

*If by a "Liberal" they mean someone who looks ahead and not behind, someone who welcomes new ideas without rigid reactions, someone who cares about the welfare of the people-their health, their housing, their schools, their jobs, their civil rights and their civil liberties-someone who believes we can break through the stalemate and suspicions that grip us in our policies abroad, if that is what they mean by a "Liberal", then I'm proud to say I'm a "Liberal."*

**John F. Kennedy, Profiles in Courage**

## ***Pima County Democratic Party Chair Jo Holt to Discuss Election Results***

PCDP Chair Jo Holt will provide an update on this year's election results and explain just how big the Blue Wave was! Results continue to be updated as ballots continue to be counted and there are several races of interest to Democrats that are still too close to call. While not everything went our way, we held our position in the Senate and gained seats in the House with one or two races still in doubt. And for the first time in our history Arizona is going to send a woman to the United States Senate. With Ralph and Holly both being unsuccessful in their races, northern Pima County is represented by two of the worst legislators in the state. The good news is that Steve Smith is gone! While everyone would like a break from politics, now is not the time to sit back and relax. We have significant progress and Arizona is a solid purple state. There is much speculation on John McCain's Senate seat. Jon Kyl has said he does not to be in the seat long term, so look for a change there. The only thing that we know for sure is that, by law, the Governor must appoint a Republican. Join us and get the latest political insight from PCDP Chair Jo Holt!

## ***The Courage to Continue***

By Hollace Lyon, Colonel, USAF, Retired



As I'm sure you all know by now, I was unsuccessful in my bid to be one of your LD 11 State Representatives. I've gone through a lot of emotions in the last few days since the election, and must say that the outpouring of love and gratitude from my supporters was incredible. But, the voters have spoken, (those who didn't actually vote, voted as well), and it is time to move on.

The 490 days from when we opened our campaign on July 4th, 2017 to Election Day, were a real trip. The things I enjoyed about it were meeting new people and learning about the issues important to them. The things I definitely didn't enjoy were making fundraising phone calls and the nastiness exhibited by our opponents and some of their supporters.

I am proud of the campaign we ran. We told the truth and we didn't attack our opponents. We followed the election laws they wrote, even though they didn't. Through it all, our supporters sustained us, encouraged us, and ensured we had what we needed to cross the finish line in style.

Much analysis will be done in the coming months to determine what happened. It is likely we won't even have the data we need until late January. One thing is certain. What we all did together was valuable. We ensured our opponents didn't just walk into a new term without a fight. We ensured our side of the story was told. We ensured, people saw that candidates can be honorable and their campaigns can be waged with integrity.

I don't know what the future holds, but I do know that if it is to be brighter, we all need to be engaged. We must not give up and we must not cede the higher ground. Despite how it seems now, I truly believe that in the end, love does conquer hate, hope is stronger than fear, and there is much more that binds us all together than drives us apart. That is something I came to believe even more deeply as I talked to voters. Even here in LD 11, the tide will turn and we must position ourselves to lead a better way. As Winston Churchill said, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

**\*\*\*Please Note: The November Meeting is on Tuesday, November 13th\*\*\***

## Thank You for the Honor



By Ralph Atchue, Candidate for Arizona Senate, LD11

Pat and I want to thank everyone who worked hard on our 2018 State Senate campaign. Special thanks to Evelyn Lathram who, just like Pat and me, put her entire life on hold for three years and poured her heart into leading the Atchue for Senate campaign team. I also want to acknowledge the tireless support and fantastic leadership provided by LD11 Chair Maureen Salz - she will be missed!

While we are all disappointed with the election results, we should be very proud of our amazing effort. Our campaign was focused on getting a clear and honest message to LD11 voters. We never deviated from a commitment to integrity. We can all be proud of a campaign that stayed positive and offered voters a true alternative for change based on Democratic values.

Combined with the Lyon for AZ team, we knocked on some 21,000 LD11 doors. We had Letters to the Editor in every paper across the district. Countless FB ads, emails, texts, GOTV mailings and phone calls encouraged voters to vote. We left no stones unturned and emptied the tank!

So, maybe Arizona wasn't hit by a Blue Tsunami but it still might be called a Blue Wave! With votes yet to count, we could see AZ Democrats elected to the U.S. Senate with a possibility of three state wide offices. The State House flipped at least one and possibly two seats to Democrats. The big story is that with a win in CD2, AZ helped flip the U.S. House to Blue! With wins by our own Tom O'Halleran and Greg Stanton, Arizona Democrats now control 5 of the 9 U.S. Congressional District seats!! There is no doubt that our efforts in LD11 helped Democrats up and down the ticket! We've got plenty to celebrate.

The question is: now what will we do? Well, here's 3 options: 1. It would be easy say "LD11 is just not winnable for Democrats so I quit". 2. We could put our heads in the sand until 2020 and hope for the best. 3. We could take a little R&R and then get back to work, knowing that 2020 will be even more crucial than 2018 and LD11 will be vitally important.

I've always used this quote: It's better to light a candle than curse the darkness! I think you know which option I'm choosing - I hope to see you soon!

It was truly an honor to be your Democratic State Senate Candidate!

### 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.*

### December Holiday Party

Monday

December 10, 2018

5-7 pm • El Charro

Mexican Restaurant

7725 N Oracle Road

**Bring extra \$\$\$ for the DOV Raffle!!**

**DEMOCRATS & PROGRESSIVE FRIENDS!**

**TAKE A BREAK FROM THE CURRENT *PRICKLY* NEWS**  
**Join Us at El Charro Cafe for DOV's**

# **HOLIDAY PARTY!**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH**

**5-7 PM**

El Charro at 7725 N. Oracle, Oro Valley (front of Kohl's shopping center)

**HAPPY HOUR DRINKS  
UNTIL 6PM**

**\$20  
EACH  
PAY  
AT THE  
DOOR**

**fun raffle!**  
**BRING SOME \$\$\$**

**PLATED MEAL CHOICE:**

- ★ **EL CHARRO RED CHILI BURRO**
- ★ **SOFT GRILLED WHITE FISH TACOS**
- ★ **HANDMADE FRESH CORN TAMALES**

**All plates served with tortilla chips, salsa sonoran rice, whole or refried beans, and non-alcoholic beverage.**

**DELICIOUS CAKE FOR DESSERT**

Please, you must  
RSVP by  
December 3  
email Evelyn at  
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**LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED A  
VEGETARIAN OR VEGAN DISH.**