



Democrats of Oro Valley

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In a democracy, the will of the people always prevails. We accept the choice the country made and will work for a peaceful and orderly transition of power. Harris showed her great character, gave her whole heart to an inspiring campaign, and should be proud. Setbacks are unavoidable, but giving up is unforgivable. A defeat does not mean we are defeated. **Joe Biden**

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Program: Celebration of our Democratic Candidates

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES
WHO RAN EXCELLENT CAMPAIGNS. **LIKELY WINNERS** as of Saturday 11/09**

US President Kamala Harris



US Senate Ruben Gallego



US House CD 6 Kirsten Engel



AZ Senate John McLean



AZ House Kevin Volk



ACC Ylenia Aguilar



ACC Jonathon Hill



ACC Joshua Polacheck



Co Attorney Laura Conover



Co Sheriff Chris Nanos



Co Recorder Cazares-Kelly



Co Treasurer Brian Johnson



Co Superintendent Dustin Williams



Co Assessor Suzanne Droubie



District 1 Supervisor Rex Scott



Toast to Ourselves! *by Mike Dayton*

May we always be fired up with enthusiasm for our Democratic ideals.

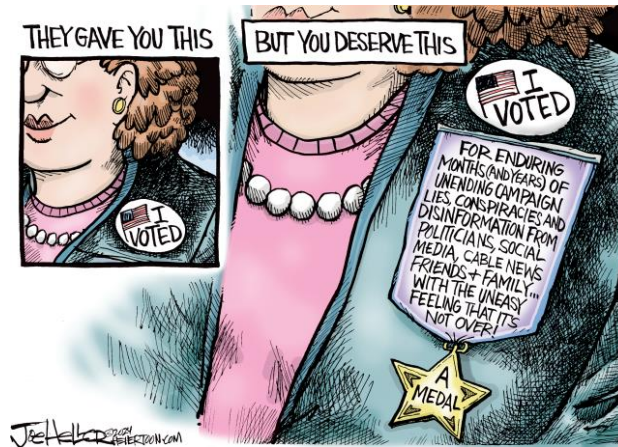
May we always appreciate our candidates who support our constitution and democracy.

May we always cheer for our Veterans, heroes for protecting the Red, White and Blue.

May we always cheer for our volunteers who worked hard to keep our democracy strong.

May our children and grandchildren always live in our great country, free and safe.





First, We Say Thanks to Our Candidates, Volunteers and Wise Counselors *by Dee Maitland*

When Republicans successfully gerrymandered LD17 and the ADLCC “fired” our first AZ Senate candidate, we all despaired of the Arizona Democrat Committee with their petty infighting and lack of ability to run to win. This election has redeemed them. Although our district was custom gerrymandered for Leach, he is currently lagging behind John McLean. The ADC has wisely formed a free-standing Census and Redistricting Committee to study and plan for 2030. And we ended up with outstanding and very hard-working candidates. Pima County got bluer!

We need to give a special thanks to the Daytons for fighting for the Ina Road Democrat office and using their home as a staging place for materials and volunteers. I worked the last 4 weekends plus Monday and Tuesday with the Democratic Coordinated Committee as a packet tracker for the canvassers. Canvassers came from all over our nation, Canada, England and Germany. The most touching was a young woman from North Carolina whose legislator sent her here to help because their district was too damaged to canvas. California sent planes and buses of people. They all worked without complaint in our 90+ degree heat and last Sunday’s cold rain. Democrats are the best people! And never forget all the outside groups that put their people and resources towards our success.

So, Monday we celebrate that we did better than the rest of the nation protecting our county against autocracy, unfettered capitalism and hate. Our efforts paid off in Pima County and we gained new skills for next time. With the new year we can begin working together to devise ways to sabotage Project 2025 and MAGA.



7 stages after 2024 election

DISBELIEF

DISGUST

FEAR

DEPRESSION

ANGER

PLAN

ACTION



My personal Thank You! *by Jean Meconi*

Although I'm still in shock and fear of the returning orange nightmare, I want to acknowledge those whose efforts were spectacular.

Chris and Mike Dayton are undaunted and steadfast leaders. They loudly advocated for an office on this side of Tucson. They quickly made sure it was ready. They pushed for a grand opening, then made it grand. They stocked and supported two locations during the Get Out the Vote effort, the Northwest office and the Oro Valley satellite site, a Herculean task. Mike and Chris made their home welcoming and efficient as a canvass launching site.

