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It is the choice of our citizens, whether they will be respectable and prosperous, or contemptible and miserable as a Nation. This is the time of their political probation; this is the moment when the eyes of the World are turned upon them.

George Washington

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, November 12, due to Veteran's Day, Monday 11/11/19



Tom O'Halleran CD1 U.S. Congressman

Background: Tom has never forgotten the sacrifices his parents made during the Depression to provide for him and his siblings. It's their work ethic and compassion that has made him a committed public servant. As Tom was growing up, his parents urged him to study hard and serve the community through the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Career: In 1966, at 20 years old, he joined the Chicago Police Department, where he was an officer and then a sergeant in a special operations unit. Tom was later commissioned to be one of the youngest homicide investigators in the city's history. In 1979, Tom became a member of the Chicago Board of Trade, where he opened up his own business and served two terms on the board of directors. He served as chair or vice-chair of the Exchange's finance, floor operations, and planning committees. In 1994, Tom became a consultant on design and integration of technology for financial trading floors. Upon retirement, Tom and his wife Pat moved to Arizona, where he became involved in local issues, first as an advocate for Yavapai County, and the cities and towns of the Verde Valley, focusing on natural resources and education issues. He then took up the call for new leadership in the state legislature and was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives with broad support. He served three consecutive terms as a State Representative followed by a term as a State Senator. While serving in the legislature, Tom received over 40 awards for his distinguished service. Now as a U.S. Congressman, Tom is a leader on issues impacting Indian Country and rural America, and he is focused on economic development opportunities across Arizona.

Personal Viewpoint: Arizonans share a hope and vision for our children's future, the need for an economy that works for everyone, a concern for our veterans, and an attachment to our natural resources and our unmatched scenic beauty. We are best when we are united. Together we can make this hope and vision a reality.

A Kochtopus Tentacle Regrows

by Dee Maitland

Using typical Koch code words and phrases such as "stand against socialism", "economic freedom", "competitive market place" and "free markets", Sean Noble, the Koch acolyte and political operative from Show Low, is now campaigning against laws that limit annual interest rate caps. You will remember him from the Center to Protect Patient Rights that aggressively fought Obamacare and from the FAIR Trust that harassed and sued our Independent Redistricting Commission. It's odd to mount a campaign in favor of loan sharking but he seems to have a paying client, the National Credit Alliance. The campaign will be ironically named Arizonans for Financial Freedom. As usual the freedom is from regulation for the rich.

. Recently our family experienced a \$3,000 emergency. This would have devastated a minimum wage worker whose take home pay at \$15 per hour after taxes and health insurance is \$1823. Average monthly costs in Arizona for running a household are: \$936 for 2 bedroom apartment rent, \$128 for utilities, \$644 for food, and \$48 for a bus pass. When subtracted this leaves \$67 for clothes, phones, cable, school fees, other transportation, etc. This scenario shows the plight of the working poor. There is no way to save for emergencies and no ability to make any monthly payment on a \$3,000 loan; particularly at the current maximum rate of 36% with a payment of \$301.39 per month.

We can expect support for the campaign from our LD11 representatives, Fincham and Leach. Leach in particular already has a friendly relationship with Noble, since they both fought the Redistricting Commission in court.

Get your sharp tongues ready. We have another battle to wage against the Kochtopus.

DOV Tee Shirts \$20

Meeting Time 6:30

2019 Dues Only \$20!

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN!

by Tom Meconi

118 new voters! 118 new DEMOCRAT voters! Yes, and in 1 day no less. A great time was had by all at the Field Team 6 Tucson Pride voter registration drive. DOV was well represented and, yes, 118 new, primarily young (lifetime?!?) voters were welcomed into the Democratic fold. And so that there is no misunderstanding how earth shattering this is, remember that McSally beat Ron Barber in 2012 by only 167 votes. In ONE DAY almost enough voters were registered to have swung that election blue. So please join us at the next Field Team 6 event which can be found at Field Team6.org. And if you can't join us physically, you can lend your support by wearing one of the incredibly snazzy DOV "Vote" tee shirts, still available at our monthly meetings or by contacting Tom at tmeconi@sbcglobal.net.



Why Words Matter

by Brian Bickel

In a recent letter to the editor a homeowner was complaining about the “convenience fee” he was being charged to pay his taxes with a credit card. This was a poor choice of words on the part of the County Treasurer. It is a convenience to be able to mail in your payment rather than go in person, or to pay by check rather than cash. The convenience of paying through the mail is the price of a first-class stamp. There is no added convenience in being able to pay by credit card. There is however a merchant fee that the county would have to pay, so you have the perceived convenience of being able to pay by credit card. The more appropriate and more accurate term would have been “credit card transaction fee.” And since most, if not all, credit companies provide some incentive for you to use their card, like cash back or frequent flyer miles, you really are getting something for paying the “convenience” fee. And you always have the option of putting a check in the mail, that’s still only fifty-five cents!

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 paperback puzzle books.
Please – no candy.*

November Meeting

TUESDAY

November 12, 2019
6:30 pm • OV Library

**Speaker: Carol Fiore
Global Warming**

Come early at 6:15 and make new friends!