



A REASON TO CHEER???

After months and months of wrangling, the Independent Redistricting Committee has finally submitted what is likely to be the **final** maps. The news is good for some of us, bad for others, but generally good for Republicans. As noted in the Green Valley News, all of GV, Quail Creek, Madera Highlands, and La Posada are in Congressional District 6 (currently represented by Ann Kirkpatrick, and considered a competitive district with a GOP edge), and in Legislative District 19 (which is a **safe GOP district!!**). **Most** of Sahuarita is in CD 7 (currently represented by Raul Grijalva), and Lin D 21, both of which are “safe democratic districts.” For more information, and maps, look for Arizona redistricting commission maps 2021 on Tucson.com.

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MILITARY ACTION DAY IN FEBRUARY

The Defenders will stage the Second Annual Military Action Day on February 5, from 4-7 in the upstairs conference room in the Continental Mall. This event honors veterans and those serving on active duty, as well as those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. There will be an honor guard, refreshments, and a speaker (yet to be announced). Write this special event on your calendar. For information, contact Eileen Wilson or Iris Sapovits.

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GREAT BBL SPEAKERS IN JANUARY

January 13 - Matt Salmon: Candidate for Governor of Arizona Matt Salmon represented the 1st Congressional District from 1995 to 2001, ran unsuccessfully for governor in 2002, and represented the 5th Congressional District from 2013 to 2019. He is now seeking the office of Governor. He has been endorsed by the Club for Growth and Senator Ted Cruz, among others. He is a fiscal conservative, pro-life, and a moderate supporter of environmental protection.



January 27 - Shiry Sapir: Candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction Shiry Sapir owns a Scottsdale real estate investment and management company, is a mother of three, and an avowed Conservative. She is a former member of the Israeli Defense Force, and a strong supporter of school choice (now known as “Educational Freedom”). She also supports parental control and is a strong advocate for increasing teacher pay. A woman of many talents, she has a degree in interior design, has earned a pilot’s license, and is a general Contractor.



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



Welcome to 2022!

Just writing that number is simply amazing in so many ways. If we consider all of the predictions made by the radical left, life as we know it would have come to a standstill.

By now, thousands of different species should be extinct, the coast of California would have moved inland several miles, poverty would be rampant, and capitalism would be a dying economic model.

From Al Gore to Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, public policy has bounced back and forth like a ping pong where ideology has had the advantage over real issues that matter to real people. While doomsayers have been predicting climate and environmental disasters for 60 years, none of their apocalyptic predictions have come true. Even so, the Green New Deal, legislation that can transform the political, economic, and social culture of the United States, is a few votes away from passage.

How could this happen? More importantly, what can we learn from the Green New Deal to reverse the Democrat onslaught of Marxist ideology from becoming part of the American body politic.

The handwriting is on the wall. Here are a few examples:

Freedom of Speech - Notwithstanding thousands of college students joining high-profile conservative organizations, freedom of speech is less today in higher education than ever before. College administrators give in to students mobs, afraid they might be called racist, sexist, transphobic, or otherwise morally reprehensible.

Critical Race Theory - Critical race theory (CRT) has brought race into all aspects of American life. CRT has one singular goal: to reconstruct White America as racist, and the only way to resolve this condition is through a broad-based comprehensive re-education program.

Destruction of the American Economy - While it used to be a minority of Democrats, it is now apparent the Democrat Party favors government programs over private sector enterprises. Disregarding the Constitution, Democrats will not settle for anything less than a cradle-to-grave transformation of the American economy.

What the GOP Must Do

Only with a Republican Party that advocates for America and the American people can we begin to reverse the trend of big government and the continued degradation of our Constitution. But this won't happen until the GOP changes its decision-making and campaign organizing structure. If the GOP remains passive in the face of the Democrat Marxist policies and responds to the Democrats as it did in years past, we will surely lose the America we love.

As your URGVS President, I am committed to doing whatever I can to make the GOP an activist, action-oriented party. We must fight the Democrats everywhere and all of the time. We must be relentless and demand nothing less than the complete defeat of those that would destroy our country. I hope you will join me in this battle, a battle we must win!

Yale Wishnick,
President

NEW HOURS IN THE NEW YEAR

The office will be open from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, beginning on January 3, 2022. We also are seeking two people to work Saturdays, which is a busy day in the Continental Mall. Let's be sure to have a presence when people are out and about. If you want to volunteer, contact Peggy at 503-351-3058.

UPCOMING EVENTS

United Republicans of GV & Sahuarita
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Tuesday, January 4 Political Caucus at 11:00 AM at HQ. Video interviews with vaccine expert Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and Revolver News editor Darren Beattie on his investigative reporting on the January 6 rally.

Thursday, January 6 General Meeting at 11:00 AM, **Brown Bag Luncheon** at noon. followed by a screening of Nick Searcy's Capitol Punishment: Everything they Told You Is a Lie.

Tuesday, January 11 Community Council at 11:00 AM at HQ.

Thursday, January 13 Brown Bag Luncheon at noon. Speaker is **Matt Salmon**, candidate for Arizona governor.

Tuesday, January 18 Political Caucus at 11:00 AM at HQ. **Angie** reports new developments.

Thursday, January 20 Brown Bag Luncheon at noon. Speaker is **Jose Borrajero**, naturalized US citizen from Cuba, founder of AZ Peoples website and Request to Speak advisor shows how an idea becomes law.

