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March 16th Program SA Mayoral Candidates

Candidates for San Antonio mayor will be present to discuss their goals for the city. Confirmations at printing are Hon. Ron Nirenberg and Hon. Greg Brockhouse. Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.

MARCH SPECIAL PROJECT:



San Antonio Food Bank

\$1 = 7 meals

TWELVE MOST WANTED

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Food donations are critical to the ongoing mission of collecting and redistributing millions of pounds of food to individuals and families in Southwest Texas who don't know where their next meals are coming from. By donating today, you'll be helping a network of 58,000 individuals we serve weekly.

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

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A Few JOYCE Words

Sometime this month we will be planting two more trees on the playgrounds of two Northside elementary schools. This will continue a process we began in 2002 when we planted our first trees for Henry Morales, NWD's first treasurer. Whenever I pass a school where we have planted trees, I'm reminded of our faithful members who have passed and the steadfastness of NWD. Those tall Monterey oaks serve as a symbol of the strength and resolve of Democrats.

Planting these trees was the inspiration of my husband, Don Green, who was a close friend of Henry's. Our organization was a little smaller then, and we were concerned that we might have difficulty raising the funds to continue efforts as it takes a significant sum to plant a tree. In fact, the cost of planting nice trees has risen steadily.

This year it costs \$850 to plant one tree. Don was so concerned about the funds to plant trees, he was talking to Felicia Morales and me at the hospital. Before he died, Don asked that I put in his obituary that in lieu of flowers people send money as "Northwest Democrats always needs money". I did as he requested, and \$5,200 was contributed. We chose to put the money in a tree fund and renamed it "The Don Green Tree Fund."

When we ask for a donation to the tree fund, we want you to know that tree fund donations are calculated separately from other contributions. So far we have planted trees for all of our members who have passed away. We currently have \$1,700 in the tree fund.

The two trees we are planting this month will be for Claudie Pettigrew and Commissioner Paul Elizondo. Claudie was a faithful member and supporter for many years and Commissioner Elizondo was one of the most constant sponsors of our 2 fundraisers. Commissioner Elizondo would have been our honoree for our Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award dinner in August, 2019. We will honor him with a tree instead.

We still have two members for whom we need to plant trees - Ruth Lown, one of our founding members, passed away in August, 2018, and William (Bill) Stavisky, our first Special Projects Chair, died in December, 2018. Those trees will be planted later in the year.

March 16th Program

The program will be our regular format: candidates will answer pre-written questions. This is NOT a debate. Candidates will not respond to what other candidates have said or challenge or question another candidate(s). The format has been discussed with the candidates and candidates will be reminded on Saturday.

Don Green Tree Fund

Update: We have \$1,700 in donations for the tree fund. We need to plant 4 trees: Hon. Paul Elizondo, Claudie Pettigrew, Ruth Lown, and Bill Stavisky. We will give you details as soon as they are available.

San Antonio Food Bank Donations

TWELVE MOST WANTED		
PEANUT BUTTER	CEREAL	TUNA
BEANS	RICE	MAC & CHEESE
CHILI	CANNED STEWES	CANNED SOUPS
CANNED LUNCHEON MEATS	FULL MEALS CAN/BOX	POP TOP FOOD ITEMS

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 16	Northwest Democrats meeting
April 19-27	Passover
April 20	Northwest Democrats meeting
April 21	Easter
May 18	Northwest Democrats meeting
August 15	Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award Dinner