



AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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Joe Meli, Chairman 480-652-3623

The Lincoln Link

October 2014

NEXT MEETING OF LD23

**October 9, 2014
Fountain Hills School District Learning Center
See Map below
6:00 Sign-in, 7:00 Meeting**

**NOTE: VOTE ON NEW BYLAWS
See additional information in Announcements**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

THE BOARD HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL COMPLAINTS THAT A PC IS SOLICITING INTENT TO RUN FORMS, TELLING PCS THAT THEY ARE TO FILL THEM OUT AND THEN SEND HER A COPY FOR HER RECORDS.

The ONLY person PCs should be sending their Intent to Run forms to is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Hugh Henry, at the email or fax # on the form. It is unethical for other PCs to deceive PCs into thinking they need to send them to anyone else.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Joe Meli

Dear Fellow Precinct Committee Members,

We can all breathe a collective sigh of relief that our primary election is completed. In as much as we support all Republican candidates for national and statewide offices, I would remind you of those candidates we are proud to call our own:

Congressman David Schweikert - Congressional District 6
State Senator Michele Reagan - Secretary of State
District Chairman Emeritus Doug Little - Arizona Corporation Commissioner
Representative John Kavanagh - LD 23 Senate
Representative Michelle Ugenti - LD23 Representative
Jay Lawrence - LD23 Representative
Laddie Guy Shane - Scottsdale Unified School District
Judy Rutkowski - Fountain Hills School Board
Edith Stock - Fountain Hills School Board

These candidates represent the best of our district. We must support them to the fullest, in every way possible.

Looking back on our recent primary, it is unsettling to say that dark money has crept into our county and district as pertains to contested precincts. What began as complaints from various PCs and districts to party leadership has now grown into official complaints and pending investigations into activities by PACS outside our state involving themselves in precinct elections! Add to that unauthorized use of AZ GOP and District 23 logos and or references in our precinct, and you begin to see the severity of the problem.

We are Republicans, we don't stoop to the level of the left to attain political ends. We are better than that. If wealthy Democrat donors from other states have sway in our Republican County and district elections, then our party and platform are in serious jeopardy.

What is most worrisome is that some folks who participated in these activities may have been misled into thinking they were officially sanctioned by party leadership. Let us hope that in the 2016 elections, more due diligence will take place, lest unwitting PCs be dragged into dishonest activities.

For now, let us focus on November 4th. Our candidates must win; not just by safe margins, but by overwhelming margins! We are District 23; the pride of the Arizona Republican Party! Working together, we will win decisively in 2014!

Regards,

Joe Meli
Chairman

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN – Nancy Ordowski

During the September 11 District Meeting I spoke with you about electing Precinct Captains. I have received forms submitted by 16 Precincts that have chosen their Captains. We have another 9 Precincts that have no PC's so that means I still need Captain information from 32 Precincts. Those precincts I haven't heard from could have the Captains appointed by the Chairmen, according to our By-Laws. Please submit your forms as soon as possible or let me know you are working on getting your signatures. Contact me at ncordowski@gmail.com or call 480-203-5278.

If any Captains want walking lists in paper form, please let me know and I will e-mail them to you. It is important we get out and walk and call in our precincts to get out the vote for all of our Republican candidates. Plus contact Independents that support the Republicans. Only 37% of the high propensity voters turned out to vote in the Primary.

The GOTV Office is open, please contact Lori Urban at 480-221-9633 for details and to let her know when you want to work.

Forms will be available for you to pick up at the October 9 meeting for PC's to be Poll Watchers at the November 4 Election.

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 October 9 meeting for you to pick up.

Thank you for all of your hard work and support.

Submitted by,
Nancy Ordowski

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Rich Rutkowski

We have two speakers scheduled for our October 9 meeting, which will be held at the Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center. None of our Republican nominees for office have requested time to speak, but some of them may stop by and share a few words about their campaigns

Our first scheduled speaker is Yvonne Cahill, one of our PCs in McCormick Ranch. Yvonne will inform us about the Center for Political Thought and Leadership at ASU. This program at ASU promises to be a means to make young people aware of what's going on in our nation and recognize the challenges that

face them - a worthy goal. We'll also welcome Chuck Schmidt, the Associate Executive Director for the Arizona Interscholastic Association. Chuck will be speaking to us about the Market Freedom Alliance, a new 501(c)4 organization, and its mission. Please join us to hear about these two important topics.

