

President's Message

May, 2024

We have been privileged over the past several months to have speakers who have informed us about some very important topics as we head into the upcoming elections. Annarose Lily presented several opportunities for members to be able to volunteer for the primary and November elections.

If you are a registered voter in Arizona, the primary will be in July. You can use the link on our website [Sun City Dems.com](http://SunCityDems.com) or BeBallotREADY.vote (just click on it) and it will bring you to the Maricopa County Elections site, where you will be able to check your voting status. There you will also find important dates, voting locations, how to request a temporary ballot if you will be traveling this summer, etc. Remember if you are a new resident to Arizona, the last day to register to vote in the primary is July 1.

Our upcoming speaker in September, Patti Hoffert, will also be sharing a number of ways we can volunteer for the November elections. There will be a variety of volunteer tasks that will help us GOTV (Get Out The Vote) prior to and on election day. I am looking forward to hearing Patti's presentation.

Election integrity is a topic that is continually brought up by the news, friends and family. A visit to the Election Center (MCTEC) in Phoenix is an excellent way to increase your knowledge of the election process and how secure the process in Arizona really is. Pat Tonnema is organizing a visit to the center on June 11 and still has room for more participants. If you would like to attend, see information below, or have questions, contact Pat or me.

June's upcoming speaker, Dr. Teresa Leyba Ruiz, Senior Vice- President of Education Forward Arizona, will be addressing education and how it affects the entire state.

Cathy

The Life of a Ballot

Tour of the Maricopa County Tabulation and Election Center
(MCTEC)

Tuesday, June 11, for Democratic Club members only.

Meet 9am for carpooling, in front of Fairway. This is a fantastic, informative 2 hour free tour. Space is limited! No specific group lunch plans included.

Include your phone and email, and whether you are able to be a driver. We will ask your passengers to chip in \$5.00 for gas.

Sign up at Starbuck's on Mondays, June club meeting or with Pat Tonnema <mailto:pltonnema@gmail.com> or call 206.683.0047

Committees – To be or not to be?

Sun City Democrats let's get back to square one about the role of committees in our Club. During the previous term, several committees were formed with various goals and interests. Last January, as our new Board of Directors assumed the lead, we obtained your feedback, and it seems that there are more committees than there are members to fill them!

So, for this critical election year, how about we start with just ONE committee--the Action Committee? This committee can be the tip of the spear in mobilizing Sun City Democrats to protest, write letters, make phone calls, attend meetings, take trips, host events, view educational films (and more) on issues such as:

- Legislation (bills pending at the state legislature, election integrity, 2024 Get Out the Vote activities, etc.)
- Outreach to like-minded organizations such as LD28, Move-On, Indivisibles, Moms Demand Action, etc
- Defense of public education by opposing book bans, supporting libraries, and spotlighting candidates at all levels of government who fight for public schools and foster the creation of an informed electorate.
- Providing input to the Sun City Democratic Club Board of Directors on the Club's direction, its purpose, and its mission. Action Committee Members are encouraged to observe meetings of the Board of Directors. Regular meetings are open to all members.

Please plan to attend the charter meeting of the ACTION COMMITTEE before our next SCDC membership meeting on June 6 at 5:00 PM at the Fairway recreation center. Also, please feel free to submit concerns, comments or questions to <mailto:vicepresident@suncitydems.com> or call (602) 529-5778.

HOSPITALITY

Barb Jones has been providing the food for the social time before the meetings. She also cleverly designs a theme for each month and the foods that reflect that theme.

However, it is difficult to do this job completely alone, so is requesting assistance from Members to donate snack edibles for each meeting.

Please participate by signing your name and contact information, phone and/or email address, on the sign-up sheet by the kitchen or send Barb an email to <mailto:vicepresident@suncitydems.com> to help her each month. Just one person a month will make a huge difference!

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.

For the June 6th meeting, your SCDC Board is asking each member to bring 3 cans of food or donate \$3. Let us know, and you'll be given a 50/50 raffle ticket as a "thanks" from us for your donation!

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, or given to her at the meetings.

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. [Food Bank Web Page](#)

Bring your RCSC Card to meetings for scanning
