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April 20th Program It's a Double Whammy!

We will have a forum for candidates running for NISD Board of Trustees. We also have the Hon. Oscar Kazen, Probate Court #1, discussing the importance of the probate process. Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.

APRIL SPECIAL PROJECT:

Refugees: Interfaith Welcome Coalition

When released at the bus station, families have no money, food, water or supplies to provide comfort on their journey. We need your help to provide families with basic supplies as they begin their long journey, to reunite with loved ones around the United States. It costs \$25 to provide one family with these supplies; help us fill a Refugee Backpack by sponsoring one with a **donation of \$25**. If you would like to volunteer to fill backpacks, please email the IWC at sanantoniowelcome@gmail.com

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

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A Few JOYCE Words

Spring seems to have come too soon, but our weather cannot decide whether we will have spring or crazy weather. One day is warm and the next is chilly with rain.

In many ways it reminds us of our national politics. But, that will be for another newsletter. We need to take this time to focus on our city politics. As many of you know on May 4th our entire City Council, the Mayor and all 10 districts of the Council will be up for voters to either keep the members they have or elect a new one.

We have had several programs recently which allowed us to see the majority of those running in Districts 6, 7, and 8, as well as three of the mayoral candidates. Getting to hear their answers to our questions gives us an opportunity to make a better determination of how the new candidates stand on issues.

It is critical that each of us who live in the city express our views on the candidates through our votes. We will all have this opportunity, provided we are currently registered, of course. Each of us may vote early by mail if we are 65 or older, or at the early voting polls if still younger. We older adults can still go to the polls. Early voting extends from April 22-April 30, and you will be able to vote at a number of early voting places. Election Day will be May 4th at your regular voting precinct.



On Tuesday, April 9, I received a call from Nancy Williams, Claudie Pettigrew's sister. She was sorry she couldn't attend the tree planting at Mary Hull Elementary. She was very grateful and wanted to thank us for remembering Claudie. Nancy said, "Claudie would have been so pleased as she spoke of y'all a lot."

Don Green Tree Fund

On April 1, NWD planted a tree in memory of Ruth Lown, one of NWD's founders. The tree was planted at Cable Elementary. Our second tree for our sweet Claudie Pettigrew was planted at Mary Hull Elementary. Thank you so much for your generosity to enable us to plant these trees. The tree for Bill Stavisky will be planted in the fall. At his family's request, the tree for Hon. Paul Elizondo will also be planted in the fall at Powell Elementary.

Gene and Mere Tour the West Side

Recently, Mere Rodriguez, our Chair, took me on a tour of her old neighborhood on the West side. We met on S. Zarzamora and drove on some roads which are considered streets but look more like alleys. We saw many very small houses and many homes in decaying conditions. Here and there people were renovating and fixing up houses, which was good to see. But the overall housing stock is very old and in need of improvements. It is a big difference from suburban San Antonio.

How can we help improve the conditions in the older parts of the City? The next mayoral election will make a big difference. The Mayor's Task Force on Housing Policy has a plan to improve the housing in San Antonio. The existing policies are not benefiting homeowners. These policies benefit developers.

Bus Station Backpack List: Toiletries in a quart size ziplock bag: 2 toothbrushes, 1 travel size toothpaste, 1 package of hand wipes, 2-3 hair bands **Snacks in a gallon ziplock bag:** 2-3 packets of trail mix, 3-4 granola bars, 2-3 packages of animal crackers, 2-3 packages of Cheezits, 2-3 packages of salty snacks (peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers etc.) **Other Items:** 2 pens, 1 small note pad, Coloring book and crayons, Small blanket (4×6), 1 bottle of water, 1 water bottle, stuffed animal, small size English-Spanish dictionary (optional but highly recommended). **More info needed: Contact Gene Marck.**

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 13	Joyce Dorrycott's Birthday
April 19-27	Passover
April 20	Northwest Democrats meeting
April 21	Easter
April 22-30	Early Voting period
May 4	Election Day
May 18	Northwest Democrats meeting
August 15	Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award Dinner