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Aug. 16th Program: Judicial Candidates

Don't forget to attend our August 16th meeting when you will get the chance to hear from our judicial candidates.

Locally we have three judicial races, Catherine Stone for Chief Justice, Amber Liddell Alwais for District Judge, and Ron Rangel for District Judge. Let's continue the change we started in 2006 and continue to elect Democratic judges.

Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am at Luby's, Floyd Curl and Huebner.

Special Projects: Stuff the Bus—101 Pounds!

The NW Democrats can be proud of our collection at the July meeting. We collected **101 pounds** of school supplies for children in need. The Board has decided to extend the collection to our August meeting so that the folks who forgot last month or who didn't have time to gather some supplies can have another chance to do so. Please bring pencils, pens, backpacks, paper, folders, rulers, protractors, scissors or any other type of school supplies. There are excellent back-to-school sales at this time of year at Office Depot and Walgreens and many other stores.

Eckert Road Clean-up

Thanks to Adam Castillo, Bert and Jacob Middleton, Darby and Charlie Riley, Jesse Garcia, and Gene Marck for participating in our July clean-up. It wasn't that hot after all!

Call Gene Marck, chairman-Special Projects, if you have any questions...273-9201 (cell).

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A Few 'Joyce' Words

by Joyce Dorrycott

I have never before repeated a column I wrote before, but I want to remind you of the words I wrote in August 2007 –

“If you only watch the media’s reports on the Democratic Congress, you may believe that they are responsible for the lack of accomplishment so far this year. But, if you watch C-Span and listen to what really happens, you know that the Republicans continually play obstructionist to everything the Democrats try to do.

What we see happening is the result of having 49 Democrats, 49 Republicans and 2 Independents in the Senate (both caucus with the Democrats) and 233 Democrats and 202 Republicans in the House. In the Senate they can never get past the 60 vote requirement to end the threat of a filibuster. Consequently, the Senate has accomplished very little . . .

All this points out why it is so critical to elect a Democratic president in 2008. While most of the country’s attention may be focused on Iraq, there are many domestic issues that have been so neglected the past 7 years and that require immediate action. We must also elect more Democrats to the House and Senate to give the support needed to get things done.

*Next year there are more Republican senators up than Democrats, so we have the opportunity to supplement our current majorities with the numbers needed to pass legislation so desperately needed. One of those senators is from Texas, and we need to pick up that seat. In addition, we need to re-elect *Ciro Rodriguez*.*

These are races in which Northwest Democrats can play a real part. Congressmen Gonzalez and Cuellar seem relatively safe, but we can take nothing for granted.

It is my hope that next fall when the call goes out to come work in the Northwest Democrats general election effort that more of you will answer the call. Plan your vacations early in the summer so that you will have plenty of time to help us. Take your responsibility to yourself, your party and your country seriously. Everyone can do something. Will you make the commitment now to do your part in restoring democratic (and Democratic) government to our nation?”

These words are equally true today, and you will show your commitment to our Democratic ideals by how you respond in helping us run a strong, efficient and successful campaign this fall. I know that much calls for your attention today. Other campaigns compete for your time. But, as a member of Northwest Democrats, you have a responsibility to do everything you can to be helpful.

All of us are two years older than last time. Our health may not be as good. Work may require more of us. Families demand our attention, and they should have it.

Still, the work must be done, and it is ours to do. No one else can help us if we don’t care enough to help ourselves. “This is our time; this is our moment,” as Barack Obama reminds us. Stress the “our”. Not just mine, not just yours, not someone else’s – but OUR.

No matter our circumstances each of us can do something. Don’t let the November election come and you have done little or nothing. We are talking COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, SELFLESSNESS, REACHING BEYOND OURSELVES to do that which must be done for ourselves, our children, our grandchildren. This election is our opportunity to change the direction of our country – and goodness knows, we need to do that.

Join our CRUSADE FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT. Catch the wave of change. Call 733-VOTE (8683), come to our office at 96 Crossroads Blvd., Ste. 200, and let’s get to work. Time is short. Now is the time.

ADD THIS TO YOUR CALENDAR

What? Northwest Democrats' Office Opening

When? Saturday, August 16, 11 am - 2 pm

Where? 96 Crossroads Blvd., Ste. 200

How you can help -

Office Shower for Office Supplies

Items needed - copy paper, staplers, small tablets,
mailing labels 1" x 2 5/8",

We do have an **overstock** of pens, pencils, file folders,
cups, napkins etc., left over from 2006.

We are also **in need** of a filing cabinet if anyone has one
they can lend us. And, we could use another desk.

This is **your** office. This is where **you** are needed.
This is **your** responsibility.

If you purchased tickets or a table at our upcoming dinner,
we need to know the names of the other ticket holders. You can
contact Joyce at 680-5701 or Jacob at either
TXDemocrat@satx.rr.com or 867-6338.

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SAVE THE DATE

Our upcoming dinner will be on August 20th. Individual tickets are \$55 or 2 for \$100. We will only have a handful of tickets available at our Aug. 16th meeting.

Remember, all funds raised go towards our campaign in the fall to help all the Democrats on the ballot.