

A message from our President:

2016 sees DGT faced with a challenging climate. As Democrats we have a Presidential Primary race that is hotly contested, we have a divisive school funding proposition cooked up by the Koch brothers, and we have a number of primary races throughout the greater Tucson area. The Democrats of Greater Tucson has always been a safe place for candidates and representatives of political issues to present themselves, knowing that our members and guest would show them civility even in disagreement.

At our March 28th meeting that civility was in short supply and a small number of members took it upon themselves to create an atmosphere of disrespect and hostility. As President I was appalled at their behavior, I have apologized on DGTs behalf to the speakers and will be asking the Board to consider measures to prevent repeat occurrences in the future. It seems some attendees of our meetings have not read the organization By-Laws, there are found at the bottom of this letter. Allow me to remind members of the article two:

BY-LAWS OF THE DEMOCRATS OF GREATER TUCSON

ARTICLE II – Purpose

The purpose of DGT shall be:

- To provide a regular forum for candidates, office holders and any program which may enlighten, instruct, and in general keep the members informed on current events and issues.
- To foster and perpetuate the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party.

1st Vice President Rod McLeod works tirelessly to recruit speakers for our meetings. He keeps up to date on issues facing Democrats in our State and on Candidates hoping to speak to voters. I ask you to please show Rod and our speakers the respect they are due. Without them we would be poorer. The goal of DGT is to inform and foster a civil discussion on Democratic issues. Please help us in that goal.

<http://www.pimadems.org/clubs-and-caucuses/democrats-of-greater-tucson/dgt-bylaws-revision-2014/>