Tuesday, January 25 Political Caucus at 11:00 AM at HQ. **Angie Anderson**.

Thursday, January 27 Brown Bag Luncheon at noon. Speaker is **Shiry Sapir**, candidate for Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Don't forget - we donate non-perishable items to the Green Valley Food Bank. Bring your contribution to the office ANY DAY. We donated over 200 pounds in 2021!

ARE YOU SITTING PRETTY?

Tom Henthorn and his church are responsible for the colorful red chairs present in our new headquarters— thank him for their generous donation. (They're really comfy). They will be in the first few rows, so get there early for a cushy seat.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO BE INSTALLED

At our general meeting in December more than 60 members gathered to vote in the election of our new Board members: four officers and five Directors. Here are the results:

Officers:

President	Yale Wishnick
Vice-President	Betty Linck
Secretary	Marianne Falconer
Treasurer	Doug Kosloske

Directors:

Communications	Sharon Fickes
Events	Eileen Wilson
Community Involvement	Judy Alkire
Political Action	Angie Anderson

Yale continues as our fearless leader, directing URGVS and inspiring us all. Betty has moved from the position as Treasurer, where she did a remarkable job of creating a budget out of thin air (none had previously existed, and she constructed the first one from old records) and found our top-of-the-line **new headquarters**. With these two at the helm, we are in good hands.

These new Board members will be sworn in at our regular meeting on January 6. Join us to honor these people who are going to be guiding our group for the next year.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

We want to thank ALL the outgoing Board members for their service—you have done a remarkable job, and have contributed to the success we enjoy today.

Peggy Bengtson has served as Vice-President as well as office manager, and taken on the task of Events chairman. She has literally **made** URGVS what it is today. Great work, Peggy. (She will continue as Office Manager, including stocking the Marketplace.) Outstanding work, Peggy.

Mary Grace Werner has served as Secretary, attending and keeping accurate records of all our meetings (including Board meetings and general membership meetings), as well as serving as chairman of the Community Council and maintaining minutes from their meetings as well. No doubt she has a serious case of writer's cramp, and will enjoy her "time off" from these arduous duties. Take a well-earned break from thrice-weekly meetings, MG.

Holly Scott Hosey, who has served as Hospitality Chairman, making sure that the most important part of each meeting was present: the refreshments! She has organized a group of members who have seen that no member would be calorically -challenged at any URGVS event. You will be missed, Holly.

Larry Alkire has worked tirelessly as Communications Director, even going so far as to develop new skills to do this tech-heavy job. He has ensured that our event notices and other critical notifications go out to you, and is an integral part of our team. Enjoy a well-earned rest, Larry.

Paul Fitch has served as Director of Community Involvement, and spearheaded the radio-ad campaign as well as acting as liaison to the Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he has taught numerous classes (self-defense, the Federalist Papers, the US Constitution through Hillsdale College) and diligently instructed us in the Laser-Hit Firearms class. You have gotten us through a challenging year, and for that we thank you.

While these five individuals are leaving our executive team, we sincerely hope they will continue to participate in all the exciting things URGVS will do in 2021. We will see you soon!

BOARD MEMBERS 2022



JUDY ALKIRE – Judy has served as Treasurer for the Legislative District for the last few years, and has decided to turn her activism to URGVS. A Green Valley resident for many years, she knows just about everybody, so should do a great job as director of Community Involvement.



ANGIE ANDERSON – Angie has been chairing the Political Caucus for the past 6 months, and has been extremely involved in our community – she is on the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers (SAV) and has been active in her church, which has provided the venue for several events.



MARIANNE FALCONER – a member for a long time, Marianne recently started the Lending Library, which has provided materials for our members to explore books and videos in which they are interested, without having to buy them.



SHARON FICKES – Sharon became well-known when she founded the BOSDOGS, the Community Council group that interacts with and tries to influence the Board of Supervisors (BOS). They scrutinize the agenda of the bi-weekly Supervisor's meeting, and then spread the word on action items for their members.



DOUG KOSLOSKE – Doug is a voice of wisdom, and has been a dedicated supporter of URGVS. He brings interest in finance and computer knowledge to his new office.



BETTY LINCK – Betty has been involved for many years, having started the Defenders group, then serving as the Treasurer. She is notorious for her attention to detail, so was the ideal individual to create URGVS' first budget and shepherd us through our first year in a year-around headquarters. Plus, she **found** our current office and **negotiated the lease**. Thank you, Betty.



EILEEN WILSON – A bundle of energy, Eileen has been an officer of the Legislative District for several years and is a founding member of the Defenders group of the Community Council. She is famous for her event-planning ability, and will turn those talents to the benefit of URGVS.



YALE WISHNICK – Everyone knows Yale; he has shepherded our group for the last almost-two years. He is a one-time liberal who has seen the light, and is using his experiences as a neighborhood organizer to energize the local Republican base.

SAVE THE DATE! – APRIL 23, 2022

Our annual Lincoln-Reagan Luncheon has been scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2022. The location and speaker are yet to be announced (watch this space), but you can put this event on your calendar. It is going to be spectacular!!

MISSION STATEMENT

- ◆ To educate, inspire, and encourage participation in the political process by volunteering our time and resources to elect Republican candidates.
- ◆ To promote Republican ideals of peace through strength, prosperity through individual responsibility, and liberty through limited government.

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