

AZ Legislative District 23 Republican Committee
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Nancy Ordowski, Chairman
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March 2020 Newsletter

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**WE MEET ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12**  
**TO ELECT STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES**  
**CREDENTIALS OPEN AT 6:00 PM**  
**CREDENTIALS CLOSE & CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM**  
**FOUNTAIN HILLS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LEARNING CENTER**  
**16000 E. Palisades Blvd. in Fountain Hills**  
[MAP](#)

[OFFICIAL-CALL-TO-THE-MARCH-12-2020-MEETING.pdf](#)  
[VOTING-PROCEDURES-FOR-MARCH-12-2020-ELECTION-OF-STATE-DELEGATES.pdf](#)

**CHAIRMAN** – Nancy Ordowski

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

LD23 Meeting & State Delegate Election

**Saturday, March 28, 2020**

LD23 Pancake Breakfast

**Thursday, April 9, 2020**

LD 23 Meeting

**PC Petitions must be turned in by April 4, 2020**

There have been many questions regarding PC Petition forms and how to complete the information on the top of the petition. See the following example:  
I the undersigned, a qualified elector of the county of Maricopa, state of Arizona, and of LD23 YOUR PRECINCT and a member of the Republican party or a person who is registered as no party preference or independent as the party preference or who is registered with a political party that is not qualified for representation on the ballot, hereby nominate YOUR NAME who resides at YOUR ADDRESS in the county of Maricopa for the party nomination for the office of Precinct Committeeman to be

voted at the primary election to be held August 4, 2020 as representing the principles of such party, and I hereby declare that I am qualified to vote .....

Our March 12 meeting will be very busy with the State Delegate election and 4 speakers. Please plan to attend and remember to bring your drivers license and a black INK pen (NO Sharpies). I strongly support the election of our PCs over other non-PC Republicans. My personal advice on voting is that you please vote for no more than 95 delegates/alternates, to avoid a lot of ties. Since there will be no campaigning in the building, please vote for the PCs you know.

Many of you have signed up to work at the Polls, in March, August and November. You may have signed up with different people, which is fine. We just need a list of all of the LD23 PCs who are interested in working the Polls. It is important that contact information is sent out to everyone when the County sends out notification emails. Please send me an email at [ncordowski@gmail.com](mailto:ncordowski@gmail.com) stating you are interested in working as a Poll Worker and that you have signed up with Arthur Cooper or Lynne Breyer or Linda Brickman. Thank you for helping us.

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

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

I had the great honor to volunteer at the CPAC "America vs. Socialism" conference last week. I met and spoke with Eduardo Bolsonaro, member of Brazil's [Chamber of Deputies](#) and son of Brazilian President [Jair Bolsonaro](#). Jair & Eduardo Bolsonaro are leading Brazil from the nightmare of Socialism to the freedom of Capitalism. Eduardo's speech at the Reagan Dinner described how free-minded, courageous Brazilians are engaged to free their nations from the shackles of decades of Socialism. You can watch the speech (<https://youtu.be/L-uCZWK2ufM>) and take special note at the 18.25 time stamp, when he says, "At the end of the day, socialism brings only death and starvation just like what you have in Venezuela." He ended by imploring us to not allow the election of Bernie and to vote for Donald Trump!

My conversations with Mr. Bolsonaro's staff after the dinner illustrated similarities between our President's victory over tremendous opposition and that of President Jair Bolsonaro. President Bolsonaro narrowly survived an assassination attempt during the campaign and completed his campaigning via YouTube. Brazilian conservatives are putting their lives on the line to regain a small portion of the freedom we enjoy in the USA. The following day I was assigned to the VIP section for President Trump's address to CPAC. It was incredible although I was too busy attending to my volunteer assignment to listen to most of it. I did get to speak with Mr. Bolsonaro again as he was leaving and expressed my support and prayers for what his father and the conservatives are doing to free Brazil. In turn, he expressed his support for our conservative movement, emphasizing how we must fight now to not allow socialism to take root here in the USA. It was a clear reminder of the need to support President Trump and Republican candidates "down-ballot" with all of our strength. I think what is happening in Brazil with conservative defeating socialist will continue to happen across the world as people realize that Socialism is the opiate of the masses and when the free stuff runs out all you are left with is the physical and spiritual starvation.

