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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

On the Importance of Phone-banking

We have one of the best chances to win BIG in this 2006 election. The Republicans in the Executive, Congressional, and Judicial branches of government have all aligned to put voters in the mood for change on a national level. Meanwhile Arizona's Governor and Attorney General have done an outstanding job of delivering what voters want – good, effective, lean state government that supports our daily lives.

District 8 has done a great job of helping candidates get qualified for the ballot. Now it's time to turn to other types of activity to help our candidates get elected and turn Arizona Blue. What do we need to do to make it happen? We have limited amounts of people and money, so we need to be as efficient and effective as possible with our resources.

To maximize our effectiveness as a District, we are participating in the Arizona Democratic Party Coordinated Campaign. The Coordinated Campaign is the campaign arm of the Arizona Democratic Party and is essentially a place where the state party and campaigns pool resources on shared activities. In other words, the Arizona Democratic Party and Democratic candidates are united as the Coordinated Campaign. They have as an ultimate goal the organization of an active, effective group of Democrats organized in every single district in the state. District 8 has committed to full participation.

Our goal is to elect Democrats. It is hoped that we are all committed to that goal and surely will work hard to achieve it. And although we may believe that all our efforts contribute to the election of candidates, there are some things that are more effective than others. Talking directly to the voters is one of them.

Where do we start? The Arizona Coordinated Campaign has designed a process that will allow all of us to work together to identify those voters that are supportive of our candidates. It is through phone banking that this voter identification occurs. It is the most effective way for a workforce of our size to identify the voters we need.

After July 11th, we will be holding phone banks on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. We need 10 people to volunteer for each shift or 30 people a week, every week until we exhaust the universe of voters targeted for D8. We need people to volunteer for 3 hours, twice a month for a total of 6 hours a month. If you'll commit to specific days and times, we'll give you your own precinct to call. Making these calls can be very fruitful: last Saturday, Laura Copple and Jim Hogan identified 7 new volunteers and picked up a number of emails as well. Call now to make your reservations to volunteer. The District Office is open Monday through Saturday, from 9:00 to Noon. Call 480-596-8350

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THEME FOR THE JULY NEWSLETTER

The Democrats' Bold New Direction for Energy Independence

This is the second of 6 features for the D8 newsletters. Last month, it was "A Healthcare System that Works for Everyone" and next month it will be "Honest Leadership and Open Government." Energy Independence was selected next since all of us are going to see Al Gore's movie, *An Inconvenient Truth*. What follows is a great review of the film by **Glenda Rauscher**, an English teacher at Xavier High School and D8 volunteer, and a description of a courageous venture by PC **Harriet Williams** to create a "green" environment in her home. Also included in this issue are comments from two candidates: **Harry Mitchell**, candidate for the US Congress and **Mark Manoil**, candidate for the Arizona Corporation Commission. Harry's relate to what he will do to improve the environment, if elected. Mark has provided some facts about global warming in Arizona.

One Dem's View of "An Inconvenient Truth"

by Glenda Rauscher

Placing this truly global issue in the context of Al Gore's life and times personalizes the quest and allows the audience to understand the importance of not giving up. The film manages to turn his failure to effect change from his position in the highest levels of government into an opportunity to rise above politics and speak directly to the conscience of the American people. As the camera follows Gore from the shrinking ice cap of the Arctic to the growing deserts of Darfur, the vivid magnitude of the danger is inescapable. As he explains, it is also clear that he has studied this issue for most of his public career.

Particularly effective was his portrayal of changes in the Earth's temperature and CO2 levels over time with graphs that were colorful and easy to read. Starting with a simple explanation of how CO2 traps the radiant heat from the sun in our atmosphere and warms the oceans, he piles up the evidence of climate change with film of ice shelves broken in two, aerial photographs of lakes that have virtually dried up, and charts of insect invasions.

Perhaps Mr. Gore's most startling material concerns the projections of what our planet could look like within our Baby Boomer lifetimes. A 20-foot rise in worldwide sea levels brought about by the melting of half of Greenland and half of Antarctica would produce a shocking change in some very familiar landscapes. Although the graphic depiction of blue sea water rising up to cover much of Florida may bring a slight smile to those of us still wounded from the 2000 election, this is serious catastrophe with literally millions of lives at risk.

