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December 16th Program

Our special guest will be the **Hon. Ron Rangel**, 379th District Court. Judge Rangel will be discussing the various aspects of the court system. In addition to Judge Rangel, we will have a primary forum of Democratic candidates for the 73rd District Court.

The meeting begins at 8:30 am at Luby's,
Huebner@Floyd Curl.

Real Breakfast \$7

DECEMBER SPECIAL PROJECT

We will be collecting monetary donations for the Don Green Tree Fund. We currently have 6 NWD members who have passed away that need a tree planted in their memory. The cost of each tree is approximately \$1,800.

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

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Joyce Dorrycott**April 13, 1930–November 25, 2023**

REMINISCENCES

Mom had just finished a geology class and we were traveling to the Grand Canyon. We kept stopping to pick up rocks she thought were interesting. Mom was taking pictures with the movie camera and decided it was time to change the film. When she opened the camera, she discovered that there was no film in the camera!

Nancy Kasper

Joyce was very insistent that I finish my college degree. She and Don would allow me to ride up and back with them to SWT so I could attend my classes while Joyce taught hers. She would bring food and drinks for the three of us to have lunch together. Joyce always referred to me as her daughter. When my Mother died in 1999, she told me that I could not be an orphan, so she 'adopted' me. She loved me like her own flesh and blood.

Anna Dorrycott

I met Joyce in 1992 during the Bill Clinton campaign. I had attended a Northwest Democrats meeting with a friend of mine. I liked what I heard and stayed. During that time Joyce was serving as chair and Jacob Middleton as vice chair. It was mesmerizing to watch a very young man and an elderly woman running the show. There was a sense of camaraderie and mutual respect. More than that there was a deep focus on their goal "get out the Democratic vote".

I was amazed by her visions and how she made them a reality. Allow me to share a few:

Joyce and Jacob authored a detailed booklet on how to run a campaign and provided Workshops to individuals running for office. You may have been one of those who benefited from those workshops. She was adamant when she would say..."NWD never endorses anyone during the primary and during the general election we support all Democrats up and down the ballot".

If you were a candidate she personally supported, you can be sure she made calls on your behalf.

The Pat Maloney Sr Public Service Awards Dinner was Joyce's idea. A way to recognize Democrats who have represented our party in stellar performance and a way to raise money. In 2007 she made the initial contact to Pat Maloney Jr and we got to work. She looked forward to planning the dinner each year. She loved the task of reaching out to our elected officials and asking for their sponsorships. And they never said NO to her. She even made calls for this year's dinner.

Having a campaign office and mailing out SAVE THE DATE and invitations for our annual dinner was something Joyce planned and looked forward to. Joyce was not a happy camper when the executive committee made a decision to not have a campaign office due to our members getting up in age and to save overhead costs in order to better use funds to get out the vote. Her concern was that her work in building NWD would be lost. I assured her "this committee works off of the values you have instilled in us and we do all we can to keep NWD as strong as ever." After our 2023 awards dinner, I feel Joyce believed we were keeping her baby safe because she called me around 10 pm and congratulated me on how well the dinner went and the great things we're doing with NWD.

Joyce was honored with the Pat Maloney Public Service Award in 2010. We decided to recognize her as "La Dama Poderosa", "The Powerful Lady", for her many contributions to make NWD the organization it is today. For me the title made me recall a Superbowl fundraiser event at Tessa and Roger Herr's home when I saw this fragile elderly woman surrounded by at least 5 men and she was giving them some advice or a piece of her mind!

Late phone conversations with Joyce included life in being a mom, building relationships, world events and of course "how to get more money to get out the Democratic vote".

I had the chance to see Don Green's love for Joyce one day on our way to an event at Frank Herrera's home. Joyce rode as my passenger and Don in the back seat. Then the song entitled "Because of You" came on and Don began singing the song to her. She had a beautiful giddy smile to her.

Esmeralda Rodriguez

TRIBUTES FROM NORTHWEST DEMOCRATS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS

Her legacy will live on in us

“She will be missed and remembered by many

Her mission lives on in each of us

It will be strange not to hear her telling it like it is

Northwest Democrats lost its founding Mother. I lost a teacher, mentor and friend.

Presently NWD prides itself for its history, growth, membership, and vision to keep Joyce’s baby growing with the same respect, ethics and transparency it was founded on. This is her legacy “Keeping Northwest Democrats Great!!”

She was a rare force for good. Not easy to find another like her.

My heart aches with sadness for Ms. Joyce. She’ll always be remembered and in my heart. RIP

Tremendous loss to her family and the many friends who loved her. She will be missed.

She will be missed and remembered by many.

Her mission lives on in each of us.

It will be strange not to hear her telling it like it is.

Sad day we knew was coming. I hope she passed peacefully. Condolences to the family and her closest friends.

She was a great Democrat, a real firebrand for our party and an all around wonderful human being.

She encouraged my interest in politics and took me under her wing. She mentored me, encouraged me, provided guidance and “suggestions” when she thought I was wrong. My family referred to Joyce as my “San Antonio” grandmother.



Don Green Tree Fund

Donations to the Don Green Tree Fund can be made at the December 16th meeting, online through ActBlue or donations can be mailed to Northwest Democrats, PO Box 681911, SATX 78268.

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IMPORTANT DATES

December 7-15	Hanukkah	
December 16	Northwest Democrats Meeting	
December 25	Christmas	
January 20, 2024	Northwest Democrats Meeting	
February 11	NWD Super Bowl LVIII Event	
February 17	Northwest Democrats Meeting	