# **Northwest Democrats**

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And
Still Kicking



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# **November 17th PROGRAM:**

Hon. Joaquin Castro will be our guest. He'll update NWD on what's currently happening in DC and what to expect in January. We'll also get to celebrate our victories. "People say this will be the greatest meeting ever!" Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.

## SPECIAL PROJECT:



**SA Food Bank** serves 58,000 meals/week and 74,000,000 meals/year.

\$1 = 7 meals

### **Items needed:**

Peanut Butter, Cereal, Tuna, Beans, Rice, Macaroni & Cheese, Chili, Canned Stews, Canned Soups, Canned Luncheon Meats.

Contact Gene Marck, 210-273-9201, if you have any questions.

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### A Few JOYCE Words

The last few weeks have been busy getting voters out to vote early, whether by the phone calls or knocking on doors. But, we were all surprised by how many voters turned out. Daily the numbers ran between 30,000 and 35,000 per day. Over 330,000 people voted early, not counting those who were voting by mail. On November 6th, I was especially pleased that the people continued to flock to the polls. At the end of the day, 130,250 had voted, bringing the total voters in the election to 546,494 (49.2% of 1,110,000 registered voters)! In spite of the large number of voters, when votes were counted, O'Rourke had taken about 60% of those cast during the election.

A highlight of our polling place, Great Northwest Library, came on the second day. Democratic Senate candidate, Beto O'Rourke, visited and we listened to an inspiring speech before he moved to the next polling site. As the days passed many of us discovered O'Rourke's daily live casts as he traveled across the state. Not only were the trips interesting to watch and listen to but the speeches were inspiring. His online presentations became addicting. I joined many other men and women who were watching: each of us leaving messages about all the people who were voting.

For the first time that I can remember, every Republican judge who had opposition lost his/her seat, regardless of whether they were appellate, district or county judges. The Express News stated "Democrats take county courthouse". All contested judgeships, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Judge and Commissioner Pct. 2 were all won by our Democrats, many of whom you met at our meetings.

The biggest loss for me was Beto O'Rourke's. I have rarely been so moved, so motivated, so inspired and so proud of a candidate. Every morning I got my dose of positive energy by listening to him as he drove from one city to another and made great speeches in each one delineating his positions. Every item he mentioned that needed more improvement brought on greater cheers from the audience - an audience made up of many young people. It was no surprise when those 18 - 29 year olds turned out in increasing numbers. We were so lucky to have a champion like Beto O'Rourke. I do not believe his

career is over but that he will continue to work with all who will work with him to make this a better state and country.

Since we won't have a political savior, it only means that we will have to continue the work we first began 26 years ago - making our small changes in our community - one at a time. Each month our organization undertakes to help someone who needs it. We are indebted to our members for their participation and support for each of the special projects.

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Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to elect Democrats in the 2018 Mid-Terms. You donated money, made phone calls, block walked, talked to family and friends, put campaign signs in your yard, had bumper stickers on your car, bought t-shirts, went to the polls during early voting and election day to advocate for Democrats. (I bet George Soros didn't pay any of you.) We made a difference.

Go Democrats!!

# **NORTHWEST DEMOCRATS**

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Bowl Event **February 3, 2019** 

**Bigz Burger Joint** 

# **Deal of the Year**

Purchase 2 tickets (\$35 each), get a free 2019 NWD membership.

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

November 12 Veterans' Day Holiday observed

November 17 Northwest Democrats meeting

November 22 Thanksgiving Day

December 15 Northwest Democrats meeting