All of the scientific material aside, the most powerful aspect of the film is Al Gore's almost evangelistic belief that it's not too late to "rescue the frog." (In a slight variation of the frog that gets boiled by sitting in water that is gradually warmed, he reaches in and pulls him out at the last minute.) After tracing the history of inaction in this country that was based on political power struggles, willful ignorance, and powerful economic interests (e.g., oil and automotive industry opposition to the scientific evidence), he points out that despair can also lead to lethal paralysis. His graph depicting the relative contributions of measures to reduce CO2 emissions, and even recapture CO2 in some cases, gave his audience a springboard for further discussion and for demanding public and private attacks on the problem. His message is clear: We can, together, stop this disaster now.

HOW I HUNKERED DOWN AND DECIDED TO “GREENIFY” MY HOME

By Harriet Williams

Watching [An Inconvenient Truth](#), it all came back to me: the reason I’m trying to make my house as “green” as is possible for a 1970’s tract home. We may have just ten years to avert a major catastrophe, but small changes can add up to big differences.

Before I began my home improvements, I first wondered about how to proceed? I asked myself what sustainability changes could I make without spending a fortune?

So I looked for guidance. First of all, we live in a wonderful place for these efforts. The City of Scottsdale has an entire “Green Building” department. The City puts on two monthly lecture series: one on Solar Energy, and one on Green Building. These evening meetings are held at the Scottsdale Community Design Studio, located on the northeast corner of Indian School and 75th Street. The City also sponsors home tours, expos, and free consultation sessions with professional architects and designers. I found this resource to be extremely valuable. To learn more about their services, see their web site at www.ci.scottsdale.az.us/greenbuilding.

In making changes to my home, I maximized its existing positive aspects: lots of trees shading the house, an east-west orientation, and a family room that is half below ground. My improvements are in three areas: minimizing electricity use, using water efficiently, and handling daylight effectively. There are many opportunities in all of these areas.

There are many ways to minimize electricity use. I purchased an EnergyStar-certified refrigerator. This is very important because, surprisingly, refrigerators are second only to air conditioners in using a home’s electricity. Secondly, I added double-paned glazing for all windows. (A no-brainer, right?) Next, I purchased Compact fluorescent light bulbs. If they are EnergyStar-qualified bulbs, they use 66% less energy than standard incandescent ones. They are also cool to the touch, so they help keep the room temperature down. Now I am working on adding solar panels. In a buy-back arrangement, electricity generated by the panels but not used in my house will be routed to SRP for credit or money. This year, with an SRP rebate and state/federal income tax credits, my system will be less than half-price. Finally, I will add good attic insulation.

To save water, I first purchased a front-loading washing machine because they use much less water than top-loaders. I added soaker-hoses for keeping my trees alive. Now, I am thinking about a hot water recirculation system or “hot water-on-demand;” there are several good options.

To let enough daylight in, I plan to use solar tubes and/or skylights for lighting dark interior areas. Advances in solar tubes allow routing sunlight through an upper level and attic to a lower level. Skylights now offer a wide selection of shading and ventilation options.

Many of the options are inexpensive and low-tech, but are nonetheless effective. In the final analysis, these changes are not for me alone. They are for my children and grandchildren. I want to create a sustainable home where, if necessary, they can come with their families and live comfortably.

If you would like to email some questions or comments, write me at HarrietWwithD8@aol.com.

CANDIDATES' CORNER

Harry Mitchell, candidate for U.S. Congress, states his position on Energy Independence is to 1.) Use less oil. He will work to raise fuel efficiency standards so that our SUVs get the same gas mileage as a Toyota Prius. He will encourage hybrid technologies through favorable tax treatment. 2.) Generate fuel here. He will promote investment in the research and development of renewable sources of energy such as wind, solar, hydrogen, magnesium and methane from landfills. He will also support efforts to invest in solar energy because he believes that Arizona can be the "Middle East" of solar power. He will also work to make sure the American consumers are protected against price gouging by fuel providers.
<http://www.harry2006.com/Issues.asp>.