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

Our election year activities continue on Thursday, March 12 at Fountain Hills Unified School District Learning Center in Fountain Hills. [MAP](#) The Fountain Hills facility will afford us plenty of space and the time to effectively conduct this important business meeting. The main agenda item will be the election of our delegates and alternates for the May 9 State Convention. Full details were previously sent or mailed to our PCs and are also linked above and at [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org). Please review these documents (especially the VOTING PROCEDURES) before March 12, and please arrive on time. For latecomers, plenty of additional parking is available in the large lot one block east of the Learning Center. In addition to the election, our **guest speakers** on March 12 will be County Supervisor **Steve Chucri** and candidates for Maricopa County Sheriff **Joe Arpaio, Mike Crawford, & Gerry Sheridan**. This promises to be a full and information-packed evening.

Our annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 28. Click [HERE](#) for details and RSVP by mail or give your completed RSVP & payment to Barry on March 12.

Remember that the post office will not forward ballots. As you walk your precincts, please identify & educate voters who spend the summer away about how they can have their ballots forwarded to a temporary address, following [THESE INSTRUCTIONS](#). Every vote counts, especially the Republican votes! The instructions are also linked at the Documents 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. If you are not getting our e-mail communications (from "news@ld23gop.org"), please check your "Spam" or "Junk" folders and mark the address as a "safe sender" or add the address to your list of contacts. This almost always solves the problem. Other communications about LD23 issues can be sent to [ld23gop@gmail.com](mailto:ld23gop@gmail.com). I check that inbox daily.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT - Barry Graham, Treasurer**

**DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE**  
**Statement of Activity and Bank Balance**  
**Month-Ended Feb. 29, 2020**

| <b>Revenue</b>                                    |                            |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Donations/dues                                    | \$ 1,695.00                |
| Badges                                            | 96.00                      |
| Other                                             | <u>40.00</u>               |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                              | <b><u>1,831.00</u></b>     |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                   |                            |
| Website/Email                                     | 96.00                      |
| Room rental                                       | 90.00                      |
| Bank and credit card fees                         | <u>12.00</u>               |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                             | <b><u>198.00</u></b>       |
| <b>Net Change</b>                                 | <b>1,633.00</b>            |
| <b>Reconciled Bank Balance, prior month-end</b>   | <b><u>15,937.77</u></b>    |
| <b>Reconciled Bank Balance, current month-end</b> | <b><u>\$ 17,570.77</u></b> |

**Now is the time to make your 2020 donation. Thank you very much to those who have already made their annual donation!**

**We are currently accepting payments for the pancake breakfast. To pay the discounted rate, payments can be made the same as donations. The payment for is on the website.**

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

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

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## MEETING MINUTES - Korena Byam, Secretary

### District 23 Republican Committee

8776 E Shea Blvd Ste 106-341

Scottsdale, AZ 85251

LD23 MEETING - February 13, 2020

#### I. Call to Order

Nancy Ordowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Bob Lettieri led prayer and Wil Howarth led Pledge of Allegiance.

#### II. Speakers

**Nancy Ordowski** (LD23 Chairman)

- Welcomed guests, introduced elected officials and 2020 candidates present.
- Please turn in PC Petitions and nomination forms soon following all instructions.
- March 12<sup>th</sup> – LD Meeting to elect State Convention Delegates and Alternates. Please attend. No proxies allowed. Bring government-issued photo ID for credentialing.

**Arthur Cooper** (Trump Reelection Committee) –

- Democrats are planning to challenge signatures on ballots. Signatures may change over time. If you have not registered in the past 5 years, do so again ASAP.

