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January 21st Program:

GUEST: State Senator Jose Menendez, State District 26
All the state representatives have also been invited. Our legislators will be discussing what the upcoming Legislative Session will cover. You want to know this information so you can be ready with your responses to Austin. These Texas Democrats will be able to tell you the most effective ways to support or oppose legislation. Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.

JANUARY SPECIAL PROJECT: DON GREEN TREE FUND

We will be collecting monetary donations for the Don Green Tree Fund. We planted a tree in April, 2016, in memory of Pat Maloney, Sr. We have two Northwest Democrats that we will be remembering with trees this Spring. One tree will be planted for Pat Butler, a longtime member and supporter, who passed away in July, 2016. The second tree will be in memory of Roger Herr, our great friend and treasurer of Northwest Democrats who passed away December 27, 2016. Contact Gene, 210-273-9201 if or you have any questions.

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A Few JOYCE Words:

On December 27, 2016, Roger Herr, Northwest Democrats treasurer for many years, passed away. To say that we were all in shock is just not a strong enough reaction. And, to me, Roger was more than just our treasurer. He was my close friend, the person I always turned to when I had a concern about the organization or wanted a rational voice to balance my more emotional one.

Roger was always there. Whether he was in India or Bangladesh or here in San Antonio, he always answered my call. If he didn't answer immediately, he would return my call. Sometimes I woke him up. Other times he was in class and called later. But, I knew he would call and answer my question or give me advice. My refrigerator bears witness to all the places Roger visited, for he always brought me a refrigerator magnet from each new place he traveled. A few times it was something different but it would be some small thing from places I would never go.

It still seems unreal to me that Roger is gone. He wasn't always at our meetings or events. His teaching job took him many places. But his job was always done and done 100%. You never had to go back and correct anything Roger did. Others would fill in at the meetings, but every month he would file our report with the state.

Roger was also a major cog in our political efforts. He provided any help we asked for in every election. More importantly, he maintained our membership lists and financial records. Roger's talent played a major role in the activities of Northwest Democrats, and we will miss him dearly in the months and years ahead.

As most of you know, we plant a tree on the playground of a Northside elementary school every year in memory of someone who passed away and has made a major contribution to our organization. This year we will plant two trees - for Pat Butler who passed away in July and for Roger who has so recently left us. So, our special project for January will be to take a collection for the tree fund.

For the first time in eight years our tree fund is empty, and we badly need to replenish it. If you are at the meeting, you can contribute there. If not, you may mail your check to **Northwest Democrats, P.O. Box 681911, San Antonio, TX 78268**. Make your check payable to Northwest Democrats and write in the "For" line, write "Tree Fund". Be as generous as you can afford to be so that we can raise the \$1200 we will need for two trees. We can then provide living memorials for these two men who gave so much to us.

2017 MEMBERSHIP 25th Anniversary

Northwest Democrats will be 25 years old in 2017. You do not want to miss the exciting events we have planned for our 25th year. Northwest Democrats membership dues are due in January, 2017. Dues are \$30/year (includes your family) or **\$1,000** for a lifetime membership (includes free breakfast for 70 years). We already have about 15 renewing members with Al Kaufman renewing his membership last October. **If you are not a member, you will no longer receive the newsletter by mail.** Our elected officials will still receive our newsletter. If you are not a member, you can continue to receive the newsletter, but only through an email. Please give Ruth Stewart your correct and updated email address if you wish to continue to receive the newsletter but are not a member. Ruth's email address is ruthstewartrnccs@aol.com. Members, please give updated addresses and emails when you renew your membership.



OUTDATED OR EXPIRED MEDICATIONS?

If you have any outdated or expired prescription medications cluttering up your cabinet, bring them to the January 21st meeting. Richard and Olga Sharer will take them to a proper disposal location. More information is on Northwest Democrats Facebook page.



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I would like to wish the Northwest Democrats membership a Happy New Year! As we begin 2017, we are faced with many challenges. I, for one having accepted the NWD Chair position, am challenged to meet those standards left by my predecessors, Joyce Dorrycott and Jacob Middleton for whom I have the highest respect and regard. I will rely on their expertise and advice as required.

The Geese story encourages me that we will have a great year in spite of a TRUMP administration. The Geese's goal is to fly together to get to a particular destination. What can we learn from the Geese?

When geese fly together each goose provides additional life and reduces air resistance for the goose flying behind it. The NWD membership provides the additional life to the Leadership.

When a goose drops out of the V-formation it quickly discovers that it requires a great deal more effort and energy to fly. There have been times when members will decide to leave for various reasons, but will return as they miss the synergy and energy provided by the NWD group.

Geese rotate leadership. When a team is functioning well, other members of the team may take the leadership role for a while. It is important to have the opportunity to serve as a leader and follower.

Geese honk at each other. It is said it's their way to communicate with each other. NWD leadership strives to keep the doors of communication open.

Lastly, Geese help each other. This year several NWD members suffered loss of family members. NWD lost one of our own, Roger Herr, who served as Treasurer. It was inspiring how we reached out to each other during our time of loss. The NWD goal is to work for and elect effective, efficient and collaborative DEMOCRATS for the common good of the people.

I encourage all of you to reach out to your family, friends and neighbors to build a strong NWD membership by forwarding our monthly newsletters, inviting them to our fundraising events and our monthly meetings.

Respectfully,
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IMPORTANT DATES

January 21	Northwest Democrats Meeting
February 18	Northwest Democrats Meeting
March 13-17	Spring Break
March 18	Northwest Democrats Meeting