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This is not a time to keep the facts from the people, to keep them complacent. To sound the alarm is not to panic but to seek action from an aroused public. For, as the poet Dante once said: "The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in a time of great moral crisis, maintain their neutrality."
John F. Kennedy

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JANUARY ZOOM MEETING: Speaker Dr. David Gibbs



Dr. David Gibbs Professor of History at the University of Arizona.

Background: Dr. Gibbs earned a *BA* in Political Science (1979) at George Washington University, a *MA* in Government (1983) at Georgetown University, and a *PhD* in Political Science (1989) at MIT. He has written two books: *First Do No Harm: Humanitarian Intervention and the Destruction of Yugoslavia*, and *The Political Economy of Third World Intervention: Mines, Money, and US Policy in the Congo Crisis*. He has also authored 32 academic articles, 3 encyclopedia contributions, 29 popular articles, and has appeared in US and International Press Interviews. His works have been translated into 12 foreign languages. **Career:** Formerly an Assistant and Associate Professor of Political Science and History from 1990-2010, Dr. Gibbs has been a Professor of History from 2010 to the present at the University of Arizona, where he is an activist with the Kochs Off Campus organization. Dr. Gibbs is in the process of completing his third book: *How America Became a Right-Wing Nation*.

ALEC → Trump → Mitchell → Finchem / Leach → Violent Insurrection

by Dee Maitland

The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) was founded by the Koch donor network to assure the passage of legislation favorable to them. You may not know that in 2018, with the aid of Trump's attorney Cleta Mitchell, ALEC drafted legislation to have senators chosen by state legislators, not citizens. This shows their total disdain for we the people. Both our LD11 legislators Finchem and Leach are members of ALEC. Leach is now Public Sector Chair for the organization. Furthermore, a letter by Finchem to Trump falsely claiming 143,000 illegal votes in our election was read during his last rally. The ties that Finchem and Leach have to ALEC and their anti-democratic actions resulted in blood being spilled in our Capital. They have violated their oaths of office. It's time to recall them both.

NEW YEAR, NEW PRESIDENT, NEW MOTTO!

by Tom Meconi

2020 could not leave soon enough. After seeing it and the mango menace on their way, we need your help in selecting DOV's 2021 motto. The four choices are:

1. Making a Difference;
2. Continuing the Fight;
3. Building a Brighter Future;
4. Moving Forward.

We will be voting during our January 11th zoom meeting. See you there.

2021 DOV Dues are Due! DONATIONS are welcome. PLEASE!

by Mike Dayton

The Democrats of Oro Valley has been in existence for 16 years since 2004. This year DOV helped turn rusty red state Arizona to a beautiful blue. Our Motto "Vote Blue No Matter Who" took hold. Despite COVID, our program coordinator Susan Bickel was able to bring us over 25 candidates as guest speakers. We have had monthly Zoom meetings since April of this year. Every month we have had resist activities to show our displeasure with Trump and his cronies.

This year, for the first time we offered Blue DOV Vote t-shirts for sale. They were a hit! Our DOV Vote facemasks sold out. The money raised from these fund raisers and donations from good friends like you allowed us to send out over 6000 powerful, persuasive postcards to Independents. The cost with postage was close to \$5000. DOV Members volunteered to work on campaigns, do literature drops, participate in phone banking and texting, and donate to our Democratic candidates.

If you want this work to continue, we need your support. Please consider joining or renewing your membership, and/or making a donation to our club. **Dues are still only \$20.** You can make out your check to **Democrats of Oro Valley** and send it to our address at **PO BOX 68186, Oro Valley AZ 85737** OR you can use our **Act Blue account**. Your donations and dues are welcome and will keep our club running for another year. Thank you for your help.



A Toast to a New Year

Here's to a Happy Holiday and bright New Year
And a glad farewell to Trump's big rear.

Here's to Biden and Kamala and all that's sweet
With caring folks and not one ugly tweet.

Here's to turning Arizona Blue
With help of friends old and new.

And to the memories that we hold so dear
Without the worry, hate or fear.

Forget 2020, COVID and dread
Here's to a great new year ahead.

by Mike & Chris Dayton

OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE BE GENEROUS HELP OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

* Please consider donating some non-perishable food items or making a cash donation to one of our local food banks during this stressful time.

*The Democrats of Oro Valley care about the health and well-being of our community.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

* Thanks to all of you who support our brave troops.

**Please donate any of these items to one of our local veterans groups for distribution: deodorant, shaving items, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pocket novels and puzzle books.*

February Zoom Meeting

Monday, February 15
6:30 pm

Speaker: Dee Maitland
DOV Program Chair
Topic: TBA