Our November meeting is the District Organizational Meeting on Thursday, November 20. Please note that this is on the 3rd (not the usual 2nd) Thursday of November, pursuant to state law. In order to optimize cost and availability, we will again be meeting at the Fountain Hills School District Learning Center. Details will be sent to PCs before that meeting.

A map of our meeting location and lots of other information can be found at our new web site - www.ld23gop.org. Check it out!

TREASURER - Gayla Coletto

AUGUST 2014

REVENUE

Donation	\$ 30.00	
Refund, Amerimail	\$ 299.93	
Total Revenue		\$ 329.93

EXPENSES

Supplies, office	\$ 87.78	
Amerimail	\$1099.00	
Rental, meeting room	\$ 185.50	
Website/Email	\$ 16.40	
Postage	\$ 7.61	
Total Expenses		\$1406.29
Net Income (Loss)		(\$1076.36)

PLEASE make your annual contributions to keep the District running. Suggested contributions are \$30 individual, \$50 couple of household, \$100 or more at the Chairman's level.

We'd like to thank Linda Longazel for her contribution in August.

DISTRICT 23 MINUTES - Lynne Breyer, Secretary

Arizona Legislative District 23
District Meeting Agenda
Mustang Library, Scottsdale
September 11, 2014
7:00 pm

With concurrence of the members present, the District Meeting of the members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23, held at Mustang Library, Scottsdale, was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman Joe Meli.

Officers Present:

Joe Meli, Chairman

Nancy Ordowski, 1st Vice Chair

Rich Rutkowski, 2nd Vice Chair

Lynne Breyer, Secretary/Treasurer

PCs Present: 93

Guests present: 8

A rousing Invocation was given by Dr. C.T. Wright and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boe James.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of the 2001 9-11 victims.

Mark Singer spoke about past events on 9-11 that were very similar to what is happening in our country today. He also promoted the coming events at the Scottsdale Christian Church.

Jim Boyer from the Ducey for Governor campaign spoke on the importance of voting for Doug Ducey, He announced The Battle of the LDs to get volunteers to come out and help the campaign. The LD that sends the most PCs to help will get a suite at the Elections Night Celebration.

Wendy Rogers, candidate for CD9, spoke asking for help in her campaign against Democrat Krysten Sinema. She said polling shows a clear path for victory for Wendy to win. She needs funding and help with raising the money she needs to win!

Program:

The speaker was introduced by 2nd Vice Chair Rich Rutkowski. Former Arizona Representative, Jonathan Paton, spoke on Yes on Prop 122, guaranteeing state sovereignty to Arizona. Multiple decisions are on the side of this proposition so if the federal government challenges this proposition, the courts have already ruled many times against them.

Chairman's Business, Chairman Meli

- 1) Joe welcomed new PCs. Joe explained the district is run by Roberts Rules of Order to keep order and asked PCs not to speak out without being recognized.
- 2) All winning Primary candidates from our precinct were introduced: Doug Little, AZ Corporation Commission, Jay Lawrence and Michelle Ugenti, House of Representatives, and John Kavanagh, Arizona Senate; Kathy Littlefield, City Council candidate.
- 3) Also recognized were candidates Jeff Schwartz and Michael Auerbach who did not win but Joe commended them for a great effort.
- 4) Recognized other sitting elected officials living in LD23.
- 5) Status of the District - the mission since January has been to win the most elections we could for Republicans; there was a 10% increase in LD23 voter turn-out.

