

# Proud District 17 Democrats

## Monthly Meet-Up!

**May 1st**

Info Exchange at 6:30  
Meeting 7:00 pm

### Pyle Center

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

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

### Featured Speaker

**Mary Griffith**

Arizona Nurse's Association

Questions?

Contact Doug Mings  
480-628-2481

dougming@gmail.com

## Demmies in the Park!

We host a monthly social  
gathering and potluck in  
the Park. Please join us at  
1 pm on Saturday, May  
12<sup>th</sup> at Daley Park. You  
can bring a dish to share,  
if you'd like. But don't let  
that stop you. Drop on by  
to meet your fellow  
energized Democrats!

For more info, call  
Doug Mings at 480-  
628-2481.



## May 24: Health Care Forum

You won't hear us Democrats limit our interest in  
health-care issues to presidential years!

In these difficult times, many of us feel a strong  
need for better understanding of health-care  
issues. D17's Issues Committee has invited four  
important players in the AZ health arena to outline  
their concerns, strategies, plans, and frustrations.  
Here are the details:

**State Senate Minority Leader Phil Lopes** will be  
the moderator and update us on what's happening  
(or NOT happening!) at the legislature. We will  
hear from four speakers from:

- American Association of Retired Persons
- Children's Action Alliance
- United Food and Commercial Workers  
(local #99)
- Arizona Rural Health Association

**May 24, 2007, 6:30 to 9 pm**

**Granite Reef Senior Center, Scottsdale**  
(Corner of McDowell and Granite Reef;  
Exit the 101 at McDowell and go left)

## FREE Big Picture Film Series

District 17 Democrats and precinct committeeman  
(PC) David Malsch kicked-off a free film series in  
April, with a showing of *The Great Warming*, the  
acclaimed documentary on global climate change.  
After the movie, Sierra Club's Jon Finley led an  
energized discussion on the personal and policy  
implications of global warming.

David 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. For more  
information, visit [davidmalsch.blogspot.com](http://davidmalsch.blogspot.com).

**Next Film: *Crossing Arizona***  
**May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**  
**Escalante Community Center**  
**2150 E Orange St, Tempe**

## D17 Legislators in the News!

**Rep. Ed Ableser**, a school-based mental- health  
counselor when he's not on the Hill, fought tooth  
and nail this month to find real solutions to a  
problem close to his heart:  
at-risk youth.

"It was a debate about a gang bill," Ableser said.  
"They thought they had a comprehensive bill, but  
it didn't have anything on prevention.  
It didn't have anything in it for kids coming out of  
juvenile-detention facilities, and it was the  
reintegration part that was really important to  
me."

The House Republican majority ended up  
defeating all Democratic amendments to improve  
the bill. The bill is winding its way towards  
passage, but Ableser thinks the Legislature could  
have done more.

"It's not a gang bill. It's just an enhanced penalty  
bill that doesn't do anything to tackle the gang  
issue."

**Rep. David Schapira** grabbed headlines recently  
for his successful efforts to keep drunk drivers off  
the road with a House bill that passed April 19th

"DUIs have been a continuous problem in Arizona,  
and I believe we need to think outside the box  
when it comes to dealing with it," Schapira said.

Schapira's bill, which requires anyone convicted of  
DUI to have an ignition interlock device installed  
in their car for at least a year, now heads to the  
Senate and then to the Governor's desk. It is  
presumed to pass.

You might ask who would be against keeping  
drunks off the road, and Schapira said he only  
found one type of person.

"Just the liquor lobbyists," he laughed.

--Jason Ludwig

### District 17 Legislators

**Sen. Meg Burton-Cahill**

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**Rep. Ed Ableser**

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**Rep. David Schapira**

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# DISTRICT 17 DEMOCRATS

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Next Meeting: May 1  
at the Pyle Center!

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www.d17dems.org

<b>May Events!</b>		<b>1</b> District 17 Democrats Meeting 7-9pm.Pyle Center All are welcome	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Drinking Liberally, Casey Moore's, Tempe 6:30-on	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Democratic Happy Hour, 6:30pm Joes' Crab Shack, 1604 E Southern< Tempe	<b>10</b> Arizonans 4 Obama ASU's Memorial Union, Rm 224, 7:30pm	<b>11</b> ASU Young Democrats Memorial Union Rm 302, 3pm	<b>12</b> Voter Reg Walk at 10am Dems in the Park 1pm, Potluck, Daley Park
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Big Picture Film Series, 6:30pm,free Escalante Center "Crossing Arizona"	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> East Valley Breakfast Club, 7:30am Ranch House Restaurant, Mesa
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Nucleus Club Lunch, Special Guest, 11:30am 602-234-6545	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Health Care Forum, Granite Reef Senior Center, 6:30pm	<b>25</b> ASU Young Democrats Memorial Union Rm 302, 3pm	<b>26</b> District Day of Action Precinct Walk at 10am Ed.Hermes@asu.edu
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Drinking Liberally, Casey Moore's, Tempe 6:30pm-on		

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laurenkuby@gmail.com

## Volunteers Needed

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