

Since the beginning, immigration has been an affirmation of our success, not a threat to it. People risk everything to reach this land because they believe in our greatness –our fair laws, our good values, our promises and possibilities. We should not worry when the striving and suffering arrive on our shores; we should worry when they stop coming at all.

Congressman Joe Kennedy III



Journalist Paul Ingram

Paul Ingram is an award-winning journalist and photographer for TucsonSentinel.com who focuses on border and immigration issues. Most recently, Paul covered the dead-locked trial of No More Deaths volunteer Scott Warren. In 2018, Paul was awarded the Arizona Press Club's Community Journalist of the Year Award. As noted by the judges, his work on border issues "rivals a lot of work produced for national organizations" and demonstrated "a depth of understanding of the immigration crisis." Paul was also awarded the Institute for Nonprofit News' Impact Prize for Nonprofit News Photography in 2018. Paul's previous awards include a Community Breaking News Award for his trial coverage of a border agent accused of a cross-border shooting death in 2012, as well as a Non-Metro News photojournalism award. Along with his work at the *Tucson Sentinel*, Paul has written for *Reuters*, *Associated Press*, and *Roads and Kingdoms* magazine. His photos have been widely published by *Reuters*, *High County News*, and the *New York Times*. Paul was featured in an Australian documentary on politics across the U.S., entitled "A Hard Road." In recent weeks he was selected as the "Community Journalist of the Year" by the Arizona Press Club.

THANK YOU!! by Tom Meconi

It is an enduring, defining trait of Democrats that in addition to our focus on the larger political issues of these chaotic times, we remain involved in our community, helping wherever and whenever we can. Recently the Democrats of Oro Valley have received two thank you letters for our ongoing involvement. The Southern Arizona Veteran's Administration sent their thanks for the books (145!), other reading materials, and toiletries DOV has been donating to the VA's homeless program. We also received a note of gratitude for the cash donation and luncheon basket DOV sent to the teachers and staff of the Flowing Wells classroom that lost two students as a result of a family homicide. It is worth citing in full: "A note to THANK YOU so much. Your kindness meant the world to us. Your thoughtfulness to people you have never met and your generosity and concern were beautiful, healing gifts to our hearts and our tummies. You are appreciated." In addition, so far this year we have donated 166 pounds of food to the Impact of Southern Arizona food bank in Catalina. So to all of the Democrats of Oro Valley, as we continue in our unceasing effort to change the direction of our country while never losing sight of those in need in our own backyard, THANK YOU!!!



Your new, Union, made-in-America "Vote" tee shirts are here. Everyone who ordered at the last meeting will have their shirts available at the next meeting. Or simply contact Tom Meconi to make pick up arrangements at tmeconi@sbcglobal.net. Make sure you bring cash or check for your tee shirt donation. Anyone who hasn't ordered yet can contact Tom as well, and he will get you, your friends, and family, decked out in our new, the-blue-wave-is-coming tee shirt.

DOV Tee Shirts \$20

Meeting Time 6:30

2019 Dues Only \$20!

Political Action Club at Ironwood Ridge High School: Our Mission

I started our Political Action Club at Ironwood Ridge High School because my fellow students and I have suffered consequences due to the policies of the current administrations here in Arizona and in Washington D.C.

The members of my club will work to achieve a future that should have started three years ago. A future in which the environment is protected. A future in which we have made important and lasting steps toward racial, gender, and LGBTQ+ equality. A future in which college graduates do not enter the workforce with tens of thousands of dollars in student debt. A future in which we start to have honest conversations about gun control, without gun lobbyists shutting them down before they even begin.

We want change. Change has not happened yet, but it certainly could with enough hard work and strategic planning. We want change not for the sake of change, but because we want equality and a sustainable future for all people. We are ready and willing to fight for change, because we believe that it matters. With these goals in mind, we will educate students at Ironwood Ridge High School about the political, social, and environmental issues that affect all of us. We will register Democrats at Ironwood Ridge High School. We will organize Democratic events in the Tucson area. We will support Democratic candidates and help them succeed in our relatively right-leaning area. We will be a club where young Democrats at Ironwood Ridge and surrounding schools can come together to fight for the change we want. Our future depends on it.

Authored by Daniel Gonzalez, along with Jonathon Shirazi, Sabrina Liu, and Riley Mix

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 12, 2019
6:30 pm • OV Library

Speaker: TBA in DOV
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Come early at 6:15 and
make new friends!