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A WORD FROM THE NEW CHAIR, MARGARET HOGAN:

Last Tuesday evening I was elected Chair of District 8 by a record number of Precinct Committee persons. It was an exciting time with lots of energy and enthusiasm in the room. I wish to thank everyone for coming out and giving me such an overwhelming vote of confidence. Tim Ackley, who is highly qualified for the role, was elected as Treasurer. I am looking forward to working with a very strong Executive Committee.

After the election, we immediately got underway to plan our overall strategies for building the District and winning in November. We set in motion the committees approved last June as part of D8's Strategic Plan. These committees are identified in this newsletter and the dates and times of their meetings will be reported in the weekly updates. I encourage all volunteers and PCs to consider pitching in and helping with this planning effort that is designated for the time span of March and April.

You are more than welcome to join any committee that appeals to your interests and talents. This committee planning will result in an action plan for the next 8 months and new, exciting roles for volunteers. Training will also be provided for office volunteers and for the anticipated new roles.

Following the planning session, PCs were asked to list any concerns they had regarding the District or their roles. Frequently mentioned concerns were the need for training and better communications. We intend to schedule on-going training so that people can just drop in and also receive their walking lists and PC Handbook. Because of the growth of our communities, we are now able to add 55 new PCs to District 8! Any interested volunteers who would like to become a PC should contact Jim Hogan, Chair of the PC Recruitment and Training Committee at jhoganaz@msn.com.

I am very excited about the opportunities in this election year. We have many competent, eloquent and attractive Democratic candidates running for district, state-wide and national office. I attended the recent State Democratic Committee Meeting, heard many of them speak, and came away from the meeting encouraged and proud to be a Democrat!!! We can't miss with our wonderful leader, Janet Napolitano.

MORE NEW NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Tim Ackley, a 25 year resident of Arizona—in the East Valley, was elected by acclamation at our PC meeting on March 7th. He is a graduate of Greensboro College and holder of two MBA degrees from Tulane and Babson College.

Tim brings a great deal of experience to his new position in D8. He has had 27 years of accounting experience, including two years with a national accounting firm and over 25 years' experience in large and small companies, management positions, and operations and project assignments.

Tim's goals are very focused. He intends to continue to streamline the design and implementation of an automated accounting process for D8. In addition, he wants to enhance the short term and long term planning and reporting process, and improve the completeness of data collection. As a sound fiscal manager, he also intends to meet the financial reporting due dates and requirements demanded by the County and State Party.

Last, but not least, Tim will play a pivotal role in the much needed area of fundraising for D8. His concerns are not only cash flow, but long term solvency for the Headquarters and the District.

Tim joins his wife, Susan Ackley, Secretary, on the Executive Committee. We think this team will bring balance and solid management to D8.

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

We are starting a new year, 2006 with a new chair, Margaret Hogan, and with a re-newed sense of dedication and enthusiasm within District 8. Issues and the election of Democratic candidates on the local, state and national level will be our prime focus.

We hope that this monthly newsletter will fulfill the requirements above. To facilitate our mission we would appreciate all the help we can get in the following areas: people who would be willing to write to the Op-Ed pages of the AZ Republic and the Scottsdale Tribune on a regular basis; and people who know people to secure additional names, email addresses and phone numbers of more Dems. We must solicit a broader range of residents and citizens—even Independents—to hear our message. At the moment we have only about 800 names on

eblast list. We have a goal to reach at least 2000 addresses by October 1. And that is barely 10% of the registered Dems in D8. Please help us.

Last, but not least, the deadline for calendar events, and relevant articles will be the 18th of each month for the next month's news. This will allow us to edit all submissions for eblasting and to link to our Web Site by the 25th of the month. With this schedule, pertinent and timely notices will be readily available for our readers going forward for a couple of months at a time. Hopefully!!!!

