



## Democratic Women of the Prescott Area

### *May Newsletter*

**DWPA Welcomes  
PUSD Superintendent Joe Howard  
to be our guest speaker at May 24th Luncheon**  
A Prescott High School Alum, Joe has been in the Prescott area for 30 years, minus some time away in college and commercial crab fishing in Alaska. Joe started his teaching career in Chino Valley as a middle school English teacher, a wrestling coach and athletic director. His first administrative position was as an assistant principal at Heritage Middle School. Joe then moved his career into "town", to become the principal at Prescott Mile High Middle School, where he once attended as a student. He considers that seven year stint as the most fun someone could have in a career, working with an amazing team that implemented many changes. Then, Mr. Howard was called over to the district office where he served for five years as assistant superintendent. This year, Joe is in his second year of superintendency, implementing exciting change in the district and again working with a great team that is focused on success for all students. Joe is extremely proud of his wife, a middle school special education teacher, and his twin sons who are outstanding musicians and juniors at Prescott High School.



Please **RSVP** to join us for the meeting/luncheon. **Contact us** at [info@demwomenprescottaz.com](mailto:info@demwomenprescottaz.com) to reserve a place at the luncheon or call Jan at 626-340-7060.

Doors open for lunch starting at 11:15 a.m., lunch is served at 11:45 and the meeting begins at noon. Cost is \$15 for members; \$17 for nonmembers. Payment is at the door - **Cash or check only**, no credit or debit cards accepted. Attendees will be billed if they cancel the day of the event. Important: Reservations must be made no later than the Monday before the luncheon.



**Anna Miller from Prescott High School Recieves \$1,000 College Scholarship from DWPA**

“My name is Anna Miller and I am a 17-year old Senior at Prescott High School, and I have been involved in many different clubs and activities. I've been in Academic Honors Club, Key Club, Math Club, National Honors Society, Soroptimist Club, and Future Business Leaders of America Club. The reason as to why I have been in so many different clubs and activities is not simply because I cannot commit to one, but because I've been trying to find my interests, passions and strengths as an individual. What I have found is that my passion lies in the activities in which I am given opportunities to help my community and give back to others, which is why I have chosen to study Nursing at Arizona State University's Honors College. I cannot wait to see where this path takes me in life, and thanks to the DWPA,



**Fiona Hull from Tri City Prep High School Recieves \$1,000 College Scholarship from DWPA**

"Hi Democratic Women! My name is Fiona Hull, I am 18 years old and graduating this year from Tri City Prep. My past four years have been extremely active; I am a past president of P.A.L (Peer Assistant Leaders), I am Treasurer of four of the six honors societies (National Honors Society, National English Honors Society, National Art Honors Society, and Mu Alpha Theta). Last year, I was an intern with the ADP in Yavapai County for the 2016 Hillary for America coordinated campaign. it was during this time that I discovered my passion for government and politics! In the Fall of 2017, I will be attending the selective Connecticut College, a liberal arts institution renowned for their cohesive educational programs. There I will double major in Government and International Relations with a

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my dreams will be made possible!"

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**Arizona Federation of Democratic Women & DWPA Membership**

The DWPA pays dues to the AFDW based on how many members it has, which provides membership to the state organization for all DWPA members. This entitles them to receive the newsletter, attend meetings and work with the board on events like Women in Blue and the upcoming National FDW convention in Tempe in 2018. Additionally, all AFDW members are automatically NFDW members. They can attend the national convention and participate in their activities and programs.

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minor in History! I am so honored to have received such an award, and I deeply thank DWPA for helping my dreams come true! **P.S. On my birthday, May 2nd, I registered to vote as a proud and true Democrat!"**

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**Arizona List Candidate Training at YC Democratic HQ a Huge Success**

On Saturday, May 6th, the YCDP hosted an intimate candidate training sponsored by [Arizona List](#) Quiana Dickenson (Regional Political Director) and Arizona Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee [ADLCC](#) Dana Walton (Executive Director).