- 6) Because we don't really have a contested Congressional District, with only a minor challenge from a Democrat in our CD6, Joe asked for support for Wendy Rogers because two of our precincts are in CD9.
- 7) Joe noted it has been rough waters from the very beginning of his tenure but we are here to serve the party as Republican Party representatives. Our job is to vote Republican and recruit PCs and anything other than that is wasting the time of our PCs. We don't want to take time away from our goal with frivolous pursuits.
- 8) There will be a Reorganization Meeting Nov 20, 2014 to elect a new Board and State Committeemen. Details to be provided at the October meeting.
- 9) A Nominating Committee will be elected at this meeting.
 - A. Joe announced that he will not be running for Chair again and hopes there will be candidates stepping forward.
 - B. Joe introduced Hugh Henry to explain that he had been working on the nominating process. The Nominating Committee will consist of a Chairman and 4 additional PCs.
 - C. We will elect five officers and State Committeemen in an amount to be determined.
 - D. Hugh called for volunteers and immediately put his name on the board. There can be only one person per precinct. Current Board members and anyone who wishes to run for a Board position cannot serve on the Committee. Only PCs elected on August 26 and currently living in the precinct in which they were elected may vote.
 - E. A vote of elected PCs at the meeting was taken. Winners were Hugh Henry, Palisades - appointed Chair; Lori Urban, West World, Jan Buggeln, Pine Valley; Boe James, Golden Eagle; Liz Alcorn, Sierra Hills. Debbie Moore, Sutton; Ray Wallage, Vista Verde; Joan Lang, Rio Montana and Pat Shaler, Bronco, also volunteered.
 - F. Hugh asked the new committee to meet in the lobby in the next few minutes. PCs, please use the email and fax # that is on the Intent to Run form.

1st Vice Chair, Nancy Ordowski:

- 1) i360: AZGOP is adding Independents and other Republicans to the program so as to encourage Independent voters to vote Republican.
- 2) There will be i360 training on September 22 at the Victory office on Greenway Parkway at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. Contact Nancy for reservations, ncordowski@gmail.com.
- 3) Nancy urged people to open their LD23 Republican Committee emails for the info you need about the district.
- 4) Precinct Captain Elections have to be held within 20 days from the day the election has been certified, September 23.
 - A. Forms are available outside to pick up, on the website and in the next email that comes out.
 - B. Forms need to be signed by 50% of your PCs as voting for Precinct Captain; please add the name of your precinct, name, address email address.
 - C. Mail completed forms to Nancy's address on the form.
 - D. Current Captains stay in place until the November 20 Reorganization meeting.
 - E. Form must be returned to Nancy as soon after the Precinct Captain election as possible.
- 5) The GOTV Victory Office will be run by Lori Urban. Forms to make contact with Lori are in the lobby. The address is 7047 E. Greenway Pky, Suite 250. The goal is to try to make an impact in LD23 and other candidates that need help. Take a signup sheet and return to Lori. Any Republican can work the GOTV office and some of the candidates will be sending volunteers.
- 6) Office hours: Contact Lori at gopgal14@gmail.com
- 7) October Walk for Wendy Rogers - asked by Tyler Boyer, LD17 Chairman, to help with Rogers' campaign. Walk on Oct 4 in the Camelback area. Check with Lori to get details.

Second Vice Chair, Rich Rutkowski:

Rich announced the next meeting will be on October 9, 7:00 pm at The Learning Center in Fountain Hills.

Announcement:

Boe James made a plea for everyone to apply to be Poll workers. It's necessary to prevent election fraud and we should be able to have faith our votes are counted.

Because of the requirement that we be out of the room by 8:30 pm, the Agenda was cut short due to the various unscheduled requests to speak by candidates and the meeting was adjourned by Joe Meli at 8:30 pm. The remainder of the Agenda will be included in the October meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Breyer
Secretary, LD23 Republican Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FORMAT FOR VOTE TO RATIFY NEW BYLAWS:

This will be a Credentialed meeting to ratify the new Bylaws. You **MUST** bring a photo ID to present to the Credentials Committee. Proxies are allowed. If you have one or more Proxies, you must get those verified and stamped at the Proxy Table before proceeding to the Sign-in table. Only stamped proxies will be honored. You **MUST** sign-in beside your name in order to receive a ballot to cast your vote. You must sign **YOUR NAME** beside the name of the Proxy you are carrying at the Sign-In table to get ballots to vote your Proxy/Proxies. You must get a tag when you sign in to get your ballots. Sign-in will be by Precinct first and then by name so please know what your precinct is. Each PC in attendance is responsible for knowing these rules.

