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Nancy Ordowski, Chairman
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March 2019 Newsletter



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**NEXT MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**  
**MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN RANCH MCDOWELL CENTER**  
[\[MAP\]](#)

## **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – Nancy Ordowski**

As I mentioned at the February meeting in just a short month I have already seen improved communications with the AZGOP and all of us. Recently I called the office, I could have left a voice message, but instead I hung up. In less than an hour I had a return call from Matt at the AZGOP office, asking if there was any way he could help. In the past 4 years the phone was never answered let alone a return call. Chairman Kelli Ward has scheduled the Ex Comm meeting. Appointments are being made. Work is being done. Yea!!

During this past week I had the opportunity to attend the CPAC Meeting. It is always so refreshing to be with so many like minded people. There were more than 8,000 in attendance with 220 speakers in 3 days., a morning to night program. On March 29 the movie UNPLANNED will be opening at local theaters. If you are a pro-life supporter you should plan to make sure you see this movie. We had the opportunity to hear from Amy the Planned Parenthood employee, her story and the actress that played Amy in the movie.

Now is a great time to walk our precincts, meet your fellow Republicans and reach out to the PNDs and INDs in your Precinct. There are more than 57,000 IND and PND in LD23. Are the voters registered as PND even aware of the status of their registration? In March 2020 we will have another Presidential Preference Election and

only Republicans/Democrats can vote in that election. Those voters must be registered in their party by a date in early January 2020. One of our jobs is to educate our Republican and the PND voters. Now is the time to begin!

You can reach me at [ncordowski@gmail.com](mailto:ncordowski@gmail.com) or 480-203-5278.

### **FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Rob Swoboda**

On March 2nd we held our first New PC training session which was excellent! Thank you Rich! We had a group of very eager and engaged New PCs. I want to thank all who attended and ask all PC Captains to connect with your New PCs.

Other good news: To date my wife Gina has activated about 30 new RTS accounts for our LD. Thanks Gina! I would ask everyone who has an RTS account to contact me and let me know when you set it up so I can get an accurate count of how many RTS voices we have and our velocity in activating RTS accounts.

PC Captains: I would ask that you do a roll call to see which of your PC's will be coming to the next LD Meeting on 3/14/19. I would also like to know if you or any of your PC's have used your walk list, recruited new PC's for your precinct or registered voters.

New tech coming: I will be creating an LD23 Captains "Slack" channel to help our Captains share and pool their knowledge. Slack is a free communication tool which I have used very successfully in my professional career. Please send me an email if you would like to join this channel. Joe Junker the Captain of McCormick Ranch has set his PC's up on their own Slack Channel. Way to go Joe! I will be following his progress with this tool to establish a model that other PC Captains can use to create channels for their precincts and PC's.

Upcoming training dates: Precinct Captains' training 3/23/19 10am-12pm. I hope to see the rest of the Captains at this next session. New PC training 3/30/19 9 -11am.

Thank you all for all you do! You can reach me at:  
[robswobodapld23@gmail.com](mailto:robswobodapld23@gmail.com) or 405-546-1290

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

Our March meeting will be on Thursday evening, March 14 at McDowell Mountain Ranch McDowell Center [\[MAP\]](#) with registration at 6:30 PM and call to order at 7:00 PM. Our main guest speaker will be Arizona Supreme Court Justice Clint Bolick. Justice Bolick will give us an overview of the Arizona judicial system. We also plan to hear from Chris Chavez, a fellow PC from LD15, with a report on CPAC. The guest speakers at our monthly meetings provide us with a broad range of information and perspective about current issues. The better we are educated and informed, the better we are able to educate and inform potential voters.

Remember our annual **LD23 Pancake Breakfast** on Saturday, April 6. This is a wonderful way to enjoy good food, good company, and hear a first hand update about the D.C. swamp from Congressman David Schweikert. Reservations can be made & paid for at the March 14 meeting. Details are available via the link under Important Dates on the Home page of [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org).

Please visit [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org) for any updates, and read LD23 communications, for accurate information about future meetings, upcoming events, documents, and links to other web sites and resources.

**TREASURER'S REPORT - Barry Graham**

**DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**  
**Statement of Activity and Bank Balance**  
**Month Ended February 28, 2019**

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|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                          |                            |
| Donations/dues                          | \$ 1,330.00                |
| Badges                                  | <u>96.00</u>               |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                    | <b><u>1,426.00</u></b>     |
| <b>Expenses</b>                         |                            |
| Badges                                  | 40.00                      |
| Website and email service               | 96.00                      |
| Meeting Rooms                           | <u>250.00</u>              |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                   | <b><u>386.00</u></b>       |
| <b>Net Change</b>                       | <b>1,040.00</b>            |
| <b>Reconciled Bank Balance 01/31/19</b> | <b><u>10,475.19</u></b>    |
| <b>Reconciled Bank Balance 02/28/19</b> | <b><u>\$ 11,515.19</u></b> |

The recommended annual donation is \$30 (\$50 for a couple). These help cover operating expenses. Outside of monthly meetings, there are two ways to make a donation:

1. Email Barry Graham at [BSGraham@gmail.com](mailto:BSGraham@gmail.com) along with your phone number and your availability. The Treasurer will call to pay by credit card.
2. Mail a check along with the completed Donation Form (Documents section of [www.LD23GOP.org](http://www.LD23GOP.org)) to:

Barry Graham, Treasurer  
District 23 Repub. Committee  
8776 E. Shea Blvd. Suite 106-341  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Make check payable to: **District 23 Republican Committee**

Note: Donations are not tax deductible. Only personal checks/credit cards accepted.

