

**AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee**  
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**Nancy Ordowski, Chairman**  
**480-203-5278**

# February 2019 Newsletter



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

Special THANK YOU to all of our PCs and SCs that attended the County and State Meetings. LD23 had the largest number of in person attendees at both meetings. I appreciate your commitment to give one or two of your Saturdays in January to vote in person for the Republican Leadership of the County and State.

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!

Yes I know our next meeting is on Valentines Day! We just can't move meeting dates around any more than changing meeting locations. Hope you can celebrate on Wednesday or Friday and be with your Republican friends next Thursday! Looking forward to seeing you at our February 14, 2019 District Meeting.

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

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

Hello LD23 PC's! On January 29th we held our first PC Captains training session which went exceptionally well. I was very excited by how engaged everyone in attendance was with the information presented as well as the information shared and questions raised by the PC captains. I am looking forward to seeing the rest of the Captains at the next training

session. I also want to thank everyone who voted and volunteered at the MCRC and AZGOP meetings in January. Our turnout was "YUGE" and it was amazing to see our fellow Republicans represent!

1st vice Chair's message to PC Captains: For all Captains: please send out a roll call to your precinct and send me feedback on how many PCs are interested in training classes and what they would like to focus on. For the Captains that attended the first PC Captain training session let me know if your precinct has used your walk list, recruited new PC's for your precinct or signed up for Request to Speak.

Upcoming PC training dates:

New PC training 2/28/19 630pm-830pm (tentative)

PC Captains training. 3/23/19 10am-12pm (tentative)

Thank you all for all you do!

If you have any questions please contact me at:

Rob Swoboda

1st vice Chair's LD23; 405-546-1290; robswobodapclld23@gmail.com

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

Our February meeting continues our mission of keeping up-to-date and well-informed on current issues and preparing us to be knowledgeable in our interactions with current, and future, voters. Maricopa County Commissioner Steve Chucuri will be joining us for an update on county issues, including matters relating to the logistics of the November 2018 election. We will also welcome Cathi Herrod, President of Center for Arizona Policy. Cathi will discuss some pending legislation, especially SCR1006, the proposal in the AZ legislature to approve the Equal Rights Amendment, which was sent to the states for consideration almost 47 years ago. What was once widely considered to be a straightforward issue is now quite complicated with significant potential implications and possible unintended consequences. We will meet on Thursday evening, February 14 at McDowell Mountain Ranch McDowell Center [MAP] with registration at 6:30 PM and call to order at 7:00 PM.

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 January 31, 2019**

<b>Revenue</b>	
Donations/dues	\$ 870.00
Badges	128.00
Other	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u><b>998.00</b></u>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Badges	70.00
Supplies	67.15
Bank & credit card fees	18.56
Meeting Rooms	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u><b>255.71</b></u>
<b>Net Change</b>	<b>742.29</b>
<b>Reconciled Bank Balance 12/31/18</b>	<u><b>9,732.90</b></u>
<b>Reconciled Bank Balance 12/31/18</b>	<u><b>\$ 10,475.19</b></u>

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.

Thank you!

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

**MEETING MINUTES - Korena Byam**

## **District 23 Republican Committee**

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

**McDowell Mountain Ranch McDowell Center  
16116 E McDowell Mountain Ranch Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255  
January 10, 2019**

### **I. Call to Order**

Called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. David McMaster led prayer. Ted Green led Pledge of Allegiance with special acknowledgement to all veterans in LD23.

### **I. Introduction**

Nancy introduced newly elected officers, Rob Swoboda, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Korena Byam, Secretary and Barry Graham, Treasurer as well as continuing 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Rich Rutkowski.

She welcomed guests which included prospective PCs, elected state officials Michelle Ugenti-Rita, Jay Lawrence and John Kavanagh, as well as candidates running for MCR & AZGOP offices.

Nancy acknowledged the contributions of Dennis Matha, a former PC of the Granite Mountain Precinct, who had recently died in a car accident.

### **I. Speakers**

Second Vice Chair, Rich Rutkowski, introduced guest speakers Michelle Ugenti-Rita, Jay Lawrence and John Kavanagh who discussed various bills they have authored or are supporting.

Rich then introduced AZGOP candidate Dr. Kelli Ward who is running against standing Chairman Jonathan Lines. Dr. Ward expressed concerns over GOP election losses in 2018 and the benefit of encouraging small dollar donations. Candidate Jonathan Lines did not respond to our invitation to attend. Candidate Frank Thorwald was present before the call to order but was called away for an urgent matter.

MCR candidates for Chairman, Rae Chornenky and Itasca Small, and MCR Secretary candidate, Colleen Lombard, also campaigned.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair also acknowledged support for 5 or 6 upcoming bylaws and urged anyone interested in learning more to solicit him for information.

### **I. Treasurers Report**

Barry Graham reported that the Christmas party paid for itself, leaving a \$52 profit. As of 12/31, the cash balance was \$9,732.

He reminded the audience that Precinct Committeemen donations are being requested at \$30/PC, \$50/couple. Of 324 PCs, only 30 PCs have contributed with approximately 10 more at the meeting.

### **I.Chairman Highlights**

All were reminded of the upcoming Maricopa County Republican Committee Statutory meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Ordowski explained rules for proxies and that proxies were to be used only for extraordinary circumstances.

A reminder was also directed to all State Committeemen of expected attendance at the upcoming AZGOP State Meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Nancy emphasized the large number of IND and PND voters in various LD23 precincts. She is encouraging all PCs to be as involved as possible to solicit these voters to grow our Republican constituency.

Attendance at Rob Swoboda's January 29<sup>th</sup> Precinct Captain Training from 6:30-8:30pm was encouraged. Details will be distributed to captains by e-mail.

A request was made to anyone interested in volunteering on the social committee (to assist with pancake breakfasts, Christmas Party, etc.) or helping with monthly meeting registration to sign-up as assistance is needed from all PCs.

### **I.Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30pm by Stewart White, seconded by Yvonne Cahill.

Respectfully submitted,

Korena Byam, Secretary

## **DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS**

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

Next meeting: Saturday, February 9

NEW LOCATION: The McCormick Scottsdale Millennium Hotel

7401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

9:00 AM Meeting / 10:00 AM Brunch

Speaker: Maricopa County Supervisor Steve Chucri and Connor Teich, Young American's Foundation at Grand Canyon University  
Brunch & meeting - \$30 per person. For information, please visit <http://prwc.org>.

**Lincoln Republican Women's Club**

Next meeting: Monday, March 4  
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, February 20  
Grayhawk Golf Club  
8620 E Thompson Peak Parkway, The Fairway House  
11:00 AM Social / 11:30 AM Program & Lunch  
Speaker: Dr. Donald Critchlow, ASU Center for Political Thought & Leadership  
Reservations required (\$35). Use [pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com](mailto:pvrwlunch111@yahoo.com)

**Fountain Hills Republican Club**

Next meetings: Saturday, February 16  
Speakers: Maricopa County Republican Committee Chairman Rae Chornenky  
Fountain Hills Community Center  
13001 N. La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills  
8:30 Registration & welcome; 9:00 AM Meeting.  
FHRC Social: Please verify date with FHRC.  
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.