



## NEWSLETTER



**May 21, 2023**

### **Note CHANGE OF PROGRAM AND VENUE**

Some of you may already know that the joint program scheduled for our regular meeting date of June 1 with LD28 and other LD's HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. The reason is that the guest speaker, Congressman Gallego, requested this change so he could stay in Washington until the Debt ceiling crisis has been resolved. As you know, this is a Republican imposed unnecessary crisis whose outcome impacts us all. Ruben's vote is vital, and we applaud him for his commitment. The new date for the joint meeting with LD28 and other LD's with the Congressman will be June 26, 2023, at the Rio Vista Recreation Center. More info on this will follow. **In the meantime, Sun City Democratic Club will still meet on June 1 as usual at the regular time at the Fairway Recreation Center**



This provides us with a great opportunity to follow up with the results of our April 6 retreat. We met, we identified what the issues are, we recommended action items, and now it is time to get to work. Here is a summary of that event.

**Sun City Democratic Club**  
**First Annual Retreat**

## **April 6, 2023**

### **Report Summary**

On April 6, 2023, the board of directors was pleased to offer an opportunity for all of members of the Sun City Democratic Club to express their opinions on the important issues facing the nation and the Democratic Party today. The members themselves were the speakers and were the presenters. The event also provided the membership, which has grown over the past year, to get to meet new members and share their opinions with like-minded Sun City Residents.

When asked, responses to this event included the following: "wonderful, enrichment, interesting, encourages participation, we are not alone, supports each other, get to know each other"..

The members were divided into small discussion groups to identify topics of interest and action items.



After selecting and discussing two topics, each group also suggested two action items for the board and the membership to act upon. Since similar action items were recommended by more than one group at the retreat, they were combined and structured as committees to complete the work. This is where you all come in.

### **Actions Recommended**

In an attempt to structure these results and ensure that actions will be taken based upon Club members interests and concerns, the following ad hoc committees have been formed. Structure will be given to the committees with guidelines and reporting procedures. Each committee will be charged with working with the program chair to schedule a presentation/speaker on their topic for one membership meeting each year. The success of this effort will be dependent upon active committees. Therefore, in order for the following Ad Hoc Committees to be successful....

**WE NEED YOU!**

## Ad Hoc Committees

### Legislative Committee



- To Identify and educate members about the democratic structure such as. Precinct Committees and chairs
- To Become informed about the current voting & Election Processes and integrity
- To Get out the Vote

### Outreach Committee



- To Identify & network with other groups such as N.O.W., Indivisible, and LD's
- To Reach out to gun safety groups such as Moms Demand Action
- To Reach out to Independents and dissatisfied Republicans, and non-voters

### Education Committee



- To promote funding of public schools, especially teacher pay
- To support electing a democratic legislature to accomplish this
- To oppose legislature intrusion into education such as book banning
- To educate Club members about various topics such as Climate change with emphasis on water, fossil fuel, solar, and other renewable energy

## Mission Committee



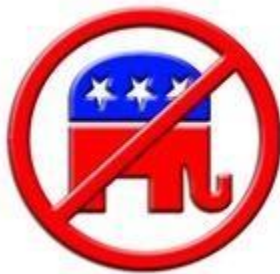
- To be a politically active club
- To adopt a list of talking points and questions to provide speakers
- To promote a positive active agenda of what we are for and not what we are against

## Action Committee



- To organize various political actions/demonstrations
- To support and advocate for comprehensive health care, including abortion, Universal Healthcare
- To Make phone calls and write postcards

Because we are entering the summer season during which many members will be traveling, Committees may not become fully functional until the Fall of 2023. The president and vice-president will serve as Ex-Officio members of all committees and will take turns attending them. It will be the vice-president's responsibility to keep the committees on track. Our goal is to get them established, so we can hit the ground running in the Fall. So, in the words of our Governor, "Let's get to work" and



## WEAR ORANGE

Hadiya Pendelton marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's childhood friends decided to commemorate her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others.

**Wear Orange began on June 2, 2015--what would have been Hadiya's 18th birthday.**

**Orange has become the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement.**

**This year, Wear Orange events will take place from June 2-4, 2023 throughout the country.**

**As Wear Orange pushes on into its ninth year, we hope you will join us by attending Wear Orange events, posting on social media, and much more! [Learn more about all the ways you can participate in Wear Orange](#)**

### **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 participate in 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

and enjoy 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.

Debi Casados is the board member who is the liaison with the Food Bank and All monetary donations are to be made out to Valley View Food Bank and sent to Debi at 15460 N Ridgeview Rd., Sun City 85351 .

She will be assisted by Ashley Hibbard and Marvin McCullum, who will collect the food you donate at the meetings and deliver it to the Food Bank.

Food distribution weekdays 9am-1pm Mon. through Sat for those needing help subsidizing their food supply. <https://feedingaz.org/>

**Bring your RCSC Card to our meetings for scanning**