

March 28th Luncheon Guest Speakers: David Brill and Sandra Kennedy

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Democratic Women of the Prescott Area

*March
Newsletter*

**Guest Speakers at March 28th Luncheon,
Candidate for US Congress in CD4
David Brill**

Dr. Brill is best known in Northern Arizona as developer of Telehealth and Manager of Primary Care services for the Northern Arizona Veterans Administration, from 2010 until last year. The Northern Arizona VA serves 25,000 veterans spread out across 60,000 square miles. Dr. Brill, with his staff of 200, made great strides in improving both the quality of healthcare and every veteran's ability to access it, whether at home or at VA clinics across Northern Arizona. At the same time, he struggled to increase efficiencies, reduce public spending, and introduce new technologies to improve productivity and service.

Previously, Dr. Brill also had an extensive business career. As Corporate Medical Director for Michelin North America, he managed clinical and wellness programs for 27,000 employees and 84,000 dependents and retirees. Again, he achieved success by combining quality care with cost efficiencies and new technologies.



As an entrepreneur, Dr. Brill understands the challenging environment small owners face. He founded three small businesses of his own, in hazardous chemical management, hospital clinical services, and diagnostic biotechnology. Each offered valuable lessons in funding, profitability, cost management, government regulation, and what it takes to achieve success.

By combining his experience in small business, corporate management and government

services, Dr. Brill will bring to Congress a fresh, pragmatic viewpoint. Rather than polarity, he wants to create solutions. With his medical background, a top priority would be to reduce excessive healthcare expenses, especially the high cost of drugs, while expanding valuable services and the safety net for all.

Sandra Kennedy, Candidate for Arizona Corporate Commission

Sandra Kennedy was first elected to the Arizona Corporation Commission in 2008 on a platform of promoting solar energy in Arizona, and as a fierce consumer advocate. After her narrow defeat in 2012, Sandra was appalled at the efforts to undermine solar and renewables by the Corporation Commission, and decided to run again in 2014.

She started her public service when she was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives in November 1986, where she served for six years before successfully becoming a state senator in 1992. She served three terms as state senator. Before her stint in the legislature, Sandra was elected to serve on the Phoenix Union High School Governing Board for a four year term in 1990. Governor Mofford appointed her to the Arizona Employment and Training Council.



Her many past and present community and civic projects include the following: Tutor for Valley Christian Center and Valle Del Sol, Board member of the Arizona Cactus Pine Girl Scout Council, ex-Officio Member of Phoenix Community Alliance, and a former Board member of the Community Excellence Project.

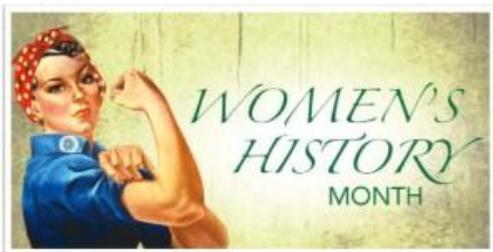
Ms. Kennedy was voted Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1984. She is a member of the National Association of Female Executives, was a delegate to the Foreign Relations Conference in June of 1988 from the American Council of Young Political Leaders in Washington, D.C., and also a member of the National Conference of State Legislators.

Please **RSVP by Sunday, 3/25** to join us for the meeting/luncheon. **Contact us at info@demwomenprescottaz.com to reserve a place at the luncheon or call Jan at 626-340-7060.**

You can now pay for your ticket in advance by clicking on the ActBlue Icon!

ActBlue

Doors open for lunch starting at 11:15 a.m., lunch is served at 11:45 and the meeting begins at noon. Our meetings take place at the Centennial Center, 1989 Clubhouse Dr, Prescott, AZ 86301. Cost is \$15 for members; \$17 for nonmembers. **You can now purchase your lunch in advance using your debit or credit card.** Click this link: [Advance Luncheon Ticket Purchase](#). Cash and checks will be accepted at the door for those who are on the RSVP list. Attendees will be billed if they cancel the day of the event. **Important:** Reservations must be made no later than the Sunday before the luncheon.



National Women's History Project Writing Women Back into History

As recently as the 1970s, women's history was virtually an unknown topic in the K-12 curriculum or in general public consciousness. To address this situation, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated a "Women's History Week" celebration for 1978.

By 1986, 14 states had already declared March as Women's History Month. This momentum and state-by-state action was used as the rationale to lobby Congress to declare the entire month of March 1987 as National Women's History Month. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity.

To celebrate Women's History Month and February's Black History Month, DWPA is asking members to donate children's history books to our public



March for our Lives - March 24th

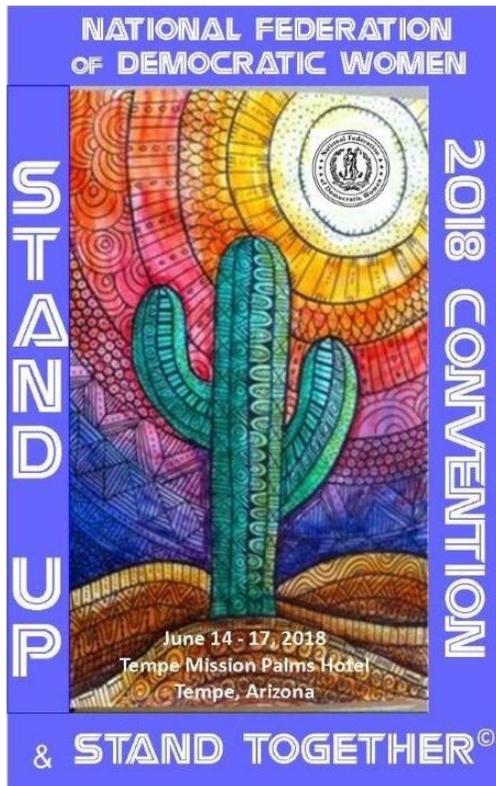
On February 14, 17 people were killed during a shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Survivors, including David Hogg, Alex Wind, Emma González, Cameron Kasky, and Jaclyn Corin, have since announced March For Our Lives, a nationwide protest against gun violence and in support of the #NeverAgain movement.

