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October 21st Program:

GUEST: Rep. Joaquin Castro

The Honorable Joaquin Castro, US Representative, will be discussing the work of the US House Intelligence Committee and the rest of the mess on-going in Washington, DC. Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.

OCTOBER SPECIAL PROJECT:

We do not have a Special Project for October. You have donated for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Due to your generosity last month, the Refugio Volunteer Fire Department received \$1,000 from NWD. Contact Gene Marck, 210-273-9201, if you have any questions.



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A Few JOYCE Words

I want to say “thank you so much” to each of you who contributed to our project to assist the volunteer fire fighters of Refugio County who had suffered damages from Hurricane Harvey. My granddaughter, Cyndi Rowden, manager of radio station, KFTX in Corpus Christi, came to San Antonio to pick up the money and deliver it to Ronnie Williams, who leads the group. Everyone was especially gracious as we collected \$1000.

Later this month we will be planting a tree in honor of Pat Butler, one of our most faithful members, who passed away last year. Those of us who knew him loved him and appreciated his dedication to Northwest Democrats. Arrangements are currently being made for the school to receive the tree and the date it will be planted. Barbara Moschner has already chosen the tree - our traditional Monterey Oak. This oak keeps its leaves all year, in a manner which provides that as the old leaves drop, the new leaves are already coming in. Therefore, it is never bare, and it continues to provide shade for the children year round.

If you are interesting in attending the tree planting, you may send me an email unicornjd@aol.com, sign a sheet at the meeting on the 21st, or call me 210-680-5701. This is one of those “good feeling” events, and I hope many of you will attend.

In all the years I can remember (and I am now 87, so I have a lot of years to remember), I can never remember a more turbulent or discordant year than this one. It is not enough that we have had a more violent, chaotic year from nature but also from those we elect to serve us at the national level. We have had 3 hurricanes hit our states and territories. Never have I seen it take so long to begin putting lives and properties back together as it has on the island of Puerto Rico. There is little I can add to the things the media has already said, but it continues to be a national disgrace.

But there are so many other things: allowing CHIP to lapse, having a Congress that fails to pass legislation that serves the people, a Congress that stays on the same issue over and over, a president who behaves worse than any three year old I know. You all know these things. There is a new petulant report every day. But, most seriously, is his lack of knowledge or concern about military issues and the danger of his leading us to war. Those of us who lived during World War II remember what a real all-out war can be. We fear for our country when we have such an inexperienced president. After all, “There is none so blind as he who will not see.”

TEXAS' CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 1 (HJR 21)

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 2 (SJR 60)

“The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 3 (SJR 34)

“The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person’s term of office.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 4 (SJR 6)

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 5 (HJR 100)

“The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 6 (SJR 1)

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 7 (HJR 37)

“The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings.”

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 21	Northwest Democrats Meeting
October 23—November 3	Early Voting
November 7	Voting Day
November 10	Veterans' Day (observed)
November 18	Northwest Democrats Meeting
November 23	Thanksgiving Day
August 9, 2018	Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award Dinner