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February 19th Program

Our candidate forums will be for County Clerk, District Clerk, and the remaining judicial races. Our attendance for the January Zoom meeting was over 70 people. Democrats are getting ready for the elections. Come be a part of the excitement. See you February 19, 10 am. Information necessary for the Zoom meeting is on page 3. (Wear clothes, as we will be able to see you!)

FEBRUARY SPECIAL PROJECT DON GREEN TREE FUND

February is the month we ask for donations for our tree fund. We will be planting a tree for long time NWD member, Al Kaufman, who passed away October 18, 2021. Details will follow in the next few weeks. (Page 3 has another opportunity for a donation.)

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

A Few Joyce Words

It is Election Time again – or as I like to think of it, it is Voting Time.

When I was old enough to vote, we were sent overseas before I could register. But, when I got back home, it just didn't seem to be as important. I cast my first vote for John F. Kennedy in 1960. I remember staying up all night watching the votes come in. There was some controversy in this election, too. It just involved how long it took to get the Illinois vote in. This year is one of the most critical elections we have had since in my opinion. It is critical that we defeat our current Governor, Greg Abbott. So, we must vote Democratic in overwhelming numbers.

Why? Because Abbott oversaw the passage of the worst laws about voting that we have had in many decades. I wrote about many of them in my column as they were being passed. Then the Republicans spent many hours re-drawing district lines to ensure Hispanic and Blacks got as little representation as possible. Laws were passed that restricted the vote and the Governor and the Legislature failed to take the needed actions to ensure that the power grid would be able to provide for us the next time cold weather came. So how many will die this time? The next time you watch the Governor's commercial on TV don't remember what he tells you, remember what he did.

In addition, there are a great many Democratic candidates we need to elect locally. So what else do we do?

- 1) Make sure we are registered to vote; it is up-to-date and available when we go to vote
- 2) Since our current voting registration card is expired, our new ones will be mailed to us on February 18th .
 - a. Your voting registration card is not required when you go to cast your vote, just bring your Photo ID.
 - b. Watch for it in the mail and put it in a safe place.
 - c. Check to see if you are still in the same precinct as you were before redistricting. Many of them have changed, and if you vote on election day, you may need to go to a different polling place.
- 3) Early voting will begin on Monday February 14th (Valentine's Day) and continues to Friday February 25th.
 - a. Monday-Friday: 8am to 6pm
 - b. Saturday: 8am to 8pm
 - c. Sunday: 12noon to 6pm
 - d. Monday February 21st (President's Day): Closed
- 4) Plan **when** you go to vote, **know** for whom you want to vote, and **VOTE** with joy and courage. You may vote anytime Early Voting Locations are open during the early vote or on Election Day (March 1, 2022).
- 5) If you are voting by mail, your application must be received at the election office by February 18, 2022.
- 6) Tuesday March 1st is election day, and you must vote in your precinct polling location. This is your last opportunity to vote in this election.
- 7) Take someone with you to vote; we need as many of our friends to vote as possible.

Northwest Democrats will be doing everything we can to get the vote out. See page 3 on how you can be a part of contacting voters in northwest precincts without a precinct chair.

February 19 ZOOM Meeting

10 am

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.

Invite family, friends, neighbors to “ZOOM” with us.

Super Bowl LVI Event

Because of Covid health concerns, for our members, elected officials and guests, we are cancelling our Super Bowl LVI event. All your donations will be valid for our new event: **The Hamburger Humdinger**. This event will be at Bigz Burger Joint on Sunday, April 24, 5 pm--7 pm. We will be celebrating our Democratic victories in the March election and looking forward to our work in electing Democrats statewide in November. More details will follow.

NORTHWEST DEMOCRATS VOTER CONTACT INITIATIVE

Thanks to our good friends, Pat Maloney, Jr., Christian Archer, Hon. José Menendez, Hon. Charlie Gonzalez, we will be placing robocalls to precincts in the NW that do not have a precinct chair. The cost is \$100/2000 calls. NWD is donating \$2,000 and if you would like to participate, please send check to NWD, PO Box 681911, SATX 78268 or use ActBlue. Any amount is appreciated. We are placing calls the day before early voting begins, during early voting and on March 1 (election day). We need a great Democratic turnout to prepare for November.

Had enough, Texas? VOTE Democratic!

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 19 Northwest Democrats Meeting (Zoom)

February 14 Early voting begins

March 1 Election Day

March 19 Northwest Democrats Meeting

April 16 Northwest Democrats Meeting

April 24 Hamburger Humdinger