

**Democrats of Greater Tucson (DGT)
Newsletter February 2017
P.O. Box 41573, Tucson AZ 85717**

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DGT meets Monday's (except holidays) at 12:00 noon at DRAGON'S VIEW Restaurant, 400 N. Bonita, south of St. Mary's, between Freeway & Grande. TURN SOUTH AT FURR'S CAFETERIA. Lunch is \$10.00 cash (\$12.00 debit/credit) includes buffet, drink, tax, and tip.

Remember to pay your \$15 dues. You may turn in your dues at one of our luncheons, or you may mail your check to
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A Message from our President

On Tuesday, February 14th, long time Democratic volunteer and PCDP Corresponding Secretary Martin Bacal passed away.

I'm pretty sure the first time I met Martin he yelled at me. We just had that kind of relationship. We bumped heads every now and then, we'd argue about where a comma had to go on a petition, or who moved the damn tape dispenser. More often than I want to admit, and less often than Martin ever would, he was right. And sure enough, every time I had a question about a bylaw, or who was the Chair in 1971, Martin had the answer.

I talked to him before DGT the day before he passed, he wanted to apologize for not being up to date on all the new members. He said he had never seen the Party like this, had never seen so many new volunteers, and so many people who had stepped away coming back and being active again. He was so happy to be in his cubicle, entering all those names in as PCs, he was excited to see so many people stepping up.

I've had the fortune of being involved with Democrats of Greater Tucson for the past few years. We have an awards Luncheon in the Fall, honoring Democrats that contribute to our community and every year Martin was at the top of the list. And every year he told us no. He didn't want to be honored, there were others who needed the recognition, he didn't need the kudos, he just wanted to get things done.

Martin was a constant at Pima Dems. When you were wrong Martin would not only tell you so, but why, and how to fix it. The Chair may be the heart of our Party, they may be the brain, but Martin was always the Soul.

Thank you Martin, for being there when we had questions, thank you for challenging us to always find the right path, thank you for standing tall whether we lost or we won and for always getting right back to work for the next fight. We owe you a debt and we will not let you down sir.

Jeremey Lasher – President of Democrats of Greater Tucson

