

February 2021 Newsletter

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING

Thursday, February 11, 2021

FOUNTAIN HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNING CENTER
16000 E. PALISADES BLVD.
FOUNTAIN HILLS

MAP

Registration: 6:30 PM - Call to Order: 7:00 PM

CHAIRMAN – Dr. Richard Rutkowski

You have heard the phrase, "Elections have consequences." Once again, the truth of that statement is being demonstrated. The hypocrisy of the left is on full display and they are attempting to silence all opposition. We either give up or we stand firm. We either cave or defend our God-given rights and our principles. At the end of his rallies, President Trump commonly proclaimed that we as proud Americans should "never give up!" His words were right then, and that call to action is even more important now. Despite the challenges and barriers that face us, President Trump's America First/Make America Great legacy must be preserved. This is our mission. This is our obligation as Republicans and patriotic Americans. The cheaters, the leftists only win if we give up! I am not about to give up. I urge you to not give up!

So, what can we do? We need to remain engaged and active. We need to stay up to date on the issues. We need to talk to friends, neighbors, and anyone else who will listen. We need to highlight the achievements of the Trump administration and share how those policies helped all Americans. We need to illustrate the hypocrisy of the left and the harmful consequences of their policies. We need to make others aware that socialism doesn't work. Don't be silenced but abandon the social media outlets and corporations that are conspiring to shut us down. Those platforms generate their revenue from the number of users and the ability to sell the data and ads. Those revenues are used to attack us and our beliefs. Money talks! We need to hold our elected officials accountable. If they fail to act in a way that supports truth and freedom, they need to hear from us. If they don't listen, the message needs to be louder. Remember, they need us to get elected. There's more, but this is a good start. Above all, "never give up!"

Please check regularly for Constant Contact messages (Newsletter, Action Alerts,

Events, etc.). My goal is to keep you well informed but not overwhelmed. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. The best way to reach me is at ld23gop@gmail.com. I check that inbox daily.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski

Tasks ahead of us:

- Please mark your calendars! LD Meetings are always on the SECOND THURSDAY of every month. Plan to attend our Thursday, February 11, LD23 meeting.
- Most of you were not PCs in 2010, and we need to review why Redistricting is such an important project. The outcome of Redistricting will be with us until 2031. We need to make sure that we protect our State, our Congressional and Legislative Districts.
- PC trainings will begin in the next couple of weeks. The weather will hopefully cooperate to permit us to hold these trainings outdoors in Horizon Park.
- Even if emails aren't your thing, please check your email for the District 23 Newsletter and other items. This is the best way for us to communicate with 400 people. There have been several Action Alerts sent out for you to respond to and share with family, friends and voters.

The first training session for Precinct Captains was held on February 1. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, at 9:00am at the FH learning Center. If you haven't already reserved your spot, please send me an email (ncordowski@gmail.com) so we have enough materials available.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, February 11.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Joe Junker

Jay Wilson from Fair Maps Arizona (FMA) will be joining us to discuss redistricting.

Every 10 years, Arizona redraws the political boundaries of political districts like LD23. Arizona is one of only a few states that uses an Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) to draw its congressional and legislative district maps. Each time the maps are redrawn, the IRC's actions have been the subject of extensive litigation that has had to be resolved by either the Arizona Supreme Court or the United States Supreme Court. Further, last time the maps were redrawn, there were concerns that the IRC drew maps that did not follow the Arizona constitution, and purposefully advantaged a specific group (DEMOCRATS!). Jay will talk about the process and ask for your help to make the maps fair as the IRC makes the rounds in Arizona redrawing the map. Be ready to listen, learn, and volunteer/contribute to help.

Dan Farley, LD23 PC and Conservative Activist will discuss activist tools and processes.

Dan will provide examples on how he has helped recruit patriots into the Party and his view on organizing, plugging in, and even recruiting conservative candidates for running for offices around Arizona. Wear your thinking cap; and then plan to attend LD23 PC training to supercharge your activism.

Volunteers?

I am still seeking events subcommittee members to help us organize the LD23 meeting content and optional content during the month. Please reach out to me directly at joepcl23@cox.net or cell (480) 309-7762.

Etiquette Reminder: As always, both of our speakers have been very generous to donate their time to bring valuable information to inform and educate LD23 members of issues, methodologies and opportunities. We appreciate their willingness to share their expertise and perspective. We welcome your active participation in the meeting but please show the proper respect to the speaker and other attendees in your questions or comments.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting Thursday, February 11!

