

Proud District 17 Democrats

Monthly Meet-Up! March 6th

Info Exchange at 6:30
Meeting 7-9 pm
PYLE CENTER
655 E Southern Ave, Tempe
(just west of the Library)

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

Featured Speaker
Sandy Barr, Sierra Club
Questions?
Contact Doug Mings
480-628-2481
dougming@gmail.com

Young Dems

Currently, the Young Democrats at ASU are working to establish chapters at community college campuses around the Valley and at area high schools. If you'd like to help, or attend a local community college or high school, please contact Joaquin Rios (480-229-1895) or Tim Wilson (480-773.1205).



Democrats in the Park!

When: Sat, March 10
12 noon
Where: Kiwanis Park,
Ramada's 4 and 5
Bring a dish to share.
For more info, call Doug Mings at 480-628-2481

First Italian-American Speaker of the House Visits ASU!

Let alone first Speaker from California! In the overflowing Arizona Ballroom in ASU's Memorial Union, protected from the drizzle and wind outside, Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the US House of Representatives, along with US Reps Barbara Lee (D-CA9), Raul Grijalva (D-AZ7), Ed Pastor (D-AZ4), and Harry Mitchell (D-you know where!) spoke to over 700 people of all ages about efforts in Congress to make a college education more affordable for America's working and middle classes.

Speaker Pelosi began her "town-hall" meeting by letting the assemblage know that it was a great personal and political pleasure for her first non-district trip as speaker to be to Arizona. The personal part is that her daughter and her family live here; in fact, her son-in-law teaches high school in Tempe and her grandchild attends school in Scottsdale.

Pelosi spoke about the importance of education, and educational opportunity, to achieving the American dream, and to the greatness of America throughout our history.

She spoke about how the passage of the 1st 100-hours agenda signaled a change in Washington. She also noted the bipartisan support in the House for reducing education's financial burden on America's families.

Pelosi promised that what has been done so far (lower student loan interest rates from 6.8% to 3.4%) is "only a start" and that there's more to come.

After Harry Mitchell rose to cheers and chants of "Harry! Harry! Harry!" he talked about how the average ASU grad started with a debt of \$15,000 and that number is rising, and that expanding access to education is a prime goal of this Congress.

A memorable day for District 17 Democrats!

--Craig McDermott

Check out Craig's blog on local politics:
cpmazrandommusings.blogspot.com

Proof We're Turning Blue

Of 72 precincts in LD17 . . .

In 2006:

- 72 went for Harry Mitchell for US Congress
- 72 went for Janet Napolitano for Governor
- 72 went for Terry Goddard for AGI
- 72 went for Meg Burton-Cahill for State Senate
- 60 went for Ed Ableser and David Schapira for the State House

- 54 went for Jim Pederson for US Senate

Compare this to...

In 2004:

- 28 went Democratic for US Congress
- 38 went Democratic for the State House
- 72 went Democratic for State Senate (Harry Mitchell, he's pretty consistent, isn't he?)

And for the number that is most indicative of blueness:

In 2004, there were 44 Democratic elected PCs;
in 2006, there were 62!!

Election Integrity News

When registering to vote, there are separate spaces on the form for residence address and mailing address. County Elections require the physical street address (if there isn't one, there's a place on the form to draw a map) of the residence so the voter can be assigned to the proper precinct. If the mailing address is different (e.g., PO Box or Mom's house) it should also be entered on the form. This makes it possible to receive important mail from County Elections, such as vote-by-mail ballots, polling-place locations, and more. To volunteer with our voter registration efforts, contact Joan Fitz-Randolph, chair of the District 17 Election Integrity Committee, at talljoan3@yahoo.com.

Volunteers Needed

Help register progressive minds in our district: Saturdays at the Tempe Library. Contact Joan at 480-947-7639.

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We meet the first Tuesday of the month at the Pyle Center!

What's goin' on?				1	2-3 Eyes Wide Open: exhibit on the Human Cost of Iraq War, CrashArts Gallery 817 W Madison, Phx, Fri: 6-10pm; Sat: 10-6pm	
4 <i>Eyes Wide Open</i> 12-6pm	5	6 District 17 Democrats Meeting 7-9PM Pyle Center All are welcome	7 AZ Institute for Peace 2510 Rural 7pm: Herma-Joze Blauwgeers, the Peace Brokers	8 Nucleus Club :ww2.nucleusclub.org Reception (\$\$) & Lunch (12 pm-\$30) for Terry McAuliffe	9 ASU Young Democrats Memorial Union Rm 302, 7pm	10 Precinct Walk Library : 10am; (897-9444) Democrats in Kiwanis Park, 12 pm
11	12	13 A Day at the Capital: see what your team is doing dougming@gmail.com	14 Democratic Happy Hour Casey Moore's at 6:30 pm	15	16 ASU Young Democrats Memorial Union Rm 302, 7pm	17.
18	19 4 th Anniversary Iraq War Protest www.azpeace.org 480-894-2024	20	21 LD17 Precinct Working Meeting 6:30pm, N Tempe Community Ctr	22	23 ASU Young Democrats Memorial Union Rm 302, 7pm	24
25	26	27	28	29 Target Iraq Lecture/Discussion with Scott Ritter 602-266-5823	30 ASU Young Democrats Memorial Union Rm 302, 7pm	APRIL 2: Al Gore at ASU's Gammage! 7 pm

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