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Yavapai County Democratic Party to Honor Volunteers

By LaBeth Pondish, Vice-chair, Headquarters Management

“Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!” (Author unknown)

Volunteerism takes many forms, and the YCDP has benefited greatly from the contributions of our wonderful volunteers who are the backbone of our party. To celebrate National Volunteer Month, at the April 14 YCDP General Meeting we will be honoring our priceless volunteers who have generously given of their time, their talents, and their muscles for our various activities.

We all know that volunteering at YCDP headquarters provides an opportunity to interact with people who share our views, our values and our philosophy. But did you know that volunteering is good for you? A recent study by Arizona State University indicates that volunteering provides a measurable benefit for people with

chronic health conditions and promotes better psychological well-being.

We hope that you will be there to help us recognize individuals and groups of people who have helped our party over the last year. I encourage you, if you are not already volunteering with the Party, to add your name to our volunteer list. There are many ways to become more involved in the Party and to enjoy the camaraderie of working together to achieve our common goals.

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend our celebration! Thursday, April 14, 5:00-8:00 pm at The Adult Center on Rosser Street in Prescott.

Call YCDP headquarters at 541-0413 for details or drop by our new headquarters at 1555 Iron Springs Road, Suite 1, between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday - Friday.



A public union employee, a tea party activist, and a CEO are sitting at a table with a plate of a dozen cookies in the middle of it. The CEO takes 11 of the cookies, turns to the tea partier and says, “Watch out for that union guy. He wants a piece of your cookie.”

Democratic Women of the Prescott Area



DWPA Chair Joan Cornell

Officers

Vice-chair - Juliana Goswick

Secretary - Toni Denis

Treasurer - Joyce Arnold

The Yavapai County Democrat is proud to feature the Democratic Women of the Prescott Area. This club has been active since 1998, and currently enjoys a membership of 73. Congratulations DWPA, and thanks for your loyal and valuable support of Democratic ideals!

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Promote the interests of the Democratic Party.
- Support Democratic candidates.
- Elect Democrats, and give them loyal and active support.

MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP

- The DWPA general meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month other than August and December.
- The luncheon meeting is held at 11:00 AM at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel on Rte. 69, Prescott. A speaker is featured and lunch is \$13.00.
- Please call Phyllis White for reservations at 899-5034 by the Thursday before the meeting.
- Membership in DWPA is \$15.00 per year. Please send a check to Ginny Garcia, 128 N. French Drive, Prescott, AZ 86303.

Congratulations

to the new officers and committee chairs of Democrats of the Verde Valley!

President - Gary LaMaster

First Vice-president - Margaret (Maggie) Holt

Second Vice-president - TBD

Treasurer - Deborah Holt

Interim Secretary - Janice (Jan) Graham

Parliamentarian - Paul Rosenfeld

Membership Co-Chairs - Deborah Holt and Mike Cosentino

Hospitality Chair - Margaret (Maggie) Holt

Program Chair - TBD

Publicity Chair - Janice (Jan) Graham

Writer's Group Chair - Lee Cali

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April 20: Carolyn Warner, Arizona Democratic Party's representative on the Democratic National Committee, and world renowned speaker on Education and Politics.

May 18: Matt Golab, Director of northern Arizona's Organizing for America.

June 15: Felecia Rotellini, candidate for Arizona Attorney General in 2010

DWPA SCHOLARSHIP

DWPA will grant a \$500 scholarship to a promising senior headed for college. This senior must be attending a school within the Prescott, Chino Valley, or Prescott Valley city limits. The parent(s) must be registered Democrat(s). In May of 2011, the DWPA will present the scholarship award at its general meeting. Two family members will be invited with the recipient.

EMERGE AWARD

In January of 2012, the Emerge Award of \$500 will be presented to a politically active woman that is 21 years of age or older, residing in Arizona, and a registered Democrat. Applicants must complete an Emerge application and include a resume, two letters of recommendation, and a description of her involvement in a local political movement, club, or committee. Contact Julianna Goswick, DWPA Scholarship Chairwoman, 928-830-5766.

Women's Rights at Stake

By Bob Lynne

Republicans were all about job creation. Now they have abandoned their jobs mantra for a \$60 billion budget reduction that in fact will force thousands out of work. John Boehner's comment was "so be it." The hidden agenda behind all this is a war on women's futures. Look at the cuts Republicans want to make; Planned Parenthood and Head Start for example. Both of these programs have been very successful for decades and a great help to women. Looking at some states with conservative majorities, the big picture becomes clearer. South Dakota is considering a bill justifying homicide in the case of imminent harm to a fetus. (A family member could kill the doctor) Arizona has proposed two tiered birth certificates to nullify the birthright citizenship established by the Fourteenth Amendment. Wisconsin's Governor is poised to eliminate collective bargaining rights of public employees who are disproportionately women. These various actions may seem

disjointed, but they are not. The cry of fiscal austerity is a cloud covering the real intent of the GOP. Their social agenda intends to undo many of the changes women have fought for and force women back into the domestic sphere.

These budget cuts and the policies of the conservatives in some states discriminate against women and children. They would force women to have more children and thus be less competitive in the workforce. They would force back the birthright citizenship denying children access to public education and class mobility. Today's conservatives are destined to define a woman's citizenship as rooted in motherhood and they are using state/national power to attain this vision.

Those of us who support women's rights need to take a closer look at what the GOP is doing, and make 2012 a defining moment to protect those rights at the polls.

