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January 16th Program: Legislative Candidates

Our program will have the Democratic candidates in the contested state legislative races. Candidates will be presenting their goals and plans for the office in which they are running. You will have an opportunity to speak with the candidates before and after the meeting. Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP

Now is the time to renew your membership in Northwest Democrats. Available this year is a new "Premier" level of membership for \$30 and also the "Standard" level of membership for \$25. Each level includes a membership for all members of your family. Each membership includes voting opportunities, access to knowledgeable Democrats, old friends, new friends and encouragement for you to participate in the democratic process of our country. The difference between the "Premier" and the "Standard" membership levels is \$5. (Just us trying to get an extra \$5.) You can send your membership fee to the address at the top of the newsletter or pay at the meeting.

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A Few Joyce Words

February 7th the National Football League (NFL) will celebrate the 50th Super Bowl, and Northwest Democrats will celebrate the 17th year we have held our own Super Bowl Fundraiser. This year it will again be at the home of Judge Tessa and Roger Herr, a place we all find so comfortable and inviting.

The food will be good, the company interesting and the fun will be truly in the fundraising. You will have such a great time you won't mind which team wins or loses. Most of all you will be contributing to our Campaign Fund for the fall when we will be supporting the entire Democratic ticket. (As you know, Northwest Democrats does not endorse in the primaries. We are all free to support whomever we wish in the primary, but we all come together in the fall to support the Democrats.) You will know then how the money we are raising is spent.

Much attention is being paid now to the presidential candidates and their reasons (or lack of reasons) why they should be elected. Soon they will be turning their attention to Texas' March 1 Primary. Meantime, we have a large number of local and state offices to fill in that same March 1 Democratic Primary.

We are choosing judicial candidates, the sheriff and other county officials, state representatives and our state senator for District 26, among others. While our organization does not endorse candidates, we as individuals can endorse. Each of us can choose the candidates we support and work hard to assist them in being elected. We have such a short primary cycle this time that we can focus our efforts on a few candidates we feel strongly about. We need to select strong candidates, capable of defeating Republicans in the fall. While we sometimes meet candidates who impress us, when we really consider their opponents, we realize someone else is better prepared, so we support them.

It will not be difficult for Democrats to choose a presidential candidate. For those who put experience first, they will choose Hillary Clinton. For those moved more by idealism, they will choose Bernie Sanders. And for Martin O'Malley - there will be those who choose him. Whatever the reason, whoever you choose, this should be the easiest race to choose for the presidency.

While it may not be so easy to make a choice in some local elections, there will be many races in which there are more than two candidates. It will be your choice for whom to support and vote for. Above all, when you choose a candidate, work actively to help them, financially support as you can afford and vote on March 1. And, don't be afraid of the process if you decide you have chosen the wrong candidate. A student of mine years ago decided to support the incumbent in his reelection campaign. Along the way she found she didn't like him or his attitudes toward the people he served. She asked if she could change candidates. I said yes; she changed and the opponent won.

Be involved, be supportive, be knowledgeable, work for your candidate, work for the Democrats. Talk to family, friends, neighbors, coworkers about the election. Explain why you support certain candidates. Urge them to vote.

VOTE EARLY—VOTE OFTEN!! (It's the Democratic way.)



Interesting?

CBS/*New York Times* poll, conducted Oct. 21-25: "Do you favor or oppose a federal law requiring background checks on all potential gun buyers?" Favor: 92 percent. Oppose: 7 percent. Unsure/No answer: 1 percent.

Quinnipiac University poll, conducted Dec. 16-20: "Would you support or oppose a law requiring background checks on people buying guns at gun shows or online?" Support: 89 percent. Oppose: 9 percent. Unsure/No answer: 1 percent.



A FEW HEADLINES

Conservatives Urge Jeb Bush to Get His Smarter Brother's Help on the Campaign Trail

(Who knew there was a "smarter" brother?)

Leader of House Maniacs Has Started Clock on Paul Ryan's Days As Speaker

(Wanna guess who the leader is?)

Gowdy's Lesson Learned From Clinton Benghazi Hearings: Carry Out Your Partisan Witch Hunt in Private

(I guess some Republicans can learn.)

Republican Candidates Turn Desperate: Let the New Hampshire Pie Fight Begin!

(Make mine banana cream)



We will be accepting money to reserve your space at the Super Bowl 50 Event. The admission levels are listed below. Checks can be made payable to Northwest Democrats.

Level 1	Water Boy	\$35	(1 admission)
Level 2	Kicker	\$60	(2 admissions)
Level 3	Quarterback	\$100	(3 admissions)
Level 4	Offensive/Defensive Lineman	\$250	(8 admissions)
Level 5	Coach	\$500	(12 admissions)
Level 6	Owner	\$750	(18 admissions)
Level 7	Commissioner	\$1,000	(25 admissions)

Northwest Democrats' Super Bowl 50 Event on February 7th, from 4 - 9 pm at the home of Judge Tessa and Roger Herr, 8760 Cross Mountain Trail.

Your admission can be purchased at the meeting, January 16, or sent to the address at the top of the newsletter. You don't want to miss the fun.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

January 16	Northwest Democrats Meeting
January 18	Martin Luther King Day
February 7	Super Bowl 50 Event
February 16—26	Early Voting
February 20	Northwest Democrats Meeting