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Democratic Women of the Prescott Area

August Newsletter

Member Spotlight!

Gwen Calhoun

To tell about Gwen Calhoun would take a book, she has been active in so many Democratic and social organizations and endeavors during her life. But DWPA would like to highlight some of her accomplishments. Gwen was born in Stamford Connecticut. She graduated with both an undergraduate and graduate degree in Art and taught her specialty



in high school and in college. She taught in Illinois and also in Arizona. Gwen's husband, Lee Calhoun, was a famous two-time Olympic gold medalist winner, becoming a member of both the United States and the National Track and Field Halls of Fame. Gwen and Lee's children and grandchildren have been successful in following his passion. Gwen moved to Arizona in 1992 and became involved in the Democratic party, working in any number of positions in both DWPA and the Yavapai County Party. She was a member of the Executive Boards for both the county party and the DWPA, a Co-President of DWPA, member of the AZ Federation of Democratic Women, chair of the Yavapai County search committee, even co-coordinator in Yavapai County for Governor Janet

Napolitano's campaign. Gwen opened the Attorney General Senior Consumer Assistance Satellite Office in Prescott Valley, and was producer of "The Senior Moment award winning TV Show."

She volunteered for at least a dozen other organizations, among them the Medical Reserve Corps, the Governor's Council on Sports, Health and Physical Ed., Make a Wish Foundation, the Governor's Council on Aging, the Youth Literacy Project, the Central AZ Senior Association, and Neighbor to Neighbor.

Gwen won a number of awards starting with the 1998 Democrat of the Year, 2000 Access 13 Best Talk/Interview Show, 2002 AZ Citizen Action Activist of the Year, 2004 Outstanding Communication Service Award, 2006 the Democratic Party Hall of Fame Award to name a few, and on top of that, Governor Napolitano proclaimed Gwen Calhoun Day in her honor. Yes, we're very lucky to have Gwen Calhoun in our community and especially in our organization. Thank you, Gwen, for all you've done for us.



Ballots have been mailed in Prescott!

If you are a Prescott resident, be sure to watch your mail for your ballot! We have two DWPA members vying for local offices this election - Jean Wilcox, running for Prescott Mayor - and Joe Viccica, running for Prescott City Council.

You can return your mailed ballot via mail or in person to the Yavapai County Recorder's Office at

1015 Fair St., Prescott, AZ 86305

Ballots must be RECEIVED (not



A Message from Carol Comito:

A week ago the DCCC, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, made a statement through their chair Ben Lujan, NM, that they will support Democratic candidates that are anti-abortion. Yes, it is true, hard to believe.

We are "the" Democratic Women's organization. We uphold the CORE VALUES of the party. The one that should be first and foremost for us is - women's reproductive rights. We as women must "Stand Up & Stand Together."

We must be loud & clear about a women's right to control her own

postmarked) by August 29th. Prescott City Hall will be open from 8:00AM - 7:00PM on Election Day for ballot drop off.



Major Victory against Trumpcare & "Skinny Repeal"

Special thanks to John McCain for putting county before party by voting against the "Skinny Repeal". John McCain cited the need for bipartisan support as his reasoning for voting "No".

body. If we don't who will, why would they? I have written to many members of our party, including Ben Lujan, demanding he retract that statement. We will keep you informed.

In solidarity,
Carol Comito, President,
Arizona Federation of Democratic Women

Democrats in Action! Volunteer Appreciation & Open House for New Volunteers

Join us this Saturday, August 19th
10:00AM - 3:00PM

Yavapai County Democratic Party
Headquarters
1555 Iron Springs Rd. Suite 1,
Prescott, AZ 86305

Pizza will be served - please consider bringing a treat to share. You'll have a chance to meet and greet your local Democratic candidates from 12:00PM - 2:00PM. Please RSVP by calling (no text) Sally 928-277-1761



**SAVE OUR
SCHOOLS**

Strong Schools,
Strong State

**Save Our Schools Submitted
111K Signatures to Oppose
Vouchers**

SB 1431, A law expanding Arizona's school-voucher program, was put on hold Tuesday after SOS submitted 111,540 signatures by School Bus to the Arizona State Capital.

