

January 24th Luncheon Guest Speaker: Ana Maria Perez

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Democratic Women of the Prescott Area

*December
Newsletter*

**January 24th Luncheon Guest Speaker,
Ana Maria Perez Democratic candidate for US
Congress CD4**

Ana Maria was born in St. Louis, Missouri and traveled often to visit her father in Puerto Rico. She graduated with a Master's Degree in Architecture from Tulane University in an accelerated Advanced degree program which taught her time management, balance and discipline. After graduating, Ana Maria she worked with William J. Mouton in New Orleans. Later she used her skills in St. Louis and finally moved to Sedona with her daughter working for thirteen years as part of a team at Lee Christensen & Associates. Ana Maria is putting these organizational and leadership skills to work to serve the community of Congressional District 4, and to be your new member of Congress that will be accountable and responsive. In the last few years, other than spending time with her family, hiking, gardening, and keeping up with current events, she has also been studying Congress and its ways. She envisions a better way of leadership in government, so that we can keep the American dream alive.



Please **RSVP by Sunday, 1/21** to join us for the meeting/luncheon.

Our meetings take place at the Centennial Center, 1989 Clubhouse Drive, Prescott, AZ 86301.

Contact us at reservations@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.



DWPA Member Spotlight: Vivian Perry

Vivian Masse Perry grew up on her parents' ranch in Yuma. She graduated from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff with a BS in Education and taught in California for one year before joining the Peace Corps, which took her to the Philippines for two years. There she trained Filipino teachers and worked with the local Lions Club to get harelip operations for children.

She returned to Arizona and taught in Phoenix for one year before getting a teaching job in the Sheikhdome of Dubai in Trucial Oman where she met her husband Norman Perry. They spent a year in New York City before traveling to Tanzania where Norman worked for a Canadian company while Vivian taught at the International School of Tanganyika.

In 1975 they returned to the United Arab Emirates shortly before the birth of their first son, Kristian. Then in 1977, they came back to Prescott for the birth of their son, Richard.

Norman's jobs took them to Alabama, Virginia, and Illinois.

During those years Vivian got a second master's degree in Gifted Education from UAB in Birmingham, and taught.

Vivian's first experience with Democratic activism was with their

son Richard who became a PC while still in high school in Virginia. She drove him and his cadre of volunteers around as they canvassed Northern Virginia neighborhoods.

Vivian and Norman finally settled north of Mayer, Arizona, in 2005 where they built their home. She taught junior high for two and a half years, while becoming active with the local Democrats and the League of Women Voters, finally retiring from teaching in 2009. She was elected as Vice Chair for Precinct Leadership for the YCDP and has continued to work tirelessly for the party. She loves meeting and working with her fellow Democrats in Yavapai County.



DWPA Holiday Fundraising Party!
Sunday, December 10th, 5:00-8:30PM

The Hassayampa Inn ~ Marina Room
122 E Gurley St, Prescott, AZ 86301

Cash Bar 5:00-8:30PM
Silent Auction 5:00-6:00PM
Buffer Dinner 6:00PM
6:30PM ~ Guest Speaker: Joseline Mata

Joseline Mata (College Democrats of America ~ President;
Vice Chair at the Arizona Democratic Party; Board member of PP AZ)

BUFFET DINNER & DESSERT MENU

Traditional Italian Dinner Buffet: Fettuccine Alfredo, penne with meat sauce, chicken parmesan, fresh squash with herbs and tomatoes, served with antipasto salad, Caesar salad, traditional caprese platter and garlic bread. Warm, walnut brownie with vanilla bean ice cream (plated service).

Tickets \$50 / \$90 per couple/ Tables of 8 are \$350

You may pay for your Holiday Fundraiser Party ticket with a credit or debit card using the ActBlue link below!



Outlaw Dark Money

A new initiative effort has just been launched seeking to require the disclosure of the source of all political donations in Arizona over \$2,500, even if they are funneled through so-called "dark money" groups. The initiative is backed by a group led by former Democratic state Attorney General Terry Goddard and campaign consultant Bob Grossman to amend the state Constitution to require the disclosure. Goddard's "Outlaw Dark Money" group needs to collect nearly 226,000 signatures by July 5 to get on the 2018 ballot.

The effort is a repeat of one Goddard launched in early 2016 that was dropped when a major financial backer dropped his support. This time, Goddard said he intends to use an all-volunteer effort to collect the signatures.

Nonprofit "social welfare organizations" have been pouring cash into campaigns in recent years without



AZ Legislative Update! State Legislature Opens in January

A summary of the bills before the Arizona Legislature:

- House Bill 2404 smacks of an attempt to undermine the initiative and referendum process that was enshrined in the Arizona Constitution at statehood.
- [House Bill 2320](#) would require election materials for any ballot measure to include a statement that, if passed, the measure could not be changed unless approved by a super majority of the Legislature and in a manner that advances the measure's intent.
- House Concurrent Resolution 2002 asks voters to repeal Proposition 105. If approved, it would remove the Voter Protection Act from the Arizona Constitution and

disclosing their donors. Gov. Doug Ducey even signed a law in 2017 easing state reporting requirements. He himself benefited from millions of dollars in spending from such groups in the 2014 election.

Goddard said this time he has bipartisan backing for his effort and support from the same all-volunteer group that collected more than 110,000 signatures over the summer to place a repeal of a school voucher expansion on the 2018 ballot. "It's a hard job, it's a big job, but I think it's possible or I wouldn't be doing it," he said.



