

The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

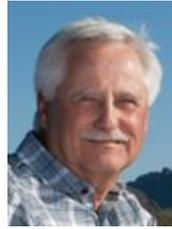
Margo Newhouse to Speak on Extreme Weather Conditions

Margo Newhouse is a retired teacher and school librarian who's lived in Tucson for 16 years. She's been part of the group that developed the Building Resilient Neighborhoods workshop since its beginning in 2013. The goal of the workshops is to help people be prepared for a heat emergency, especially if the electric grid would go down during the summer. This project was inspired by the Climate Smart Southwest Conference which was sponsored by the Physicians for Social Responsibility and other community groups.

Meg Pradelt to Speak on the Request to Speak System

Meg Pradelt is the Legislative Coordinator for Gun Violence Prevention Arizona, a Tucson-based group devoted to reducing gun deaths and injuries through public education events and advocacy for gun safety legislation. For the past five years, she and her organization have worked tirelessly to elevate awareness of the issue of gun violence and to engage the public in advocating for a balanced approach to regulating firearms.

Ralph's Race



The @Atchue4AZSenate and @LyonforAZ campaigns have joined forces across LD11. We've put together a systematic and comprehensive plan to maximize our efforts. Our full press strategy keeps PCs and volunteers engaged and working in their own neighborhoods. Whether you want to talk to voters, drive others to meet voters or help navigate, we need your help - the success of our campaigns ultimately depends on you.

Today's Arizona issues can be found in the headlines everyday: The GOP's continued dishonest assault on public education and teachers never stops. Overreach by state legislators threatens voters' rights. Unethical use of tax dollars undermines fiscal responsibility.

Arizona's environment and precious water conservation are in serious danger.

Never before has it been more necessary for citizens to pay attention and get involved. None of us, who care, can afford to sit on the sidelines. If we each do our part, together we will make a difference!

Join Ralph Atchue and Hollace Lyon as we:

#ElectDemocrats * #2018YesWeCan!

Find out how you can help:

www.Atchue4AZSenate.com

Working for Change: Time to join or renew your Membership in DOV

As 2018 welcomes us we must stand strong in our resolve to elect Democrats. We must be **working for change**. Republicans have lost their way and chose power over country. Fox News, an arm of the Republican Party, carries their banner. We must remind all voters that the Republican embrace of dictators such as Putin is to emulate their tactics to remain in control. This is very dangerous for our democracy. Republicans rush bills through Congress to avoid debate. They gerrymander districts to steal the voice from Democrats. They pass laws that make it more difficult to vote; purge the rolls and force voters to stand in long lines in precincts with Democratic voters. They take from the middle class and give to the ultra-rich. They want to eliminate all the New Deal and War on Poverty programs because, as Charles Grassley said, "They only spend their money on "booze, women and movies." And they tell only partial truths and some use alternate facts. They cloud a clear picture to cast confusion. They use double-speak. Republicans are systematically changing the makeup of the Judiciary appointing partisan judges at all levels. There is a constant attack on the environment and our public lands, monuments and parks. It is crucial that this year we urge all voters to get to the polls in this off year election. Democrats who wait for the perfect candidate and who makes excuses for not voting are inviting a crisis in our government.

We must make our State a level playing field and we must fill our Congress with Democrats. The only way we can create a Blue Wave is to get off our butt and get involved. As Democrats of Oro Valley we cannot work for change alone. We need your help. We need your membership. Our annual dues are still only \$20. Our main goal is to keep you informed. We do this via newsletters, general meetings, website, Facebook, house parties, Democratic updates, membership in Pima County Executive Board and neighboring clubs in Legislative District 11. We also do letter writing, gathering petitions, canvassing, phone banks and other activities.

Please see Chris at our General meeting or mail your membership check to the Democrats of Oro Valley, PO Box 68186, Oro Valley, AZ 85737

We need your support. We are "working for change" but we can't do it alone.

Pay your 2018 DOV dues now, still only \$20!

Size of the Pie

By Hollace Lyon, Colonel, USAF (ret.)



Anyone who has been to my website, seen my campaign materials, or heard me speak, knows that quality public education is a priority for me. Truth is, being a good teacher is hard work, and it isn't getting any easier in Arizona.

It doesn't have to be this way. As the Arizona Funding Pre-K-12 Education Town Hall just concluded, it isn't about the percentage of the State's budget "pie" that goes to public education, but the "size of the pie." The K-12 education budget Gov. Ducey proposed is almost \$1B short of the funding our districts received in 2008! It would take just 1/12th of the sales tax relief state lawmakers have granted corporations annually to bring us back to that 2008 level.

Coincidentally, \$1B is what we need to bring our teacher salaries up to the U.S. median. With almost 4,000 classrooms without a certified teacher, 24 percent of our teachers eligible to retire this year, and our colleges of education not graduating enough teachers into our pipeline, this crisis is about to reach tsunami proportions. All self-inflicted damage, as our legislators fight the repeatedly demonstrated will of the people to provide accessible, quality public education.

Besides reevaluating each corporate sales tax giveaway, we should examine the education tax credit program that allows individuals and corporations to contribute to School Tuition Organizations (STOs), rather than putting their tax dollars into Arizona's General Fund, another \$94M districts schools miss out on each year.

This year's bill, SB 1467, continues the acceleration of growth in public funding for private schools. It increases the maximum scholarship amount faster every year and expands the number of students eligible.

These STOs are "non-profit" organizations (If they pay their owners/directors enough salary, like AZ Senate President Yarbrough, they can't make a "profit".) that keep 10 percent of the scholarship contributions. Individual tax payers, currently, can contribute up to \$1,107 (versus \$200 for a district school). Corporations have no limit on what they can contribute to STOs as long as the state-wide caps have not been met. For the Low-Income Corporate Income Tax Credit, the state-wide cap is over \$89 million. It is important to note that the "low-income" designation for this credit means a [family of four can earn as much as almost \\$83,000](#). The other type of tax credit is the Disabled/Displace Corporate Income Tax Credit. This year, the state-wide cap is \$5 million. Not surprisingly, both of these caps have increased each year.

With all the loopholes available to big corporations, at least 74 percent of them pay the minimum \$50 in state income tax each year. When individuals and corporations get to pick and choose where their tax dollars go, the general fund "pie" is smaller, and our infrastructure, district schools, and other public needs suffer.

Learn more at www.LyonforAZ.com.

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.

March Meeting

Monday

March 12, 2018

7 pm • OV Library

Deedra Aboud
Candidate for United States Senate

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