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September 16th Program:

GUEST: Nico LaHood

The Honorable Nico LaHood, Bexar County District Attorney, will be discussing the previous 2½ years and what's happening now in the DA's office. Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL PROJECT:

We will be collecting monetary donations for the Refugio Volunteer Fire Department. (See "A Few Joyce Words" for more information.) We chose this organization because it is an essential for this community, but would be low on the priority list. We will write one check from NWD. We will accept your check to NWD, Act Blue, or cash. Contact Gene Marck, 210-273-9201, if you have any questions.

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A Few JOYCE Words

Our Dinner was one of the best I have attended and I had the extreme good luck of sitting beside the most interesting dinner companion I have ever had, Nicolas Gallego. He shared that he wanted to help people like his Dad when he is adult. When the dinner was over, he turned to me and wanted to know if he was old enough to join NWD. He's paying for his membership with his own money and Dad will be bringing him to our meetings. It isn't age that makes a good member. It is interest and involvement.

Welcome, Nicolas, we are very excited to have you join us. I hope you will never be disappointed in us.

Our president announced his decision to end the DACA Program, but he was giving Congress six months to pass a law providing for the 800,000 Dreamers protected by DACA. Each one of these young people came out of the shadows and gave up their personal information which the government promised not to use against them. There is some thought that the personal information that they voluntarily gave up may be used to assist in deporting them.

Later, the president tweeted that if Congress didn't act by his six month deadline, he would take another look at the matter. Simply pass a law providing these young people a country and a path to citizenship. We don't punish small American born children for the lawbreaking of their parents, so why should we punish these young people for something their parents did when they were small children?

Meantime, the numbers for Senators Cornyn and Cruz and for each of the Congressmen in our area are included in this newsletter. Call them at least twice a week. One of those calls should be about DACA. By the way, even Congressman Hurd seems to want to keep the Dreamers here.

After 12 years, Texas seems to truly be in hurricane season. First, there was Harvey which has taken its toll on Southeast Texas and our coast. Now we have Irma approaching Florida, Jose in the Atlantic and Katia in the Gulf of Mexico. I have waited for someone to say publicly that these storms are all the result of climate change. I know many of us have already given money to (continued)

A Few Joyce Words continued

organizations assisting in the recovery and rebuilding efforts of Hurricane Harvey. Northwest Democrats have always responded to the needs of our community, city, county, state. Our special project this month will be making a monetary donation to the Refugio Volunteer Fire Department. Refugio is a small town, population 2,890, county seat of Refugio County. Not only did the volunteer fire department's building sustain damage, but their major fundraiser of the year scheduled in this time period had to be cancelled because no building is left to hold the fundraiser. However, the volunteer firemen still went from house to house to check on those who stayed in their homes during the hurricane. They found one man who hadn't had water for three days. We know the needs are great. This volunteer fire department will probably be overlooked in all of the relief efforts.

For 25 years, Northwest Democrats have made a difference. We have another opportunity waiting.

Mayor Ron Nirenberg has also set up a website for donations.

<https://give.saafdn.org/MayorHurricaneReliefFund>

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35 Rep. Lloyd Doggett	202-225-4865

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 16	Northwest Democrats Meeting
October 21	Northwest Democrats Meeting
August 9, 2018	Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award Dinner