To the many who went out knocking on doors, THANK YOU. To the many who manned polling places to distribute literature, THANK YOU. To the many who wrote postcards and letters to the editor publicizing our Democratic causes, made telephone calls, reached out to their families and circle of friends, became members of DOV so that they could do their good work, and voted, THANK YOU.

And a personal shout out to Amy Gosla and Rachel Rulmyr who put in long hours at the OV location to ensure smooth sailing,

Lastly, countless THANK YOU's to Mike and Chris Dayton. Their leadership is an inspiration as are their moving forward words, "The plan is to stay strong, continue to adhere to our values, be positive, and fight like hell".





It's Holiday Party Time



with

The Democrats of Oro Valley!

Monday, December 9, 2024

5 PM to 7 PM

at



*10180 N. Oracle
Oro Valley, AZ 85737*

Menu:

*Build you own Ground Beef Taco
Mini Chicken Chimis
Chilaquiles (enchilada casserole)
Refried Beans and Spanish Rice
Chips, Salsa and Guacamole
Coffee, Tea and Sodas included
Cash bar*

Raffle to benefit the Democrats of Oro Valley

Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

RSVP by December 4th to Dee Maitland

deemaitland@earthlink.net

Cost of \$20 per person

will be collected at the door

Cash or check only please

Checks payable to Democrats of Oro Valley

The Best of Biden by *Jacolyn Marshall*



Health & Safety

- USDA posted a 342-page list of meat potentially contaminated with listeria expanded to nearly 12 million pounds that includes ready-to-eat meals in schools, restaurants, and grocery stores.
- US Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board told 90,000 residents east of Atlanta to shelter.
- White House proposed a new rule allowing millions to obtain condoms, birth control pills, and morning-after pills from their local pharmacies for free and without a prescription.
- Tree House Foods expanded its recall of hundreds of frozen waffle products and other toaster foods that may be contaminated with listeria bacteria.
- FDA and Agriculture Department investigated the outbreak of E. coli poisoning linked to McDonald's Quarter Pounder hamburgers that sickened people in states, linking it to the raw onions.
- FDA experts assured consumers our food supply remains one of the safest in the world. FDA regulates 80% of dairy, fruit and vegetables, USDA meat and poultry; CDC tracks 800 foodborne illnesses.
- CDC recommends people 50 and older get a pneumonia shot, lowering the minimum age from 65.

Economy

- Labor Department announced inflation reached its lowest point in 3 years from August to September
- Social Security Administration announced 72.5 million recipients will receive a 2.5% cost of living increase, an average of more than \$50 per month beginning in January.
- Commerce Department announced retail sales rose in August-September, the third straight increase.
- Commerce Department announced US economy grew a healthy 2.8% from July through September; consumer spending accelerated to a 3.7% annual pace reflecting the economy's surprising durability.
- Federal Reserve reported core inflation declined in the past six months to 2.3%, the soft landing they hoped for, taming inflation without causing a recession.

Environment & Climate Change

- Biden announced a new EPA rule setting a 10-year deadline for cities to replace their lead pipes linked to disorders affecting development in children, behavioral problems, and brain damage.
- Gila River Indian Community received \$6 million from the Inflation Reduction Act to construct solar panels over Casa Blanca Canal to create renewable energy and reduce evaporation in the canal by 50%.
- Department of Energy reported EVs in AZ tripled in last 18 months to almost 90,000, aided by federal tax credits of \$7,500 for new and \$4,000 for used vehicles. CA leads with 1.2 M, AZ ranks 10th.
- Energy Secretary praised Google for investing in one of the largest solar projects in the US with the goal of generating all its electricity without contributing to climate change.
- EPA approved an Air Force plan to remove PFAS contaminating drinking water at two of its facilities at federally managed Tucson International Airport Superfund with EPA overseeing their actions.
- Biden administration awards \$3 billion to boost climate-friendly equipment and infrastructure at ports across the country, including Baltimore where a bridge collapse killed six construction workers.

Justice

- DOJ launched a review of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, the worst single act of violence against Blacks in US history after the Oklahoma Supreme Court dismissed a lawsuit by survivors in June.

- DOJ announced Canadian TD Bank pled guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering, the largest bank in US history to do so and will pay a historic \$3 billion settlement.
- DOJ will send election monitors to Ohio's Portage County where a sheriff was accused of intimidating voters on social media.
- DOJ regularly sends staff to counties around the US to monitor compliance with federal Voting Rights Act and other civil rights statutes related to elections and voting.
- DOJ's Election Threats Task Force secured its 16th conviction against a Colorado man for threats against election officials in Colorado and Arizona.

