

Proud District 17 Democrats

Monthly Meeting!

Tues, February 12th
Info Exchange 6:30 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm

Pyle Center
(on Southern, W of Rural)

Speaker

Janice Brunson
AZ Committeeperson
Democratic National
Committee

Tempe City Council
Candidates

Gather with energized
Democrats and
get more involved!

Questions?
Contact Doug Mings
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**Party with
Democrats
like it's 2009!**

Feb 16, 2 pm
**State Legislative
Kick-Off Party**
3633 S Hazelton, Tempe.
Join State Sen Meg Burton
Cahill and State Reps Ed
Ableser and David Schapira
as they launch their re-
election campaigns.

Feb 29, 7 pm
D17 Dems Party
109 E Loma Vista, 7 pm
Join Congressman Harry
Mitchell and our state
legislators for a rollicking
good time at the home of
Mike and Lauren Kuby,
To reserve a ticket
(only \$25), contact
laurenkuby@gmail.com
Or buy a ticket online at
[http://d17dems.org/donate.
asp](http://d17dems.org/donate.asp)

THE BIG PICTURE Film Series 
www.bigpicturefilmseries.blogspot.com

Arizona State University
Coor Building, Room 170
(just north of the Art Museum at 10th and Mill!)

Thursday, Feb 21st, 7:30 pm

Can Mr. Smith Get to Washington Anymore?

This documentary follows the 2004 Missouri Democratic primary to replace retiring Dick Gephardt. It is told from inside the campaign of Jeff Smith, a 29-year-old political science instructor at Wash U. The leading candidate is State Rep. Russ Carnahan, scion of Missouri's most powerful political dynasty. Carnahan's record is thin, his public performances are weak and his campaign is uninspired. But his family's strong establishment ties provide him fundraising connections and near universal name recognition

The odds against Jeff are overwhelming. He starts with no money, no political base and no name recognition. His staff is a hodge-podge of political nobodies, mostly former students. From his humble beginnings and in the face of constant resistance from the political establishment, voters, the media and even his own family, Jeff mobilizes an army of nearly 500 volunteers, generating a youth-oriented grassroots insurgency that overturns the conventional wisdom that Carnahan is unbeatable.

The film offers an unvarnished look at the inside of what national pundits called one of 2004's surprising campaigns. And the film asks if it is still possible in

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followed by...

Clean Elections, Changing the Face of America
More competition, a more-diverse candidate pool, more time spent with voters, freedom from conflicts of interest—these are among the accomplishments of Arizona and Maine's revolutionary Clean Elections laws as shown in this 14-minute video. Narrated by Bill Moyers, the video features candidates campaigning, lively testimonials by citizens and campaign finance-reform experts on how voluntary full public financing systems have changed politics.

Great Job Everyone!

For the first time, Democrats outnumber Republicans in Legislative District 17!!!!

As of January 18, there were 25,383 Republicans registered in D17, and (drum roll please)

25,530 Democrats!!

This turnaround is incredible---at the start of 2003, the registration deficit was almost 3800!

Special thanks to Eileen Hartnett for her tireless leadership of our voter-registration efforts and to everyone who staffed a table or canvassed a neighborhood!

Prez Primary Happenings

On January 8th, District 17 Democrats held their presidential candidate forum at the Pyle Center in Tempe.

Over 60 people listened intently as representatives of five presidential candidates spoke about why they supported their candidates. Later, there was a lively question-and-answer session as audience members sought to identify their choice in Arizona's Presidential Preference Primary on February 5, 2008.

Thanks to Rick Romero (representing Dennis Kucinich), John Loreda (Bill Richardson), Ben Tate (Barack Obama), Stephen Benedetto (John Edwards), and Al Beasley (Mike Gravel) for their help in making the D17 Presidential Candidate Forum a rousing success.

Primary Deadlines

Vote by Mail Due Date:

Your Mail-In Ballot must be *received* by 7pm on Feb 5th.

Completed ballots can be returned via mail, in person at one of the county recorder's offices, or dropped off at a polling place on Feb 5th, but they **must** be turned in by 7pm that day.

Any questions? Contact county elections:

602-506-1511; T.D.D. 602-506-2348

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Next Meeting: Tues, Feb 12th
The Pyle Center: 6:30 pm

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February Events!					1	2 Voter Registration Table, Tempe Library, 9am-12
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 D17 Monthly Meeting: Pyle Center, 7pm	13	14 Nucleus Club Lunch, Phoenix Country Club, CD#3 Bob Lord, 11:30am	15	16 LD17 Legislative Candidate Kick-Off 3633 S Hazelton, 2 pm
17	18	19	20 Demmie Happy Hour, Joe's Crab Shack, 1604 E Southern, Tempe	21 Film Series: Can Mr Smith Get to Washington Anymore? 7:30pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 D17 Fundraiser Kuby Home, 109 E Loma Vista, 7pm	More Events: www.d17dems.org More Info: 480-628-2481

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City: _____ State/Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

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