Candidate for AZ State T Addresses Democratic Club

J. Kirk Brown

At its Jan. 7 meeting approximately 150 members of the PebbleCreek Democratic Club were addressed by Nick Mansour, a Democrat running to be Arizona's next State Treasurer. Arizona's Treasurer oversees more than $31 billion in assets, including $8.7 billion in education endowment funds.

Mansour is a native of Tucson, Ariz., and has most recently served as Chairman of the Arizona College of Nursing, which grew under his leadership to 24 campuses across 14 states. He hopes to bring a business perspective to the operation of the State Treasurer's Office.

Mansour's primary goal as State Treasure would be to improve the return upon Arizona's nearly $10 billion Educational Endowment Fund.

"If invested wisely, Arizona's Educational Endowment Fund could be earning $200 million more per year. The current investment strategy has denied the State of Arizona's Educational Endowment Fund potential earnings of almost $3 billion over the last 12 years," Mansour said.

PebbleCreek Democratic Club President Dr. Vicki Barber (right) with Arizona State Treasurer candidate Nick Mansour (photo by Alisa Moore)

Mansour also wants to help clean up waste and fraud in the Arizona educational voucher program.

Mansour noted that he knows how to attract investment, grow responsibly, and create good-paying jobs—and he wants to bring that experience to ensure Arizona's growth benefits all Arizonans.

In his address, he noted that he is a problem-solver, not a politician. Mansour summarized his campaign that he is running to modernize the Treasurer's Office, empower local governments, root out fraud and abuse, and help build an economy that works for everyone—business owners, working families, and the next generation of Arizonans.

The PebbleCreek Democratic Club also elected its officers for 2026. Vicki Barber (President), John Moore (Vice President), Tammy Dana-Bashian (Treasurer), Alisa Moore (Secretary), and Barbara McMahon (Member at Large) were elected.

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Join in the 6th Annual Democratic Club Mardi Gras Dinner/Dance

Get in line! Carolyn Suttles leads the Democratic Club's 2025 Mardi Gras parade, which always ends in dancing and other forms of fun and frolic.

Put on your dancing shoes and your wildest, most colorful costume for the 6th Annual PebbleCreek Democratic Club Mardi Gras dinner/dance on Friday, Feb. 6 in the Tuscany Falls Ballroom. The party is open to all PebbleCreek residents and we would love to have you join us for an evening of fun.

After a fine PebbleCreek meal the DJ will announce the beginning of the "Second Liners" parade. "Second Liners" are a Mardi Gras tradition of revelers who follow the floats in the Mardi Gras parade dancing on the streets of New Orleans.

Check-in begins and the cash bar opens at 5:15 p.m. The dinner buffet opens at 6:15 p.m. and dancing follows until you are exhausted or 9 p.m.—whichever comes first.

Tickets are $50/person. Please RSVP to Frankie Veltri (chuckfv@cox.net or 623-363-9629) no later than Jan. 27, 2026. Make checks payable to PebbleCreek Democratic Club. Checks may be mailed to Frankie or you may drop them off at Frankie's home at 4054 North 155th Lane (Eagle's Nest).

Please join us!