

We need to reject any politics that targets people because of race or religion. This isn't a matter of political correctness. It's a matter of understanding what makes us strong. The world respects us not just for our arsenal; it respects us for our diversity and our openness and the way we respect every faith.

Barack Obama

Jeffrey Kargel

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"Climate Change and Weird Weather"

The world's climate is shifting at an historically unprecedented pace. Climate change is evident everywhere but perhaps is most obvious where the environment already is harsh or subject to the whims of weather on top of climate change, such as among the world's mountain glaciers, in the world's deserts, and along coastal plain ocean shorelines. Killer thunderstorms near Mount Everest, Arizona's record-hot summers and years-long drought, and the unprecedented rainfall totals of Hurricane Harvey in Texas can't individually be ascribed with 100% certainty to climate change. But the news stories and death tolls and disaster costs of those and hundreds of other bizarre extreme weather events in recent years around the world are piling up like the debt and missed opportunities of junkies and loafers oblivious of the fact that tomorrow will come. Actually, tomorrow has dawned already, and we are paying a price for our addiction to fossil fuels. From here, it only gets worse year by year; how bad it will get still depends on us. The effect of greenhouse gases—mainly from cars and factories and machines and cows—has long been predicted to include global warming and melting mountain glaciers, which is happening much as predicted. The geologic past warns about what could elapse this century with abrupt climate shifts stemming from "tipping points" in Earth's climate system. From mountains to deserts to seacoasts, the 21st century will be a time of adaptation and recovery from upheavals caused by climate change. Unprecedented extreme weather is likely to be the economic breaking point for countries that fail to prepare. As for Arizona, we will either be proactive and prosper or our state will depopulate and the hangers-on will live in a dried-up economy. Optimistically, adaptation is already underway, but so far we are not yet ready for what is coming.



The Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Kargel is a Senior Research Scientist at the University of Arizona, Department of Hydrology & Atmospheric Sciences, and is also a Research Scientist at the Planetary Science Institute. He uses satellite eyes in the sky and boots on the ground to study glaciers, landslides, and earthquake disasters in Alaska, Nepal, and Peru. Kargel also works on the geology and glacial climates of icy worlds from Earth to Mars and beyond.

Ralph's Race



Congratulations are in order for everyone who helped in getting the Save Our Schools (SOS) Initiative qualified for the ballot. The work put in and significance of this critical issue can not be overstated! ESA (vouchers) expansion is an obvious effort to undermine and privatize public education - further widening the income/opportunity gap in Arizona and across our nation.

Yet, we must not celebrate a victory just yet. The real work will begin as we convince voters - in every precinct - that our position is in their best interest.

There is another issue running parallel to SOS and just as important for public education - revenue generation to fully fund our public schools. As we well know, Prop. 123 has not been the magic bullet and neither will be merely extending the current 0.6 cent education sales tax surcharge. In order to restore Arizona's public education system to the quality level our citizens deserve, we must look at ways to significantly increase revenue. Most current suggestions for revenue generation are based on more increases in regressive sales taxes - these are economically draining and fall heavily on lower income families and small businesses.

It is time to stop the ideological tax cuts and tax loopholes committed to by our current governor and his rubber stamp state legislature. We must begin to audit the \$13Billion in annual tax credits/loopholes for effectiveness and efficiency. We must begin to demand that everyone pays their fair share in income taxes.

The absolute truth is that the culprits have made the 2008 recession a permanent excuse for robbing the working and low income families of Arizona. The truth is that enough money is already available to pay teachers a well deserved professional income and maintain school buildings and busses properly. The truth is we will only see significant change in policy when we significantly change who represents us as governor and in the state legislature.

#ElectDemocrats!

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What's in a Word?

By Hollace Lyon, Colonel, USAF (retired)



Many of us have listened to speakers talk about “framing” our political language. The Pima Dems had a guest speaker last year, Drew Westen, who wrote a book, “The Political Brain,” and talked about how conservatives and liberals think differently and why that means so much for how we use words.

One of the things they teach us in candidate trainings is that we need to “inoculate” ourselves against the negative publicity that will inevitably be unleashed against us if we turn out to have strong campaigns that seem threatening to the other side. In this case, “inoculate” means to disarm those negative phrases and words before they can be used against us. So what are those words? What are the Republicans using to describe us? How are they “framing” their attacks?

Their newest term is “Marxist.” That’s what you are if you care about our communities and believe government, i.e., we the people, should help each other through tough times so we all have an opportunity to be productive. That’s what you are if you think we the people should fully fund public schools so every child, in every community, can maximize their education and drive the economic engines to our capitalistic success.

So, if you don’t believe in those things, what are you?

All I know is that, whatever the words are that start the conversation, we have to get beyond them to the third and fourth sentences. That’s the only way we’re going to rebuild and strengthen our democratic republic--by working TOGETHER; together to convince people to vote; together to save Dreamers; together to build up Unions; together to have universal healthcare that will improve our economy; together to protect natural resources for our posterity; together to fund hurricane relief for hundreds of thousands of people who need FEMA assistance.