I look forward to working together and sharing the re-invigorated co-operation and camaraderie under our new Chair, Margaret Hogan. The change is palpable. We think that the future will be rewarding.

Laura Roskind,

Editor.

NEWSWORTHY ARTICLE: A MUST READ ON IMMIGRATION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dr. Luis Cabrera was kind enough to allow us to excerpt passages below from his on-going study: " AFIELD IN THE ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT "

Pan Duro seemed intent on teaching us a lesson.

"When I encounter migrants, I know they're going to suffer," Pan Duro said, after bringing our group of Mexican and US migrant-aid volunteers safely off the mountain. "But they also want the American dream."

Pan Duro, who spent twenty years dodging the US Border Patrol as a smuggler or "coyote" in the mountains and desert flats of southern Arizona, now works as an officer at an Agua Prieta drug rehabilitation center. Several times a year, he and a group of patient volunteers set up camp at a private ranch in the desert...and conduct miles-long foot patrols...offering water and shelter to migrants, many of whom already are exhausted and sun-sick from days of walking.

I spent two days in Pan Duro's camp as part of a series of summer field observations and our

Practice of Global Citizenship.” The project... combines moral arguments about immigration and other cross-border issues with narratives aimed at connecting those issues to flesh and blood lives.

For example, Pan Duro’s actions to aid Mexican and other Latin American migrants, both as a smuggler and now as a volunteer, highlight a number of hard moral questions in immigration issues.

- When might it be morally wrong to render aid to another person?
- Can an illegal act such as crossing a border without authorization ever be considered morally right? What if it is done out of economic desperation, to provide for one’s family?
- Who might ultimately be responsible for the hardships migrants face and the pressures unauthorized immigration puts on some communities?
- Do many parties share the responsibility?

Another narrative section will focus on a group from the other side of the immigration issue....Th[ese] volunteers [had] traveled from around the country to take part in the month-long Minuteman Project, based in Tombstone.

They parked their pick-up trucks, RVs and rental cars along the unpaved Border Road west of Douglas....Some stood eight-hour daily vigils, scanning for migrants trying to slip through the three strand barbed-wire fence.

At least half of the Minuteman volunteers I interviewed were retirees. I was struck in particular by one couple in their 80’s.He was inching his walker back over ruts and fist-sized rocks...and explained that they had driven the 650 miles from their home in Salt Lake City.... “A person should either want to be a member of a country or not,” he said. “There’s no halfway. Why should I want to have people come up just to take the cream?”

Some 100 miles to the east of the Minutemen, a core group of recent college graduates and church volunteers spent their summers patrolling for migrants in distress after they had made the crossing. [These groups],...No More Deaths and the Samaritans,...wanted to respond in a tangible way to the hundreds of migrants dying in the desert since the US Border Patrol crackdown had pushed them ever farther from populated areas.

[The] volunteers slept outdoors on cots or in the beds of pickup trucks. They made early morning and afternoon patrols to search for those abandoned by their coyotes....The volunteers treat[ed] blisters and sprains, or offer[ed] “migrant packs” stuffed with crackers, cookies, tins of sausage, and electrolyte drinks....

Both No More Deaths and the Minutemen have generated controversy. The Minutemen are portrayed by critics...as gun-toting vigilantes....Two No More Deaths’ volunteers were arrested by the Border Patrol... for evacuating a pair of migrants to Tucson for medical care.

As in Pan Duro’s case, the action of both groups can bring significant questions or ethical positions to the fore. The Minutemen represent a long-standing moral approach that views citizens as essentially owners of their countries....

Undocumented workers are simply stealing what belongs to someone else. Members of No More Deaths take a more cosmopolitan approach. They argue that we have obligations to aid those in need, wherever we encounter them and regardless of their citizen status.

These two positions in particular are important launching points for a discussion of how we might think about moral citizenship in a world that has become increasingly integrated economically, and in some ways politically. What obligations might we have to those in other countries in terms of giving foreign aid, admitting immigrants or excluding them, promoting or rejecting deeper regional integration in NAFTA and the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas?

