them. Prop 122 addresses this issue and seeks to defend state sovereignty with an amendment to the Arizona Constitution. We will gain some key knowledge and the ability to talk with voters about Prop 122, while working, walking, and calling to support Republican candidates for office in the upcoming weeks.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be there for this informative session.

DISTRICT 23 MINUTES – LYNNE BREYER, SECRETARY

Arizona Legislative District 23
District Meeting
Scottsdale Via Linda Senior Center
July 10, 2014
6:45 pm

With concurrence of the members present, the District Meeting of the members of Arizona Republican

Legislative District 23, held at Scottsdale via Linda Senior Center, Scottsdale, was called to order at 6:45 pm by Chairman Joe Meli.

Officers Present:
Joe Meli, Chairman
Nancy Ordowski
Rich Rutkowski
Gayla Coletto
Lynne Breyer

PCs Present: 71
Guests Present: 22

The Invocation was given by Chairman Meli and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boe James.

Chairman's Business - Joe Meli

The Chairman recognized the elected officials and candidates running for various offices who were in attendance.

1) Meli attended the State AZGOP Executive Guidance Council (EGC) meeting on July 12. Sen. John McCain came in and made a presentation, announced he would run for another term and then took questions. There has been 20% increase in Republican registrations. The meeting was informative in addressing the i360 system that will be used by PCs to GOTV.

2) Meli asked that those who want to be Poll Watchers in the upcoming Primary and General election to help prevent voter fraud should sign up using the Maricopa County Republican Committee forms, available at this meeting. Most Poll Watchers are Democrats and Republicans are needed. Training to be a poll watcher will be held and PCs in our district will be assigned to LD23. Key dates: Aug 18, explanation of the different types of voter fraud to look out for. Also, the party is still looking for poll workers in Maricopa County. The application period closed on the 8th @ 5 pm. but they are still taking applications for poll workers. So, call if you are interested or go to the MCRC website for further information. Some of the positions are paid positions. Meli encouraged all registered Republicans to volunteer.

3) State of the district - "We have a very grave task ahead to win elections. We have to win this election. There is no such thing as a safe district so we can't take anything for granted. This district definitely requires the time and the effort and the diligence to maintain a proud Republican district. So I have to report to you that we have PC elections coming up. There are two ways to become PCs. One: candidates run for election, you gather signatures, knock on doors, make phone calls, you run. The other way is to be appointed after the elections. At this point, we have six precincts in contention. Six precincts that have more candidates than there are slots for. This is very important because you have to actually campaign in your neighborhood, in your precinct, so you can be elected since you will be on the ballot. There's a right way to do this and there's a wrong way."

Joe asked the assembly how the right way is and the answer was a repeat of the above method. "They picked the wrong way to do it. "The wrong way is, you don't contact PCs directly or indirectly and you don't ask them to drop off the ballot, to withdraw. The purpose of that is so you don't have to have

an election. Imagine if you are a new Republican PC applicant and someone contacts you and tells you that you need to believe that you should drop off the ballot so there doesn't have to be an election. How would that volunteer feel? Pretty bad!

"There are six precincts in contention, two are Saguaro and Bronco. And that did happen. I'm disappointed and I would think the people involved would know better. It happened in Saguaro, and that's Marilyn Higgins. Marilyn contacted this lady (indicating Frederica Sinclair) and told her to drop off the ballot, don't run."

Joe recognized Frederica Sinclair who confirmed that Higgins told her not to run because the precinct was full. Frederica spoke to the issue. Joe said, "that's unfortunate because we don't do things like that in LD23. We don't contact PCs or PC candidates and tell them not to run."

"Unfortunately," said Joe, "the next person, Sheila Muehling, has contacted two couples and told the couples they could have 2-for-1 with one person dropping out and the other would run because there are too many folks here. This is not how we do things. This is not Chicago. We don't tell PCs not to run to make our lives easier. We don't send direct emails criticizing about anything, abrogating the responsibility. We have PCs who do the right thing. Am I understood here?"