I’m all for individual liberties, but that doesn’t prevent me from wanting us to work together-- to make our State better for everyone, individuals and communities. There’s room for both, and I’m proud to stand for them both!

Reaganomics aka MAGAnomics

Why it didn’t work then and it won’t work now!

Introduced by President Ronald Reagan, Reaganomics or supply side economics or trickle down economics, presumed that the less taxes people paid, the more money they would have to spend and the faster the economy would grow. The problem with this approach is that there is no contingency if the economy doesn’t grow. Well, there is actually - we borrow more money to make up the difference.

Since 1980 the national debt has been on the rise, both as a percentage of GDP and in actual dollars. The only exception is during the Clinton presidency when the budget was balanced and there was no deficit spending. Had Reagan and the Bushes balanced their budgets, the national debt today would be approximately 20% of GDP and \$14 trillion less than it currently is.

Of Ronald Reagan’s tax plan, Vice-President George Bush said “you can cut taxes by \$70 billion the first year and still balance the budget and increase defense spending.” President Trump’s September 2016 economic plan would cut taxes \$440 billion per year, balance the budget and increase defense spending.

The fact is that if you want to stimulate corporate infrastructure, **raise** corporate income tax. It moves the expense from a tax to a business expense which reduces the tax burden. President Trump’s tax “reform” will do nothing but continue the policy of “voodoo economics” which has failed for over thirty-five years. It’s time to return to the financial policies that made this country great. Elect Democrats!

Brian Bickel, Newsletter Editor

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!

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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.

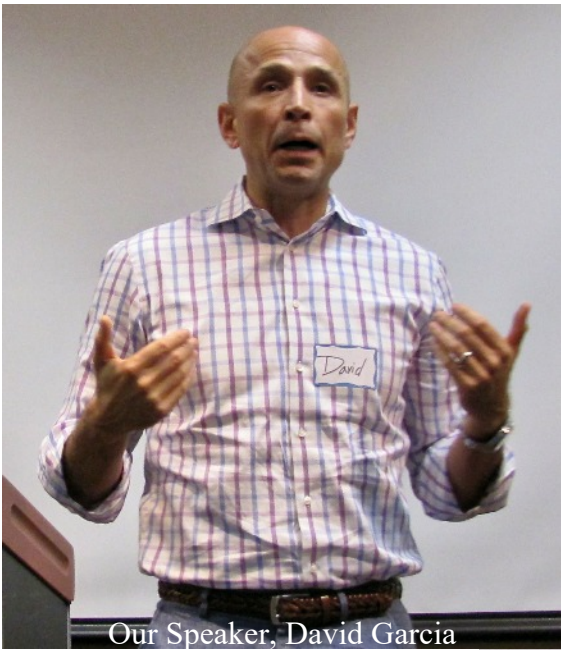
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October meeting

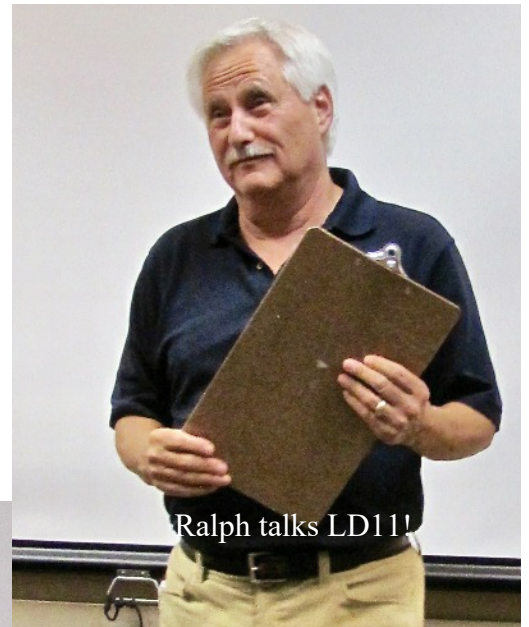
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October 9, 2017
7 pm • OV Library

**Speaker
TBD**

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



Our Speaker, David Garcia



Ralph talks LD11!



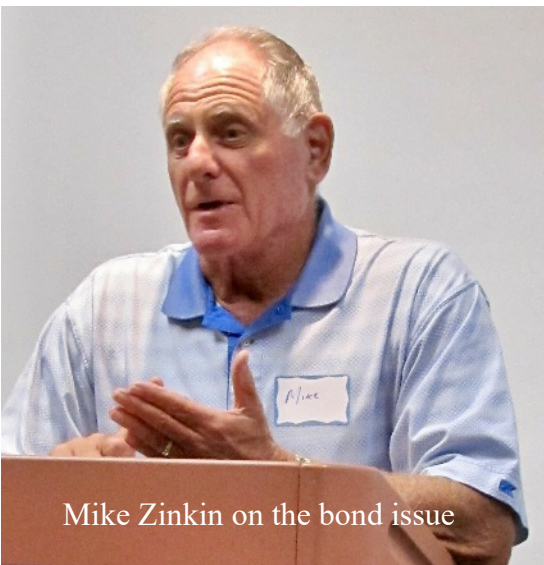
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President Saddlebrook Ranch



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on the death penalty