Insights from citizen border patrollers, Samaritan volunteers and myriad others inform my core argument for adopting a broader view of citizenship, one where neither rights nor obligations are thought to stop at national borders.... “I....plan to return to the desert.”

**Luis Cabrera has taught political theory, global politics and other courses at ASU West since Fall 2002. His research focuses on global justice, especially the moral questions that arise with international economics, the EU, and NAFTA. Before joining ASU West, Dr. Cabrera worked as a staff reporter for the Associated Press in Seattle. There he covered politics, environmental issues, and the massive street protests that shut down the 1999 WTO ministerial meeting. He is integration in such bodies as the WTO and is widely published, including, “Political Theory of Global Justice” in 2004.

<p style="text-align: center;">CALENDAR OF EVENTS</p> <p>March 14: City Council Elections for Scottsdale and Fountain Hills</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEWLY FORMED COMMITTEES AND CONTACTS</p>
<p>March 16: Monthly Community Meeting</p> <p>Place: Mustang Library, 10101 N. 90th St., Scottsdale</p> <p>Time: 6:30 PM—Reception; 6:45 Program</p> <p>Topic: Immigration Reform: Proposals, Policies and Possible Solutions</p>	<p>Community Outreach: Bobbye van der Walde, 480-473-3424, pandbxyz@aol</p>
<p>March 18: Walks with 'Janet' in D 10 and D17</p>	<p>Election Strategy: Greg Shirey, 602-818-9936 gashirey@cox.net</p>
<p>March 24: Gov. Janet Napolitano's Clean Election Coffee</p> <p>Place: Scottsdale Ranch Community Room (Shea & 100)</p> <p>Time: 9:30 AM—Noon</p> <p>Contact: Phyllis Pearlman, 480-657-9901</p>	<p>Fundraising: Barb Schachenman, 480-502-8533 Schachab@cox.net</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Peter van der Walde, 480-473-3424 pandbxyz@aol.com</p>
<p>March 25: 'Meet Stephanie Rimmer'—Candidate for D8 State House</p> <p>Time: 10AM to Noon</p> <p>Place: Home of Carolyn Epstein, 20534 N. 95 St, D.C. Ranch</p> <p>Contact: 480-419-7623 or c.epstein@mailbag.com</p>	<p>Office Management / Computer:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Vevah LaMantia, 480-720-2400 vevah@qwest.net</p>
<p>April 4: PC Planning Meeting—Committee Plans Due</p> <p>Via Linda Senior Center, 10440 E. Via Linda Dr., Scottsdale</p> <p>Time: 6:30 PM</p>	<p>PC and Volunteer Recruiting:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jim Hogan, 480-661-4997 jhoganaz@msn.com</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Barbara Gordon, 480-596-4065 bhgordon@cox.net</p>
<p>April 16: Monthly Community Meeting</p> <p>Time: Reception--- 6:30 PM; Program—7:00PM</p> <p>Topic: Health Care---Medicare and VA Issues</p>	<p>Research John Gladney, 480-451-8053 jgladney1@aol.com</p>
<p>May 2: PC Planning</p> <p>Place: Via Linda Senior Center</p>	<p>Youth Coord.: Sarah Gettinger, 480-563-3206 sarahbgettinger@yahoo.com</p>
<p>May 20: Mustang Community Meeting</p> <p>Time: Reception--- 6:30 PM; Program—7:00PM</p> <p>Topic: Media Issues</p>	<hr/> <p>EDITOR'S NOTE:</p> <p>We end this newsletter with a bit of self-deprecating humor. Advocacy writing and editing over the years has sadly not minimalized our fear of the keyboard. Yes, we are 'computer challenged!' Thus if the format of this first endeavor is not up to snuff, please have patience. It's the content that counts. We will continue to walk the walk.</p> <p>LCR.</p>