Assembly responded in the affirmative. "We will not countenance that," said Joe. "There should be no contact with PC candidates by anybody else except to walk their neighborhoods to get them to vote for you. Is this understood?" Assembly: Yes "Now I remind everyone here to do the right thing. This is serious business and we're not playing games. This is not a power play. It's about electing Republicans. Do we understand this? Very good."

Joe then turned the meeting over to Rich to conduct the candidate part of the program.

2nd Vice Chair - Rich Rutkowski, Program

We have several guests in an effort to inform you and make you aware of who's running. Candidates are Wil Cardon, candidate for Secretary of State; CD9 candidates Andrew Walter and Wendy Rogers and we begin with a forum of LD23 Senate candidates, John Kavanagh and Jeff Schwartz.

Immediately following the candidates, Nancy Ordowski took over as Joe was called away.

Minutes - Lynne Breyer

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes. As there was no discussion, the minutes were approved as posted.

1st Vice Chairman - Nancy Ordowski

Nancy reminded all about the poll watcher forms and the forms to provide updated information for PCs. Captains should be able to get them online and that is one of the jobs of the Captains, to get that information. If you don't get our emails, it maybe be because your information is incorrect but also check your spam folders. It is important that PCs get our emails.

i360: PC Captains should be in touch with Nancy to get their passwords.

Second Vice Chair - Rich Rutkowski

- 1) There will be no district meeting in August. In September, we will begin our meetings again.
- 2) On Friday, October 3rd, is a reception and the 4th will be an evening with Dennis Michael Lynch who will be filming for a new film. This is not an LD23 event.

Treasurer's Report - Gayla Coletto

June 30, 2014

REVENUE

Donations	\$ 415.00	
Badges	21.50	
Total Revenue		\$ 436.50

EXPENSES

Breakfast	\$ 187.84	
Room Rental	158.00	
Office Supplies	65.20	
Refund Badge Fee	21.50	
Website/email	16.40	
Total Expenses	\$ 448.94	
Net Income/(Loss)		(12.44)

Please make your ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$30.00 Individual, \$50.00 Couple of same household, Chairman 's level \$100.00 or more.

We would like to thank the following for their June Donations: Arthur & Linda Cooper, Adam Sonnenklar, Janet Buggeln, Valerie Giramberk, Jen White

Chairman level Donald Murray & Alanna Mack, Carolyn & Ronald Schott

The Campaign office for September and October is across the street from Kierland Commons on Greenway Parkway in an office building. You'll get the address soon. The cost is \$750 per month, half what was spent last year. It's a small room but there is free wi-fi, a common area with a kitchen and coffee facility and the Chairman will pay for gourmet coffee for our volunteers. There's also a larger common area for our use. Last election, we had bigger space for \$1500 per month with none of the perks at this space.

New Business - Nancy Ordowski

Jim O'Connor asked for the LD, at a future meeting, to censure candidate Jeff Schwartz for his \$500 contribution to a Democrat.

Michelle Ugenti was present with campaign material.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Breyer
Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT – GAYLA COLETTO

July 2014

REVENUE

Contributions	\$ 50.00
Restitution	\$460.00
Total Revenue	\$510.00

EXPENSES

Badges	\$ 42.10	
Bank Fee	30.00	Restitution Stop Payment fee
Late Fees	60.00	SoS and MCRC
Website	16.40	
Room Rental	736.10	Victory office, September
Meeting Room Rental	39.00	(250.00) security check voided
Total Expenses	\$923.60	
Net Income(Loss)	(413.60)	

PLEASE MAKE YOUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION. Recommended \$30 Individual, \$50 Couple of household, \$100 Chairman's level or more

Thank you to Helen and Hugh Henry for their contribution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Victory Office 2014 for LD23

**Lori Urban is managing the victory office. Contact her for information, helping out, picking up materials for our Republican candidates. gopgal14@gmail.com or [480-221-9633](tel:480-221-9633)
7047 E. Greenway Parkway, Ste 250.**

YOU are our Secret Weapon to GOP Victory! We have office space at 7047 E Greenway Parkway, Suite #250, Scottsdale AZ 85254.

