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And
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APRIL 21ST PROGRAM:

Northside ISD Bond Presentation

Ms. Katie Reed, District 5, and Dr. Brian Woods, Superintendent, will discuss the NISD Bond. Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.

APRIL SPECIAL PROJECT:

Don Green Tree Fund



We planted a tree April 4 at Kallison Elementary in memory of Evelyn Mortolo. We need to replenish our Don Green Tree Fund. Each planting costs us about \$800. This includes the tree, the installation, and plaque for the school. Contact Gene Marck, 210-273-9201, if you have any questions.

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A Few JOYCE Words will return in May

A slow leak. You never see it until the tire is flat. A slow, hidden drip that goes unseen until you get your bill from SAWS for an outrageous amount.

For Democrats in Texas, we need to focus on the slow leak or hidden drip.

In 1965, at the beginning of the legislative session, there was 1 Republican state representative. By the beginning of the 1969 session, there were 8 Republican state reps. Fast forward 10 years and there were 22 Republican state reps. Another 10 years and it's now 57. By 1999 it was up to 72, (Reminder, 76 is a majority in the State House). Two elections later, and Republicans had a majority with 88 seats. Remember that slow leak? Over 20 elections, Republicans went from 1 seat to 88 and a majority. Averaged out that's only 4 seats per election. It took them 20 elections and about 40 years, but they managed it. Slowly but surely. Isn't it amazing what a slow leak can do when left unchecked?

Not to digress, but Conservatives and Republicans have managed the same feat when it comes to policy. Why do you think there is legislation every session dealing with abortion, guns, gays, etc.? Republicans don't expect their grand scheme to pass on the first try. That's why you break it up into smaller legislative victories that no one sees coming until it's already happened. For example, how many times have Republicans restricted access to voting? One session it's shorter early voting times. Another session it's photo ID. They play the long game.

So what's the point? Democrats in Texas need to play the long game and focus on the slow leak. Too often we want that breakthrough in a statewide race. Think of the statewide race as a blowout on the highway. Democrats need to be that nail in the tire.



NWD Special Projects

We are currently taking suggestion for new monthly special projects to replace those organizations that are no longer need assistance. If you know of an organization or facility that could use our help, please contact Gene Marck or an Executive Committee member.



Did You Know?

If the Citizenship question is added to the 2020 Census form, Texas could lose \$26 billion dollars and possibly 2 new House of Representative seats?

Because of nearly \$2 trillion in tax cuts and \$1.3 trillion spending, CBO projects the deficit will top \$1 trillion by 2020, 2 years sooner than estimated?

Gov. Greg Abbott will boost the number of National Guard troops on the border from 250 to 1,000?

Holocaust survivor Stephen B. Jacobs says the rise of the American far-right under Trump “feels like 1929 or 1930 Berlin” as Nazis thrived, and “things just go from bad to worse every day.”?

Republicans are using the possibility that a Democratic majority in the House and Senate in 2019 to keep their seats because Democrats will impeach Trump?

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 21	Northwest Democrats Meeting
April 23—May 1	Early Voting
May 5	NISD Bond Election
May 14—May 18	Early Voting in Primary Runoffs
May 22	Primary Runoff Election
August 9, 2018	Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award Dinner