Mark Manoil, candidate for the Arizona Corporation Commission, the state's main utility regulator, states "with bills soaring and evidence of climate change mounting," it's obvious we need a change in direction. He believes Arizona deserves and can do better. Among the facts that he reports are "with the best solar resources in the country, Arizona could produce over 150% of its current electrical demand from solar energy," *Arizona PIRG "Renewing Arizona's Economy 6"* and "investing seriously in Arizona's renewable resources will clean our air, conserve our water, and keep billions of our energy dollars circulating in the state," Arizona Department of Commerce, *Energy Dollar Flow Analysis for the State of Arizona*.
<http://www.manoil2006.com>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JULY 11 PC BUSINESS MEETING**, 6:30 p.m., Via Linda Senior Center County Walking Lists will be available. Reports will be made on The State Democratic Party Summit and D8's next steps to elect Democrats. Amy Slossman, Gov Napolitano's Campaign Manager and Dan Hughes, Coordinated Campaign re: a conference call with the Governor. Phone banking and poll watching sign-ups.
- JULY 20 CANDIDATE FORUM**, 6:15 p.m. Reception; 6:45 p.m. Program at the Mustang Library. Features Harry Mitchell, Candidate for US Congress, Stephanie Rimmer, Candidate for the Arizona State House of Representatives, William (Bill) Sandberg, Candidate for the Arizona State House and Dan Oseran, State Senate Candidate. Open to the Public.
- JULY 29 100 DAYS! 100 VOTES! A DEMOCRATIC REUNION** As part of our national day of Democratic Reunions, come to the District 8 office to meet other volunteers who will be dedicated to WINNING in November! We will meet at 9:00 AM and, after sharing stories, we will be phone banking so PLEASE BRING YOUR CHARGED CELL PHONES. Everyone will leave with a list of 100 voters to contact throughout the remaining 100 days before the election. If you want to help with this event, call Dan Hughes at 480-557-0223. RSVP at the DNC
Website: <http://www.democrats.org/page/event/detail/thedemocraticreunion/4vx8y>
- AUGUST 10 COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM** at the VIA LINDA SENIOR CENTER. (Note change of date and location for this month only). 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A chilling and frightening MOVIE NIGHT (with popcorn, of course), featuring Tom DeLay in "THE BIG GUY." This twenty minute documentary of corruption, lobbying, and kickbacks will have you hissing and booing. Eric Ehst, Director of the Clean Election Institute, will be our guest speaker. He will talk about the model of public financing in Arizona, and the wave of momentum to impact clean federal elections.

AUGUST 19 **D8 BARBECUE FUNDRAISER** at the Scottsdale Ranch Community Association Club House, 10585 N. 100th St., just south of Shea on 100th St. This night of food and fun will include a silent auction, and other great activities. Bring friends, family and all those new and old to D8. Cost for a real western style dinner will be \$25 each, except for students for whom the cost is \$20. For questions, call Anne Bailey, 480-946-1564. You can help with the Silent Auction by contributing your "treasures". Call Bobbye van der Walde at 480-473-3424 or email at blvdw@aol.com for arrangements to drop off your contributions before August 10th.

MARICOPA COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 29

The following information was reported at the June 29th meeting of the Maricopa County Executive Committee made up of the County Officers and the Legislative District Chairs.

1. The \$1 million Voter Reward Initiative received enough signatures to be on the ballot, reported by Dr. Mark Osterloh
2. **Tonia Tunnell**, County Elections, appealed for Democrats to monitor the polls. District Chairs were asked to recruit Dems to serve in **paid positions** in each precinct for the primary and general elections. Training is provided.
3. **GEM/DEMS** and County fundraiser (Al Gore's film *An Unintended Truth*) raised \$4,000 for candidates.
4. 651 PCs filed for re-election; **Judy Kennedy** promised to provide the process for a write-in vote for PCs still interested in running. An affidavit needs to be filed by August.

NEWS ABOUT D8 MEMBERS

Maxine Petti is recuperating and welcomes your calls. Phone numbers are: HOME 480-391-1614 or CELL, 480-239-9222

Dritan Zela was selected as an Employee of the Year for his contributions to the mission of the Maricopa Community College District (MCCD). The MCCD Foundation will award a \$1,000 student scholarship in Dritan's name.

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