Join us on April 17 at 5:45 pm to meet Candidates and sign Petitions. RSVP Requested. The meeting begins at 6:30pm with Club business and Speakers begin at 7:00 pm in the Aqua Fria Room In the Cimarron Center in The Grand.

Speakers

Greg Whitten, Democratic Candidate for Congressional District 8

"A third-generation Arizonan, Greg Whitten has worked for more than fifteen years to keep America safe, serving as biosecurity expert. His experience is rooted in getting groups and people from all perspectives to work together to solve problems.

At the Pentagon Greg served as the Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs. While serving in the Pentagon he oversaw a broad portfolio, but is proudest of leading a multi- year, agency wide effort to acquire and standardize electronic health records at the Department of Defense and drive information sharing with the Department of Veterans Affairs. This work dramatically improved the speed and quality of care provided to our nation’s active-duty military, veterans, and their families.

Greg returned home to Arizona to care for his mother, who like so many, became addicted to opioids. His mother’s suffering and death has fueled Greg’s passion to take on the drug companies who make massive profits at the expense of patients. Greg knows this is just one example of how partisan politics stands in the way of government actually protecting and helping people.

Now Greg is running for the communities of the 8th Congressional District of Arizona to put people above partisan politics. Greg believes every Arizonan deserves to feel safe, secure and protected — safe from the threats at home and from abroad; secure in a retirement that’s been under threat.

Greg is a third generation Arizonan and proud product of its public schools, including the University of Arizona where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy. He has a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government.

After his service at the Pentagon, Greg has continued to work in national security, healthcare, and pandemic preparedness. "

Joshua Polacheck - Candidate for Arizona Corporation Commission.

"I grew up across the rural West, the son of an immigrant mother and a father in the Indian Health Service. My middle and high school years were spent in Tucson. After college, I joined the U.S. Department of State, where I served almost twenty years as a commissioned Foreign Service Officer. I am the third generation in my family to be a commissioned officer. My tours included Mosul in northern Iraq, Pakistan, Lebanon, Zimbabwe, and the Dominican Republic where I was an elected shop steward. In 2018, I returned home to Arizona to look after my dying widowed father. As a proud husband, father, and son, I saw first-hand the struggles of Arizona families and have been involved in fighting for common sense for the common good ever since. I am running because we need to act now to secure Arizona’s future for all our families."

Seating is limited. Please RSVP at www.granddems.org