

# May 2021 Newsletter

## NEXT DISTRICT MEETING

Thursday, May 13, 2021

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

FOUNTAIN HILLS

MAP

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

(We encourage attendance in-person, but there is a Zoom option for those unable to attend in-person due to health concerns.

Register **in advance** for the Zoom option with this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdumqqjoiGtaXI-IX8qscf5nGb\\_4vVEUj](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdumqqjoiGtaXI-IX8qscf5nGb_4vVEUj)

After you register, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.)

### CHAIRMAN – Dr. Richard Rutkowski

We continue to add new PCs and non-PC volunteers to our District. As I meet with them, I commonly hear the reason for their new interest, that is, the attempt to dismantle the progress and achievements of the Trump administration, the attacks on our personal freedom, and the attempt by the left to impose its radical agenda on the United States. Many of our PCs attended the May 1 Pancake Breakfast to share food and fellowship with their colleagues.

As he has for so many years, Rush Limbaugh, reminiscent of Winston Churchill, stated it perfectly, "We are not sunk yet! We will never surrender, we will never give up --- never! It's not who we are, it's not what we do. We never give up!" We are facing a huge challenge to our republic, but we must not give up!

Please check regularly for Constant Contact messages (Newsletter, Action Alerts, Events, etc.). (The sender address is "[news@ld23gop.org](mailto:news@ld23gop.org)." ) I want 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](mailto:ld23gop@gmail.com). I check that inbox several times every day.

### FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski

#### Take Action:

There is a lot of information sent out to all of us, from our LD23 Communication, Fox & Newsmax, from many organizations and materials even arrives in your mailbox; not even speaking about the internet. If you receive accurate information from a trusted source, please share with your family and friends.

It is just not possible for LD23 to print and mail all of the information you think should be shared. It is your responsibility to share accurate information with the people you know. There is not enough lead time or money to do mailings and except for those of us involved, most mailing end up in the trash. A personnel email or note from someone they know will get more traction. Good luck keeping the public informed is a huge job. You are needed!!

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, May 13.

#### SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Joe Junker

This month, we will take deep dives into the Election Integrity effort that has been underway across Arizona. Two fantastic individuals are here to share their experiences in working to defend free and fair elections.

First, one of the leaders is a person who has made the effort a “labor of love” (OF COUNTRY). Our first speaker is known as a leading advocate for activists, action, and truth. Liz Harris, MBA will be our first speaker. Liz has been working for nearly 6 months of “excruciating hard work” in activating volunteers, activists, PCs and others; exposing what happened with the election last November. Liz is a dedicated conservative, informed and ready to give us all an update on the status of the election audit, the election integrity legislation progress and ideas on how you can help.

Our 2nd speaker is an LD23 Republican who has earned recognition on the national stage. Alex Kolodin and his co-counsel Sidney Powell represented President Trump's full slate of electors in Arizona after the horrible outcome of the 2020 elections. Alex knows the inside story on all the litigation thus far related to the election and more recently the audits. Currently, Alex is serving as counsel to the Arizona Republican Party. If you have been watching the hearings related to the audit in Arizona, you might have see Alex in one of the Zoom boxes at the hearings arguing for WE THE PEOPLE.

It's truly an honor to have both Liz and Alex speak at this month's meeting, Thursday, May 13 at the Fountain Hills Learning Center at 16000 E Palisades (MAP LINK ABOVE).

A note for virtual attendees:

We believe we have vastly improved the merged in-person and remote experience for attendees at our meetings over the last 2 months. We continue to support remote attendees with Zoom. We remind you to PREREGISTER for your authorization to attend. Just as we verify that only Republicans (and their authorized guests) are in live attendance, we are requiring pre-registration for

remote attendees as well. Please sign up early so we are not too rushed right before the meeting, and you are able to gain admittance. (THE ZOOM REGISTRATION LINK IS AT THE TOP OF THIS NEWSLETTER.)