A special thanks to Valerie Giramberk for helping at the February monthly meeting.

Thank you!

Barry Graham  
(602) 740-2570  
[BSGraham@gmail.com](mailto:BSGraham@gmail.com)

**MEETING MINUTES - Tim Horn, for Korena Byam**

## **District 23 Republican Committee**

**8776 E Shea Blvd Ste 106-341  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251**

**McDowell Mountain Ranch McDowell Center  
16116 N. McDowell Mountain Ranch Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255  
February 14, 2019**

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm. Jim O'Connor gave the invocation. Jim Stevenson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Introduction**

Nancy introduced District officers (1st Vice-Chair Rob Swoboda & 2nd Vice-Chair Dr. Rich Rutkowski) in attendance. Barry Graham and Korena Byam were unable to attend. She welcomed guests, including prospective PCs, & elected officials (Janell Soyster-Buchholdt, MCR MAL; Yvonne Cahill, AZGOP CD6 MAL; David Spelich, Fountain Hills Town Council .

### **Speakers**

2nd Vice-Chair, Rich Rutkowski, introduced guest speakers. Maricopa County Supervisor Steve Chucri provided an update on county business, including the current status of the evaluation of the August 2018 & November 2018 elections. He addressed concerns about how the elections were handled by the Recorder's Office, the "emergency" voting centers, and the current MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the Board of Supervisors and the County Recorder. Cathi Herrod, President of Center for AZ Policy, a non-profit activist group supporting the sanctity of life, marriages & families, and religious freedom, spoke about the proposal now before the AZ Legislature to "ratify" the Equal Rights Amendment. Cathi explained the concerns about this attempt, especially questions about the Constitutional validity of any "ratification" (since the window for ratification expired in the 1980's) and potential unintended consequences from the approval of this amendment. PCs were advised about how to make their opinions known to legislators.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Valerie Giramberk, filling in for Barry Graham, gave the Treasurer's Report, noting the cash balance of \$10,425.19.

### **Announcements**

PCs were encouraged to register for and begin using the AZ Request to Speak system.

Lisa James reminded attendees about the upcoming "Hike for the Homeless" event on Saturday, March 2. All LD23 PCs and their friends are encouraged to sign-up and participate in this worthy cause.

Rob Swoboda announced that future training sessions for PCs and Precinct Captains were being organized and notices will be forthcoming. He urged PCS & Captains to remain in close contact.

Marcia Olsen proposed a committee to develop printed materials for distribution by PCs to voters. She solicited volunteers to assist with this project.

Yvonne Cahill reported on progress at AZGOP. Leslie White is the new Executive Director. A Finance Committee is meeting & working with the RNC. Office will be renovated. Grassroots invigoration is underway.

Kellen Moore from Turning Point USA spoke about the organization and how it is engaging the youth population to the conservative cause.

Arch & Jeannie McGill commented about the recent transition of leadership in the AZGOP and the need for unity among the "factions" in the party.

Fountain Hills Great Fair is coming up and LD23 PCs are urged to volunteer for a shift at the Fountain Hills Republican Club booth.

Minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting were accepted as submitted.

## **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 8:38 PM

## **DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS**

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

Next meeting: Saturday, March 9

NEW LOCATION: The McCormick Scottsdale Millennium Hotel

7401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

9:00 AM Meeting / 10:00 AM Brunch

Speakers: Maricopa County Republican Chairman Rae Chornenky; MCSO Candidate Jerry Sheridan; High school student Nicholas Breton

Brunch & meeting - \$30 per person. For information, please visit <http://prwc.org>.

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

Next meeting: Monday, April 1

McCormick Scottsdale Millennium Hotel

7401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

5:30 PM Meet & Greet / 6:00 PM Meeting / 6:20 PM Dinner / 7:00 PM Program

Speaker: -----

Reservations needed (\$35 cash or check to "LRW"). RSVP to Karen Garrett at 602-571-6020 or [azgarrett@gmail.com](mailto:azgarrett@gmail.com).

### **Palo Verde Republican Women**

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 20  
Grayhawk Golf Club  
8620 E Thompson Peak Parkway, The Fairway House  
11:00 AM Social / 11:30 AM Program & Lunch  
Speakers: AZGOP Chairman Dr. Kelli Ward & Maricopa County Republican Chairman Rae Chornenky  
Reservations required (\$35). Use [pvrlunch111@yahoo.com](mailto:pvrlunch111@yahoo.com)

**Fountain Hills Republican Club**

Next meetings: Saturday, March 16  
Speakers: Dr. Matthew Keene  
Fountain Hills Community Center  
13001 N. La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills  
8:30 Registration & welcome; 9:00 AM Meeting.  
FHRC Social: Wednesday, March 27 at 5 PM  
All American Sports Grill, 16872 E Ave of the Fountains, Fountain Hills  
For more info, contact Boe James  
at [FHRepublican@gmail.com](mailto:FHRepublican@gmail.com) or visit <http://FountainHillsRepublicanClub.org> or Fountain Hills  
Republican Club on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/FountainHillsRepublicanClub](http://www.Facebook.com/FountainHillsRepublicanClub).



This month's newsletter was compiled and respectfully submitted  
by Rich Rutkowski, 2nd Vice Chairman.