

LD18 Democrats General Meeting 1/8/18
Kyrene Del Pueblo Middle School

Standing Room Only! Big energized crowd. Lots of first time attendees

Meet/greet time with candidates prior to meeting.

Events and meetings on the flyers on every table. Volunteer for a committee, or start one!

Free pizza from the Maricopa County Dems for having the most attendees at Winter Convention.

Meeting filmed by Tokyo Broadcasting Service for a documentary film.

Guest speakers:

Deedra Abboud – Candidate for US Senate, see website – it’s fun. So many leaders not meeting the people or representing their constituents. Youngest of 4 girls raised by a single mom, lived in fear of getting sick/injured with no healthcare. Healthcare for all – if we demand it we can get it. Education has been defunded. Net neutrality is a freedom issue.

Mark Manoil – Candidate for State Treasurer, no Democrat ran last cycle. Tax lawyer. Blight of neighborhoods caused by State rules that take years to foreclose and auction tax liens. Active Dem since 90s, running clean. Go to Arizona Secretary of State website.

Joel Edmond, Arizona Advocacy Network – defending democracy in AZ. RTS – Request To Speak – you have a voice at the State Capitol. Comment on any bill from home at any time. Not a substitute from going to capitol to speak, or a substitute for calling/emailing your legislators/governor.

ASU YDs have a voice on the LD18 Executive Board – Alex Wakefield – Massive voter registration efforts, recruiting more PCs.

Alison Porter and Melissa Megna – Good Neighbor Project – we have more than 200 PCs now. We have invested in neighborhood outreach and building teams to elect Democrats in 2018 through a full time Field Director. Melissa will support the teams. melmegna@gmail.com 520-834-7715

Fund raising – Kevin Walsh – LD18 Vice chair – Decadent Delights fun event and fundraiser on Feb 3. Recurring donors are critical to our efforts to keep Sean and Mitzi in office.

Jeff Tucker – LD18 Bylaws – see website – we will vote on them at a future meeting. Comments welcome. 7th anniversary of Tucson shooting, moment of silence.

State Senator Sean Bowie and State Representative Mitzi Epstein – what is going on in State Legislature this term? HB 2011 – cosmetologists would not need licenses – this is a safety issue. SB1009 – Adding tax exemptions like no sales tax for hearing aid batteries, taking \$2 million from AZ budget which would help a lot of teachers. See list of bills on LD18 website and Slack.

Lots of Candidates for Federal, State and Local offices!

Bada Bing Raffles!

Breakout sessions with our speakers.