

December 2021 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

Registration: 6:30 PM Call to Order: 7:00 PM
Christ's Church of Fountain Hills
15555 E. Bainbridge Avenue in Fountain Hills
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We prefer that all attend in person. For those who can't do that, we're trying a new remote access this month. The meeting will be live-streamed on the District's YouTube channel.

If all goes well, you can click on the link below and view the livestream meeting at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0pX7wvS4a7VHuEK87CKcFA>

CHAIRMAN – Dr. Richard Rutkowski

The public comment phase of the redistricting process is coming to an end with public meetings ending this week. Please see the most recent Action Alerts for how to make a last push for better maps. Thanks to all of you who have attended a meeting and/or testified in the effort to create rational boundaries for our legislative and congressional districts for the next 10 years. We'll await the results and hope that reason and logic are applied.

With the ongoing threat of new fear-driven mandates, restrictions, and division from big government, big media, big tech, it's as important as ever to do whatever we can to protect our personal freedom. Medical decisions should be based upon informed consent and real science, not upon hype and the desire for more control and power. I'll keep urging more of you to commit to at least one hour a week and join our **Medical Freedom Rally on Saturday afternoon** at the SW corner of **90th Street & Shea**. They're currently from **1:00 PM until 2:00 PM** (or a bit longer). We'll take a holiday break on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Information will be sent in Action Alerts and be posted at www.ld23gop.org. Please help us send a clear & concise message to those who drive by - "Medical Freedom Matters!" & "No 'Jab or Job' Mandates!"

In preparation for the January 8 MCRC Mandatory Meeting, please plan to attend our December 9 meeting. We'll be reviewing the business to be addressed at the MCRC meeting. This is especially important for our newly appointed PCs.

Our Christmas Holiday Party will be on Saturday evening, December 11. If you haven't already reserved a place, please do HERE.

To stay informed & connected, please read our Constant Contact messages. They are sent from "news@ld23gop.org" and, with now over 600 recipients, 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!

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, & Happy New Year!

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski

We will be recognizing the results of our Precinct Voter Contact Contest. Many of you did a great job. Hoping this will encourage more of you to meet your voters in 2022. Our District, County, AZ and America are counting on you.

January 8, 2022 is the date for the Maricopa County Republicans to meet for our Mandatory Meeting. We will be voting on 5 Members at Large who will support our Ex Committee, County Bylaws changes and Resolutions. When you attended PC trainings, I spoke about the importance for each of you to attend this meeting. I hope you have saved the date and are planning to attend. I know life happens, there is illness and jobs, but please try to join us. The only person that can carry your Proxy to vote for you is a PC or other Republican in your Precinct.

Watch for details in the call letter to arrive the end of December.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, December 9. I wish you all a Blessed Hanukkah and Christmas time with family and friends. May you also rest up and be ready to get back to the job at hand meeting voters and supporting our candidates. May God's Blessings be with you!

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Joe Junker

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and is looking forward to a fantastic Christmas season and New Year with your loved ones.

This season brings HUGE busy-ness for us all. As the year turns to a new year, many changes take place in our organizations, in personal, business and politics.

Specific to "politics", you should all be very familiar with the monumental "most important activity of the decade"--the redistricting, reshaping the geography around the Party organization.

Everyone in the GOP (and a lot of great activity here in LD23) have been emphasizing the importance and asking your help. You also will be hearing about LD, County, and State meetings that lead to necessary re-organization according to statutory (State Law) and organizational (Bylaw) details. Elections of new officers, and even a shifting of our District Boundaries, membership, and officers.

During this time, the LD meetings will focus largely on important "official business". In our allocation of time monthly, there will be less time for educational/informational "programs". In thinking how I could help as your "programs chair"; our board agreed that during this time of reorganization, I could help by encouraging and communicating even more effectively the opportunities outside the LD where you can take advantage of programs for education, development, and conservative activism. There are numerous opportunities in the conservative universe here in Maricopa County, specific to our current geography and membership in Scottsdale/Rio Verde/Fountain Hills. Over the next few months, I'll feature information on those groups, and help direct you to opportunities in the LOCAL community where you can learn, develop, meet, and associate with other Patriots. I hope also to reach out separately through the LD23 Newsletter or our mailing list.

Please, send me your list of organizations you're aware of that serve our neighborhoods here in LD23 with PROGRAM CONTENT. The format of information must include:

- Organization Name
- How to Contact
- Programs Offering Summary

I'll compile this list and update you soon. Contact me at joepcl23@cox.net or via text/cell at

(480) 309-7762.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barry Graham, Treasurer

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
Statement of Activity & Reconciled Bank Balance
Month-Ended November 30, 2021

Revenue	
Donations/dues	\$ 1,100.00
Christmas Party	1,470.00
Name Badges	<u>288.00</u>
Total Revenue	<u>2,858.00</u>
 Expenses	
Name Badges	210.21
Bank/CC fees	75.87
Marketing/advertising	250.00
Facility Rent	<u>200.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>736.08</u>
Net Change	2,121.92
Reconciled Bank Balance, prior month-end	<u>22,137.79</u>
Reconciled Bank Balance, current month-end	<u>\$ 24,259.71</u>

Below are the donation tiers, which are reflected on the sign-in sheet, and are as follows:

Green.....\$30/person (\$50/couple)
Gold.....\$50/person
Red.....\$100/person

Annual Donations can be made at monthly meetings, or by the following:

1. Pay with credit card by clicking the donate button 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 unfortunately aren't tax deductible.