**The Vagina Monologues
Benefit Production
Presented by V-Day Prescott, AZ &
4AM Production**

Prescott, AZ – December 3rd, 2017 – V-Day Prescott, announces their first community production of The Vagina Monologues February 23rd and 24th, 7:30pm at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Davis Learning Center, 3700 Willow Creek Rd.

Tickets are \$15/ \$12 for students with valid ID, Seniors & Veterans Tickets will be available online, in the Embry-Riddle Women's & Diversity Center,

- remove protections for ballot measures approved since 2000.
- House Concurrent Resolution 2007 asks voters to exempt citizen referenda from voter protection. Citizens use the referendum process to stall laws the Legislature has passed by sending the law to the ballot for citizens to decide.
- [House Bill 2255](#) would prohibit anyone from outside Arizona from contributing to a ballot-measure campaign. It would not extend to candidate campaigns; many elected officials, from Gov. Doug Ducey on down, receive money from out-of-state interests.
- Senate Concurrent Resolution 1013 would change the requirements for gathering signatures for ballot measures. Instead of basing the signature requirement on a statewide standard, it would set a standard based on voting patterns in each of the 30 legislative districts, making it harder to get the needed signatures in low-turnout districts.

House Concurrent Resolution 2004 is an annual attempt to ask voters to gut the funding for the state's public-campaign-finance system. As in recent years, proponents suggest the money for the Clean Elections Commission instead go to schools.

and each of our cast members and crew will have tickets available on them as well.

V-Day.org offers stage productions and documentaries to communities and campuses around the world for use in raising awareness and ending violence against women and girls, as well as to raise funds for organizations working to end the violence. It is estimated that one billion females will be physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their lifetime.

The Vagina Monologues addresses women's resiliency, sensuality and the social stigma surrounding abuse and violence against women and girls. The show will feature volunteer cast members who live, work or attend school in the Prescott area. This year's director is Heidi Hampton. This will be 4AM Productions first production of The Vagina Monologues 2018.

All proceeds to benefit Prescott Area Shelter Services. We will also be taking donations of gently used clothing, food, hygiene products, diapers, etc.



Changing the Future by Improving the Present

Yavapai County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting

Thursday December 7th
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Meals on Wheels room at Prescott
Adult Center
1280 E. Rosser St
\$10.00 donation/\$5.00 if you bring a
dish - *Donation waived for new
attendees*

Featured Speakers:

- Jim Pullaro, Director of Represent All of US, a clean money advocacy group
 - Bill Mundell, candidate for Arizona Corporation Commission
 - January Contreras, candidate for Attorney General
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From the Chair:

Kari Hull

I would like to start by letting everyone know what a privilege and pleasure it has been to serve as the Chair for DWPA in 2017. It is a two-year term, and my hope is that we can recruit more members and raise even more funds in 2018. We have nearly doubled membership and our luncheon guest speakers continue to inspire all of us toward community work and political action.

We will have at least two local candidates from Prescott running for state and national offices. This is such exciting news for our community. For those among us that step up to run, we are wholeheartedly grateful. We all know how challenging it can be in our area/district to run against the red machine. However, the facts reveal that if Democrats and like-minded Independents vote, Democrats will win. As always, turning out the vote is the key to our success. Get ready to hit the ground and start our campaigns in January 2018. We need teams, committees for each of the campaigns we are running and that means we need people to step up to help with



Young Democrats of the Prescott Area

The Young Democrats of the Prescott Area had its first official meeting this past month. They elected officers and are looking to build their organization! Their next meeting is Saturday, December 16th at 2:00PM and will be held at Cuppers in Prescott on Cortez St. Any Democrats 40 and under are highly encouraged to attend!



Guest Speaker at the DWPA Holiday Fundraising Party: Joseline Mata

A senior at the University of Arizona, Joseline Mata studies Political Science

treasurer, publicity, voter outreach, hospitality and more. If you email or text me with your interest in joining the coordinated campaign efforts to help get our candidates elected, I will definitely find a place for you. The first step is to find the best candidates to run for office; the second step is to work tirelessly on their behalf and win. Please call/text me if you are interested in helping with campaign efforts in 2018. I am compiling a comprehensive volunteer list, and we need you to sign up. Call or email me at 928-899-4388 or kari.hull66@gmail.com Always remember, "If not now, when? If not you, who?" Get involved and be the change! – Kari Hull

and Communications. Joseline cut her teeth in politics during the 2012 election season when she worked as a field intern for Congressman Ron Barber, which she followed up by serving a one-year internship with the Pima County Democratic Party. In 2014 she had two roles: working as part of the finance team for Congressman Barber's re-election campaign & as Deputy GOTV Director for the Pima County Democratic Party. 2016 was spent working for Arizona List & the Arizona Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee to help take the AZ House & Senate. Joseline currently holds the titles of Vice Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party and President of College Democrats of America. She serves on the Executive Board of the Democratic National Committee as the youngest member representing the Youth Branch of the DNC.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 7:

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Yavapai County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting (see article above)

Sunday, December 10:

DWPA Annual Holiday Party at the Hassayampa Inn's Marina Room (see article above).

Saturday, December 16:

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Young Democrats of the Prescott Area second meeting (see article above)

Wednesday, January 24:

11:15am - 1pm Monthly DWPA luncheon! (see article above) Bring an extra check to renew your membership for 2018 to be entered in our **2018 DWPA Membership Drive Raffle!** All membership dues received before January 31st will be automatically entered!

Tuesday, February 13:

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM DWPA "Drink Liberally" Happy Hour ~ Save the Date! (Location TBA)

Friday, February 23 & Saturday February 24:

7:30 PM The Vagina Monologues! (See Article Above)

Save these Date! Future Luncheon Dates (2018):

January 24, February 21, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, September 26,
October 24, November 28