

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It's been a busy year, but we wouldn't have it any other way.

## We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We Wish You a Happy Hanukkah We Wish you a Happy Kwanzaa We Wish You a Mery Christms And a Happy New Year!

Glad tidings we bring
To you and your kin
We wish you a Happy Holiday
And a Happy New Year!





# Pictures from our 2022 Holiday Party

#### **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 Federal, State, and local offices speak to us at our monthly meetings, who are focused on saving our democracy. This effort came to a rousing conclusion at our meeting in October with our guest being Adrian Fontes, our fabulous candidate for Secretary of State for Arizona. He blew the roof off with a talk that everyone in Arizona should have heard. We have collaborated with LD28 on significant activities to help get our people elected, such as literature drops, canvassing and phoning with Mission 4 Arizona. A number of our members worked as Poll Watchers and Poll Workers. We've written post cards, signed petitions and candidate forms, and so much more.

We have seen our membership soar and attract groups like the residents at El Dorado
Condominiums. I am pleased that we decided to keep going through the summer because there was so much to do; and interestingly, our attendance did note rop but actually increased. And with the help of Zoom, it was even better. Thanks, Rich, for making that happen. We had some outstanding volunteers throughout the year. We have increased our publicity and redesigned our Newsletter among other things.









### **President's Corner (continued)**

All who were at our Holiday Party on December 1 had a great time. I had the chance to speak with someone whom I had met right before the election, someone who is brave enough to take on Debbie Lesko, someone you will be hearing more about in the next year, Jeremy Spreizer. He and his wife JJ joined us that night. He was a write-in vote, so his candidacy was a long shot; but he did put Debbie on notice that she no longer has a free ride. Let's work over the next year to make his candidacy a real challenge to Debbie by winning and send a Democrat to represent us in 2024.

And as we just learned, we have our work cut out for us in 2023. As we prepare for the 2024 Presidentia election, we now have the opportunity and the requirement to replace Senator Sinema. If you have not heard, she has abandoned the Democratic Party and is now calling herself an Independent. So, we had a great year, made a lot of progress, but we cannot sit back in 2023. We will continue to have great speakers, great programs, and great candidates to continue to turn Arizona solidly Blue. As our Governor-Elect says: "Let's get to work."

Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Joe Piccari, President, SCDC president@suncitydems.com









#### Press Release

Sun City Dems Learn about Ranked Choice Voting

Folks may be unaware that RCV is already being used in 62 jurisdictions, providing more than 13 million Americans the opportunity to rank their preferred candidates for an office–1st choice, 2nd, etc. Nationwide, interest in RCV is on the increase, as having more choice on the ballot results in true majority governance.

The Sun City Democratic Club monthly meeting on Thursday, January 5, will feature speaker Kathy Knecht, Executive Committee Member of Voter Choice Arizona. The organization is seeking to place a ranked choice voting initiative on the 2024 Arizona ballot.

She is founder of Knecht for Success LLC, devoting her energies as a West Valley activist in the areas of leadership development, election reform and the arts. She is a former candidate for the Arizona House, District 28.

All RCSC cardholders and guests are welcome to attend the January monthly meeting at Fairway Recreation Center, 10600 West Peoria Avenue, in person or via Zoom. The social hour begins at 6 p.m. with light refreshments, followed by the general meeting at 6:30.

The SCDC meets regularly on the first Thursday of each month, along with SCDC informal gettogethers Mondays 9 a.m., at Starbucks, 10926 W. Bell Rd.

Visit the website for the January 5 Zoom link and latest club information, at https://suncitydems.com; or, call (602) 529-5778All





