

DWPA May Newsletter

We Have A New Chair!



First, we want to congratulate and thank our former chair, Kathleen Sauer. In the time she served as chair, she set up DWPA to go into the 2024 election cycle swinging. **She is stepping down from DWPA to take on a new role as Chair of the Yavapai County Democratic Party!** Congratulations, Kathleen! We have full confidence that Yavapai Democrats will benefit from your leadership as much as we have.

We also want to give an extremely warm welcome to our new chair, Tracy Smiles!

Tracy is a long-time DWPA board member. Under her leadership, the DWPA scholarship program has thrived and provided opportunity to many deserving students in the Prescott Area. We are so looking forward to her continued leadership within DWPA.

More about Tracy: Tracy Smiles is a retired professor who moved to Prescott 7 years ago. Prior to retirement, she was on faculty at Western Oregon University, and before that she taught elementary and middle school in TX and AZ for 19 years. Tracy joined DWPA shortly after moving to Prescott from Corvallis, OR. She has served on the DWPA Board for six years. Tracy is eager to serve the DWPA membership and further the work of the organization's mission of engaging, informing, uniting, and empowering women to actively participate in all levels of service and

government to promote democratic policies and values. **Help Tracy Start Her Term Off Right:** We're so excited to have our new leader stepping in, and we want to make sure that she has all the tools she needs to lead us in preparations for 2024. As a board, we have big plans we want to implement to make sure we can elect more Democrats next year. Some of these plans include building a fresh new website, registering more voters, and launching digital outreach to young and new voters throughout the Prescott Area. We can't do it without you. Please make a contribution to DWPA today, and help Tracy start her term as chair off right.

Contribute to Help Tracy

Please Join Us for Our Scholarship Awards

Reservations Must be Made by 5/19/23

Please Join Us For



May Lunch & Scholarship Awards

Featuring this year's scholarship recipients:

Meghan Cramer
Luke Carmick
Guillermo Grimsley
Mario Zamora

May 24, 2023 , 11:30-1:30PM
Doors Open at 11:00
The Centennial Center
989 Wineglass Drive, Prescott.

Congratulations to Our Scholarship Winners: Thank you to all our members who helped select this years scholarship recipients. Congratulations to Megan Cramer, Luke Carmick

Guillermo Grimsley, and Mario Zamora. At this month's luncheon we will be joined by our winners who will read their essays out to the full board. [RSVP For the Luncheon >>>](#)

About Megan: Megan Cramer is a graduating senior at BASIS Charter School. Megan's extracurricular and volunteer activities include serving on The Launch Pad's Teen Advisory Council, the BASIS Student Council, playing the piano, and participating on a range of sports teams. Megan has applied and been accepted to 8

universities including ERAU, Cal State East Bay, and San Jose State, as well as several East Coast liberal arts colleges. Megan proposes that in order to change the world "I would want to encourage others to love themselves and their community... If I can do that, it'll create a domino effect that ripples through time."

About Guillermo: Guillermo Grimsley is a graduating senior at ASU Prep Digital. Guillermo's volunteer work includes work as a classroom aide in Mayer, helping K-8 students, and on weekends volunteered at the Francen Rescue Ranch where he helps rescued horses and donkeys. Guillermo has applied and been accepted to ASU, NAU, and YC. His long-term goal is to become a teacher whereby he can "truly make a change one heart and mind at a time."

About Luke: Luke Carmick is a graduating senior from Prescott High School. Luke's extracurricular and volunteer activities include playing golf and baseball, serving on the student athlete leadership team, and as an officer for the Mu Alpha Theta Math Club. Additionally, Luke has volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, the Community Garden, and coached golf for a summer youth school program. Luke has been accepted to University of Arizona's Honors and Engineering Colleges, and ERAU. His goal is to use his Engineering education to "implement reusable energy anywhere and everywhere possible."

About Mario: Mario Zamora is a graduating senior at BASIS Charter School. Mario has been awarded many academic awards during his time at BASIS, played soccer, and volunteered at Zooteen where he's conducted learning stations, spoken to the public, worked as a counselor for enrichment programs for children, translated for Spanish-speaking visitors, and mentored new volunteers on how to interact with the public. Mario has been accepted to multiple universities including Yale and M.I.T. Mario is also a legacy recipient of the DWPA scholarship. His sister was awarded the DACA scholarship several years ago.

Help Us Support PASS: At this month's luncheon, we are supporting the Prescott Area Shelter Services by collecting items they need. **Please be as generous as you can be!** Items needed include:

- **13 & 33 gallon trash bags**
- **postage stamps**
- **paper towels**
- **laundry detergent**
- **real silverware**
- **AA & AAA batteries**
- **Hair Supplies: brushes & combs**
- **Nail Supplies: clippers & files**
- **Gift Cards (i.e. target and walmart)**
- **Gas Cards**
- **Masking Tape**
- **Computer Paper**
- **Hand Sanitizer (large bottles)**

- **Coffee Filters & Creamer**
- **S, M, L Adult Pajamas**
- **Disinfecting Wipes**
- **Brother Printer Ink: TN-760**
- **HP Printer Ink: XL Black & 962 regular (color)**
- **Disposable food handling gloves**
- **Tampons**
- **Body Lotion**
- **Conditioner**
- **Pillows**
- **Ziploc bags (all sizes)**
- **Liquid Hand Soap (small bottles)**
- **Sleep Defense System Mattress Encasement (twin)**

Calls to Action

Volunteers Needed: There are many ways to help the Democratic Women of the Prescott Area. Let us know what interests you by filling out the interest form [HERE>>>](#)

A full description of each our committees can be found at our DWPA Volunteer Page [HERE>>>](#)



Request to Speak: Arizona enables its residents to comment on bills while the legislature is in session using a system called Request to Speak. Request to Speak is live now and can be used from the comfort of your home. [Learn more >>>](#)

Help us Build a New Website: We are building a new website to better serve our members and the community at large. Our website is a hub of information for our members to stay up to date on the on-goings in our shared political community. The new site will have updated branding, be easier to navigate, and showcase the important work we do for the community.

[Help us build our new site by donating today>>>](#)

Sign Candidate Petitions: Candidate Petition's to run for office are live on E-Qual. Gathering petition signatures is vital to make sure Democrats end up on the ballot next November, including Congressman Gallego, who is challenging Sen. Sinema. [Sign Today >>>](#)

Contact Your Representatives

Upcoming Events

5/20/23: ADW Women in Blue Event. [RSVP HERE >>](#)

5/20/23: DORR Dancing with Dems [RSVP HERE >>](#)

5/21/23: YavDem Second Sunday, Chino Valley & Paulden [RSVP HERE>>](#)

5/24/23: DWPA Luncheon & Scholarship Awards [RSVP HERE >>](#)

Prescott USD: 1st Tuesday of the month, 5PM-- *District Office Board Room, 300 E Gurley St. Prescott*

Chino Valley USD: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30PM--*Board Room, 650 E Center St, Chino Valley*

Humboldt USD: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30PM-- *District Office, Vista Training Room Bldg. 400, 6411 N Robert Rd. Prescott Valley*

Mayor USD: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6PM-- *Old Library, Mayer High School, 17300 E Mule Deer Dr. Mayer*