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barry Graham, Treasurer

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

<b>Revenue</b>	
Donations/dues	\$ 2,951.00
Breakfast	980.00
Other	80.00
Name Badges	596.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>4,607.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Name badges	130.91
PO Box Subscription	350.44
Bank/CC fees	88.42
Facility Rent	67.50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>637.27</b>
<b>Net Change</b>	<b>3,969.73</b>
<b>Reconciled Bank Balance, prior month-end</b>	<b>13,989.33</b>
<b>Reconciled Bank Balance, current month-end</b>	<b>\$ 17,959.06</b>

**The Annual Pancake Breakfast was a big success! We had a full-house, plenty of home-cooked food, and (before expenses) the district raised over \$1,500!!!**

**Your 2021 donations continue to be strong. And we continue to see big demand for name badges - this month alone there were 45 name-badge orders! Below are the donation tiers, which are reflected on the sign-in sheet, and are as follows:**

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

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 not tax deductible.

SECRETARY - Deborah Poland

**District 23 Republican Committee  
Regular Meeting – April 8, 2021  
Fountain Hills School District Learning Center & Zoom**

**Call to Order (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Ken Higginbotham led the Invocation; Craig Bennett led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Accept the March 11, 2021 Minutes: Motion to accept made by Ron

Schott and seconded by Valerie Giramberk

Motion passed without objection.

**Treasurer's Report (Barry Graham, Treasurer)**

Reported a cash balance of \$13,989

Order forms for name badges are available. New donation tiers are posted on forms and on website.

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

Elected officials were recognized and welcomed.

Due to the large number of new PCs, names were read and acknowledged if in attendance.

**Speakers (Joe Junker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman)**

Joseph Chaplik, State Representative LD23

Representative Chaplik gave an update on bills before the legislature.

Sheriff Mark Lamb – Pinal County

Sheriff Lamb spoke about our southern border. He encouraged the conversation to change from immigration to drugs, rape, sex trafficking, exhortation, and child predators. All Americans should care about the border, as it affects everyone. Some of the Native American reservations extend into Mexico without a viable border. He encouraged us to join Protect America Now which supports sheriffs and law enforcement.

Kathleen Winn – Executive Director of Project 25

Project 25 is dedicated to ending sexual exploitation by 2025. Kathleen explained how tracking money was a major way to expose sex trafficking. China is funding sex trafficking through massage parlor networks. There is a great need for more law enforcement. The border crisis has restricted the number of officers available to track sexual predators

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

MCRC Outstanding PC Awards went to Arthur Cooper, Julie Fisher, Lori Gray, Randy Fahrback, Marcia Olsen, Yvonne Cahill, & Dan Farley. AN Outstanding Non-PC Award will go to Barbee Bennington.

Bob Baker and Deborah Poland spoke about contact with local churches.

When contacting Rich – please use the email address: [ld23gop@gmail.com](mailto:ld23gop@gmail.com)

**(Nancy Ordowski, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman)**

Update on new appointments and training for PCs.

Next Meeting – May 13, 2021 at Fountain Hills USD Learning Center

Motion to adjourn made by Judy Rutkowski and seconded by Bob Gomez. Motion passed without objection at 8:09 pm.

**DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS**

**Paradise Republican Women's Club**

Next meeting: Saturday, May 8

McCormick Scottsdale Resort

7401 N. Scottsdale Rd.

8:30 AM Registration & Social / 9:00 AM Meeting

(A Meeting invitation was sent on May 2)

Speaker: Kari Lake, former TV News anchor

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

**Lincoln Republican Women's Club**

Meetings: Monday, -----

McCormick Scottsdale Resort

7401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

5:30 PM Meet & Greet / 6:00 PM Meeting

Speaker: -----

Reservations needed by . RSVP to Karen Garrett at 602-571-6020 or [azgarrett@gmail.com](mailto:azgarrett@gmail.com).

**Palo Verde Republican Women**

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 12

Grayhawk Golf Club, The Fairway House

8620 E Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale

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

Speaker: AG Mark Brnovich

Reservations required. Visit [www.paloverderepublicanwomen.com](http://www.paloverderepublicanwomen.com).

**Fountain Hills Republican Club**

Next meeting: Saturday, May 15

Location: Calvary Chapel (please confirm with FHRC)

13221 N. Verde River Drive, Fountain Hills

9:00 AM

Speakers: AZGOP Chairman Dr. Kelli Ward

Members are encouraged to attend in-person. Those desiring to participate virtually should contact the club at [FHRepublican@gmail.com](mailto:FHRepublican@gmail.com) to obtain information about virtual access.

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, edited, and respectfully submitted by Rich Rutkowski, District Chairman.

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