Democrats of Rim Country

July 9, 2019

B

ecause our meeting is being devoted to hearing from our guest, Diane McQueen, there may not be adequate time to get all of our news and issues on the agenda. Below are several opportunities to become active that you may want to know about.

2019 Yard Sale

Becky Orahood and Judy Ellis have agreed to host the Yard Sale again this year. We need a volunteer to be the Organizer and a lot more volunteers to put it together and make it a success. If you are willing to commit to this major fundraising effort, please sign up or contact Diane Green at 602-319-6755 to be included in the Yard Sale Team. Dates: September 27-29.

On-Line Petition Link

T

Hanks to Lynette Brouwer for providing the following link to sign on-line nominating petitions. All candidates need petition signatures from registered voters to get on the primary ballot. This is the easiest way to do that. Signatures gathered online are automatically validated.  For this reason, online signatures help prevent opponents from challenging dem petitions in court.   Please sign candidate petitions here, and pass on this link to other supporters.

<https://apps.azsos.gov/equal/>

Outlaw Dirty Money

T

he Gila County Dems are leading an all-out effort to get 5,000 signatures from Gila County on the Outlaw Dirty Money Petition. Volunteers are needed to work at public events in Payson this summer, and until the 400,000 signatures needed are gathered statewide. Lynette Brouwer wrote an excellent piece about local, bi-partisan enthusiasm for fighting dirty money that you can find on our website (check “more...” tab). Please check it out and commit a few hours to helping fight the influence of dirty money in Arizona. Contact Pat Edelen-Smith or Lynette to volunteer.

Electric Light Parade – December

The Democrats of Rim Country plans to participate in the town’s Electric Light Parade on December on Saturday, December 7th. This year’s theme is “Santa’s Workshop.” This event will be a lot of fun, but also a lot of work and we are going to need lots of lights and maybe a flat-bed trailer. We are forming a Parade Committee to work on ideas, so please sign up today and be part of the fun!

Dues – 2020

The Executive Board voted to increase annual dues from $15 per year to $20 per year at the recent Steering Committee Meeting. This change will go into effect during the January renewal period in 2020. This very modest increase will help boost our treasury going into the 2020 election.

Coral Evans Meet and Greet

LD6 Candidate for the Arizona Legislature, Coral Evans, will be in Payson on July 20th to circulate her nominating petitions. She will also be meeting with local Democrats at the Casino small dining room at 3:00 for coffee and a chat. Please join us in welcoming her to Payson and to hear about her agenda. We can also help by volunteering to gather signatures on her petitions.

You can also sign her petition on-line by going to

<https://apps.azsos.gov/equal/>

Roundup Political Articles

The group working on generating copy for the upcoming special Roundup political inserts will meet at Common Grounds at 2:00 on the 12th. They have been working since early in June on writing articles that state the Democrat’s position on various issues important to us as Democrats.

Debate Watch Party

Democrats will be gathering at the Casino on the evenings of July 30-31 to watch the next round of Democratic debates. Come and watch the interesting discussion with like-minded folks.

Upcoming Speakers

Thanks and a shout out to Teresa Kelleher, who has been busy contacting potential speakers for future meetings.

August No meeting

September 10 David Huff (Young Democrats)

October 8 Deedra Abboud

November Open

December 13 Christmas Celebration

Do you know?

Here’s a partial list of Dems running for office:

Capt. Mark Kelly US Senate

Felicia French Arizona Senate

Delina DeSanto US House, CD4

Stuart Starky US House, CD4

Coral Evans Arizona House, LD6

Greg DeCross Arizona House LD6

Bill Mundell AZ Corp. Commission

Nick Catanzaro AZ Corp. Commission

Shea Stanfield AZ Corp. Commission

Coming soon to our website: links to information on candidates. democratsofrimcountry.com

Quote of the Month

“It is funny that men who are supposed to be scientific cannot get themselves to realize the basic principle of physics, that action and reaction are equal and opposite, that when you persecute people you always rouse them to be strong and stronger. “ *Gertrude Stein*