



AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee

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The Lincoln Link

April 2013

Chairman's Corner:

What makes our nation exceptional? Is it the circumstances of its birth? Is it the Framers who crafted a document, our Constitution, with such intelligence and foresight that it has withstood attacks both in its infancy and still today? Perhaps it is these and still more.

We might suppose that here in Legislative District 23 we are removed from our founder's original struggles and setbacks. We aren't. The Framers took into account the one element that could make or break their infant nation: human nature.

It can be said that there is not much different, (other than the advancement of our technology), that the Framers faced in their contemporary society than what we now face.

Our Legislative District is strong. Our will to win this election cycle and every cycle to come is strong. We have a plan and we have the tools to execute that plan. What will ultimately decide our success are the time, talent and treasure every dedicated PC gives. It is truly in our hands to succeed. During this critical election cycle we can decide to succeed. We can decide to work together for our common purpose and our ultimate goal: to remove the left from power.

What else matters, as grassroots Republicans? Are we focused on restoring our nation to its rightful course? Or, are we so wrapped-up in petty disagreements and personality differences that we make that our focus?

How about this, let us suppose we can find three things upon which we can all agree:

- 1) The left is ruining our country and it's our job to stop that.
- 2) We all believe our Constitution is a fixed document that is the foundation of our nation.
- 3) We all believe in limited government, lower taxation, fewer regulations and strict adherence to the Bill of Rights.

If I were to walk amongst my brothers and sisters in arms during a monthly meeting and ask them individually if they all agreed upon these things, they would undoubtedly say a resounding "yes"!

Therefore we must ask ourselves yet again, what does focusing on anything other than these shared and undisputed agreements do to help us win elections?

The answer for any intelligent and dedicated patriotic grassroots Republican Party Precinct Committee Member is: nothing.

Now, let's consider the opposite of focusing on petty disagreements: suppose we make personal and public vows to ourselves, and our fellow PCs to let nothing stand in the way of our great victory in November? Suppose we all agree that personalities and petty disagreements are de facto tools of our enemies, the Democrats, and that perpetuating discord on "principal" is playing right into their hands, helping them to win against us? Suppose we agree that we will put all that aside for the restoration of our rightful place in government? Imagine that, us winning elections because we recognize how strong we are as a party when we agree to agree. Imagine never having to re-live the pain and disappointment of 2008 or 2012. Imagine putting winning as our highest priority over all else.

We believe in the Republican Party. We believe that our candidate's winning elections will be the first important step to our nation's restoration. We believe this cause is greater than anything else to which we dedicate ourselves politically.

It's our time to win. The future of our Party is us, the grassroots. Let us win together.

Regards,

Joe Meli
Chairman



Shirley Cordasco, Special Events:

Hello to all my LD23 members,
Saturday, May 3rd, will be here before we realize it and we must join together to create another great event. In order to keep it that way, I can't do that alone. I need your help!! Our raffles have been very successful in the past and this latest one can be the same! Anything that you know can make someone buy a ticket, movie tickets, gas card, gift cards, dinner reservations, wine baskets, weekend trips, new coffee appliance, toaster, any new technology gadget...BRING It, buy it, help us make this the best raffle ever!

You should all have my name and number. If you can't remember who I am.... Here ya go!

***Shirley Cordasco [480-251-7031](tel:480-251-7031), seeshirley@cox.net 7900 princess drive #1279, Scottsdale, AZ. 85255 For your convenience, you can drop off a check or whatever at one of my

offices - Remax Excalibur 8510 Shea Blvd. (just west of the101) Or Remax Excalibur, 21803 N Scottsdale Rd. (corner of Deer Valley)***

In the meantime, I need you to send in your reservations. It's very slow arriving and the deadline is looming. I need those checks, no-one pays at the door!! Circle the date on your calendar! Again, thanks in advance.

Shirley



Nancy Ordowski, 1st Vice Chair

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During the past month we have been working to contact Area Directors and Precinct Captains, identifying precincts with vacancies and preparing for a vigorous get out the vote effort. The i360 program is being implemented by AZ GOP. During the next few months we will be able to have more information available to your Area Directors and thereafter provide walking lists to PC's. It will take the effort of every PC to accomplish Victory in 2014, SO GET READY!

There are many exciting meetings being held for everyone to learn more about our candidates running on the Republican ticket in the upcoming primary election. Plan to attend these meetings so you will be well informed.

Rich Rutkowski, 2nd Vice Chair:

Our April 10 meeting will be back at Mustang Library, with registration and social time starting at 6:30 PM and the agenda commencing at 7:00 PM. We will continue hearing from and evaluating Republican candidates for the August primary election.

