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Adrian Fontes, Candidate for Secretary of State, AZ



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President's Corner

As I reflect on what is going on today in our nation and the world, I realize that for us this has been an amazing year. We have had some very amazing candidates for state and local offices speak to us at our monthly meetings, assuring that if we get them elected, we can save our democracy. This effort came to a rousing conclusion at our meeting on Thursday with our guest being Adrian Fontes, our fabulous candidate for Secretary of State for Arizona. He blew the roof off with a talk (not the right word) that everyone in Arizona should hear. He gets better every time I hear him. He and all our candidates for all the offices up and down ballot need our help everyday until election day. As Katie Hobbs says in her ads: **"Let's get to work."**

We have collaborated with LD28 on significant activities to help do just that. We have seen our membership soar and even attracted groups like the residents at El Dorado Condominiums. I am so happy that we decided to keep going through the summer because there is so much to do; and interestingly, our attendance did not drop but has actually increased. In order to make it happen, we had some outstanding volunteers helping out during the summer months. The board wants to extend its thanks to those who helped; and at our meeting on October 6 Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Marsha Rory, Cathi Reedich, and Marcia Neuman for helping with Membership and check-in; and to Barb Jones and Vi Vepeda for helping with hospitality.

We have had quite a number of people working with LD28 doing literature drops, a number of you have decided to become **poll workers and poll watchers – incidentally, state elections still need them.** We've written post cards, signed petitions, and so much more. Everyone has recognized the significance of this mid-term election. For more information about what you can do to help, please be sure to visit our website at www.suncitydems.com. We have only one more month to get the vote out.

Let's do this! Let's get to work!

Next Meeting

- ZOOM & On-Site - Fairway Rec Center

Date: November 3rd

Social begins at 6:00

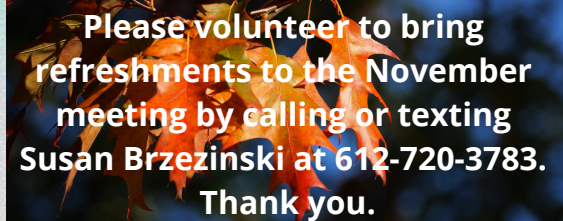
6:30 – General Session begins:

Monthly Club Business – including 2023 Board Elections and By-Laws Ratification

This is a critical meeting as it is the last meeting before the mid-term elections. We will be discussing how we can help ensure the blue wave happens in AZ.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

TBD



Please volunteer to bring refreshments to the November meeting by calling or texting Susan Brzezinski at 612-720-3783. Thank you.

Save the Date!

**Thursday, December 1 from 5:00 - 9:00
Holiday Party at Palmbrook Country Club.**

Reservation forms will be in the October 23 newsletter and at Starbucks' Monday Morning coffee hour starting on October 17, as well as at the November meeting.

The El Dorado Independents and Democrats Caucus is having a presentation regarding ballot propositions by speakers from North West Maricopa County League of Women Voters. in the auditorium at their facility at 10330 W. Thunderbird Road, Sun City at 2:00 Thursday, Oct. 20th.
(NWMC.LWV) Public is invited.



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We also have an amazing group of people on the board of directors who are coordinating all that work. I want to thank especially Annarose for her amazing work on programs for our general membership meetings. She has been tireless in her efforts to secure the very busy candidates to come to speak to us such as Adrian, and all have said how important our little democratic club is in Maricopa County and, indeed, Arizona.

A few important things to note! Next month on November 3 will be our official annual meeting as prescribed in our bylaws. We will be voting on a bylaw change and the candidates for election to the board of directors. You will find both of those elsewhere in this newsletter and on the Website (www.suncitydems.com). This will also be our last meeting of the year. Watch for further information. We do not have a meeting in December; rather, in place of it, we will be enjoying our Holiday Party. Mark the date, it will be December 1, 2022. More information will follow and you will be able to purchase tickets beginning at our November 3 meeting.

But we are not done yet. There is one more thing I want to ask you all. There is so much negativity all around us, and we ourselves might feel that also. I am going to ask you all to think positively about our work, our nation, and the outcome of the upcoming elections. I believe in the power of positive thinking, that goodness will triumph, that with hard work we will save our democracy.

We need to think positively about our future, which is why I included in my President's Corner last month an Affirmation to send out positive vibrations through this county, state, and nation. I asked that you would all repeat this daily until at least November 8. Those positive vibrations will change us and change the world – let's believe that with all our hearts. So, I asked everyone at the meeting to repeat this affirmation and believe it with all our hearts and minds, and we WILL put aside – no, DESTROY - the negativism that is all around us and that we might even feel ourselves. So, as you read this, say it with me now:

I will with all my will that this nation be healed of the hate that is invading it and replace it with the love of our fellow humans regardless of gender, race, nationality, and religion so that all may experience the unalienable rights guaranteed to each of us of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We can do this, we can make it happen, let's get to work!