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 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
April 6, 2011	6:00PM	DOVV/DORR Panel Discussion on AZ Re-districting-Past, Present & Future Panel: Lindsay Bell, Matt Capalby and Justin Unga	Sedona Public Library 3250 White Bear Rd.; W. Sedona
April 13, 2011	6:00PM	DORR Film Night "Gasland" (2010) Explores the natural gas industry and its methods of extracting gas from oil.	Sedona Public Library 3250 White Bear Rd.; W. Sedona
April 14, 2011	5:30-8:30PM	Yavapai County Democratic Party County Committee Meeting- Program-Volunteer Recognition	Prescott Adult Center Rosser Street; Prescott
April 16, 2011	1:00-3:00PM	Arizona Democratic Party Spring State Committee Meeting	Hotel Tucson City Center 475 N. Granada Ave.; Tucson
April 20, 2011	11:00AM-1PM	DWPA-- Carolyn Warner, AZ Democratic Party's Representative on the DNC and world renowned speaker on Education and Politics	Wyndham Garden Hotel Rte. 69, Prescott
April 21, 2011	8-10:00AM	DORR-Breakfast Meeting "Vietnam - Then and Now"	Olde Sedona Bar & Grille 1407 W. SR 89A, Sedona
April 28, 2011	6:30PM	DOVV-Monthly Meeting Speaker: Andrei Cherney New Chair of the Arizona State Democratic Party	Randall's Restaurant 891 S. Main St.; Cottonwood

From the Chair...

By: Lindsay Bell



Do tax cuts and spending cuts stimulate the economy and create jobs? A ton of research suggests not. A report released in January from the ASU Morrison Institute for Public Policy underscores this conclusion. The report, *Structurally Unbalanced: Cyclical and Structural Deficits in Arizona*, analyzes the causes of Arizona's budget deficit and revenue problems and concludes that "Arizona's deep fiscal imbalances owe mostly to self-inflicted damage to the state's revenue system and related policy changes." In other words, the accumulation of policy decisions to cut taxes, grant tax exemptions or give tax credits that reduce the state's revenue stream have created this problem. Decreased revenues have required sweeping cuts to Arizona's public services. A national analysis by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities found no positive link between large tax cuts in the 1990's and later economic success. (*Tax Cuts and Continued Consequences: States that Cut Taxes Still Lag Behind*, 2006.) In fact, the big tax cutting states like Arizona generally faced

larger deficits, more downgrading of their credit ratings, and lower job growth than other states that were more cautious about tax cuts. Despite this evidence, Republicans at both the federal level and state level continue trying to stimulate the economy by cutting spending and cutting taxes.

The Arizona Legislature recently passed a so called economic recovery and jobs stimulus package. This bill essentially undoes the effect of the temporary sales tax increase overwhelmingly approved by voters last May. Voters approved the tax increase to prevent further devastating cuts to education, Medicaid, and public safety. Without the tax increase, the state was prepared to cut another \$862 million from the budget including \$429 million from education, \$114 million from Medicaid, \$107 million from universities and \$63 million from corrections.

The economic stimulus bill includes a nearly 30% reduction in the corporate income tax rate over four years. Due to years of previous corporate tax breaks, taxes paid by corporations and business had already dropped to just 9% (down from 33% fifteen years ago) of total state revenues. This bill is yet another tax giveaway for corporations and big business. The net effect will be \$538 million in lost state revenues annually when fully implemented. The more devastating effect however, will be the need to further slash state services and programs. Representative Tom Chabin, D-Flagstaff said at the time, "It is certain that by voting yes on this bill, tuition will be higher at our universities, there will be fewer officers in the Department of Public Safety, larger classrooms in our public schools, and people—vulnerable people—will remain ill and some will die."

Representative Chabin is a prophet. The budget now being considered by the Governor and the legislature is going to cut all those programs. The budget proposal includes \$1 billion in spending reductions

to AHCCCS, achieved mainly by kicking between 250,000 and 280,000 Arizonans off the program. The budget plan in the legislature will cut \$200 million more from K-12 education (so much for our sales tax vote last May to prevent further cuts to education!), \$48 million in cuts to the DES and \$65 million in additional cuts to Arizona's universities. The budget would also shift approximately \$150 million of state costs back to the counties, mostly in public programs. If you're keeping track of the moving parts in this financial shell game, you will realize that a good part of the increased revenue raised by the May sales tax increase is being transferred to big corporations and big business in the form of tax cuts, and that the very programs voters wanted to protect are being cut anyway. In addition to the deep cuts to K-12 education and universities, the AHCCCS program is slated to be hit ten times harder than was projected if the temp sales tax didn't pass, and the cost shifting to counties in public safety is almost three times what was projected. Despite these budget "fixes", the deficit continues to get worse and jobs continue to be scarce.

It's clearly business as usual at the Arizona State Legislature, and that's not good for Arizona. The unwillingness of the Governor and Republican dominated Legislature to address the state's structural budget deficit, truly grow the economy or offer meaningful solutions to create jobs is not leading Arizona to a better future. Instead of business as usual, the Arizona Democratic Party has a campaign plan to take Arizona back to mainstream values and ideas that will support a sustainable economy. Key elements in this effort will be to watchdog the redistricting process, hold the legislature accountable for their ugly wedge politics and giveaways to corporate lobbyists, and gear up to deliver a strong message on what really matters to Arizonans such as a vibrant economy and better schools. We can do it, and you can help. Call now to get involved.

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YAVAPAI BLUE MEMBERSHIP FORM

I would like to invest in the Democratic Party activities in Yavapai County by joining **YAVAPAI BLUE** at the level of:

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Johnson: ___ \$1200 Kennedy ___ \$2,400

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

OR

Please bill my credit card ___ Annually ___ Monthly

In the amount of \$ _____

Credit Card #

Visa or MasterCard (Please circle one)

Signature _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

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Attn: Ms. Fran Chadwick, Treasurer

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