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Welcome to the first edition of the new Newsletter

As announced last week, we are rolling out a new format for the Sun City Democratic Club Newsletter and a new process for delivering it to you. If you are seeing this, then you were able to follow the link in the email you received taking you to our website www.suncitydems.com. You will notice that the format has been given a “newsletter look” so you can expect regular content and easily find what you are looking for. The previous process of sending out the information in an email will continue to be used announcing that the current newsletter is available and may still be used for an occasional special announcement. We hope you enjoy this new format and be sure to check out other items on our website www.suncitydem.com.

Report from the Membership Meeting of July 7

Presenter: Lauren Kuby

We had a good attendance at the membership meeting both in person and via Zoom. We will continue to have our meetings in both formats because it allows those members unable to travel to Fairway or may be away for the summer to attend. Thanks to all who attended. Our speaker was Lauren Kuby, who is our candidate running for the Arizona Corporation Commission along with Sandra Kennedy. If both these candidates win in November, then Democrats will have a majority on the five-member Commission to help preserve our vital resources such as water and energy. Lauren explained the importance of the Commission in the Arizona constitution and in the workings of our state government and displayed not only her knowledge but her enthusiasm for the work ahead. You will find elsewhere on the website her Power Point presentation. Remember, as you are casting your vote in the primary, you can vote for both of these great candidates.

Nominations Committee

The board is pleased to announce the appointment of two members to serve on the Nominations Committee: Cathi Reedich and Barb Putzel. This committee is authorized in our bylaws to seek out and nominate candidates for the board. As per bylaws, a member may serve in any position for a maximum of three consecutive one-year terms. Therefore, we need to nominate and elect our full board in November each year. The committee has also been authorized to identify individuals to serve in non-board positions such as support personnel for programs, membership, hospitality, treasurer, etc. So, if you have an interest in serving the club but do not feel you can make the time commitment to serve on the board, here is your chance. Within the next week, a special email address will be set up so you can contact the committee directly to explore your interest. Many thanks to Cathi and Barb for agreeing to serve.

Membership

By the time of the meeting, we had a paid membership of 253. However, at the meeting, we had 13 new members sign up bringing the total to 266.



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Mission for Arizona

Our new representative for this important group, Jordan Crumm, was introduced and members were given the opportunity to sign up for upcoming events. Please see information regarding Mission for Arizona on the website www.suncitydems.com within the Volunteer tab.

Voting Information

An excellent Power Point Presentation developed by our vice-president, Annarose, shown during our social time before the meeting began, with important information about voting. That presentation can be found on the website www.suncitydems.com. Please be sure to view it.

Monday Morning Weekly Social Time

Come join us at 9:00 am in Starbucks at Del Webb Blvd & Bell Rd every Monday morning to meet interesting people and enjoy lively discussions.

Happy Hour Every Third Tuesday

Come join us from 4:00 until 6:00 at the Angry Crab, 11340 W. Bell Rd every Third Tuesday of the month for fun, food, drinks and more lively conversations.

VALLEY VIEW FOOD BANK

We continue collecting donations for the food bank at our monthly meetings.

Now, more than ever the food bank needs our help. They are **currently serving OVER 500 people a day** and are in great need of monetary donations at this time and non-perishable food items.

Please make checks payable to:

Valley View Community Food Bank

<http://www.feedingaz.org>

Vi Zapeda is our liaison to the VVCFB. Here is her contact information:

14813 N Bolivar Dr, SC 85351

[602-502-6226](tel:602-502-6226)

Checks can be sent to Vi who will make sure all donations are delivered to the food bank

The food bank is currently open from 9 am - 1 pm. They are located on 107th and Peoria and are available *if you need help* subsidizing your food supply.

Next Meeting:

August 4, 2022

6:00 Social – 6:30 Meeting

Fairway Recreation Center, Sun City



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President's Corner

Freedom! A very attractive but very misunderstood word! Some think it means that we can do anything we want, any time we want. Some think it means there should be no restrictions on what they do, but they can restrict what others do. Defining freedom is not easy. My neighbor has all his right-wing (or rather wring-wing) posters up in front of their house. There is one that says, "Defend pre-existing conditions, vote republican". I thought that is strange, they are usually opposed to that; but then I realized that it is not referring to health care pre-existing conditions. It is referring to the conditions that existed prior to Presidents Biden, Obama, Clinton, and the other democratic presidents. Think about the "pre-existing" conditions we lived in before Roe vs Wade, same-sex marriage, voting rights for all, the lack of a safety net for seniors and others in need, etc. Think what would happen if there were no more restrictions on food production and clean water and clean air because Freedom is misunderstood to mean they don't want anyone telling them what to do. And it is unthinkable to them that there should be any controls on guns and weapons of war because that would violate their misunderstood interpretation of the second amendment. I wonder what the founders would say if they knew that their words are being twisted to include weapons that were unimaginable to them. No! that is not freedom. When citizens live in fear of being shot with a weapon of war, are afraid of going to jail because of their desire to control their own body, live in fear because of who they love, wonder whether their vote will be counted, worry about the quality of the food they eat and the water they drink and the air they breath – no, that is not freedom. Freedom is not one sided; it is not based upon putting words in Jesus' mouth that he never said; it is not putting your rights over my rights. Freedom is the foundation of our democracy because it is based upon mutual respect, openness to divergent opinions, acceptance of all faiths, unrestricted access to the voting booth, recognition that we are a great nation because of our diversity, knowing that a rainbow is beautiful because of the many colors it displays.

Some among us are predicting the end of our democracy if the Republicans take over, which could happen; and yes, if it does, some very bad things will happen. However, I have a streak of optimism remaining. I believe that the universe, which includes humanity, is ever moving forward to a spiritual fulfillment of our destiny. It was expected that there would be a backlash following President Obama. Whenever there are positive advances, there are always those who feel they are going to be left behind. That happens whenever there is a change in anything in our lives. There is a French



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Jesuit priest named Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1955) who writes about the evolution of the universe not only in the physical sense but also in the mind and spiritual realms. If we examine history, we can see that we take a few steps forward and one step backwards – but always advancing, like climbing a mountain, when it is necessary to go down a bit in order to rise higher. Teilhard calls the end point we are striving for the “Omega Point” and that we are continuously and inevitably moving towards that Omega point where we will reach our ultimate fulfillment. However, it does not happen automatically nor immediately; we must make it happen by taking action; we must take the steps to make it happen. With that “point” of view we can act with confidence that we will be able to make it happen. Let’s not lose our self confidence that we can make it happen because somewhere over the rainbow we will find true Freedom of self, of our loved ones, and of our nation. Vote with confidence that your vote will make that point and make a difference.

For the Soul of the Nation AND the World,

Joe Piccari, President, SCDC

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NOTE: from 12 News, July 1, 2022

MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED - PHOENIX -

Maricopa County and eight other Arizona counties have a "high" level of COVID-19 transmissions and residents in those regions should start wearing masks inside public places, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Updated numbers tracked by the CDC show more counties in Arizona are in the "red" zone for how the agency assesses the prevalence of COVID-19 in local communities.

Poll workers and poll watchers are still needed for both the primary and November elections.

Contact Claudia Jaeger-Smith, Director of Poll Worker/Poll Watcher Recruitment. Her phone number is 480-387-1973; e-mail is honeygirlmom@yahoo.com. She will put you in touch with a person to sign you up and get the proper training.