

# Proud District 17 Democrats

## Monthly Meeting!

**June 5th**

Info Exchange at 6:30  
Meeting 7:00 pm

### Pyle Center

655 E Southern Ave, Tempe  
(just west of the Library)

### Speakers

**Maria Weeg**

Executive Director,  
AZ Democratic Party

**Victor Aronow**

AZ Community Media  
Foundation

Gather with energized  
Democrats and get more  
involved in local, state,  
and national politics!

Questions?

Contact Doug Mings  
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## FREE Big Picture Film Series!

Last month, David Malsch and D17 Democrats presented the award-winning documentary *Crossing Arizona* as the second film in our Big Picture Film Series.

In a case of almost prescient timing, the film was shown on the same day that the latest immigration "reform" plan was unveiled in Washington.

The film offers a view of the immigration issue through the eyes of those most affected by it—immigrants, the residents of the areas they cross, anti-immigrant groups such as The Minutemen, and humanitarian groups such as Human Borders that work to provide and maintain water stations along the Migrant Trail.

Over 25 people attended the event, which included both a viewing of the film and an insightful Q&A session with Mike Wilson of the Tohono O'odham Nation, whose humanitarian efforts were featured in the movie.

Our next film is *The War Tapes*, a first-person account of the war in Iraq. It was filmed primarily by three National Guardsmen on the ground in the war zone. John Burns, *The New York Times* Baghdad Bureau chief calls *The War Tapes* the single-best document (film, article, book) on the Iraqi war.

**Next Film: *The War Tapes*  
Friday, June 22nd at 6 pm  
(NOTE DATE/TIME CHANGE)  
Escalante Community Center  
2150 E Orange St, Tempe**

-Craig McDermott



### Background on FREE Big Picture Film Series

David Malsch is a Wisconsin native who founded the Black Point Film and Music Festival (2000-'05), Black Point grew to be the second biggest indie festival in the Midwest. In addition to the yearly festival, David also ran a monthly political film series focused on the environment, health-care reform, and other pressing issues of the day. In 2005, he moved to Tempe with his family and got involved in local politics. David had jumped in to fill the void of independent film screenings in our area, and we are delighted to join with him to put this **FREE** film series on the map!

David is also a syndicated film critic. Tune into the Jeff Farias Show on Nova M radio (1480 AM) Fridays at 3 pm for David's film reviews or visit [davidmalsch.blogspot.com](http://davidmalsch.blogspot.com).

## Health-Care Forum

D17 Democrats hosted a Health Care Forum on May 24th at the Granite Reef Senior Center in Scottsdale.

More than 65 people attended the forum as Rep. Phil Lopes (D-Tucson) moderated a discussion with representatives from Children's Action Alliance, AARP of Arizona, Arizona Rural Health Association, UFCW Local 99, Arizona Public Health Association, and Arizona Mental Health Association.

The spirited discussion covered topics ranging from general (the system is broken) to specific (need more residency placements for Arizona medical schools), but the overall theme was that for people interested in health care issues need to *get involved*.

Anyone interested in getting involved in health-care issues or with one of the organizations should contact Bob Mings of the Issues Committee at [robertmings@yahoo.com](mailto:robertmings@yahoo.com).

We would like to express our gratitude to Rep. Lopes, Dana Naimark (CAA), Mike Vespoli (UFCW 99), Lupe Solis (AARP), Jack Beveridge (AzRHA), and all the attendees for making the event such a success. Special thanks to Bob Mings, Art Brodsky, and the rest of the D17 Issues Committee for putting together such an informative program.

## Rep. Schipara Makes Us Proud

*The Arizona Republic* recently lauded District 17's Representative David Schapira for his leadership:

"Schapira has caught the attention and respect of legislative colleagues on both sides of the aisle. That's no small feat for a Democrat in Arizona's Republican Legislature, let alone a freshman Democrat. Schapira has pushed legislation to expand the use of ignition interlock devices and alcoholism counseling for DUI offenders and has joined with some East Valley GOP legislators in a push to overturn Republican leaders' proposed cuts in anticipated funding for high school vocational-technical education programs."

We couldn't agree more!

## Rep. Ableser Walks the Talk

D17 Rep. Ed Ableser will participate in *The Migrant Trail: We Walk for Life* May 27-June 3. The journey will take him and others through 75 miles of desert from Sasabe, Mexico to Tucson. Walkers will bear witness to the death and devastation that occurs daily along the border.

"We hope to call attention to the people who risk everything and die in the desert while pursuing the American Dream," Ableser said. "These people have value; their lives mean something."

"As I walk 75 miles through the heat, I will reflect upon the desperation and helplessness many must feel," Rep. Ableser said.

"I'll have plenty of food and water. On the other hand, migrants walk this trail without any resources," Rep. Ableser said. "The experience will provide me with a unique perspective on our immigration policies."

The event is organized by Coalicion de Derechos Humanos. This is the fourth year the walk has taken place.

# DISTRICT 17 DEMOCRATS

P.O. Box 26047, Tempe, AZ 85285

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at the Pyle Center!**

**We're on the WEB:  
www.d17dems.org**

<b>June Events!</b>		<b>5 District 17 Democrats Meeting</b> 6:30-9pm Pyle Center	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9 Voter Registration Walk</b> , 9am, Kiwanis Park, Tempe dougming@gmail.com
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Democratic Happy Hour</b> , 6:30pm Gordon Biersch, 4 <sup>th</sup> and Mill, Tempe	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21 Nucleus Club Lunch</b> , Mayor Phil Gordon, 11:30am 602-234-6545	<b>22 Big Picture Film Series</b> , 6pm, <b>FREE</b> . Escalante Ctr, <i>The War Tapes</i>	<b>23 East Valley Breakfast Club</b> , 7:30am, Ranch House Restaurant, Mesa
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>1 July</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3 District 17 Democrats Meeting</b> 6:30-9pm Pyle Center	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

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## Volunteers Needed

Help register progressive minds, Saturdays at the Tempe Library. Call Joan: 480-947-7639.