

*I weep for the liberty of my country when I see at this early day of its successful experiment that corruption has been imputed to many members of the House of Representatives, and the rights of the people have been bartered for promises of office.*

**Andrew Jackson**

### ***Bickel to Speak on the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission***

Brian Bickel is speaking on the AIRC because of the long term impact on the future of the State of Arizona. Even though it still two years away, it is never too early to engage in the process. He is a native of Michigan and has been married to his wife, Susan for 46 years. She is a native of Douglas, Arizona. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona and has a Masters degree from Texas Tech University. He served on active duty in the US Marine Corps and retired as a Major from the Army Reserve. He is a combat veteran having served in Vietnam, Panama, Bosnia and Saudi Arabia, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service. In his civilian career he was a laboratory director for twenty-two years. In 1998 he began a career in hospital administration where he rose to the position of Chief Executive Officer at three different hospitals. He is a member of the Marine Corps Association & Foundation, the American Legion, the Arizona Town Hall, where he has served as a member of the board of Directors, Democrats of Greater Tucson where he is President and the Pima County Election Integrity Commission which he chairs.

### ***Support HB 2021***

Even if it was introduced by Representative Mark Finchem! As remarkable as it may sound Rep. Finchem has introduced a bill which will make it easier for people to get petition signatures for ballot initiatives. As you know the legislature passed legislation requiring “strict compliance” with the law regarding signatures on citizen initiatives. This presented some difficulties this past election cycle resulting in a number of key initiatives being removed from the ballot. The text of his bill follows:

A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER STATUTE IN THIS TITLE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROVIDE A SYSTEM FOR QUALIFIED ELECTORS TO SIGN A PETITION FOR AN INITIATIVE OR REFERENDUM BY WAY OF A SECURE INTERNET PORTAL. THE SYSTEM SHALL ALLOW ONLY THOSE QUALIFIED ELECTORS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO SIGN AN INITIATIVE PETITION OR A REFERENDUM PETITION TO DO SO AND SHALL PROVIDE A METHOD FOR THE QUALIFIED ELECTOR'S IDENTITY TO BE PROPERLY VERIFIED.

B. THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO STATEWIDE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS.

### ***Ralph's Retrospective***

January is named for the Roman god Janus. It's appropriate because Janus has two faces, one judging the past and the other anticipating the future. So, heading into 2019, it's a good time to join Janus for a little political reflection and vision.

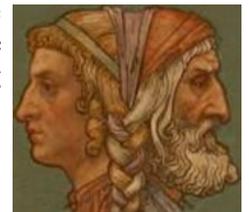
2018 saw dramatic and unprecedented electoral success for Arizona Democrats. Securing a U.S. Senator (first woman in AZ history), electing 5 of 9 U.S. House seats (helping to flip the House), winning 3 State-wide offices (all women), gaining a net of 4 seats in the State Legislature and an amazing thumping of Prop 305, Democrats proved that hard work and convincing arguments win elections. This Blue Wave didn't just happen, it was the result of many months of door knocking, phone calling and letter writing - we gave voters the truth about our values and we earned their support.

Much of the 2018 success was built upon unheralded efforts made in 2017. We followed the formula put together by LD11 former chair, Dr. Jo Holt - in non-election years, “Grow the Grass Roots”. Our 2017/2018 chair, Maureen Salz put the plan into action and delivered amazing results: Along with the National and State victories, the LD11 State Senate race improved by an astounding 48% over 2016.

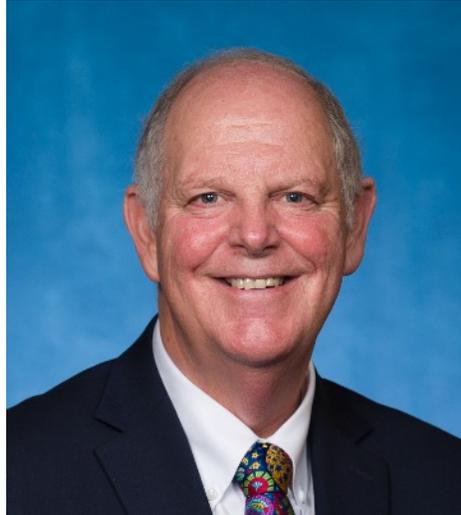
If Democrats expect to build on the 2018 successes, we must continue to follow the winning formula. 2019 has got to be a year of “Growing the Momentum”. 2020 will be an election year that promises to rock the world - it will only tip our way if we make it happen. The newly elected LD11 Executive Board is already beginning to plan for 2019. Led by our 2019/2020 chair Steve Witthoef, we will do all we can to keep you informed, engaged and active. Stay tuned for how you can make sure you're involved - we need all hands on deck!

Remember, in January 2020, as he looks ahead, Janus will also judge our 2019 efforts - let's put a big smile on both his faces!

Ralph Atchue  
1st Vice Chair, LD11



## Some of Those We Heard From in 2018!



## Road Crew Clean-Up, Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>!

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.*

### February Meeting

Monday

February 11, 2019

7 pm • OV Library

**F. Ann Rodriguez**

**Pima County**

**Recorder**

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