Social Justice

- Biden administration proposed a new path to student loan debt cancellation for those who face steep medical bills, childcare costs, and other financial hardships preventing them from repaying their loans.
- Biden officially apologized to Native Americans for the government-run boarding schools forcibly separating children from the parents, recognizing it as a horrific chapter in our nation's history.
- US Navy apologized to Alaska Native Tlingit community for the 1867 bombardment that caused them great loss; although they received a \$90,000 settlement in 1973, they never had an apology until now.
- Biden announced \$1.2 billion for security of synagogues, Jewish community centers and day schools to counter antisemitism, and notified colleges antisemitism is barred under laws protecting civil rights.
- US Forest Service finalized a land exchange with the Yavapai-Apache Nation, significantly expanding the size of the tribe's reservation in Arizona's Verde Valley and benefiting both public and tribal lands.

Immigration and Border Security

- Biden announced tougher restrictions prohibiting migrants from being granted asylum when officials deem the southern border is overwhelmed reducing crossing from 2,500 per day to 1,500.
- Migrant arrests dropped 25% along the Mexico border this year; Tucson sector saw a 66% drop.
- Border Patrol announced a 26% drop in fentanyl seizures this year; 86% occurred at ports of entry.

Technology and Cybersecurity

- FBI linked a fake Georgia voter fraud video to Russian actors making false claims of being able to vote twice and showing fake IDs aimed at undermining voters' faith in the integrity of our elections.
- FBI attributed a fake video depicting mail-in ballots being destroyed in PA to Russian actors; it was debunked in 3 hours by local election officials and law enforcement and removed from social media.

Government

- FBI arrested an Afghan Islamic terrorist for plotting an Election Day attack targeting large crowds.
- Biden pressed Congress to fund Small Business Administration and FEMA to get through hurricane season following his survey of the damage caused by Hurricane Milton.
- White House approved \$2 billion in assistance to aid those effected by hurricanes Helene and Milton.
- Pentagon investigated the leak of classified documents regarding Israel's response to Iran's missile attack.
- Defense Department announced Special Ops Command is using new technologies to reduce blowback of explosive charges to protect soldiers and limit brain injuries.
- Biden awarded the National Medals of Arts and National Humanities Medals to honor 39 filmmakers, singers, writers and historians for their contribution to American culture.

International Relations:

- US launched airstrikes at camps run by Islamic State group in Syria to disrupt IS' ability to plan, organize, and conduct attacks throughout the region and beyond; no civilian casualties were reported.
- US approved \$2 billion in arms sales to Taiwan, including an advanced missile defense system and radar systems to defend against China's increased its military threats against their self-ruled island.

International Relations: Israel

- Pentagon announced a high-altitude air defense battery was sent to Israel to bolster its defenses following Iran's recent ballistic missile attacks.
- Biden administration warned Israel it must increase humanitarian aid into Gaza by 350 trucks per day, increase humanitarian pauses and security or risk losing access to US weapons funding.
- Secretary of State met with Netanyahu and other Israel leaders on his 11th trip, urging them to revive efforts to secure a cease-fire in Gaza, increase aid to Palestinians, and secure the release of hostages.
- US diplomats push proposals for cease-fires in Lebanon and Gaza and freeing Israeli hostages.
- Biden condemned Israel for failing to meet humanitarian aid agreements laid out last month and its continued violence against Palestinians in the West Bank by extremist Jewish settlers.

International Relations: Ukraine

- Biden met with Ukraine's most important Western allies Chancellor of Germany, French President, and British Prime Minister urging them to remain steadfast in sustaining their support.
- Biden announced a new \$400 million package of military aid to Ukraine, including rocket and mortar systems, armored vehicles and anti-tank weapons.
- Treasury Secretary Yellen and Ukraine's finance minister signed assurances Ukraine will receive \$50 billion in loans backed by frozen Russian assets: \$20B from the US, \$30B from EU, UK, Canada, Japan.
- US sent \$425 million in military assistance, including weapons from existing US stockpiles to Ukraine as they prepare to face Russian forces augmented by more than 10,000 North Korean troops.



OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE BE GENEROUS HELP OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

* 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.

* 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, toothbrushes, pocket novels and puzzle books.*

December Holiday Party

**Monday, December 9
5:00 pm**

**Location:
El Molinito Restaurant
10180 N Oracle**

Dinner & Raffle

