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Globalization makes our economy, our health, and our security all captive to events on the other side of the world. And no other nation on earth has a greater capacity to shape that global system, or to build consensus around a new set of international rules that expand the zones of freedom, personal safety, and economic well-being. Like it or not, if we want to make America more secure, we are going to have to help make the world more secure.
Barack Obama

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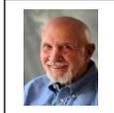


One of DOV's main priorities is to keep our members well informed. We are following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and taking seriously the precautions they have advised. In doing so, we are informing you that our **Democrats of Oro Valley General Meeting for April has been changed from an in-person meeting to a video conferencing meeting using Zoom.** You will be receiving an email invitation link to join us on **Monday, April 13th, at 6:30 pm.** No special skill or software needed. Additional details will be emailed.

It is of the utmost importance that our members stay safe in this unprecedented time. Please follow all CDC guidelines: remember the kindergarten song **"Hands, Face, Shoulders, Feet."** Wash your **hands** for 20 seconds multiple times a day and avoid handshakes. Don't touch your **face**. Cough into your **shoulder**. **Move your feet** to stay at least 6 feet away from the nearest person. Everyone, please stay safe.
Mike Dayton. DOV Chair

Let's Talk About Testing

by Brian Bickel, MS, MT (ASCP)



If you have been following the COVID-19 crisis on the news, you have undoubtedly heard the experts talk about the importance of testing and the profound lack of tests available. Test results are one of the most valuable tools for an epidemiologist who studies the course of disease processes. The value to an individual patient is virtually nil. There are several reasons for this.

If you are tested and your test comes back positive and you are asymptomatic or moderately ill, don't expect anything to change. The following statement from the CDC should explain why: "Not all patients with COVID-19 will require medical supportive care. Clinical management for hospitalized patients with COVID-19 is focused on supportive care of complications, including advanced organ support for respiratory failure, septic shock, and multi-organ failure. There are currently no antiviral drugs licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat COVID-19." In laymen's terms what that says is there is no medication to treat COVID-19 and if you are hospitalized your symptoms will be treated and you will be kept comfortable.

If your test comes back negative it means that at the time the specimen was collected, you did not have the virus present or it was present at levels too low to be detected by the test. That's all! Don't get me wrong, testing is critical for the management of this disease, but it also has the possibility of providing a false sense of security or unnecessary anxiety.

As we continue to deal with this problem, listen to what the experts say and follow their guidance. Stay home, wash your hands often, if you cough or sneeze do it into your sleeve not your hand and maintain your hydration. If you must go out, maintain the physical distance from those around you. Above all remain calm. Stress has been shown to suppress the immune system and that's the last thing that any of us needs right now.

We got through SARS, MERS, H1N1 and Ebola and we will get through this. Watch out for each other, help others when you can and above all take of yourself.

WHAT NOW?

by Tom Meconi

If there were ever any doubts as to the sheer incompetency of this so-called president and his sycophants, Covid-19 has dispelled them. While other countries were preparing, America was being told a miracle would save us and millions of our fellow citizens were put at risk by a belated response which is breathtaking in its mendacity and ineffectiveness.

Meanwhile, Republican Senators were selling off stock while denying the obvious global health crisis, and Republican Congressmen were encouraging public gatherings. The Republican led Arizona legislature have not stopped in their attempts to pass new laws suppressing the vote, expanding school vouchers, and giving more tax and regulation breaks for the rich. We all must hunker down until this is over but we have a choice as to what we do while waiting for this to run its course. And the right choice is to double down on our commitment to a new, Democratic government to address the pandemic and its aftermath with competence and empathy.

The following is a list of organizations who are making activism from home an art form. From virtual voter registration to letting your Congressperson know how you feel about pending legislation, there are any number of things you can do to help our country restore some sense of decency. The following is just a partial list of kindred organizations keeping up the good fight. If you don't see your preferred cause, google it and see what you can do from home

Field Team 6: <https://fieldteam6.org>.

Mobilize America: mobilize.us

Request to Speak: apps.azleg.gov/RequestToSpeak

Arizona Advocacy Network: azadvocacy

Save Our Schools: <https://sosarizona.org>

Arizona Ground Game: azgroundgame.org

So we are ready to hit the streets when this is over, you can always order a DOV "VOTE" tee shirt for yourself, family and friends. Just think of the moment of surprise when your loved one opens a package to find a way to voice their concerns and, if only for a moment, break the depression of waiting for the next Republican shoe to drop. Contact Tom at tmeconi@sbcglobal.net to make arrangements for payment and delivery.

