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June 18th Program

Our guest will be **Jacque Callanan**, Bexar County Elections Administrator. **Ms. Callanan** will be giving NWD the latest information involving voting in the upcoming November election. You will want to learn all the changes and if they will affect your voting. We'll be meeting at **Luby's** (Huebner@Floyd Curl). Meeting begins at 8:30 am.

JUNE SPECIAL PROJECT



Project Cool



Project Cool is a program to provide fans for senior citizens in our community. You can purchase a box fan and bring it with you to the meeting or give a monetary donation. Box fans can be purchased at retail stores: HEB, Home Depot, Lowe's, Target and Walmart for \$20.

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

A Few Joyce Words

Days pass, but memories don't. We will never forget that 19 fourth graders and 2 teachers died in a senseless action by an 18-year-old teenager who somehow raised enough money to buy two AR15s and hundreds of bullets. The damage to a human body by an AR15 is devastating to the point of unrecognizable as a person. Many of the victims had to be identified by DNA samples. AR15s were designed to be used in armed combat by soldiers, not to be used on helpless little children.

He first shot his grandmother in the face – then stole her car and drove it into a ditch near an elementary school, where he took out his rage on elementary classroom of students and teachers.

We still do not know the depth and breadth of the mistakes made by those who had accepted the responsibility of caring and protecting those who became the gunman's victims. These are not the kind of actions one would be proud of.

Now, each of these small victims – and the teachers – are laid to rest in coffins decorated especially for each child by an artist. No one has come forward to answer for their failure “to serve and protect” them. Authorities at the school not only failed to act – they refused parents who had rushed to the school the chance to save them. After waiting in the hallway over an hour while children inside with the gunman were calling 911 and begging for the police to come to their assistance.

Meanwhile, lawman from various organizations gathered in the school in the hallway outside the locked classroom door. After an hour, four Border Patrol broke from being told to stay outside of the classroom. They entered and killed the gunman. By then, not only had 21 victims died, but those few still alive were left with memories that will haunt them a lifetime. Four young children not only lost their mother to a gunman's bullet, but their father died of a heart attack a couple of days later.

And all over the world people were touched by the reports of this tragedy. They wanted to help, and many found financial and creative ways of doing so. And, among them was Northwest Democrats. Contacts began being made on Friday, seeking something meaningful we could do. I visited with Senator Roland Gutierrez for suggestions. He is the state senator that represents that district, and he has been there every day and on local and national media both day and night. He has been the source of much of the information in this article as well as the many media accounts. I am sure our organization will do something worthwhile, but there is one area in which we have a special expertise – the political arena. We must dedicate ourselves to one or more of these activities: 1) flood Governor Abbot with requests for a special session on Gun Laws. 2) If we get a special session on Gun Laws, we will specify the type of laws we can support. 3) Contact all elected officials you can vote for who do not vote to support these laws. **VOTE AGAINST THEM AND WORK HARD TO DEFEAT THEM.** Continue until the goal is reached.

There will be more information along these lines in upcoming columns. Don't worry about time, the age of most of his victims were 10-11 years old. We can at least continue to fight in their behalf for that many years.

CONTINUE THE FIGHT UNTIL THE GOAL IS REACHED!

NORTHWEST DEMOCRATS

Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award Dinner

August 4, 2022

Westin San Antonio North

6 pm-9 pm

Honoree:

Hon. Peter Sakai

Democratic Candidate Bexar County Judge

See the attached sheet for information, details, phone numbers, email addresses. The Westin San Antonio North is the new name for the Omni Colonnade. Democrats are energized to elect local Democrats and Democrats statewide this November. All sponsor levels include 2023 NWD membership. You will want to be present at this exciting event.

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IMPORTANT DATES

June 18 Northwest Democrats Meeting

July 16 Northwest Democrats Meeting

August 4 Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award Dinner

August 20 Northwest Democrats Meeting