**Rich Rutkowski** (LD23 2nd Vice-Chairman) –

- Hike for the Homeless hosted by St. Joseph the Worker will be March 7<sup>th</sup> at McDowell Regional Park.
- Larry Schweikart, conservative historian & author of many books, will be speaking at Fountain Hills AZ Tea Party event on February 20

**Stephen Richer** (Candidate Maricopa County Recorder) – (Candidate Clair van Steenwyk was invited but did not respond.)

- Challenging Democrat Adrian Fontes for Maricopa County Recorder position.
- He was the attorney who reviewed questionable actions in the 2018 election cycle. Recorder Fontes:
  - Allegedly mishandled provisional ballots with inadequate validation
  - Opened emergency voting centers in Democratic neighborhoods without identifying any basis for the “emergency”
  - Sent county employees to register voters at Women’s March but none to register voters at the March for Life
  - Supports ballot harvesting
  - Promoting ballot measure for same day voter registration
- Emphasized the importance of PCs to register Republican voters
- Stephen is LD27 PC; Endorsed by Andy Biggs

- Asked for support for election for Maricopa County Recorder to fight corruption with voter registration, at the polls. He needs petition signatures and donations.

**Kate Angelos** (Candidate for Scottsdale School Board) –

- Veteran and LD23 PC requested help in collecting petition signatures..

**Austin Smith, Nick VanHuenaff, Colton Duncan** (AZ Young Republicans) –

- Austin, a fifth-generation Arizonan, emphasized that battles won in precincts are more significant than those won in DC
- AZ Young Republicans outraised Maricopa Young Democrats by 176%
- People fleeing Chicago and California for good reason: bad municipal policy there!
- Targeting 2/3 of 321 Division 1 universities for recruitment and education

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### III. Treasurer's Report

- Barry Graham reported that the cash balance was \$16,100.
- Urged PCs to make 2020 donations.

### IV. Acceptance of minutes, announcements, adjournment

- Susan Matura made motion to accept minutes. Ron Schott seconded.
- Nancy reminded all volunteers to come early to Trump Rally at Coliseum.
- In light of capacity attendance at recent meetings, we are searching for a larger, affordable location for upcoming meetings. Ideas are welcome.
- Reminder - Fountain Hills Republican Club is hosting a brunch Saturday, 3/21 at 9AM with guest Senator Martha McSally
- Mike Tomko made motion to adjourn; Jobi Rosen seconded.

## **DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS**

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

Next meeting: Saturday, March 14

McCormick Scottsdale Millennium Hotel

7401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

9:00 AM Meeting / 10:00 AM Brunch

Speakers: Former County Recorder Helen Purcell & AZGOP Volunteer Terry Babb

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

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

Next meeting: Monday, April 6

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 lrwdinner@gmail.com.

**Palo Verde Republican Women**

**Special VIP Reception** - Wednesday, March 18; 5:00 PM

Media Research Center Founder & President **L. Brent Bozell**

& MRC Senior Fellow **Lt. Col. Allen West, USA, Retired**

Pebble Creek Tuscany Clubhouse

16262 Clubhouse Drive; Goodyear, AZ 85395

\$125 per single; \$175 per couple

Reservations: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vip-reception-the-real-state-of-our-union-registration-93124713525>

**Fountain Hills Republican Club**

Next meeting: Saturday, March 21

Speakers: **Senator Martha McSally**

Fountain Hills Community Center

13001 N La Montana Drive in Fountain Hills

Registration & Special Irish Brunch (\$15) at 8:15 AM; Meeting at 9:00 AM

FHRC Social: Wednesday, March 25 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).

**Women of Arizona**

Tuesday March 17 event

Speaker: **Senator Martha McSally**

The Buffalo Chip Barn, behind the restaurant by the corral

Admission free; food & beverages for purchase.

Check-In at 2:30 PM; Senator McSally from 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Register with name, email, phone # to [womenofaz@outlook.com](mailto:womenofaz@outlook.com).



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