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President's Corner

Well, the election season is beginning. At our membership meeting last week, we welcomed Jeremy Spreitzer to our podium, who is a candidate running for the House to replace the Republican currently holding that seat. We need to rally and build support for him this year to help retake the House in 2024. There are a number of activities being planned for our club and joint adventures with LD28 over the next few months. More information can be found in this and future newsletters, and you can always stay up to date by visiting our web site <u>SCDC</u>

And now for something fun! We are bringing back the SCDC annual Potluck. It is scheduled for Sunday, April 23, from 1 to 3 PM at Oakmont Recreational Center. Mark the date and be sure to come. It has been a few years since the last one because of the pandemic. Susan Brzezinski will present more information at the April 6th meeting about what to bring. Watch this space and the website for more information.

Board Activities Were Announced.

Welcome to our new board member, Debi Casados, as a member at large. The board appointed her to replace Vi Zepeda, who resigned last month. Debi is now the board member who is the liaison with the Food Bank and All monetary donations will be made out to Valley View Food Bank and sent to Debi at her address. She will be assisted by Ashley Hibbard and Marvin McCullum, who will collect the food you all donate at the meetings and deliver them to the Food Bank.

There are several board committees, and I am pleased to announce a number of new volunteers to serve on them. Thanks to all who have volunteered.

• By-Law committee: The bylaws of any organization should be reviewed annually for accuracy, edits, and content. The following are its members: Jeannette Zemeida, Terri Grant, and Marcia Newman. The President serves on this Committee.

Retreat and Meeting on April 6th

Our Regular membership meeting scheduled for April 6th will be a participatory meeting, which means that all of you will be the speakers! Although more information will be coming in a special mailing, see next page for a few highlights:

Need Volunteers in Critical Areas

We have several needs to be fulfilled as we look forward into 2023.

- A permanent vice-president, who will transition into the president position for 2024.
- Technology assistance to provide support for Rich. This work can be divided into several categories including: monitoring the Zoom account for meetings, providing backup for Rich monitoring the website.
- Program chair who will work with the president to plan the program for our general monthly meetings.

Contact either Cathi Reedich or Barb Putzel at Monday coffee at Starbuck's or at the meeting. You can also email info@suncitydems.com.



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Board Activities (continued)

- Audit Committee: this is required by the bylaws and RCSC of all organizations to conduct an outside objective review of our finances. The Treasurer serves as an ad hoc advisory member. The members are: Pat Gannon and Joe Klueppel.
- Mission Committee: This is an ad hoc committee established to develop a positive statement about who we are as a club and who we are as democrats. More on this latter. The members are: Cliff McKinney, Cathi Reedich, Joe klueppel, and Carol Vandercook. The President serves as a member also.
- Nominations Committee: this is required by the bylaws to recruit and nominate members to the board to be elected each November. The members are: Barb Putzel and Cathi Reedich.
 We are looking for a third member. No board member serves on this committee.

Joe Piccari, President, SCDC President@suncitydems.com

Highlights of Retreat and Meeting on April 6th

- •The Retreat will be held on our regular April monthly meeting, the first Thursday, April 6, in the Arizona rooms at Fairway. It will begin at 4 PM, and we are calling it a Retreat
- We will divide those in attendance into small discussion groups of about 8 participants.
- Each group will be given a topic to discuss in which each participant will be able to express their ideas, opinions, etc. if they choose to. This will be an about an hour.
- One member will be selected to take notes on a preprinted form. This form will serve as a
 format to document what ideas were shared, what opinions were given, complaints if any,
 and suggested topics and speakers for future meetings and more.
- FOOD We will have a variety of pizzas in which all will be invited to participate and share a
 bit of social time until the meeting starts. We are asking for a donation to cover the cost. You
 are welcome to bring a Dessert.

The regular meeting will then be held at 6:30 PM. After a brief business meeting, the note takers from each group will be given about 5 minutes to present a summary of their discussion with recommendations to the board and the membership.

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Future Meetings

During the past year we have conducted a number of joint events with LD28, and we have been seeking the same speakers such as our Secretary of State and candidates. So, in order to simplify this, we will be joining forces for the following future meetings which may be at other locations.

May meeting joint with LD28 (LD 2, 27, 29 will also be invited)

June Meeting again joint with LD28 (LD 2, 27, 29 will also be invited) with Ruben Gallego

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

We meet From 4:00 - 6:00 pm at The Copper Penny Saloon 10765 W Peoria Ave, Sun City, AZ 85351 for more lively conversations

VALLEY VIEW FOOD BANK

We will 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.

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