PLEASE NOTE: The Credentials table at this meeting will open at 6:00 and close promptly at 7:05 PM. You must be there early enough to be finished by then. The Credentials table will not re-open for this meeting as it will for the November 20 Reorganizational meeting.

Explanation of Bylaws revision

The Bylaws Committee invested a substantial amount of time and energy into revision of the LD23 Bylaws. The work of the Committee members - Ray Wallage, Ted Naeckel, John Strasser, Boe James, Karen John, Joe Meli, and Jim O'Connor - yielded several significant improvements to the Bylaws. We applaud them for their efforts and appreciate their contribution to this major project. Additional review of the proposed revision by the Executive Committee revealed a few sections containing language that was unenforceable or illegal (based upon advice from Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery, who had addressed similar issues for MCRC). There were also a few passages which were in conflict with MCRC Bylaws, to which we are subject. In addition, some sections were inconsistent with common practice or unclear. These areas have been fully addressed and are rectified in the Bylaws to be presented to LD23 PCs for adoption at the October 9 meeting.

The current Bylaws and the proposed Bylaws can both be found on our new website, www.ld23gop.org. Check the "Bylaws" page and click on the appropriate link(s). Please review the documents prior to the meeting on October 9.

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**DENNIS MICHAEL LYNCH *Fighting for America Tour* still available.**

October 4, 2014 Virginia Piper Theater, Scottsdale Civic Center Mall

Tickets priced at \$20, \$40, \$60, \$100 \$60 & \$100 tickets include a private reception with Mr. Lynch on Friday, October 3 at the Scottsdale Hilton Hotel, Scottsdale Road and Lincoln.

This event will be filmed for Lynch's last documentary that will be opened in theaters country wide in late spring.

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SUPER SATURDAY GET OUT THE VOTE WITH AZGOP

Saturday October 11. Early Ballots will hit mailboxes on October 9th

Canvass precincts 9-4pm (in shifts)

Phone banking 10am-4pm

(this can be done from your home or from a GOP Victory Office)

More details to follow. Save the Date.

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**DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS:**

**Paradise Republican Women's Club**

Saturday, October 11, 2014

Social time: 10:30, Meeting at 11:00, Lunch at 12:00 Noon

Speakers:

Trevor Laky, Western Regional Coordinator, Heritage Action for America

Carlos Alfaro, Libre Initiative

Former Arizona Representative Jonathon Paton, YES on 122

**Palo Verde Republican Women**

Meeting: October 15th at Grayhawk Golf Club.

Congressman Schweikert will discuss Proposition 122 - Arizona Sovereignty and Christina Sandfur, Senior Attorney at the Goldwater Institute will discuss Proposition 303 - Right to Try.

Auction to benefit Fisher House. Mark Burnovich, Candidate for Attorney General, has graciously accepted our invitation to be our Auctioneer.

Raffle: treats from Stuttering King Bakery! YUM. All proceeds benefit Fisher House in Southern Arizona.

Social 11:00, lunch 11:30.

Chicken Pot Pie, Chocolate Grade Teton Praline with Raspberry Sauce.

Coffe/Tea/Rolls



25.00

Reservations required: [www.pvrwlunch@gmail.com](mailto:www.pvrwlunch@gmail.com)

A reservation made is a reservation paid!

Joan Lang

480-703-0416

Fountain Hills Republican Club

The next meeting of the Fountain Hills Republican Club will be Saturday, October 18th at 9 a.m. at the Fountain Hills Community Center. The Keynote Speaker will be Robert Graham, AZ GOP Chairman. Everyone is invited.

The monthly FH GOP Social will be 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, October 28th at El Encanto de la Fuente, 11044 N Saguaro, Fountain Hills.

An election night party will be held on Tuesday, November 4th. Full details later, but mark your calendar now.

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