Sign up and let's start working to get our Republicans elected.
Pick a day and time to work - round up your friends and neighbors -
have your club get volunteer hours! Make a difference!
Days and evenings available

Call - Lori Urban 480-221-9633
gopgal14@gmail.com

Thank you! Your hard work will make November a GOP Victory!

Join AZGOP Chairman Robert Graham for

An Evening with Sen. Mike Lee

Friday, September 12, 6 pm Registration, 7 pm Dinner and Program

Scottsdale Plaza Resort

7200 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale

LD23 has reserved tables and the Republican clubs can reserve tables at a special price of \$50 pp.

These are well placed tables at a special price for our members. RESERVE now. Be sure to mention which tables you want to be seated at. All are welcome to sit at an LD23 table.

Please contact Lori Urban at gopgal14@gmail.com or 480-221-9633 to make your reservation

VIP seating available at \$250 pp or individual seating available at \$125 pp

LD23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS

Palo Verde Republican Women's Club

Cochise County's Sheriff Dannels will be speaking at the Palo Verde September 17th luncheon. He will discuss the real happenings on our southern border.

We will also have a presentation on Fisher House delivered by the mother of a double amputee veteran of the Iraq war. His brother will be donating baked goods to raffle, and will donate an original piece of art which will be auctioned off by our nominee for Treasurer, Jeff DeWit.

Social begins at 11:00. Reservations required - pvrwlunch@gmail.com - \$25.00. Menu: Prime Rib sandwich with French fries. Vanilla ice cream with cookie. Coffee/tea -

Joan Lang

480-703-0416

Paradise Republican Women's Club -

[Join dynamic women working to elect Republicans! On September 13th](#)

We will be learning more about winning the elections in November from

AZGOP Chairman Robert Graham
We will also be hearing from our AZ Teen Age Republican Scholarship winners
Gainey Ranch Golf Club

10:30 am

Checks payable PRWC with menu choice by September 11th. Mail to:
Paradise Republican Women, PO Box 14425, Scottsdale AZ 85267

Guests are always welcome!

Visit www.prwc.org or call Lori [480-221-9633](tel:480-221-9633) for more information!

Fountain Hills Republican Club -

September 20th FH Republican Club Election Rally

In lieu of the regular Saturday morning meeting the FHRC's September meeting will be an "Election Rally" at FH American Legion Post 58 from 4 - 6:30 PM, Saturday, September 20th. All area and statewide GOP Primary winners have been invited to come to share their messages for the General Election. Several GOP elected officials are also expected to attend this very popular annual event.

Members and guests are encouraged to come and meet the candidates, volunteer for campaigns, and enjoy the company of other Republicans. Menu will include burgers, baked and fried chicken, side dishes and soda/water. Cash bar available.

Reservations: Treasurer Edith Stock eulacrhris1893@gmail.com; 480-298-7818. Checks may be sent to Fountain Hills Republican Club, P.O. Box 17814, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269. \$12 for FHRC members (pre-paid) and \$15 for non-members and payments at door.

Events:

BE IN A MOVIE SUPPORTING A NATIONWIDE CONSERVATIVE CAUSE !!

AN EVENING WITH DENNIS MICHAEL LYNCH

Saturday, October 4, 2014 (doors open at 5:30PM)

Join us at the Scottsdale Center for Performing Arts - Virginia Piper Theater.

Arizona is on the front lines for the fight against Illegal Immigration and

the potential of ISIS entering the US over our borders.

The views and opinions expressed by the invitees are strictly those of the invitees and may not necessarily be taken to reflect those of the Board and the Editor. It is the desire of the Board to allow all voices acting in accordance with and in the interest of the Party's platform

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