Our speakers' agenda for this month will begin with comments from past LD23 Chairman Doug Little, who is running for AZ Corporation Commission. Following Doug, we welcome Mark Brnovich, candidate for AZ Attorney General. (Our current AG, Tom Horne, was invited to join Mr Brnovich and us for Q & A.) We'll wrap up the evening with a forum for two of the three Republican candidates for Secretary of State, Rep. Justin Pierce and Sen. Michele Reagan. Wil Cardon is unable to join us due to a prior commitment to an event in Apache County, several hours away in the NE corner of Arizona. The Secretary of State Forum will include brief opening comments from each candidate, Q & A (each candidate answering each question), and closing comments. Bring some questions with you. Please try to keep the questions clear and pithy. In turn, I'll attempt to keep the candidates' responses direct and on point, so we can address as many questions as possible.

Looking ahead, on May 8 we'll be at a new venue, the parish hall at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church, on 124th Street just north of Shea. It offers nicer facilities, plenty of room, and better audio/visual support. More details will follow, but I think you'll be very pleased with this meeting site. The May 8 agenda will feature six of our Republican candidates for Governor. Please make plans to attend and encourage your fellow PC's to come along for these important and informative evenings.



**Minutes, Lynne Breyer, Secretary:
Arizona Legislative District 23
District Meeting Minutes
Civic Center Library, Scottsdale
March 13, 2014
7:00 pm**

With concurrence of the members present, the District Meeting of the members of Arizona Republican Legislative District 23, held at Scottsdale Civic Center Library, located at 3839 N Drinkwater Blvd, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 on March 13, 2014 was called to order by Chairman Joe Meli at 6:40 pm.

Officers Present:

Joe Meli, Chairman
Nancy Ordowski, 1st Vice Chair
Rich Rutkowski, 2nd Vice Chair
Lynne Breyer, Secretary

Officers Absent:

Linda Rizzo, Treasurer

PCs Present: 50

Guests present: 5

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boe James.

Awards:

Chairman Meli announced that LD23 led the recent Lincoln Luncheon with great honors. PC Lori Urban received the esteemed Lincoln Bust award for her service and commitment to the Republican Party. Lori, who was out of town with her family, has given countless hours to the Legislative District and the Republican Party and was recognized as the most valued of the PCs in Maricopa County. Congratulations to Lori for this well-deserved honor.

The PC award for Volunteer of the Year in LD23 went to Liz Alcorn for her very successful event with Dennis Michael Lynch.

A Certificate of Achievement was awarded to the following outstanding Precinct Committeemen in LD23:

*Awarded posthumously to Tom Buggeln and accepted by his wife, Jan Buggeln.

*Shirley Cordasco

*Paula Linker

*Evelyn Munn

*Gene Pizzato

*Linda Rizzo

*John Strasser

The Chairman's Award went to Ray Wallage

Approval of the minutes:

Sheila Muehling came to the front of the room with corrections.

The first correction was to add Donna Reagan to the list of speakers against the Motion to Censure. Patty Stetson made a motion to approve the change, Boe James seconded. Discussion. The motion passed.

The second and third corrections: Sheila read from a prepared statement a passage from the minutes and then read language she wanted substituted. A motion to accept the change to the language was not seconded. Sheila then read a second passage from the minutes and then she read new language that she wanted substituted. A motion was made by Barbara Espinosa and seconded by Adam Sonneklar to make the change to the language. The Secretary stated that she recorded the meeting and transcribed the actual language used during the meeting and the minutes reflected that language. Discussion ensued. The Chairman then asked the Secretary to re-read the current and proposed language again. It was decided that the requested changes did not constitute material changes. Barbara Espinosa made a motion to waive her original motion, Greg Weisman seconded. No discussion and no vote on the motion. Barbara then withdrew her motion to accept the new language.

Harlan Stratton moved to accept the minutes as earlier corrected and Barbara seconded and the minutes were approved with the first correction.

Treasurer's Report:

In the absence of the Treasurer, Chairman Meli read the Treasurer's Report:

REVENUE: 1080.00
EXPENSES: (657.41)
NET INCOME: 422.59

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. No discussion. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Nancy Ordowski, 1st Vice Chair:

Nancy announced there were petitions and applications for PC elections on the table in the lobby. Applications should be properly filled out and notarized. She will send out an email to the membership with details about how these are to be filled out, the signature quotas and the deadline dates. She noted that no petitions should be turned in prior to April 28th as they would be tossed out. PCs can send them in to the County Recorder's office or they can submit them to her at the April and May meetings and she will arrange for them to be taken in. Nancy will make copies of those submitted to her for delivery. Ann Flora mentioned that everyone should make a copy for their own records. There will be a notary on hand at both meetings for the convenience of the PCs.

