

# District 23 Republican Committee

*The Republican Party of Scottsdale,  
Fountain Hills, and Rio Verde*

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## October 2021 Newsletter

### **NEXT MEETING ON** **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14**

Registration: 6:30 PM Call to Order: 7:00 PM  
Christ's Church of Fountain Hills  
15555 E. Bainbridge Avenue in Fountain Hills  
MAP

CHAIRMAN – Dr. Richard Rutkowski

Our numbers continue to grow: we have over 500 PCs. I've received many positive comments about our new meeting location, which offers us plenty of comfortable seating, parking, and excellent audio-visual capability. Those of you who didn't attend last month are encouraged to join us if at all possible. Meeting location and map are posted above and on the Home page of [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org). If you need to attend via ZOOM, please see Joe's section below.

I've organized and promoted several Medical Freedom Rallies on Saturday afternoons at 90th Street & Shea. Thank you to the PCs who have been faithful attendees. I'd love to see an even bigger turnout to demonstrate our love of

freedom. Watch for the alerts and please join the next one this Saturday, October 9 at 5:00 PM. We get lots of supportive honks and "thumbs-up" (and only a few other fingers).

Our Fall Picnic in the Park is on Saturday, October 23 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The invitation was sent out last week and is also posted on the Home page of [www.ld23gop.org](http://www.ld23gop.org). Please be sure to submit your RSVP via Sign Up Genius and maybe sign up as a volunteer at the picnic if you can.

Many of us are flooded with emails, but our Constant Contact emails are the primary means of bulk communication with our PCs and others. Recent messages included a call for Poll Observers for upcoming school board override elections, information about the January MCRC Mandatory Meeting, and various events notices and action alerts. Please check regularly for those messages from "news@ld23gop.org" and add that sender address to your Contact list. You can contact me with any questions or concerns via "ld23gop@gmail.com." I check that account several times every day. Thanks for all that you do!

### FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski

Several PCs have asked me for a list of the openings in our precincts. Unfortunately, this is a moving target and changes with every PC submission date. More important is the fact that in LD23 Rich contacts all leads that are sent to him. They have the opportunity to meet with him and if the precinct is full they become "non-PC volunteers" in that precinct. They will receive the same emails you receive and every precinct can use more help than the PC quota prescribed by state law. Therefore, it is important you keep sharing with family, friends and people you meet each day. We welcome them to our team.

I thank each of you that attended the Constitution Celebration. It was an awesome event even with rain. The Heritage High School participants and choir warmed my heart to see so many young people participate in such a patriotic event. Many had the opportunity to meet candidates and I was very proud to see so many from LD23. Thank you for your support.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, October 14.

### SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Joe Junker

With the activities of our PC-to-Voter engagement contest in full swing our content will be focused on some great advice on Grassroots Action in your Local Precinct- providing you with insights and content to help in your conversations with neighbors.

**Arizona Free Enterprise Club**

Our first speaker will be Darla Gonzalez, the Grassroots Director for The Arizona Free Enterprise Club (AFEC). The AFEC strives to be a leader and ally for taxpayers and businesses, and their members play a key role in this effort. Among the efforts underway at the AFEC include petitions against vaccine mandates, Critical Race Theory, NO on HR4, Voter ID initiatives, and demanding that the Arizona Attorney General enforce the law. Darla has worked in Grassroots for the last 25 years. This experience includes the political arena (both profit and non-profit) in Oregon and Arizona. Her experience and content can arm you to engage with voters as part of our ongoing PC Contest!

### **Republican National Committee**

Drew Sexton joins us to introduce us more deeply to the tools and experience that the Republican National Committee (RNC) bring to the Maricopa County LD Grass Roots Activists. Those of you experienced with Republican politics (and new PCs who have studied the LD23 PC Handbook (Pages 10-11)), will see that the RNC is at the top of the organizational structure which structurally consists of the Arizona Republican Committee (AZGOP), the County Committee (MCRC), and ultimately, the LD23 Committee to support our Grassroots. This structure supports you as PCs and Grassroots activists. The RNC is a resource- and experience-rich resource. We need to work together end-to-end to beat the Democrats, and we can learn a lot from Drew's experience and resources.

Drew Sexton serves as a Regional Political Director for the Republican National Committee, overseeing political operations in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. He most recently worked as the Arizona State Director for Trump Victory in 2020, overseeing more than 80 field staff, 20 Victory offices and orchestrating more than 8 million voter contacts during the cycle. Drew has been published and quoted in numerous local and national media outlets, as well as receiving a Pollie Award from the American Association of Political Consultants for direct mail work. Drew is a graduate of ASU with a B.A. in Political Science and Economics.

Drew is going to walk us through some of the resources that the RNC brings to us as PCs. A few examples of these resources you most recently have benefitted from include the GOP Data Center, Campaign Sidekick (indirectly) and other resources. Drew's role at the RNC influences funding for programs, facilities, and campaigns and implements these activities through our Committee structure. Drew has been a friend and advocate for LD23, and what I call the "Grassroots Shaman" supporting in about every aspect of voter contact, engagement, and analysis. Drew would also like to share some specifics from the 2020 Campaign on LD23's canvassing and turnout rates so we can learn more about canvassing and voter contact.

