March 2022 Newsletter

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Registration: 6:30 PM Call to Order: 7:00 PM Christ's Church of Fountain Hills 15555 E. Bainbridge Avenue in Fountain Hills <u>MAP</u>

We will be supporting your "attendance" via Zoom, but please note that the experience will be less than being there in-person. Audio, presentation quality, and other factors affect our ability to send a "perfect" transmission to our remote audience. In the spirit of supporting "necessary" accommodation for remote attendance, Zoom Registration will be available, but we encourage on-site attendance if it's at all possible.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR ZOOM ACCESS

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

CHAIRMAN – Dr. Richard Rutkowski

The March 10 meeting is slated to be our last meeting as "District 23 Republcian Committee." While all of our current PCs remain in office through September 30, we will be in either LD3, LD4, or LD8. I'll be in LD3 and am sad to witness the "break-up" of what has been an active & effective political organization as well as a group of friends and colleagues. Although many of us are physically separating, we must continue to share our principles and our mission, to resist the push from the leftists, and to do our part to restore the America First agenda. Each new LD will be welcoming PCs from current adjacent districts to form a new and strong organization.

The legislative district reorganizational meetings will include elections for new district officers and consideration/adoption of new bylaws. The new LD4 organizational meeting will be on Wednesday, March 30. The new LD3 organizational meeting will be on Thursday, March 31. The date for the new LD8 organizational meeting is not yet determined. Details will be sent out in the next

few weeks and information can also be found at https://maricopagop.org/redistricting/.

We saw what tyranny did in Canada. Although emergency powers have ended in that country, we need to vigilant for attacks on our liberty from Big Government, Big Media, Big Tech, Big Pharma, Big Soros,... I plan to continue the **Medical Freedom Rally at the SW corner of 90th Street & Shea, currently from 4:00 - 5:00 PM.** The next Rally is on Saturday, March 5. Even if you land in another LD, you're always welcome to show your support for our freedom.

To stay informed & connected, please read our Constant Contact messages. Messages are sent from "news@ld23gop.org" and may land in "Spam." Questions for me can be sent to "ld23gop@gmail.com." I check that account several times every day. Thanks for all that you do!

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski

This is just a short note. I thank you for getting so many of your PC Petitions turned in. Great job, do remember the deadline is April 4, so don't delay. I also appreciate your patience waiting for information on our reorganization meetings.

Tentative dates: LD3 – Thursday, March 31, 2022

LD4 – Wednesday, March 30, 2022 LD8 – no details at this time

Nominations for officers will be made from the floor and each candidate will have 2 minutes to speak. If you are considering running for one of the positions, please begin to prepare your presentation. Watch your email for details in the near future.

Please stay active in your precinct, attend our LD meeting and wait for legal direction as this process unfolds. Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, March 10.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Joe Junker

As you've been aware, over the past few weeks, I've emphasized Conservative, Republican grassroots resources outside our "formal LD organization" for you to share in events while our LD business took priority during our Redistricting and Reorganization efforts (and we really didn't have time for "programs").

This week, as the reorganization meetings have been confirmed a bit later than planned, we have time for a Program (YAY!); so I'm back to work! At our meeting this month (March 10), our program is based on recommendations of those in our LD that had participated in workshops from an outside organization that is providing sessions to complement the "PC Training" here in the LD. Candace Czarny is an LD23 PC, communications/marketing specialist, and instructor at the AZ Grassroots Hub (<u>https://azgrassrootshub.com/</u>). The Grassroots Hub, organized by Dan Farley, and hosted from his real estate offices in Scottsdale, provides ongoing sessions focused on developing skills in Political Empowerment, Door Knocking and GOP Data. Candace is the instructor for the session "PC Door Knocking – Becoming a Powerful Influencer". She will walk through some of her practical and creative advice that can help you with becoming more active and prominent in your neighborhoods. Looking forward to helping your activism!

(We'll also be welcoming several candidates for 5-minute presentations.) To connect to the March 10 meeting by ZOOM, please click on the bold link near the top of this newsletter.

<u>Joepcld23@cox.net</u> (480) 309-7762

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barry Graham, Treasurer

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE Statement of Activity & Reconciled Bank Balance Month-Ended Feb. 28, 2022

Revenue		
Donations/dues	\$	80.00
Name Badges		
Total Revenue		80.00
Expenses		
Name Badges		120.12
Bank/CC fees		2.95
Election supplies (PC Petitions)		1,267.98
Facility Rent		200.00
Total Expenses		<u>1,591.05</u>
Net Change	-	1,511.05
Reconciled Bank Balance, prior month-end	2	4,124.97
Variance from prior month		-1.53
Reconciled Bank Balance, current month-end	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>2,612.39</u>

THANK YOU!

Barry Graham (602) 740-2570 <u>BSGraham@gmail.com</u> www.BarryGrahamResidentsFirst.com

<u>SECRETARY</u> - Michele Stephens District 23 Republican Committee General Meeting – February 10, 2022

Christ's Church of Fountain Hills

Call to Order (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

Roger Velez said the Invocation; Gayla Coletto led the Pledge of Allegiance Rich introduced the officers.

Approval of Jan 13, 2022 Minutes

Motion to accept January minutes made by Tommy Andrews and seconded. Minutes were approved without changes.

Introduction of Elected Officials and Candidates (Rich)

Elected officials not speaking were recognized and welcomed. Those running for office were also recognized.