What Does the Assessor Do? by Brian Johnson, Candidate for Pima County Assessor



That's the question I am asked most when I engage with voters. The role of the Assessor in property taxation is to: **Identify** locally assessed property; **Value** that property; and **List**, or keep a roll.

One way to expand the tax base so that the tax burden is more widely distributed is to focus on an area that is often neglected, Business Personal Property. Many businesses, however, are not sure or are not very informed about what property is taxable. It is important for the Assessor to be aware of this opportunity for the taxpayers.

In 2012 the voters in Arizona passed Prop 117 as a response to the real estate bubble and burst of the mid-2000s. Essentially, this voter referendum limited the taxable value to no more than a five percent increase per year regardless of large increases in market value. This protection against huge increases needs to be better explained to taxpayers who are fretting about increased taxes as the market value of their homes increase substantially.

The biggest challenge for the Pima County Assessor's office is to modernize its, along with the Treasurer's, data systems which are woefully outdated. There are vendor software packages that integrate the various functions of each role in the assessment to taxation process. These systems are designed to be transparent as well as efficient. An interactive map, or geo-spatial, portal that ties together everything property related would be a valuable tool not only for the real estate community but also for homeowners who want to be sure the system is treating them fairly.

Understanding the assessment process, from identifying all possible taxable property to the valuation and on to a transparent data system to list the property, is essential to the Assessor. That's why I am the best candidate for this position. Please visit my website at www.johnson4assessor.com.



Domestic violence is on the rise. I know how to fight it.

by Jonathan Mosher, Candidate for Pima County Attorney

Last year, criminologist James Alan Fox of Northeastern University published a study that showed that "homicides by intimate partners are increasing, driven primarily by gun violence after almost four decades of decline."

Working as a prosecutor in the Pima County Attorney's Office, I have observed many disturbing examples of domestic violence. You may remember cases I have prosecuted: the Vail stepfather who murdered his 13-year-old stepdaughter; the Fire Department Captain who killed three women, including his ex-wife, and escaped justice for 15 years; the U of A track and field coach who threatened a student-athlete with a box cutter. As you read this, each of these men is behind bars.

Prosecuting these crimes requires specialized training. As Felony Training Supervisor, I taught prosecutors to try cases involving domestic and sexual violence. For example, how to show jurors that abusers use power to control their victims.

In one case I handled, a man beat his girlfriend repeatedly over days. Jurors may come to court with a flawed mindset that blames this woman for not leaving sooner. Experienced prosecutors work with experts to explain why someone might not leave right away, even in the face of horrific abuse.

Like many other kids, I was bullied, and from a young age, I dreamed of using words and ideas to hold bullies accountable in the courtroom. Fighting domestic violence in the courtroom has allowed me to do just that.

As a Democratic Party candidate for Pima County Attorney, I am proud of having devoted my career to supporting victims instead of attacking them, as defense attorneys must routinely do. One of my opponents is a career defense lawyer, who curiously claims a record as a victim advocate. I am also proud to have managed the County Attorney's Criminal Division. Neither of my opponents has any experience managing or leading other prosecutors.

In the fight against intimate partner violence, you deserve a tested, experienced County Attorney to lead Pima County forward. Please visit my website Mosher2020.com to learn more.

A message from Former Sheriff Chris Nanos, Democratic Candidate for Pima County Sheriff



In times of uncertainty, it is difficult to navigate with news and social media leaving us feeling overwhelmed about COVID-19. In order to succeed in these national efforts to flatten the curve, public health officials stress the importance of staying home and practice social distancing. There are many positive outlooks to social distancing, bringing families together and spending time maybe with board or card games, getting in some quiet time, or reading a good book. Exercise is extremely important in lessening stress, anxiety, and staying healthy. Facetime is a great virtual social contact to catch up with a friend or family. The most important however is to please practice the advisories from public health officials and stay safe!

Something is certain this November, the election for Pima County Sheriff. However, before November's election, I must be successful in the primary election on August 4.

In October of 2019, Sheriff Mark Napier received a *Vote of No Confidence* from the two largest unions associated with commissioned and corrections officers (COs). The end of last year, I began receiving numerous calls from commissioned, COs, and civilian employees in the Pima County Sheriff's Department (PCSD) asking me to consider running again. In early December, a billboard was erected near the PCSD entitled, "We need a New Leader, We Need Nanos" placed by employees of the PCSD, it was clear, and on December 17, 2019 I announced I would seek another bid for Pima County Sheriff.

