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May 21st Program:

Nico LaHood,

Bexar County District Attorney "My First Year in Office: Accomplishments & Challenges"

Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.



MAY SPECIAL PROJECT: PROJECT COOL

Project Cool is a program to provide fans for senior citizens in our community. You know how hot San Antonio becomes in the summertime. Many senior citizens in our area do not have air conditioning or cannot afford to operate the air conditioner 24 hours a day. These fans will provide relief for the hot temperatures.

You can purchase a box fan and bring it with you to the meeting or give a monetary donation to have a fan purchased. Box fans can be purchased at any retail store. HEB, Home Depot, Lowe's, Target, and Walmart do have box fans for less than \$20.

Contact Gene Marck, 210-273-9201, if you have any questions.

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A Few Joyce Words

It was announced that Donald Trump would leave behind his campaign pronouncements and would no longer "self-fund" his campaign. Rather the first fundraiser for his campaign would be held this month at the home of the man who bought the "Neverland" ranch of Michael Jackson. For some of us, this is not news. On Friday, I received my first fundraising call from Trump's campaign. Since I hung up on them, they called again on Saturday. Another hangup. Then, Monday, another call came in. The third time they got the message. I started thinking of what would be the best means of making a positive use of these phone calls. And, this is my response: I challenge each of us who received one of these phone calls to contribute \$25 to the Northwest Democrats campaign fund. I will begin by contributing \$25. We will certainly need all the money we can raise to help elect all the Democrats we can.

I get so tired of Texas being visited not to get votes but, instead, national candidates come to get all the money they can. Do you ever wonder how many people we could reach with the Democratic message, thereby turning out more voters, if only that money were donated to groups who were working hard to reach potential Democratic voters in Democratic communities? But, today we see money collected in Texas only to be used in Ohio or Florida.

But, back to Donald Trump. It isn't really Trump who interests me so much, but the people who support him. If you wonder how bad education is in this country, look at a Trump supporter. They are lost in a world where anyone can lie to them - not just once a day - but dozens of lies every day. And, those listening do not know enough about our system of government to even recognize when they are being lied to. Trump, however, wants us all to know what a great education he had. But, did he learn anything?

Now, that Trump is the "presumptive nominee" of the Republican Party, he is beginning to back off on a number of his former strong positions - whether it is the need for a raise in the minimum wage, the refusal to allow Muslim immigrants into the United States, not decreasing Social Security benefits or Medicare, self-funding his campaign, etc. I can hardly wait to hear his pronouncement that Mexico is refusing to pay for the wall.

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Enough about Trump. Soon, the Democratic contest to become the presidential nominee will be over. It appears that Hillary Clinton will be the nominee, but Sen. Sanders continues to wage a strong campaign. Regardless of who is the nominee, we must work hard to do whatever we can to help. However, since Texas is still voting Republican in presidential elections, what we really need to concentrate on is our state and local elections. That is exactly what the members of Northwest Democrats will do. We will work very hard both for and with our Democratic candidates. And, when I say "we" I mean all of us. This year we need everyone. There will be something for each of us to do. No matter whether you can spare a few hours a day or an evening, whether you have a major talent or simply will phone or prepare mail, WE NEED YOU!!!!! The only pay you will receive is the excitement of a winning campaign and the pleasure of working with your fellow Democrats. Most of all you will always be glad you did.



DATE: June 17-19, 2016 SITE: Alamodome CONTACT INFORMATION: Diana Arevalo 210-255-8420

A volunteer form is available on line at the Bexar County Democratic Party website.

PAT MALONEY, SR. PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD DINNER

Save the date, August 18, for NWD's annual Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award Dinner. The location is the Omni. An individual ticket is \$60 and table sponsorships are from \$600 to \$2,500. The fun begins at 6:00 pm. Who is our honoree?

See you May 21 for the announcement!

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IMPORTANT DATES:

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May 21	Northwest Democrats Meeting
May 30	Memorial Day Holiday
June 19	Northwest Democrats Meeting
July 4	Independence Day Holiday
July 16	Northwest Democrats Meeting
August 18	Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award Dinner
August 20	Northwest Democrats Meeting