"We've had enough thoughts and prayers," they say. "That is not enough to honor the victims of gun violence. What we need now is action." So on March 24, 2018, students will rally in Washington D.C. and in local communities across the country to demand action from our leaders.

There will be a March for Our Lives in Prescott sponsored by Prescott Indivisible, Women's March on Prescott, Yavapai Democrats, Democratic Women of the Prescott Area, and others. The march will take

schools that highlight both women and African Americans. You can bring books to the DWPA luncheon on March 28th or take them to Democratic Headquarters on Iron Springs.

Read more [HERE](#)



**2018 National Convention June 14-17
Tempe Mission Palms Hotel, Tempe, AZ**

We want to include everyone in the celebration! Information will be ready shortly on the tours for Thursday, June 14, all the events, and all the extra amenities you can enjoy.

The registration information and hotel reservations and transportation are already available.

place Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Courthouse Square. Please come join us to support this imperative cause.



Changing the Future by Improving the Present

**Yavapai County Democratic Party
Monthly Meeting
No Monthly Meeting in March - But
Come to the Spring Fundraiser! (See
the "March Forward" Article)
Thursday, April 12th**

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:
No speakers announced. - Stay Tuned!

We're looking forward to hosting the 2018 National Convention! Everyone is welcome!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact: Carol Comito, Convention Chair. ccbpu@aol.com or 602-793-5326



Arizona Women in Blue 2018 - AZFDW

The AFDW is here to unite Democratic women, to encourage full participation by women in the Democratic party, and to promote the causes of the Democratic Party. They had another very successful *Women In Blue Day* at the Capitol in Phoenix.

They heard from some of the brightest women in Arizona, and even some supportive men. They shouted from the House gallery for legislators to ratify the ERA! The members of the Legislature need to realize Democratic women aren't going away and *will* continue to fight for everyone's rights.



YCDP March Forward Featuring Felecia Rotellini, Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party

Due to Overwhelming Response, this event is SOLD OUT

We're having a unique fundraiser in the Elks Theatre building ballroom, Prescott, on Thursday, March 15. Our featured speaker is Felecia Rotellini, newly elected Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party. Local candidates are being welcomed to say a few words, too.

Come enjoy the party and get ready for the election season! Or celebrate the Ides of March! The party starts at 5:30 p.m. and runs through 8:30 p.m. Donations of items for the silent auction are being taken at the office, 1555 Iron Springs Road, Prescott.

We'll be featuring the music of MacDougal Street West, a Peter, Paul and Mary tribute band. Food will be catered by El Gato Azul—instead of our usual potluck at the Monthly Meeting. With full catering and entertainment, we're asking for a



**From the Chair:
Kari Hull**

Use it or lose it! We the people have a Right to Speak (RTS) at the Arizona State Legislature. I was inspired and encouraged when I attended the Women in Blue event on March 8th at the State Legislature. I have so much I could say about the experience; however, I believe the most important message our representatives were sending us was that they need to hear from their constituents. The Democratic Party has been the Minority Party for so many years and they are still fighting the good fight for us. We can help them by signing up on the Right to Speak website and speak up on the issues and bills that are currently in the legislature. The session ends April 22nd so please sign up today and help our representatives as they use our voices to move Arizona in the right direction. It is our responsibility to use our voices before we lose the freedom to speak up. Click this link to sign up for the Right to Speak at the state legislature: <https://azleg.gov/rts/rts.asp>

Please share this with your family and friends. The more people that use RTS

slightly larger donation of \$20 per person.



Persist & Resist Newsletter

Our wonderful **Maria Lynam** coordinates and maintains the Persist and Resist newsletter. Please contact her if you would like to receive updates! maria488@icloud.com



Guest Speakers at the DWPA April Luncheon

Jan Manolis, Candidate for State Legislature in LD1

Jan Manolis is an information technology professional and educator who is running as a Democrat for the Arizona State House to represent the people of Legislative District 1. Her key issues are the promotion of quality, affordable and accessible health care, funding for education, and the promotion of sustainable energy and water conservation.

the more powerful the message. - Kari Hull

**LaBeth Pondish,
Speaking on SOS**

LaBeth Pondish, currently Co-Chair of the Education Committee for Prescott Indivisible, will talk to DWPA about the Save Our Schools drive. LaBeth has a B.A. from Sam Houston State University and an M.S. from the University of Houston Clear Lake. She taught secondary English in Texas for 31 years and developed and presented professional development workshops for the Texas State Teachers Assn. for 20+ years. She also supervised student teachers for the University of Houston system for 3 years and taught education methods classes as well as supervising student teachers for Prescott College for 3 years.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 28:

11:15 AM - 1:00 PM DWPA March Luncheon. Guest speakers: David Brill and Sandra Kennedy

Saturday, March 31:

The 2018 Arizona Women's Conference! (See Article Above)

Friday, April 6:

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Indivisible General Meeting at Granite Peak Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 882 Sunset Ave., Prescott.

Thursday, April 12:

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM Yavapai County Democratic Party Monthly Meeting (See Article Above)

Wednesday, April 25:

11:15 AM - 1:00 PM DWPA March Luncheon. Guest speakers: Jan Manolis and LaBeth Pondish

Thursday, June 14-17:

Democratic Women in Blue National Convention in Tempe, AZ! (See Article Above)

Future Luncheon Dates (2018):

April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, September 26, October 24, November 28