Women and several men from all over Northern Arizona attended the event, including our own Jean Wilcox, Joe Viccica, Kari Hull, Jan Manolis, Lindsay Bell, Labeth Pondish, Val and Larry Meads, Rob Hess, and Toni Denis.

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**From the Chair -- Candidates, Candidates, Candidates!**

I am encouraged and hopeful! As you all know, not an easy feeling to come by these days. As you can see by the picture above, I had the honor of meeting and hearing Carolyn Warner speak at a fundraiser for Arizona List. She really got me fired up about the importance of PUBLIC EDUCATION and how we need people in office at the local levels to protect our children's future! Earlier in the day, I attended the candidate training conducted by Arizona List and the Arizona Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee. Quiana and Dana conducted an inspiring, informative training that honestly, gave me an adrenaline shot of hope for **Arizona Blue!** We discussed the logic of starting a political strategy that supports the "Long Game" for Arizona. This begins with running as many Democratic candidates for local office (school board, city council, mayor, board supervisor etc). It gets you name recognition,



**Yavapai County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, May 11th - 5:30pm in the Meals on Wheels room at the Prescott Adult Center. \$10.00 donation/\$5.00 if you bring a dish.



**Featured Speaker:**

**David Garcia**

Professor of education, ASU;  
**candidate for governor.**



**Happy Hour**

DWPA will have a social mixer and casual networking event at Granite Mountain Brewery on Wednesday May 10th at 4:00. Come and join us for conversation and fellowship.

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experience both in campaigning and public service. Then onward to state and national offices! This strategy is being implemented in Arizona and throughout the country. I have a couple of questions I want you to consider. ***If not now, WHEN? If not you, WHO?*** If you are reading this newsletter, and particularly taking the time to read this long-winded article, it is **YOU** and the time is **NOW**.

We need your HELP. We need CANDIDATES! In Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley and Skull Valley! If you don't want to run for office, you can still pitch in and help our candidates run successful campaigns.

***Please email me directly right now***, if you are interested in running for office, or you want to help our candidates win in 2017, 2018 or 2020!  
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### **Guest Speaker in June!**

Deedra Abboud, a Phoenix attorney and community activist, is the first Democrat to announce her candidacy to run against Jeff Flake for the U.S. Senate in 2018.

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### **Important: Ducey on Schools**

Vouchers:

Gov. Doug Ducey is pushing back against top teachers who said he essentially played them, the public education community and taxpayers, by signing legislation to expand private school vouchers. Christine Marsh of Chaparral High School in Scottsdale, said putting more money into programs that let parents use tax dollars to send children to private and parochial schools amounts to “a nuclear bomb ... dropped on public education.”

Uncertified Teachers:

Gov. Doug Ducey signed legislation that will change the rules and qualifications for those who can become a teacher in the state, marking another enacted education measure strongly

opposed by Democratic lawmakers and teachers. "No longer will an outdated process keep qualified, dedicated individuals out of the classroom," Ducey said. The question is, of course, Would qualified experts want to go into teaching at the current wage? And just how well would those with the knowledge be able to impart it to the students? Or remain in the position with the problems teachers have to face today? Let's ask Gov. Ducey about that.

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## Upcoming Events

### **Wednesday, May 10:**

4:00 p.m. Happy Hour at Granite Mountain Brewery

### **Thursday, May 11:**

5:30 p.m. The monthly Yavapai Democratic meeting - Meals on Wheels room at the Prescott Adult Center \$10.00 donation/\$5.00 if you bring a dish to share

### **Wednesday, May 24:**

11:30 a.m. DWPA Luncheon at the Centennial Center, 1989 Clubhouse Drive in Prescott. Reservations must be in by Monday, May 22

### **Friday, June 6:**

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The monthly Prescott Indivisible general meeting at the Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation

### **Future Luncheon Dates:**

June 28, July 26, September 27, October 25, November 22.

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