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April 17th Program

Our program will be the candidates for NISD school board trustee, Districts 5, 6, 7. Our meeting will begin at 10 am and Zoom information is located on page 3 of the newsletter. BYOB (bring your own breakfast) and wear clothes.

APRIL SPECIAL PROJECT: Migrant Youth Support

Catholic Charities is seeking donations to support the migrant children at Freeman Coliseum. Many of the children have traveled more than 1000 miles from beyond Mexico's southern border to seek asylum in the US. These children are ages 13-17.

Catholic Charities will be purchasing items such as soccer balls, crayons, books, toothpaste, soap and whatever else may be needed to make their stay in San Antonio as hospitable as possible.

**(See page 3 for specific information on donating.)
Contact Gene Marck, 210-273-9201, if
you have any questions.**

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A Few JOYCE Words

What a difference a year makes.

Just a little over a year ago, President Trump announced that a new virus had entered America, but in his presentation, he downplayed it so much that few people really understood how the virus would affect our lives. It was not just the obvious changes it made; it was the little things that kept cropping up.

One of the first things that I came across was an issue that occurred in my family not long after. We were **so** isolated from our families, that a common occurrence was suddenly an issue. My son who lives in New Braunfels came to see me for a short visit one Sunday afternoon. We had a nice visit, but as he left, he walked over and gave me a big hug. After he left, my youngest son soon let me know that “Tim shouldn’t have done that!” When I asked why he said “I don’t even hug you.” When I asked why not, he said, “because of the COVID!” I told him I liked hugs, and he could hug me anytime. Later, when I told my son from New Braunfels, he looked at me and said, “if I couldn’t hug you, I wouldn’t come to see you.”

We have learned many things since then: Zoom meetings, calling through FaceTime, sending little movies of babies and young children daily which allows us to watch them grow, even when we can’t see them in person. But all these things did not prepare us for how lonely we could be when we could not gather with our loved ones. Christmas seemed like just another day – the three of us eating alone. Birthdays came and went, sending cards and presents through the mail.

Had it not been for Anna and my son Tim, life would have been unbearable. Then came the vaccines – AND a new president who was committed to getting shots to everyone. For the first time people began to take American deaths more seriously, but by then 500,000 Americans had died. Still, even as shots became more available, many wouldn’t take them. But of all the things that happen, the fight over wearing masks is the most frustrating. Things are looking up today. But we all need to work together to finish the job. Get our shots, wear our masks and stay out of crowds. I saw the opening day of the Rangers Baseball team on Television. You could not help but notice the crowd of 38,000 sitting closely, taking a chance on spreading the virus. Telling people they could travel if they got shots, only cause more crowds, more opportunities for spreading the virus. It is up to us. We hold the key to getting control of the virus. I not only wear masks everywhere I go, I wear them in my home when people I don’t know come to visit. what more do people need to know about spreading the virus? Maybe we will never know everything, but look at the person nearest you. How would you feel if someone you loved got sick with the virus because of some little thing you did or didn’t do? Even though we are better, even though we think we are safe, some variant may yet get close to us. You ARE your Brother’s keeper and your Sister’s as well! The sacrifice is so small; please think seriously about being responsible.

April 17 ZOOM Meeting

10 am

<https://zoom.us/join>

For security and privacy concerns the Zoom meeting ID and passcode will not be displayed. Please contact an officer (listed on page 1, left) for the meeting ID and passcode.

Accessing Catholic Charities of San Antonio Website:

1. Go to ccaosa.org
2. Click on the tab that says "Volunteer".
3. A drop-down menu will appear with "Migrant Youth Support". Click on that heading.
4. Then at the bottom of the page will be a "Donate" button. Click on that.
5. At the bottom of the donation page you can put in any amount you wish.

A Confession of Arrogance and Stupidity

I was scammed. I know—how could such an attractive, intelligent, charming, witty Democrat be taken in? I had even read an article in AARP "Old People R Us" magazine that warned against all the many scams. But I was smart—they couldn't deceive me. The magazine also warned that smart people are taken in because they think they're too smart to fall for the scam. (Insert my picture here.) To get my DirectV monthly bill reduced by 50%, I needed to purchase an eBay gift card because eBay was sponsoring this promotion. Even when purchasing the card at HEB, the screen on the monitor cautions you against purchasing gift cards to send to businesses. But I was smart—they couldn't deceive me. Needless to say, my Whataburger, Taco Cabana, Filet-o-Fish budget has decreased. 😞 😞 😞 😞 😞 😞 😞 😞

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IMPORTANT DATES

April 17	Northwest Democrats Zoom meeting NISD Trustee candidates
April 19—April 27	Early Voting Period
May 1	Election Day
May 15	Northwest Democrats Zoom meeting Runoff candidates (if needed)