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barry Graham, Treasurer

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
Statement of Activity and Bank Balance
Month-Ended Jan. 31, 2021

Revenue	
Donations/dues	\$ 748.00
Name Badges	<u>48.00</u>
Total Revenue	<u>796.00</u>
Expenses	
Name badges	152.73
Bank/CC fees	13.82
Facility Rent	<u>90.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>256.55</u>
Net Change	539.45
Reconciled Bank Balance, prior month-end	<u>10,386.42</u>
Reconciled Bank Balance, current month-end	<u>\$ 10,925.87</u>

We are off to a strong start in receiving your 2021 donations. Thank you for your promptness!

2021 Annual Donations: The recommended annual donation is \$30 (\$50/couple). Donations can be made at monthly meetings, or by the following:

1. To securely pay by credit card, please use the link on the website at LD23gop.org
2. Mail a check along with the completed Donation Form (Documents section of www.LD23GOP.org) to:

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

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

Note: Both checks and credit cards accepted. Donations not tax deductible.

Barry Graham
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SECRETARY - Deborah Poland

District 23 Republican Committee
Minutes of January 14, 2021 Meeting
FHUSD Learning Center & Zoom

Call to Order (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Tim Horn led Invocation; Ron Schott led the Pledge of Allegiance

New 2021 Officers were introduced

Motion to Accept the November 19, 2020 Minutes

Motion to accept by Ron Schott; seconded by Tim Horn

Motion passed without objection

Treasurer's Report (Barry Graham, Treasurer)

2021 Budget was approved by Officer

Reported a cash balance of approximately \$10,500

Donations/Dues are payable online on the home page of website in addition to at meeting

Order forms for name badges are available

Introduction of Candidates and Officials (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)

Welcomed/introduced elected officials, guests, and pending PCs

Opening comments of a positive message about why we should continue to work together with the Republican Party

Speakers (Joe Junker, 2nd Vice-Chairman)

George Khalaf – President - Data Orbital – shared LD 23 election results broken down by precincts. The data he shared can be found at:

<https://www.dataorbital.com/2020-az-general-election-results> and <https://www.dataorbital.com/2020-az-general-election-results-comparison> .

Representative John Kavanagh – presented a listing of some of the bills being introduced in the legislature

Representative Joseph Chaplik – concurred with John's list and expressed his appreciation for our support after being "on the job" for 4 days.

District Business and Announcements (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)

Announcement of new MCRC Officers

AZGOP Statutory Meeting on January 23rd – Review Call Letter and submit Proxy, if you cannot attend

AZ Legislative Request to Speak – Contact Sergeant of Arms at 623-229-7674 to sign up

Appointment or confirmation of Precinct Captains – confirmation of last year's Captains and Captains to be appointed to precincts making sure all precincts have a Captain

(Nancy Ordowski, 1st Vice-Chairman)

Focus to fill vacant PC positions and hold trainings – outdoors in small groups until meeting space can be secured.

List of PCs will be updated and new PCs appointed by next meeting

Next Meeting – February 11, 2021 at Fountain Hills USD Learning Center **Motion to Adjourn** made by Tim Horn and seconded by Linda Rizzo. Motion passed without objection at 8:37 pm

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS

Paradise Republican Women's Club

Next meeting: Saturday, February 13

VIRTUAL

9:00 AM Meeting

Please email your meeting RSVP by February 10,

Speakers: State Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita & State Rep John Kavanagh

Brunch & meeting - \$35 per person. For information & RSVP, please visit <http://prwc.org> or contact Treasurer Val Teich at mvt.az121@gmail.com

Lincoln Republican Women's Club

Meetings: 1st Monday

McCormick Scottsdale Resort

7401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

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

Speakers: -----.

Reservations needed by January 10 (\$35 cash or check to "LRW"). RSVP to Karen Garrett at 602-571-6020 or azgarrett@gmail.com.

Palo Verde Republican Women

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 17 PLEASE CONFIRM WITH PVRW

Grayhawk Golf Club, The Fairway House

8620 E Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale

11:00 AM Social / 11:30 AM Program & Lunch

Speaker: -----

Reservations required (\$35) at <https://pvrwluncheon.eventbrite.com>

Fountain Hills Republican Club

Next meeting: Saturday, February 20

New Location: Adero Scottsdale Resort

13225 N. Eagle Ridge Drive, Fountain Hills

9:00 AM

There will also be a virtual option.

Speakers: FH Councilmembers Gerry Friedel & Mike Scharnow

Members are encouraged to attend in-person. Those desiring to participate virtually should contact the club at FHRepublican@gmail.com to obtain required codes for virtual access.

For more info, contact Boe James

at FHRepublican@gmail.com or visit <http://FountainHillsRepublicanClub.org> or Fountain Hills Republican Club on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/FountainHillsRepublicanClub.

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