

# Proud District 17 Democrats

## Monthly Meeting February 6th

Info Exchange at 6:30  
Meeting 7-9 pm  
ESCALENTE CENTER  
2150 E Orange St, Tempe

Gather with your fellow energized Democrats to hear get more involved in local, state, and national politics.

### Featured Speaker

Mark Manoil, new Chair,  
Maricopa County  
Democratic Party

Questions? Contact

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## New Leadership Team

In our November reorganization meeting, we elected our 2006-2008 Leadership Team:

Chair: Doug Mings  
Vice Chairs: Ed Hermes, Angie Crouse,  
Lauren Kuby, and Art Brodsky

In addition, dozens of folks have signed up for teams working on:

Election Integrity	Socials
Welcoming	Precinct Organizing
Communications	Fundraising
Issues	Voter Registration

We are newly all blue and intend to stay that way, with help from you!

Contact [dougming@gmail.com](mailto:dougming@gmail.com) to sign up!

## A Blue January!

January was historic for LD17 Democrats--all six of our victorious candidates in the November election took their oaths of office.

Congratulations to US Congressman Harry Mitchell, State Senator Meg Burton-Cahill, State Representatives David Schapira and Ed Ableser, Kyrene Justice of the Peace Elizabeth Rogers and Constable Jon Levenson.

In updates from our newly sworn legislators, we learned that:

**Sen Burton-Cahill** is working on many issues, but will focus on healthcare issues in the legislative session;

**Rep Ableser** will be concentrate on increasing financial aid to students and requiring that health insurers accord the same coverage for mental health care as they do for medical and surgical care;

**Rep Schapira** has proposed bills to raise the minimum salary for teachers in Arizona and to create a Teacher Shortage Student Loan Program that would forgive student loans for graduates that teach in "shortage" districts.

In Congressional District 5 news, **Congressman Harry Mitchell's** district office is in Scottsdale at 7201 E Camelback, Ste 335, Scottsdale, 85251; 480- 946-2411.

--Craig McDermott

## Progressive Lobby Day: Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

Join progressives from around Arizona as they lobby for shared values of fairness, equality, opportunity, justice, a cleaner environment, and a better life for ourselves and our families. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Michelle Steinberg at 602-263-4226; [msteinberg@ppcna.org](mailto:msteinberg@ppcna.org).

Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>  
Arizona State Capitol  
1700 W Washington St, Phoenix  
8am-1:30pm: full day of lobbying lunch,  
& speakers  
10am-1:30pm: lobbying, lunch &  
speakers  
12-1:30 pm: lunch & speakers

## Young Dems

ASU's Young Democrats are using the off-election year to build on the successes of the last cycle. They are expanding membership and setting up chapters at the other ASU campuses. The YDs will also be holding an organizing convention at February 24<sup>th</sup> at U of A. For more info, contact: Joaquin Rios at 480-229-1895 or Tim Wilson at 480-773-1205.

## Rep. Harry Mitchell Tapped for Science and Technology Post

Congressman Harry Mitchell earned a seat on the House Committee on Science and Technology, where he will serve as the voice for ASU and science efforts in the state.

"This is a very exciting appointment," said Mitchell. "There is a lot of great work happening at ASU, and as a state, Arizona is on an upward trajectory to becoming a top high-tech hub. I'm also looking forward to investing in clean, renewable sources of energy and taking real steps to combat global warming."

The committee's jurisdiction includes all non-defense federal scientific research and development at a number of federal agencies, including the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Dept. of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, National Science Foundation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and US Geological Survey. ASU received about 40% of its federal- research expenditures from the NSF in Fiscal Year 2005.

The Science and Technology Committee had been absent a representative from Arizona over the last 10 years, but will now have two. Last week, Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who represents Arizona's 8<sup>th</sup> CD, was also named to the committee. In addition to this committee, Harry will be serving on two other committees: Veteran's Affairs and Transportation and Infrastructure. ---Kevin Bondelli



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What's it feel like to be so **BLUE** !

## What's going on?

**Saturday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30-11:30am**  
Get Involved Brunch for Edwards 08  
Crackers and Company  
535 W Iron Ave., Mesa  
Behind Home Depot at 60/Country Club  
602-705-7773  
EastValleyforEdwards@gmail.com

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**District 17 Democrats Meeting**  
Information Exchange at 6:30PM  
Escalante Center, 2150 E Orange, St,  
Tempe

**Friday, Feb , 7pm**  
(& every Friday)  
ASU Young Democrats Meeting  
ASU's Memorial Union, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
www.ydaz.org/asu

**Sat, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm**  
Hillary for the White House  
Bookman's Book Exchange  
8034 N. 19th Ave (NW 19th Ave &  
Northern); 602-370-9467  
mskylers@hillaryforthewhitehouse.com

**Sat, Feb 25, 5-7pm**  
The Democrats "Oscars"  
Honoring Judy Kennedy,  
former MCDP Chair  
\$25; No Host Bar  
Union Hills Country Club, 9860 W  
Lindgren Ave  
(S of Union Hills Dr on 99th and then E  
on Lindgren to club)  
RSVP by Feb 21: 623-876-9198

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