

"I personally believe that those who are leaders with political power over the world will be forced some day, sooner or later, to give way to common sense and the will of the people."

Alva Myrdal

A. J. Flick From Journalist to Activist: A Transformational Journey



A.J. Flick graduated with a journalism degree from the University of Arizona. Her newspaper career includes stints in Texas; Phoenix; Washington, D.C.; Casa Grande and Tucson. The last 17 years of her journalism career were spent at the Tucson Citizen, which closed in 2009. After that, she freelanced for Bloomberg News Service, including covering the Jared Loughner case. As a repurposed journalist, she has held jobs as an editor in trade journalism, copywriter with an ad agency and senior editor of tourism-related materials. In 2016, A.J. was appointed to the Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission and serves as secretary. She is also a longtime member of the board of directors for Death Penalty Alternatives for Arizona and serves as media coordinator. A.J. has volunteered with numerous political campaigns including for Gabby Giffords, Terry Goddard, Joel Feinman, Victoria Steele and currently as volunteer coordinator for Steve Farley for governor. She is a freelance book editor, writes her own manuscripts, shuns housework, drinks wine and caters to a constantly shedding Norwegian forest cat.

Pssst....hey you! Want in on a little secret?

First, what's not a secret:

Millions more Americans voted for Hillary than Trump.

President Trump is not "Making America Great Again."

There is increased involvement in our political process by Americans (and Arizonans) at all levels.

It's time to strike on all fronts. It's time to take advantage of the wave of change and bring it home to LD 11! The numbers say we can win. My formal announcement will come later this month, but I wanted you to be among the first to know.

I'm running for the Arizona House of Representatives for LD 11. I want to represent you and your views for a better Arizona. With your help, Lyon for AZ will be more than a campaign name, it will become a battle cry.

Thank You, Hollace (Holly) Lyon

Ralph's Race



The 2018 election promises to be remarkably exciting across the country. U.S. Senate races, U.S. House races and Governor races will certainly dominate the news headlines. The effect of the Trump lunacy, incompetence, and possible corruption will be debated and analyzed ad nauseam! The fate of health care and tax reform will have long lasting impacts on our daily lives. It might be tough to bring the focus of Arizona voters to bear on local issues.

As I meet with Democratic Clubs in LD 11, I am doing my very best to remind our base that the political fight has got to be waged in our legislative district, in our precincts and at the doors of our voters. If we win that battle, the outcome of the war will be decided in our favor.

The issues facing our nation are not too big to be dealt with in the Arizona legislature. At stake, once again, will be **1. Public Education funding** **2. Fair and equitable taxes** **3. Voters' rights to participate in government.**

There is a real opportunity to use the anger with D.C. to fuel local election success for Democrats.

Our Atchue4Senate campaign will be kicking off very soon. We can win this **open State Senate seat** with your help. When the call to join Atchue's Army is sounded, make sure you answer loud and clear!!

Why I'm a Democrat by Jo Holt



Americans love freedom. But what does that really mean? I equate freedom with opportunity, security, and prosperity. When you lose your health, you lose part of your freedom. When you don't have access to an excellent education, you lose freedom. When you cannot travel for fear of your safety, you lose your freedom. When you have to struggle to feed your family, even when working full time, you've lost more of your freedom. Freedom is a right that the "free market" can't, and won't, protect. Freedom can't be privatized. I deeply believe that freedom is for every American, and that all of us must act, through our government, to protect it. That's why I'm a Democrat.

Why It's Important to RESIST

At a recent Democrats of Oro Valley Meeting it was suggested that we should not resist the Trump agenda. We should cooperate because people want us to all just get along. When the two major political parties were closer aligned with many moderates on both sides, that may have been ideal. But that is not today's reality. Our two parties could not be farther apart. And it is not that our party has moved farther to the left, in fact we have moved right. But with the advent of the Tea Party the Republican Party has moved to the radical right. To "go along" with that agenda will eliminate what makes life enjoyable in our country; fair wages, clean air and water, National Parks and Monuments, equal education for all, equal rights for all, women's rights, and more.

We must resist the toxic agenda of the radical right that truly creates an oligarchy in our country. It is bad enough that elections are corrupt with money from the right but to be complicit in allowing the 1% to own all the wealth in our country is unconscionable. Why should children, the elderly and the poor go without basic necessities, healthcare, food, and a proper education? Why should we allow big industry to rob us of our National Parks and Monuments? Why should industry be allowed to pollute? Why should LGBTQ rights be on the line? Why should we sacrifice our beliefs just to get along with the Trump agenda?

We must resist. Put elected officials on speed dial, visit their in-district offices, write them letters and send them emails, put the Resist bot on your cell phones, demand they stand up for equal rights for all Americans. (Contact information is available from DOV)

Speak out in your community every time anyone's rights are on the line. Write letters to the editor or speak up to local officials.

Read real news and stay educated on the issues that matter to your values and the values we want in our country. Take a stand.

Visibly display your support with stickers on your vehicles. Donate to causes. Become a PC or join a Democrat's Club or a Political Action Group. Resist! Resist! Resist! Resistance is not futile.

Youth on Their Own

Youth homelessness is our community's most entrenched social issue, hidden under borrowed roofs and behind tired eyes. Every year, more than 62,000 children throughout Arizona find themselves displaced and unaccompanied through no fault of their own, ranking our state as the fifth worst state nationwide for child homelessness. Even more disheartening, homeless youth are four times more likely to drop out of school and twice as likely to become unemployable adults trapped in poverty. Without the safety and stability of a home, these vulnerable kids fall through the cracks and cannot receive the services they need in order to survive.

Youth On Their Own – a 501(c)(3) dropout prevention agency – strives to eliminate these barriers to education and empower Arizona's homeless youth to stay in school. We know that going back to school every fall can be a difficult time for homeless youth. How can we expect them to succeed in school when they don't have a safe place to sleep, food to eat, or the supplies necessary to complete their homework? Your gift to YOTO's Back to School Challenge will have a positive impact on the lives of these vulnerable, abandoned youth who are struggling to stay in school.

OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

HELP OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

Please bring a donation of non-perishable food to our monthly meetings.

If everyone brings only one or two items it will add up to a significant contribution!

The Dems of Oro Valley care about the well-being of our less fortunate friends.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

Thanks to all of you who support our brave troops.

Please bring any of these items to DOV for distribution to disabled veterans: deodorant, shaving items, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pocket novels and paper back puzzle books.

Please – no candy.

August meeting

Monday
August 14, 2017
7 pm • OV Library

**Speaker
To Be Determined**

Come early at 6:45 and socialize! Meet new friends!



Working the Room!



**Billy Kovacs
CD2**



**Steve Farley
for Governor**



**Mary Matiella
CD2**



A Photo Op With the Next Governor!