Newly appointed PC names were read and acknowledged

Treasurer's Report (Barry Graham, Treasurer)

Reported cash balance of \$24,125.00

Key Event Reminders (Rich Rutkowski)

February 10-13: SatanCon Prayer and Protest

February 12: Concours in the Hills Voter Registration Table

February 17: Fountain Hills AZ Tea Party Meeting

February 19: 2nd Amendment Rally (Phoenix)

February 19: Medical Freedom Rally

March 26: Hike for the Homeless

Please see website for locations and times.

AZ Request to Speak and Contacting AZ Legislators (Michele Stephens, Secretary)

Michele explained ways PCs can have a voice in the AZ Legislature through the Request to Speak System (RTS) and through emailing legislators. Bills of interest currently before the legislature were discussed. It was also suggested that every PC contact Rusty Bowers (House Speaker) at <u>rbowers@azleg.gov</u> or call 602-926-3128 and Karen Fann (Senate President) at <u>kfann@azleg.gov</u> or call 602-926-5874. Ask them to please fix the RTS system by allowing only Arizona residents to use (currently anyone can sign up) and speed up the system. For those who are not yet signed up to use the RTS, go to <u>www.ezaz.org/rts</u> to sign up and they will take your application to the state capitol. Legislative alerts will be sent through the LD23 Constant Contact system.

Operation Lionheart (Laura Holgate)

Laura discussed this initiative which aims to deliver truthful information regarding COVID, early treatment, masks and vaccines through an information flyer. For more information, email Laura at <u>laura@holgatefamily.com</u>

Reorganization Meetings (Nancy Ordowski and Rich Rutkowski)

LD 23 split into three LD's; LD3, 4 and 8. When the new districts are finalized, PCs should receive an email with their district information. Please watch for this

email. Maps will should be sent to county supervisors for approval March 9. **LD4** reorganization meeting to be held on **March 30**. **LD3** reorganization meeting to be held on **March 31**. Look for more information in emails to be sent in March. At these meetings there will be new elections for officers. All LD reorganization will be done by statute and bylaws.

Check <u>https://maricopagop.org/redistricting</u> for maps and additional information or contact your precinct captain.

Prep for Next PC Election (Nancy Ordowski)

The next election of PCs will be on August 2. To be eligible for election PCs must complete your Nomination Paper & PC petition forms with a minimum of 10 signatures of registered Republican voters in your precinct. To be safe, should get 20 signatures. As we reorganize, the number of PCs in your precinct will be determined by the number of registered Republicans; one PC per 125 voters. Forms provided at meeting. Additional PC forms available on Maricopa County Recorder site: <u>https://recorder.maricopa.gov/elections/precinctcommitteemen.aspx</u> PCs complete and turn in forms **no later than March 31**st; forms can be given to Nancy and she will turn them in to the county.

Candidate Speakers

The following candidates each spoke for 5 minutes about their campaign: **Kathy Littlefield** (Scottsdale City Council); **Roxana Holzapfel** (LD8 AZ Senate); **Doug Little** (District 2 Maricopa County Supervisor); **Barry Graham** (Scottsdale City Council); **Shawnna Bolick** (AZ Secretary of State) and **Justin Olson** (U.S. Senate).

Rich reminded everyone to open Constant Contact emails.

Next Meeting: March 10, 2022

Meeting adjourned without objection at 8:34 PM.

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB EVENTS

Paradise Republican Women's Club

Next meeting: Saturday, March 12 McCormick Scottsdale Resort 7401 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 8:15 AM Registration & Social / 9:00 AM Program Speakers: Candidates Tim Stratton, Jim Lamon, Matt Salmon, & Randy Kaufman Brunch & meeting - \$35 per person. For RSVP, please visit <u>https://prwcaz.org/</u>

Lincoln Republican Women's Club

Meeting: Monday, March 7 Maggiano's North Scottsdale (new location) 16405 N. Scottsdale Rd. 5:30 PM Registration/ 6:15 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Speaker Guest Speakers: AZ Governor candidate Steve Gaynor & US Senate candidate Mick McGuire Tickets must have been purchased by 10 AM on March 3. RSVP to Julie Gallagher at LincolnRepWomen@gmail.com or call Julie directly at 480-272-0511. Please connect with the group for advance notice about future meetings.

Palo Verde Republican Women

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 16 Grayhawk Golf Club, The Fairway House 8620 E Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale 11:00 AM Social / 11:30 AM Program & Lunch Reservations required. Visit www.paloverderepublicanwomen.com.

Fountain Hills Republican Club

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 19 at 9:00 AM Location: Fountain Hills Community Center. Speakers: AZ Corporation Commission candidates Nick Myers & Kevin Thompson; AZ Governor candidate Matt Salmon; AZ Attorney General candidate Tiffany Shedd. Monthly Social: Wednesday, March 23 at 5:00 PM All American Sports Grill in Fountain Hills For more info, contact Boe James at <u>FHRepublican@gmail.com</u> or visit <u>http://FountainHillsRepublicanClub.org</u> or Fountain Hills Republican Club on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/FountainHillsRepublicanClub.

Trump Fridays Every Friday 6 PM at il Capo Pizzeria, 7366 E. Shea Blvd.; Scottsdale. Susan Wood: 480-540-4648. AND Every Friday from 5:00 - 8:30 PM at Pinnacle Grille, 10428 E. Jomax Road, #101 Charmaine Roth: 708-420-7099

This month's newsletter was compiled, edited, and respectfully submitted by Rich Rutkowski, District Chairman.