The law's implementation was immediately put on hold while the secretary of state evaluates whether Save Our Schools has met that threshold, a process that could take until the beginning of October.

If the signature requirement is met, a proposition will appear on the ballot during the 2018 November election allowing voters the choice of voucher expansion.

For more information -
Visit <http://sosarizona.org/index.php>



**Yavapai County Democratic
Party Annual Truman Clinton
Dinner**

Saturday, September 23rd - Cash
& Credit Bar 5:30pm; Dinner
6:30pm at Plaza View
Ballroom, 120 W. Gurley Street,
Prescott. (across from Courthouse
Square on the third floor of the Old
Capitol Market)

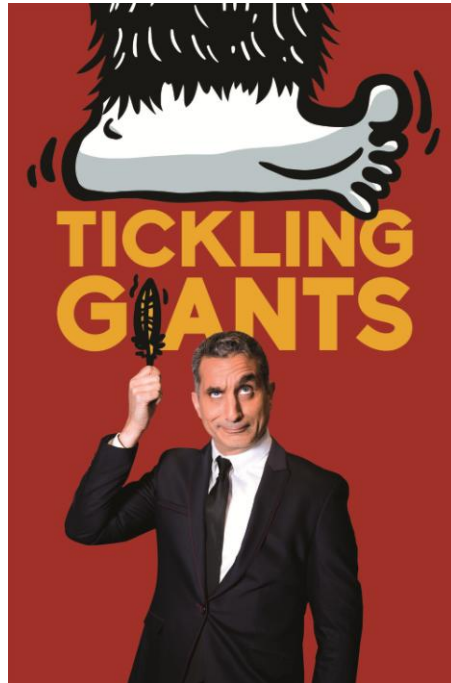
Featuring Phoenix Mayor Greg
Stanton and Keynote Speaker
Linda Valdez, Arizona Republic
Columnist & Author.

\$85 per person, or \$750 for a table
of ten. Reservations required.
Please pay in advance using the
yavdem.org website.



From the Chair: Kari Hull

Where has the time gone? I can hardly believe it's August. We have all been working so hard on many volunteer activities and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all. From the Resist movement, fundraising, campaigning and planning for the future, our collaborative efforts are paying off. DWPA Membership is off the charts. We have well exceeded our goal for 2017 and are currently at 142 members. Increasing our capacity helps to raise money for our college scholarship fund and Emerge sponsorship program, and brings more and more like-minded people together. As we grow, I encourage you to step up and volunteer to be on a committee and help us with our efforts so we become stronger and smarter. The Democratic Women of the Prescott Area is a proud organization that will work side by side with the Yavapai County Democratic Party to get candidates elected locally in 2017 and statewide in 2018. It is more important than ever that we stay organized and focused. Please contact me should you want to be an active participant in our Democratic



Tuesday Movie Night!

August 22nd

In the midst of the Egyptian Arab Spring, Bassem Youssef creates the satirical show, "Al Bernameg," which quickly becomes the most viewed television program in the Middle East, with 30 million viewers per episode. But, in a country where free speech is not settled law, his show becomes as controversial as it is popular. Despite increasing danger, Bassem employs comedy, not violence, to comment on hypocrisy in media, politics, and religion.

Tickling Giants at the Prescott Public Library, Founders Suite A-B, 215 Goodwin St., Prescott. Sponsored by Val and Larry Meads.

activities. Kari Hull 928-899-4388
(Text or Call).



**Guest Speaker in September:
Flagstaff Mayor Coral Evans**

Coral Evans was elected as Mayor of Flagstaff in November 2016. Although new to the position of Mayor, Ms. Evans is not new to the Flagstaff City Council. She was first elected to serve on the council in 2008 and reelected in 2012. She served as Vice Mayor of the City from 2012-2014.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 19:

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Democratic Party Volunteer Appreciation and Open House (See Article Above)

Future Luncheon Dates:

September 27, October 25, November 15.



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