Nancy has seen the presentation of the new AZGOP GOTV program, i360. She will be working with Area Directors to get trained on the system and they will in turn train PC Captains who will downline all the PCs. She plans to do some PC training on what PCs need to be doing for the 2014 elections. Everyone is expected to participate in some manner on the elections and she will provide the tools they need to be effective.

Shirley Cordasco, Special Events:

Shirley announced that the Annual Breakfast date had changed to May 3rd, Gainey Ranch, 8:30 am. Candidates will be there and she thanked Rich for taking care of those arrangements. There will be a registration table for candidate flyers and petitions. The cost of the breakfast is \$30 per person. Just show me the money!

Rich Rutkowski, 2nd Vice Chair:

Rich began by recognizing the elected officials in attendance.

The next district meeting will be back at the Mustang Library. The program will be the candidates for Secretary of State.

In May, we will be at a new venue, St. Bernard's Church, to experience that as a possible permanent meeting venue. At that venue, we will not be worrying about the time since we would not need to be out before 9:00 in case some of the candidate and other events run long. That venue has audio/visual equipment, plenty of space for a large group and is well located. More details will be forthcoming.

Rich then introduced the speakers Shane Wikfors, Director of Communications for Americans for Prosperity and Development and Legislative Director, Bill Fathauer. They covered some legislative issues that AFP is moving through the House and Senate. Q&A followed.

Rich apologized that Doug Little was unable to attend due to a last minute conflict. He will try to reschedule.

Rich then introduced the Treasurer's Forum candidates. starting with the announcement that Martin Sepulveda had withdrawn due to military obligations that might keep him from performing his duties as Treasurer. Rich laid out the rules for the forum. Tricia Groe spoke on behalf of Hugh Hallman who could not be there. In attendance were candidates Jeff DeWit and Randy Pullen. They introduced themselves, questions were taken from the assembly and they ended with closing statements.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Meli said there is so little time but such great promise. We have to work on winning elections as our only goal. Do we concede any race? No, we will win for 2014 and our country. Every race is important. Our mission is to remember that we are at war and we are the ground troops. All that is needed is that we utilize the tools we have. The i360 system will give us the tools and the power to speak to our constituents. Our message will be to personalize this election cycle. We must articulate that voters are all affected by what is going on in our country and we must speak to them in very personal terms. Our framers designed a system that, when properly followed, will serve all of us well. Chairman Meli then asked for a show of hands of those committed to win elections.

The Chairman then called for adjournment. A motion was made by Royce Flora and seconded by Harlan Stratton. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Breyer
Secretary, LD 23 Republican Committee

Note: Please contact Lynne at breyer.7244@gmail.com with minor corrections prior to the meeting.

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**Linda Rizzo, Treasurer's Report:**  
March 2014

**REVENUE**

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|----------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Miscellaneous Income | 30.00 | <u>                    </u> | 30.00 |
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**EXPENSES**

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|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Fees          | 40.00 |                             |       |
| Website/Email | 16.40 |                             |       |
| Miscellaneous | 5.00  | <u>                    </u> | 61.40 |

Net Income (Loss) (31.40)

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION. \$30.00**  
Individual, \$50.00 Couple of Household, \$100.00 Chairman's  
Level, or more

By way of explanation:

\$30.00 Misc. Income: A check was lost by the payee. He reimbursed the LD for a stop payment fee. The fee was \$25.00 and he paid \$30.

\$40.00 Fee: \$25.00 Stop Payment and \$15.00 Monthly Service Charge

\$16.40 Website/Email: Monthly fee for the email provider

\$5.00 Misc. Expense: The \$5.00 overpayment returned to the payee





### **Fountain Hills Tea Party:**

On Tuesday evening, April 15, at 6:30 PM, Fountain Hills AZ Tea Party will host a Forum for LD23 House Candidates, including six candidates for the Republican nominations. For details, visit [Fountain Hills Tea Party \(www.fhtwaparty.com\)](http://www.fhtwaparty.com)

### **FRIENDS OF DAVID SCHWEIKERT needs our help.**

Recently, every PC received a letter from David with 3 petitions and a return address envelope.

Each petition contains 10 signature lines, however, the petitions do not have to contain 10 signatures. Partially completed petitions should be returned. Remember: EVERY signature helps in reaching our goal of 2000.

They can be brought to the next LD meeting or Spring Breakfast!

My email address and phone number is below.

If every PC in the LD returned at least 10 signatures our favorite Congressman would qualify to be on the ballot this election cycle!

Contact Allison Mary at [480-628-2763](tel:480-628-2763) or [allison@davidschweikert.com](mailto:allison@davidschweikert.com)

**Final Note: Donations can be made online at the web address on the top of this newsletter.**