Thank you,

Barry Graham
(602) 740-2570
BSGraham@gmail.com

SECRETARY - Michele Stephens

District 23 Republican Committee General Meeting – November 11, 2021 Christ's Church of Fountain Hills

Call to Order (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Dr. Carol Rogala led the Invocation; Arthur Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance

Dr Rutkowski recognized the veterans and officers.

Motion to Accept the October 14, 2021 Minutes: Motion to accept made by Tom Mulleady and seconded by Tommy Andrews.

Motion passed without objection

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

Elected officials were recognized and welcomed. Those running for office were also recognized.

Names of newly appointed PCs were projected for all to view and acknowledge.

Treasurer's Report (Barry Graham, Treasurer)

Reported cash balance of \$22,137. Reports were filed as required.

Key Event Reminders (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)

Nov 25 Thanksgiving Day Parade in Fountain Hills.... need participants

Medical Freedom Rally Every Saturday, 1:00-2:00 pm

Nov 16 Independent Redistricting Commission Public Meeting, 6:00 pm

Nov 18 Independent Redistricting Commission Public Meeting, 6:00 pm

Dec 11 Christmas Party

Please see website for locations and times.

Redistricting Update (Richard Rutkowski)

Next meeting of the IRC is Tuesday, November 16 at 6:00 pm. We urgently need PCs to comment as the current draft map breaks up our district and includes areas to the west near the I-17. The draft congressional map extends to central Phoenix. Go to www.irc.az.gov to comment or attend a meeting in person.

1st Vice-Chair Report (Nancy Ordowski)

Precinct Contest will end on November 15. Please send all information on whom you contacted and where you walked to your precinct captains. Also reminded the group that redistricting is vitally important and strongly encouraged everyone to attend one of the meetings on Nov 16 or 18.

Speakers (Joe Junker, 2nd Vice-Chairman)

Joe introduced the LD23 representatives Michelle Ugenti-Rita (AZ Senate), John Kavanagh (AZ State Rep) and Joseph Chaplik (AZ State Rep). They gave a legislative update of the 2021 Session. The 2021 Session lasted 171 days (3d longest on record). For session summaries, go to www.azleg.gov

Michelle Ugenti-Rita: The SUSD parents have been heard this year and made a big difference at school board meetings. She believes the state must cut spending and will be working towards that end in 2022.

John Kavanagh: It was a productive and successful year in the legislature. 29 of his bills were signed into law including election laws, accident laws, animal rights laws and income tax reduction. Looking forward to another successful year in 2022.

Joseph Chaplik: 4 bills he authored passed which addressed S-Corp tax reduction, license plates, rent collection and mask freedom. Next session he will focus on election integrity, border issues, tax and spending cuts, education and medical freedom.

Candidate Speakers

The following candidates each spoke for 5 minutes about their campaign: **Matt Salmon** (Governor); **Paola Tulliani Zen** (Gov); **John Arnold** (AZ House of Rep); **Nick Myers** (AZ Corp Comm); **Kevin Thompson** (AZ Corp Comm); **Andy Gould** (AZ Attorney General)

Rich reminded everyone to open their Constant Contact emails.

Next Meeting – December 9, 2021 at Christ's Church of Fountain Hills
Meeting adjourned without objection at 8:35 pm

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB EVENTS

Paradise Republican Women's Club

Next meeting: Saturday, December 11

McCormick Scottsdale Resort

7401 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale

8:15 AM Registration & Social / 9:00 AM Holiday Party

Brunch & meeting - \$35 per person. For RSVP, please visit

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/YJVL64TMY65BTXEGCPFAFMFZ>

Lincoln Republican Women's Club

Meeting: Monday, December 6

McCormick Scottsdale Resort, Lakeside Ballroom

7401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

5:00 PM Registration/ 6:15 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Speaker

Guest Speaker: Sheriff Mark Lamb

Reservations needed by noon on December 2. RSVP to Julie Gallagher
at LincolnRepWomen@gmail.com or call Julie directly at 480-272-0511.

Palo Verde Republican Women

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 15

Grayhawk Golf Club, The Fairway House

8620 E Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale

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

Upscale Singers & installation of new officers

Reservations required. Visit www.paloverderepublicanwomen.com.

Fountain Hills Republican Club

Next Meeting: Saturday, December 11 9:00 AM

Location: Fountain Hills Community Center.

Speakers: Holiday Potluck

Monthly Social: Resumes in January

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.

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.