



## NEWSLETTER



Joe Piccari & Adrien Fontes



August 3, 2023 SCDC Meeting

### President's Corner

August 10, 2023

#### **Greetings Sun City Democrats,**

I am sure that everyone is up to date on the recent legal troubles of the former president. Let us not take pleasure in these indictments. It is a sad day for our country even though it is a great day for democracy and the rule of law. Like President Biden says, I continue to be Optimistic about the future. Although it has been under attack, it is still the oldest and strongest democracy in the world; and it will remain so, if we work hard through 2024 to help preserve it.

I am optimistic about our Club as well. Our membership has grown significantly since Covid. We have been involved with every major campaign in the past two years - The Governor, the Secretary of State, the Attorney

General, our Senator, etc, etc. We have collaborated with LD28 and other LD's to put on major events, we have worked with the Maricopa County Democratic Party, Mission 4 Arizona, and more. We had numerous members working as poll workers and observers in the last two elections. And we are only a few seats away from turning Arizona completely Blue. But we need everyone involved.

After Covid, at our meetings and in the newsletter, I have called for volunteers to help with various activities - I got little response at first because people were still understandably afraid to be active and do things; but that fear has gradually subsided, and we now have more volunteers doing the work of the club; and we thank them all. As a result of our retreat earlier this year, five ad hoc committees have been formed and are now being organized. So, let me give you a brief report. The committees have met prior to our monthly meetings getting organized and developing a structure for proceeding forward. Although not all of those who signed up attended, presumably because they are away for the summer on the days of our meetings. The committees are an important component of our operations. Through them we will be able to get more accomplished with more involvement. So, if you signed up, I invite you to attend the next meeting scheduled for 5 PM prior to the September 7 membership meeting. If you have not had the opportunity to sign up yet, you are welcome to do so, and here are your options: **Legislative Committee, Outreach Committee, Education Committee, Mission Committee, and Action Committee.** For more information, please feel free to contact me or join me for coffee on Monday mornings.

Last month I presented a statement that I drafted and shared with you all, which I called a Declaration of Interdependence. It was suggested to me that that document should be adopted by the club as a positive statement of who we are as democrats and more importantly as a nation. So, it has been published on the home page of our website. Please review it again by

clicking [SCDC](#), because I will present that document for your approval at the September meeting.

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## **Our 2023 4th Quarter Line Up**

**September 7** - Dr. Laura Metcalfe. Laura is a candidate for Maricopa County Superintendent. In addition, we will present the By-Law edits and changes being suggested by the By-Law Committee. You will have the opportunity to vote to adopt them in October.

**October 5** - I have tentatively confirmed Steven Sawdy, candidate for CD8 to replace Lesko. We will also vote on the By-Law Changes and present the candidates for our 2024 Board for election.

**November 7** - the main function for this meeting is the election of our 2024 Board of Directors. We are working on lining up a speaker, perhaps Jeremy Spreitzer.

**December** - Holiday Party. More on this later regarding date, venue, and menu. I am hoping to have a surprise guest who will give a brief welcome and holiday wishes.

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## **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-~~Cancelled for August~~**

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 McCollum, 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**

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