

Northwest Democrats News

**27 YEARS
And
Still Kicking**



JUNE, 2019
Volume 23 Issue 6

Northwest Democrats, P.O. Box 681911, San Antonio, TX 78268;mererodriguez@yahoo.com

2019-2020 OFFICERS

Chair

Esmeralda Rodriguez
210-771-6984

Vice-Chair

Barbara Moschner
210-492-6630

Secretary/ Treasurer

Brenda Middleton

Program Director

Barbara Moschner
210-492-6630

Special Projects

Gene Marck
210-273-9201

Communications

Ruth Stewart

Past Chair

Jacob Middleton

Chair Emeritus

Joyce Dorrycott
210-387-3931

U.S. Capitol

1-202-224-3121

Rep. Joaquin Castro

1-202-225-3236

June 15th Program PEARLS COURT

The Hon. Rosie Alvarado and Hon. Angelica Jimenez will be here to discuss PEARLS Court. PEARLS Court is a therapeutic court that works with female adolescents who have been placed in foster care (crowned as "PEARLS Girls"). PEARLS Court is an additional project of the 438th and 408th District Courts, with the support and approval of Children's Court. Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.

JUNE SPECIAL PROJECT: Family Violence Prevention Services

The problem of family violence is not new, but has gotten more notice recently due to the allegations of domestic violence against one of the mayoral candidates. This organization needs diapers, canned food, clothing. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Statistics show that children from homes of domestic violence have a high percentage of being abusers or being a victim of abuse. A cycle that needs to end. **Contact Gene Marck, 210-273-9201, if you have any questions.**

Authorized & Paid for by the Northwest Democrats

To submit an article or other info, email Brenda Middleton at:
bkdmiddleton@yahoo.com

A Few JOYCE Words will return in July.

In April 2018, I asked everyone to focus on the slow leak. To refresh your memories:

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. The bottom line was: **Democrats in Texas need to play the long game and focus on the slow leak.** Think of the statewide race as a blowout on the highway. Democrats need to be that nail in the tire.

And what did I ask? On election night, pay attention to the slow leak races. What happened with Democrats in Harris County? Did they sweep countywide races and pick up state house seats? What about state house seats in Dallas and Travis counties? Again the slow leak. What happened with judicial races in all of these counties? Did Democrats sweep the judicial races in these counties? Democrats swept Harris County. Every countywide race was won by a Democrat and Democrats picked up 2 state house seats. Dallas County saw Democrats sweep every county-wide contest and pick up 5 state house seats. There are now only 2 Republican state reps for Dallas County. Dallas-Fort Worth also saw Democrats knock off 2 Republican state senators. Travis County now has an **all-Democratic delegation** in the state house. Add to that, 4 different courts of appeals went from no Democrats to Democratic majorities. What should worry Republicans is the Harris County results. In 2004, Dallas County was fairly split between both parties. Fast forward to 2006, Republicans held their own at the top of the ticket while, Democrats swept contested down ballot judicial races.

Notice anything? While the top looks good, something is taking hold below the surface. Fast forward a few more elections. In 2018, the lowest percentage a Democrat running countywide in Dallas received was 58%. From 2004 to 2018, the Democratic vote solidified and increased. The vote bubbled up from the bottom of the ticket all the way to the top. In down ballot judicial races in Harris County, no Democrat received less than 53% of the vote. If Democrats in Harris County can solidify and increase their vote like Dallas, it puts

Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award Dinner 2019

August 15, 2019
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
Omni Colonnade

Keynote Speaker: Rick Casey
Honorees: Women—Trailblazers

Sponsorship Levels:

1 Eleanor Roosevelt	\$2,500
2 Michelle Obama	\$1,500
3 Hon. Ann Richards	\$1,000
4 Hon. Barbara Jordan	\$600
5 Hon. Ruth Jones McClendon	\$110/2 tickets
6 Hon. Nancy Pelosi	\$60



Page 2 Article continued:

Democrats in a very good position to start winning some statewide offices. It also begins to affect recruitment. In 2018, only 3 down ballot judicial races were contested, while Democrats were unopposed in the other 28.

Why run if you don't think you can win? And to think how much could have been avoided if you'd have paid attention to that small leak.

New Bexar County Democratic Party Logo



Northwest Democrats
P.O. BOX 681911
San Antonio, TX 78268-1911

www.northwestdemocrats.org

IMPORTANT DATES

June 15	Northwest Democrats meeting
June 16	Fathers' Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 20	Northwest Democrats meeting
August 15	Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award Dinner
August 17	Northwest Democrats meeting