

As a woman leader, I thought I brought a different kind of leadership. I was interested in women's issues, in bringing down the population growth rate... as a woman, I entered politics with an additional dimension - that of a mother.

Benazir Bhutto

County Recorder to Speak on Election Results



A Tucson native and graduate of Salpointe Catholic High School, F. Ann Rodriguez was the first ever Hispanic female to be elected to a countywide office in Pima County. In November 2016, Ann was re-elected to her seventh term as Recorder, and continues to be the single highest "vote-getter" of all Pima County elected officials.

Because of her outstanding efforts for increasing voter participation in the 2002 Elections, Ann received two separate Special Recognition Awards in February 2003, one from Governor Janet Napolitano and one from the Tucson Chapter of the League of Women Voters. In 2004, Ann received the Arizona Democratic Party's second place "Democrat of the Year" award for her work in 2003. Also in 2004, Ann was inducted into the Arizona Democratic Party Hall of Fame. In 2012, Ann was recognized by The League of United Latino American Citizens (LULAC) with their Silver Award. She was also recognized for her role in the voting process in Pima County by the NAACP in 2012. Most recently, Ann received the Steve Emerine Election Integrity Award from the Democrats of Greater Tucson in September of 2016.

Ann has long been a community proponent and activist, and has been honored by a number of organizations for her dedication and service, including the Distinguished Service Award from the Hispanic fraternity Omega Delta Phi; the Outstanding Citizen's Support Award from the Gang Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GITEM); the Greater Tucson Leader Award; the Salpointe Alumni Service Award for Outstanding Community Service; and the nomination for the YWCA Women on the Move Award.

LD11 UPDATE

LD11 is ready to get to work in 2019 by building on our 2018 success. We've set an aggressive agenda with goals designed to prepare us for our ultimate mission: winning at the ballot box in 2020!

While we will continue to follow the model put in place by Dr. Jo Holt in 2015, our strategies and tactics have evolved based on our 2016 through 2018 experience. Just as 2017, 2019 will be all about "Growing the Grass Roots". We're challenging our Precinct Committee People (PCs) to get engaged and active. We've laid out several ways to invite new interest in getting involved and informed.

Here are two of our new Grow the Grass Roots programs:

Issue Action Committees:

Public Education
Environment
Voter rights and registration
Legislative outreach

We've established these four subcommittees intending to draw interest and participation. We're looking for these committees to generate fresh ideas and strategies dealing with important issues. We're open to adding additional committees if interest exists.

Democratic Club Coordination:

LD11 has added Club Coordinator positions with the intention of delivering clear and consistent messaging and to provide resources to our Clubs as needed. We found that our 2017 Club building efforts were successful and we're working to improve in 2019.

If you want to be a part of an exciting 2019 building up to a wild 2020, find out more:

Send us an email: legdist11dems@gmail.com or check out our website: azld11dems.org

Either way, now is the time to get involved!

Pay your 2019 DOV dues now, still only \$20!

Fund Drive a Success

by Jacolyn Marshall

Our Community Food Bank Fund Drive in support of federal employees who were furloughed during the recent government shutdown proved successful. At last month's meeting we collected a total of \$370 in cash and checks, equaling \$3,300 worth of food purchasing power (\$9 for every one dollar donated) or 1,295 complete meals (7 meals for every two dollars donated). Our thanks to all of you who donated to the Fund Drive that evening and to all of you who chose to donate to the Fund Drive on-line at the Food Bank's website. In a phone interview with Food Bank representative Jeanette Sinotes, she stated that the Food Bank experienced a greater than average number of phone calls from concerned citizens wanting to know where, when, and how they could help the cause, recognizing the increased burden on the Food Bank's resources during that time. Ms. Sinotes added that, like us, other civic-minded organizations held food and/or fund drives to help feed the furloughed federal employees. We were not alone in our concern for their welfare, and we did make a difference.

Want to learn more about all of the good work the Food Bank is doing in our communities throughout Southern Arizona? Check out their website (www.communityfoodbank.org/donate), and be inspired to keep on giving. For instance, according to "Our Challenge" section, "1.6 million Arizonans do not have reliable access to adequate food. Families often have to choose between food and housing, medical care, or education. 80% report they water down their food or purchase inexpensive, unhealthy food in order to cope." Closer to home, according to "Map the Meal Gap," more than 153,000 people (or 15.9%) of the population in Pima County are "Food Insecure." In other words, 3 in 20 people in our county cannot guarantee that they will be able meet their own nutritional needs and that of their family. According to "Our Commitment" section, in addition to feeding the hungry, the Community Food Bank maintains programs that provide nutrition education, offer garden workshops, and teach culinary skills.

Now Is Not the Time to Let Up Courtesy of Civic Action Beyond Voting

From firearm regulations to DUI, from tax code to community property, the vast majority of laws that affect our daily lives are not federal, but state laws. The feds may get more media attention, but our state lawmakers have the money and influence to decide our state's priorities — and they are directly responsible for serving us.

We the People have safeguards: the right to [overturn bad laws](#) through public vote, the right to [recall lawmakers](#) who aren't serving us, and the right to [make our own laws](#) via initiative. Each of these measures allows regular folk to make sure the laws that affect us most also represent us well. And these are not just options: each of these safeguards has happened in the past 10 years. Further progress will take all of us working together. Who knows what the next 10 years have in store?

Stay engaged. Be vocal. And **you** will help determine what the next 10 years will have in store!

Don't Forget the LD11 Picnic Fundraiser May 4th

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.

April Meeting

Monday
April 8, 2019
7 pm • OV Library
Marian Hill
Commission of Judicial Appointments
Come early at 6:45 and socialize! Meet new friends!