

# Northwest Democrats News

**29 YEARS  
And  
Still Kicking**



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## May 15<sup>th</sup> Program

Our guest speaker will be **Joe Jaworski**, who will be running against *AG Ken Paxton* in the 2022 election. 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.

## MAY SPECIAL PROJECT: Project Cool

Project Cool is being coordinated by Catholic Charities of SA. This is the web address for you to make your donation: [Catholic Charities Project Cool \(ccaosa.org\)](http://CatholicCharitiesProjectCool.ccaosa.org). You can also drop off a 20 in. box fan at  
**Catholic Charities – 202 W. French Pl., SA, TX 78212**  
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**Contact Gene Marck, 210-273-9201, if you have any questions.**

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## A Few JOYCE Words

This year we have experienced the most unusual weather in the 60 years I have lived here: snowstorms, freezing weather with no power, dry weather, hard rains, and hail. No matter what type of weather we like, just wait around, you will get it this year. Although I hope I never experience another freeze with no power.

Time passes quickly though, and change comes daily. If we use time well (we usually don't), time gives us the choice of how we spend it. Sometimes we are very productive and, sometimes, we suddenly awake realizing that several days (or weeks) have gone by and we have not done any of the things we plan to do. At least that has been my experience. As I look back on my life, I can see many times when I was productive and many times when I seem to accomplish none of the things that I really wanted to do. I have always planned to do a lot of things – chief among them to write a book about my life for my children, my grandchildren, their children. Time is that opportunity to accomplish those things we believe are most important. Unfortunately, other things happen to us, changing our priorities, often to do those things of greatest importance. I have always followed my own world view – that something comes to my attention I feel compelled to do something that only I can do. I used to tell people that if I didn't find something that compelled my doing it, I just didn't think of it at all. And much has seemed to compel my attention in the past 91 years. Now I have reached the point when I realize how long I have talked about writing that book, that I have only written one chapter. Time is reminding me how little of it I may have left. Even if there are many years ahead, I have no idea how productive I will be.

In all our lives, there comes a time when we must give up something we really love doing because life has caught up with us. And tonight, my life caught up with me. So, this will be my last column in the newsletter. I wrote my first column in the 1990's when we first produced a real newsletter. Other than rare occasions, I have written a column every newsletter since. I shall continue to be active in Northwest Democrats, and I am sure you shall enjoy the person who writes the next article in the newsletter. Still, don't be surprised if someday you pick up a newsletter and find I have written a guest column.

# May 15 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.



Our longtime member, Al Kaufman, will be 99 years old on **May 24**. Al's address and phone number are listed here for us to celebrate with him. Please send your greetings to him.

**Al Kaufman**  
**Adante Assisted Facility**  
**2739 Cembalo Blvd**  
**SATX 78230**  
**210-493-3910**



Did you forget? We know you have lots on your mind. If you sponsored the Super Bowl, your dues were included. \$30/year.



## 2021 TREE PLANTINGS

On April 15 and April 21, NWD planted 4 trees. The trees were for Carrie Welborn, Mike K. Davis, Bill Stavisky, Tom Daniels, Hon. Ray Olivarri. Go to our website to see the pictures.

## Letter to SA Express News

### Future Outlook

The six months from November 3, 2020--May 3, 2021 displays a huge difference in our perception about our future after 4 years of chaos and controversies. NPR reported on a Harvard poll that asked "At this moment, would you say that you are more hopeful or fearful about the future of America". The increase from 33% (November, 2020) to 65% (May, 2021) about being more hopeful is significant. Biden's approval is at the highest of any president in this Harvard poll in its 21-year history.

My concern is the millions that voted for the alternative have not learned the lesson from their questionable choices for competent/compassionate leadership.

Sincerely,  
Adam Castillo

## GRAPHIC T-SHIRT POSSIBILITIES

I've been vaccinated, but I still want some of you to stay away from me.

The **T**exas **S**tooges: Greg, Dan, Ken, Ted, John  
(we're Texas—3 just doesn't do it)

*Our Sincerest Condolences*

*NWD expresses sincerest condolences to Charles Woodruff and family on the loss of Jo Ann Woodruff. We'll miss her smile and cheerful spirit.*



**November 4, 2021**

**Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service  
Award Dinner**

**Honoree: Hon. Albert Uresti**

**Omni Colonnade**



**October 16, 2021**

NOTE: We are hoping to have our first in person meeting October 16, 2021. We are still looking for a location. All the Luby's will close in August, 2021. Please check out places when you are out and about. If the location has a private meeting room, we may be able to meet at 11:00 am with members purchasing food from the restaurant. Send ideas to the Executive Committee

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**May 15**      **Northwest Democrats Zoom meeting**  
Joe Jaworski

**June 19**      **Northwest Democrats Zoom meeting**  
Our local Democratic state legislators

**July 17**      **Northwest Democrats Zoom meeting**  
Redistricting in Texas

**October 16**   **Northwest Democrats meeting**

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