

# Northwest Democrats News



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## Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> Program: Mayoral Candidates

Don't forget to attend our February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting when we will hear from the candidates running for San Antonio mayor. What are your concerns about the future of San Antonio? Traffic congestion, jobs, development, etc. Early voting begins April 27 and runs through May 5. Election Day is May 9.

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

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## Special Projects: San Antonio Food Bank

Too often we think that people eat only at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Of course we know that isn't so, it's just those are times of the year that giving is emphasized. Join us in February for our special project by either bringing needed items to our Saturday meeting or making a monetary donation to the Food Bank at our Saturday meeting. The items most in need are:

Peanut Butter  
Chili  
Canned Stews  
Canned Soups  
Canned Luncheon Meats  
Tuna  
Rice & Beans  
Macaroni & Cheese  
"Pop Top" Food Items  
Full Meals in a Can/Box

The Food Bank's website displays the slogan "Fighting Hunger...Feeding Hope." We just got finished electing a president who in 2004 spoke on *The Audacity of Hope*. In 1992, we elected a president who *still believes in a place called Hope*. Let's continue to feed Hope and fight hunger.

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To submit an article or other info, email Jacob Middleton at:

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## A Few 'Joyce' Words

*by Joyce Dorrycott*

About 50 of us shared the swearing-in ceremonies and President Obama's Inaugural Address at Champ's January 20<sup>th</sup>. It was great to watch it together. Several of us who were there decided that we would like to engage in some public service projects as President Obama encouraged us to do.

Over lunch about ten days later we made the decision to assist the Mass Adoptions Project by furnishing blankets for the children being adopted in October. Evelyn Mortola made contact with the appropriate person at the Child Welfare Board, and we will be furnished with the needed information at our February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The goal is to help provide something to these adopted children that will be particularly their own. Some of us may knit or crochet an afghan, or sew one, or follow the example Evelyn will bring to the February meeting. Others might determine to purchase a blanket or to donate for materials for someone else to make one.

We will also be getting together for lunch again on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Olive Garden, (near Ingram Park Mall on the access road) to discuss other projects we may undertake. Anyone interested is invited to attend our monthly Dutch Treat luncheons.

I confess I have spent many hours watching the deliberations on the Economic Stimulus Bill. It is a discouraging exercise as I have become increasingly aware of how divided Democrats and Republicans still are on the issues facing our country. I suppose it was naïve of me to hope that we could put aside our differences and work together to do something meaningful for our country. It should be clear by next week just what the results of this effort to help our economy will be.

It appears that Texas' Senator John Cornyn has appointed himself the "No" vote of the year. So far, I haven't seen anything he's done that I agree with this session. Well, that's really not a change. Can't really identify anything he and I agree on. He's just one of those 30+ votes that are sticking together on everything.

We should all write a note to the following:

Senator John Cornyn, 517 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510, (202)-224-2934,

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, 284 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510, (202)-224-5922

to let them know your views on issues - and a thank you to these brave senators who have crossed the aisle to help put together a compromise bills in the Senate:

Senator Susan Collins, 413 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510, (202)-224-2523

Senator Arlen Specter, 711 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510, (202)-224-4254

Senator Olympia Snowe, 154 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510, (202)-224-5344

Our members in the House are: Congressmen Charles A. Gonzalez, Ciro Rodriguez and Henry Cuellar. Their addresses are: Gonzalez - 303 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515-4320, (202)-225-3236

Rodriguez - 2351 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515-4323, (202)-225-4511

Cuellar, 336 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515-4328, (202)-225-1640.

Keep in touch with them over the next year. They need to hear from all of us.

## **Thank You**

by Jacob Middleton

**First, thank you for making this year's Super Bowl such a success. A big Thank You to Jimmy & Carrie Willborn for hosting us and allowing us to use their beautiful home. If you were unable to attend this year's Super Bowl, you missed a great time.**

**Another big Thank You to everyone who sponsored and showed their support. Without you Northwest Democrats would not be able to continue to campaign and help elect Democrats every 2 years.**

**Thank you to Larry & Jeannie Ricketts for the wonderful bar-b-que and Kathy Day & Sue Wilson for the food trays and fruit centerpiece, and Judge Michael Mery for the cake.**

**Thank you to County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson for being the auctioneer and doing a wonderful job.**

**Thank you to everyone who helped with the setup and takedown, registration, silent auction, etc., so many people to mention which is why I would like you to come to the Saturday meeting so that we can acknowledge and thank you in person.**

**Now that the Super Bowl is over, we can take a few months to focus on the State Legislature. Yes, it's that time again.**

**Here are the contact phone numbers for the legislators in the NW area:**

**State Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, 512-463-0126, 210-733-6604**

**State Sen. Carlos Uresti, 512-463-0119, 210-932-2568**

**State Rep. Trey Marintez Fischer, 512-463-0616, 210-737-7200**

**State Rep. David Leibowitz, 512-463-0269, 210-372-0759**

**State Rep. Frank Corte, 512-463-0646, 210-349-0320**

**State Rep. Mike Villarreal, 512-463-0532, 210-734-8937**

**State Rep. Jose Menendez, 512-463-0634, 210-673-3579**

**State Rep. Joaquin Castro, 512-463-0669, 210-684-6896**

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Reminder: You can pick up your silent auction items at the meeting. If you bid on a silent auction item, please pick it up.

If you bid on a silent auction item, but are not sure if you won it, come to the Saturday meeting and you can find out.

Reminder: Dues were due in January. They're \$15 per year for your family. You can also go online and pay your dues at <http://northwestdemocrats.org/>