For the Soul of the Nation AND the World,

Joe Piccari, President, SCDC
president@suncitydems.com

Here are some interesting statistics in an email from Gavin Newsome (governor of California) on 9/15. He said:

Democrats, Independents, Republicans... we are all in search of the truth. That's why I joined Donald Trump's social media platform.

I joined to ask fellow truth-seekers why America has a red state murder problem: 8 out of the 10 states with the highest murder rates happen to be red states.

I joined to ask fellow truth-seekers how we define "pro-life" when the 14 states with the highest COVID death rates are all led by Republicans, and Florida (for example) has 52% higher death rates than California?

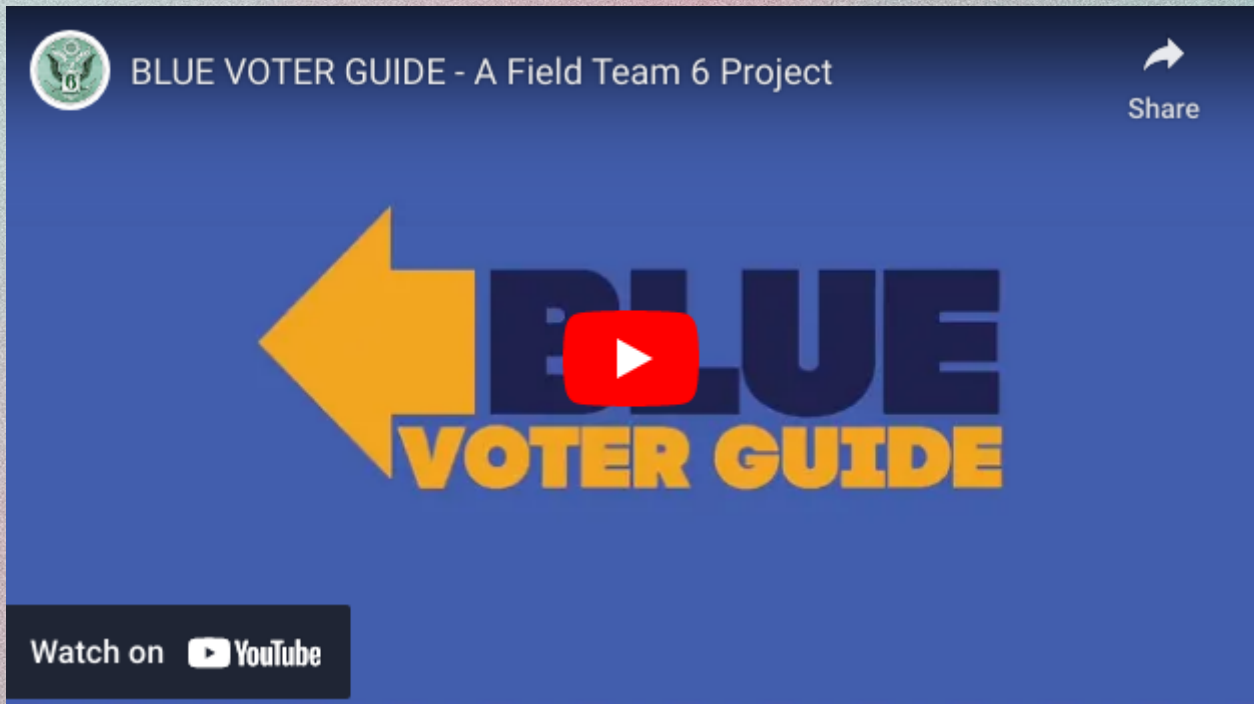
I joined to ask fellow truth-seekers why GDP growth in California outpaced all red states last year and why the top three fastest growing economies in the US are all led by Democrats?

Here is the truth:

We are not going to let Republican lies go unchecked. Not in this campaign, and not with so much at stake in California and in our country.



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Blue Voter Guide Video

Click the video to learn the endorsements received for each Democratic candidate and you can even click on their name to learn further background information <https://youtu.be/OEQRxbzR0ag>



QR Code to Blue Voter Guide

Click on the image and fill out the sample ballot to prepare for the AZ ballot.
<https://bluevoterguide.org/my-ballot/?bid=024890f45d9fd15e660cec29369e85f1>



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

Contact Claudia Yeager-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.



Voting Resources and Info

Sign up to change party affiliation, request mail in ballot, track your ballot, find voting locations, & more:

To track ballot or change party affiliation:

Beballotready.vote or (Text, "Join" to 628683)

To request an early ballot, either permanently or just for 11/8:

Request.Maricopa.Vote

To determine acceptable form of ID:

<http://recorder.maricopa.gov/voteridcard/default.aspx>

To see 11/8/2022 approved General Election Plans:

<https://recorder.maricopa.gov/site/publications.aspx>



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 Copper Penny, 10765 W Peoria Ave, Sun City, 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 in great need of monetary donations at this time and non-perishable food items.

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

14813 N Bolivar Dr, 10765 W Peoria Ave, Sun City, AZ 85351

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 <https://feedingaz.org/>

Please bring your RCSC card to the monthly meeting for scanning.