Attend our meeting live or tune in on Zoom to hear what Drew and the RNC have to offer to help in our field engagement!

How to Register to attend our October 14 Meeting (7PM) via Zoom

Register in advance for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArDOGHrjMtHNwMGogp8Fy9-AKr2knWQuHK>

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

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barry Graham, Treasurer

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

<b>Revenue</b>	
Donations/dues	\$ 945.00
Name Badges	<u>224.00</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>1,169.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Name Badges	229.32
Bank/CC fees	29.25
Facility Rent	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>458.57</u></b>
<b>Net Change</b>	<b>710.43</b>
<b>Reconciled Bank Balance, prior month-end</b>	<b><u>21,433.25</u></b>
<b>Reconciled Bank Balance, current month-end</b>	<b><u>\$ 22,143.68</u></b>

**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](mailto:BSGraham@gmail.com)

**SECRETARY** - Michele Stephens

**District 23 Republican Committee  
General Meeting – September 9, 2021  
Christ’s Church of Fountain Hills**

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

Tim Horn led the Invocation; Craig Bennett led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Accept the June 10, 2021 Minutes: Motion to accept made by Tim Horn and seconded by George Nemeah.

Motion passed without objection

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

Reported cash balance of \$21,433.

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

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

Due to the large number of new PCs, newly appointed PC names were read and acknowledged.

**Key Event Reminders (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)**

Medical Freedom Rally 9/11 at 5 pm

Stop the Spend Rally 9/14 at 7:00 pm

Fountain Hills AZ Tea Party with Seth Leibsohn 9/16 at 6:30 pm

Parental Rights Protest 9/17 at 10 am

Constitution Celebration 9/18

LD23 Picnic 10/23

PC Trainings 9/23, 9/27 and 9/30

Please see website for or email communications for location and exact time.

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

**Joe Junker** thanked Greg Blaire and Dennis Weiland for assistance with AV at this meeting.

**Kevin Knight** from Congressman David Schweikert’s office gave a brief update.

**John Restuccia, Field Organizer with Look Ahead America (LAA)**

John educated the group about this new organization founded by Matt Braynard. The primary mission in Arizona is to register, educate, and turn out to vote disaffected patriotic Americans of rural and blue-collar backgrounds. The team works in all areas of Arizona. If interested in assisting contact Look Ahead Arizona at [www.lookaheadarizona.org](http://www.lookaheadarizona.org)

**Candidate Speakers**

The following candidates each spoke for 5 minutes about their campaign: **Shiry Sapir** (Superintendent of Public Instruction), **Jan Dubauskas** (AZ Senate), **Tom Horne** (Superintendent of Public Instruction) and **Kim Owens** (AZ Corp Comm).

**District Business and Announcements**

**Precinct Committeeman and Contest (Nancy Ordowski, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman)**

Nancy announced a challenge for all PC’s the month of October. The challenge is to engage with as many voters as possible. PC Captains were given information regarding the challenge goals and the top precincts that connect with the most voters will be given funds for a party. More information to be sent by email.

**Announcements (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)**

Election for Secretary at our next meeting.

Elouise Nathaniel (Life More Abundantly Pregnancy Resource Center) gave update regarding this new venture and an invitation to attend their first fundraiser on October 28. See [www.lmaaz.org](http://www.lmaaz.org) for more info. Allison Barkley discussed SUSD recall and petition. Michal Joyner will be handling GOP Data Center for Captains. Rich reminded everyone to open their Constant Contact emails.

#### **Next Meeting**

October 14, 2021 at Christ's Church of Fountain Hills  
Meeting adjourned without objection at 8:45 pm

## **DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS**

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

Next meeting: Saturday, October 9  
McCormick Scottsdale Resort  
7401 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale  
8:15 AM Registration & Social / 9:00 AM Brunch / 9:25 AM Business & Speaker  
Speaker: Candidate for Governor Matt Salmon  
Brunch & meeting - \$35 per person. For RSVP, please visit  
<https://checkout.square.site/buy/YJVL64TMY65BTXEGCPFAFMFZ>

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

Meetings: Monday, November \_\_\_\_  
McCormick Scottsdale Resort, Lakeside Ballroom  
7401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale  
5:00 PM Registration/ 6:15 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Speaker  
Speaker:  
Reservations needed by \_\_\_\_\_ RSVP to Julie Gallagher  
at [LincolnRepWomen@gmail.com](mailto:LincolnRepWomen@gmail.com) or call Julie directly at 480-272-0511.

### **Palo Verde Republican Women**

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 20  
Grayhawk Golf Club, The Fairway House  
8620 E Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale  
11:00 AM Social / 11:30 AM Program & Lunch  
Speaker: Kimberly Yee & Jim Lamon  
Reservations required. Visit [www.paloverderepublicanwomen.com](http://www.paloverderepublicanwomen.com).

### **Fountain Hills Republican Club**

Fall Picnic: Saturday, October 16 4:00 PM - RSVP & payment required.  
Location: Golden Eagle Park in Fountain Hills  
Speakers: Candidates  
Monthly Social: Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 5 PM All American Sports Grill; Avenue of the Fountains & Saguaro Blvd.  
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).

### **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.