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## News

**25 YEARS  
And  
Still Kicking**



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## February 18<sup>th</sup> Program:

**GUESTS: San Antonio Mayoral Candidates**

Three candidates for the May San Antonio city elections, Mayor Ivy Taylor, Councilman Ron Nirenberg and Democratic Party Chairman Manuel Medina will be joining us to discuss their plans and goals for San Antonio. We will use the same format for questions as we have used in the past when candidates are attending. Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.

## FEBRUARY SPECIAL PROJECT: BEXAR HOME COMFORTS

Bexar Home Comforts is a small non-profit corporation which attempts to provide emergency help to Bexar County's chronically mentally ill who are in 'independent housing'. The volunteers work out of our own homes and serve about 270 households a year. Referrals come from the Center for Health Care Services, the V.A., and private providers. Most funding is provided by individual donors. Northwest Democrats is a Sustaining Donor and are listed in their newsletter. Any products that are used in the home are accepted: cleaning supplies, linens and dishes. Monetary donations are also accepted. Contact Gene Marck, 210-273-9201, if you have any questions.

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## A Few JOYCE Words:

Every day we find ourselves in a "new world" - a world we could never have predicted or anticipated, and one few of us would have wanted. It isn't just because we didn't vote for Donald Trump. It is as if we no longer live in the America we believed in—this one seems to cherish hate and misunderstanding. Sometimes I think I can't put my finger on how I feel. It's not that I feel this way because Trump won the election. I don't like him, and I don't like what he is doing to the country I love. And, most of all, I am ashamed of what he is doing to our image in the world.

Well, we have him till he is impeached which will take more guts than the Republican Congress may possess. Maybe it will take a Democratic sweep in 2018. Thin-skinned Trump would have a tough time swallowing that. So, let's start channeling our anger to raising funds for 2018, enough money that we can energize all our members to play some role politically between now and then. We need to take every crazy mistake Trump makes and turn it into a positively negative attack in the 2018 campaign. Make the elected Republicans accountable for Trump.

But, before we do any of that, we need to identify new, younger, energetic Democratic candidates for every seat now held by a Republican, whether it is local, state legislature, statewide, or congressional. Wait, I need to make some exceptions - if there is an entrenched Republican in a state legislative or congressional seat - let's don't waste resources, time and energy focusing on them. We need to focus on races we stand some chance of winning. Once the candidates are committed we need to help them by teaching our campaign classes again, by helping to raise funds and to develop strategies. I know this sounds early, but the first ones out the gate are more likely to gain the victories. Each of us can take a particular task. Who wants to start cutting, dating and saving newspaper clippings? Who wants to start making lists of new people to ask for sponsors and tickets for our dinner in August? Who wants to volunteer to watch what is happening in Austin and make notes about especially sickening proposals i.e., bathroom bill, cutting Medicaid services, Sanctuary cities, cutting education funding, watching how the Republicans vote, etc.? How many of us will start recruiting new members? Think of what you can do, and do it!!

I know it is hard to watch and listen to the news - though there are some things you may like. On an even more serious side, (if there is one) it seems that every single day Trump says something that is offensive to one or more of our allies. Between his "respect" for Putin and his arguments with our allies, Trump has singlehandedly brought disapproval and condemnation to our country. We don't yet know what the end of the "travel ban" will be though we may at the time you receive this. But we will never know the damage that will result from this one executive order.

## DON GREEN TREE FUND REMINDER

NOTE: I want to thank everyone who contributed to our Tree Fund either by mail or at the meeting. We raised \$750 in this first effort, enough to pay for one of our trees. However, we need to plant two trees. So, if you have not yet given, I encourage you to do so NOW. Mail your check to: Northwest Democrats, P.O. Box 681911, San Antonio, TX 78268 or bring it to our meeting on February 18.

## PROTESTING IN SAN ANTONIO

If you would like to put your body where your mouth is, <https://tx21indivisible.us/> will give you that opportunity. A group is currently meeting every **Tuesday** at Rep. Lamar Smith's office. The group first meets at Jim's on Broadway at 9 am. Then at 10:45 am the group goes to Rep. Smith's office and takes pictures in front of the building. The group then goes into the office. The group also goes to Sen. Cornyn's office and Sen. Cruz's office. A picture of the group was shown on the Rachel Maddow Show (MSNBC) on Tuesday. I recognized Judy, Olga and Richard.

## PAT MALONEY, SR. PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD DINNER, 2018

*August 10, 2017*

*Omni @ Colonnade Blvd.*

*6 pm—9 pm*

## NORTHWEST DEMOCRATS MEMBERSHIP

We are now collecting membership dues for 2017. The dues are \$30 for a family membership. Lifetime membership is \$1,000. If you have already paid, thank you, thank you. If you paid in 1992, you owe us \$30 for 2017. If your friends did not pay by January 31, they did not receive a newsletter. You might call them.

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

February 14	Valentine's Day 
February 18	Northwest Democrats Meeting
March 13-17	Spring Break
March 18	Northwest Democrats Meeting