My current democrat opponent is a recently retired Sergeant with the PCSD, Kevin Kubitskey. During his tenure as a Sergeant in the field, Kevin supervised 5-6 deputies. He has no leadership or police management skills. Deputies hold Kevin Kubitskey responsible for the current state of the department with Mark Napier as their Sheriff. Kevin Kubitskey encouraged and lobbied the unions to endorse Mark Napier in 2016. His haphazard leadership led these deputies down a dead-end for the last 3 years. It was clear that the employees of the PCSD did not want Kevin Kubitskey as their Sheriff, if so; his name would have been on the billboard erected in December of 2019.

Mark Napier has publicized how education is critical in serving as Sheriff, but what he has proven is that education is not enough and that experience does matter! I have 20 years of experience on the streets AND 20 years of management skills and experience. I am proud and humbled to be the only person in the PCSD that has worked every position from CO, to Deputy, and rose up to serve as your Sheriff. I now humbly ask you for your vote in August to take back the Democrat seat as Pima County Sheriff with the right person.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (520) 465-4052, check out my website at www.nanosforsheriff.com, and like my Facebook page *Chris Nanos for Sheriff*. Stay safe and healthy!

FILL OUT YOUR CENSUS

Arizona Republicans Put Us at Risk

by Dee Maitland

I have been following bills presented to the Arizona Legislature by our 25 legislators who are members of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a Koch network organization that provides "model" bills for state legislators. LD11's legislators Finchem and Leach are card carrying members of ALEC.

Just when we may need significant funds to protect us from the impacts of coronavirus, this group proposes major tax cuts to reduce our budget surplus. At the same time they introduced multiple bills to give open-ended tax credits to such impoverished entities as Microsoft, pawn brokers and gas pipeline companies. Tax cuts and tax credits require a 51% majority to pass while to recover the funds requires a two-thirds vote which is difficult to achieve in tough financial times with a shutdown legislature.

We cannot count on crisis leadership from these ALEC legislators. Just this week Finchem showed his thoughtlessness and lack of concern for our well-being when he and 3 other Republicans were pictured at a bar mocking the Phoenix restaurant and bar curfew. Their caption reads "Its 8:15 p.m....do you know where Phoenix Mayor@KateWGallego is? #resist#freedomofassembly". Freedom of assembly for this group endangers our lives.

ALEC Republicans are a threat to the health and well-being of our State. They need to be removed from office beginning with Finchem and Leach.

DOV Membership: An Important REMINDER

Your Membership in DOV is very important especially in this election year. 2020 will be more challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic which was made worse by Trump's failure of leadership. We cannot afford to have him as President and expect to stay a democratic republic. DOV will be seeking volunteers to help in the Democrat's Northwest office, provide supplies and refreshments. We need YOUR support. Please join or renew your membership to our active and informative club as we work toward preserving our values, providing education on issues, and becoming acquainted with like-minded individuals. To renew your membership or join DOV, please mail your check for \$20 to **Democrats of Oro Valley, PO Box 68186, Oro Valley, AZ 85737**. Thank you.

Mike Dayton

The LD11 Fundraiser and Candidate Forum on May 2nd is postponed. We will notify everyone when a new date is scheduled. All candidates will be notified of the postponement. Ticket holders will be given the choice to keep their ticket for the event on the new date, or offered a refund. If ticket holders want to consider the price as a donation to LD11, it will be greatly appreciated.

Evelyn Lathram

Speakers for our up-coming June and July Meetings:

June: Former Sheriff Chris Nanos, Democrat for Pima County Sheriff. He was the former Pima Co sheriff appointed by Sheriff Dupnik. He lost narrowly in the last election to the current sheriff Mark Napier.

July: Laura Conover, Democrat for Pima County Attorney. She has a primary opponent, Jonathan Mosher, who was our speaker in March. She is a small business owner and is currently the vice chair of the Federal Bar Association, representing the Ninth Circuit.

Susan Bickel

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 our disabled veterans: deodorant, shaving items, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pocket novels and paperback puzzle books.*

** Please – no candy.*

June & July Meetings

Monday, June 8 & July 13
6:30 pm • OV Library

**June: Chris Nanos
July: Laura Conover**

Come early at 6:15 and
make new friends!