

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

- May 8            **Mo Goldman**, Immigration law in Arizona
- May 15          **Kirsten Engel**, Legislative Session wrap up
- May 22          **Councilmember Richard Fimbres**, Campaign and City update
- May 29          **Memorial Day - NO MEETING**
- Jun 5            **Louis Misztal**, Sky Island Alliance
- Jun 12          **Councilmember Paul Cunningham**, Role of Government and conservative misconceptions
- Jun 19          **Mary Sally Matiella**, From Pueblo to the Pentagon
- Jun 26          **David Marcus**, Why a Constitutional Convention is a dangerous idea
- Jul 3            **Observing Independence Day - NO MEETING**
- Jul 10          **Rob Kull**, State Veteran's Caucus
- Jul 17          **David Schapira**, Candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction

**Speakers may be rescheduled.      Please check [www.pimadems.org](http://www.pimadems.org) for current information:**

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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 DGT,  
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## A Message from our President

Evil.

It's a word that gets thrown around too easily and too often.

This person is a Republican, they hate the poor, they must be evil. This person is a Democrat, they kill babies, they must be evil. This person is a thief, an arsonist, a murderer; surely they must be evil.

What is the most Evil thing you can think of? Is it killing a person? Is it killing a child? Is it condemning millions of people you are pledged to protect to pain, and financial ruin, and death? Is it celebrating the fact you just killed millions of people?

On May 4th 217 Republican Congress Members vote for a bill that can only be called evil. This bill would strip \$839 Billion dollars from Medicaid over the next ten years. This bill would pull all Federal funding from Planned Parenthood. This bill would cut the pre-existing condition coverage for millions of Americans, forcing them to go without healthcare or go bankrupt.

Over the past 8 plus years we have heard from Republicans that the ACA was a bad bill. That it failed and actually made everything worse. On May 4th they retired that tired rhetoric and chose instead to be honest. They just wanted to "get this f#cking thing done" according to Martha McSally. They openly voted for a bill that their constituents overwhelmingly told them to oppose. Republicans decided that partisan politics and gamesmanship were more important than the well being of their constituents. Republicans chose to pass a bill they knew had the potential to kill millions of Americans. They chose Evil.

While Republicans chose to hurt those they are entrusted to protect, Democrats in Pima County have been actively fighting back. When Youth on Their Own had their food pantry raided we said not on our watch and donated hundreds of food items to help make them whole. When our firefighters fought wildfires for us we stepped up and got them the supplies they needed to do their job. In LD 9 we are going out and cleaning up parks and neighborhoods. In LD 10 we are packaging much needed diapers for children and adults. In LD 2 we helped clean up a Library and provide babysitting so more activists can get involved.

Evil does not get to win. Evil will be beat back. We will shine the brightest beacon on the Evil Republicans have chosen to follow. We will scorch it till it's dark core retreats and we will fight not just for our neighbors, but along side them in the days ahead.

Remember that while Evil is scary, it is also short lived. It is the go to for cowards and cowards can not stand against those with love in their hearts. They will crumble and they will fail.

Thank you for everything you do, it's not easy, it won't get easier, but it is necessary and we will win.

Jeremy Lasher – President of Democrats of Greater Tucson

