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June 20th Program: Legislature Report

Don't forget to attend our June 20th meeting when we will hear from our State Representatives who will give us a report about what all transpired in this year's legislative session and what we might expect with a special session.

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

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Special Projects: Warrior and Family Support Center

For a list of items the Warrior and Family Support could use please see this month's "A Few 'Joyce' Words."

2009 Pat Maloney, Sr. Dinner

If you haven't heard, this year we are honoring State Sen. Leticia Van de Putte at our 3rd Annual Pat Maloney, Sr. Public Service Award fundraising reception and dinner.

Right now we are currently taking table sponsorships as well as ads for our program.

Please help us make this continue to make this year's dinner a success.

If you would like to help out in the planning and preparation, you can call or email Jacob Middleton at 210-867-6338 or TXDemocrat@satx.rr.com

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A Few 'Joyce' Words

by Joyce Dorrycott & Judy Moczygomba

If you have never visited the Warrior and Family Support Center (most commonly known as the Wounded Warriors Center), you should certainly plan to do so in the near future. When we planned to visit to deliver the Memorial Day cards for Northwest Democrats, we had no idea what a great place existed.

When you do plan to go, be sure to call Judith Markelz, (the program manager) at 916-8367, for specific directions. We certainly needed better directions. It would have saved us driving in circles looking for the parking lot which we could see but could never find. Instead, we did as many others before us - parked in an unofficial entrance and walked across the grass to the entrance.

When we entered the huge wooden double doors, we faced a towering chimney with the most beautiful metal butterfly sculpture. Bill Yates, who was our guide throughout our tour of the building and grounds, gave us the history of the center which was built with funds raised nationwide. Forty per cent of the funds came from Texas.

The welcoming atmosphere and the total planning that has been done to meet the needs of our wounded and courageous servicemen and women, is extremely impressive. Some of the things that are most memorable are the movie, computer and craft rooms, and the massive kitchen. But, you must see it for yourself!

A NOTE CONCERNING THIS MONTH'S SERVICE PROJECT -

The service project for June for Northwest Democrats just happens to be the Warrior and Family Support Center. While we were there we learned there were several opportunities for us to be of help. They are:

1. Bricks for the patio in front of the entrance may be sponsored with your name for \$50 each.
2. Bottled water is especially needed due to the summer heat. A large refrigerator cooler is kept filled with water next to the outside door.
3. Snacks, such as cookies, popcorn and chips are always near the tables.
4. Books, magazines, puzzles, games, cd's & dvd's, are all appreciated.
5. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Immediately following our June 20th meeting, several cars will be needed to transport the items gathered to the center. Please be one of them!

Calendar

June 15 - 6:30 pm - Stonewall Democrats, Grady's Bar-B-Que, 6510 San Pedro

June 20 - 8:30 am - NWDemocrats, 9251 Floyd Curl @ Huebner

June 27 - DLC, Enchilada Warehouse, 2106 N St Mary's.

July 4 - Northeast Democrats, Luby's, 8511 Tesoro Dr. (Please check with John Courage, 499-5776 on this as this is a holiday)

July 18 - NW Democrats, 9251 Floyd Curl (@ Huebner)

Let's Do It Again in 2010

by Jacob Middleton

Now that we're finished with the spring elections (for those who didn't know I was working on the Julian Castro for Mayor campaign, which is why the newsletter was shorter for a few months), we can now concentrate on raising money and organizing for the 2010 election.

Should the governor sign HB 4741, Bexar County will get three additional County Courts. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe the initial judges to these seats will be appointed by the County Commissioners Court. Since Democrats have a 4-1 majority on the Commissioners Court, let me be the big partisan and say appoint three Democrats. Maybe a deal was worked out that the governor would sign the bill if at least one Republican was appointed; I still say appoint three Democrats.

If they "have" to appoint a Republican, at least make it someone who will not run for the seat. The last thing I want to do is give some young Republican attorney a leg up and a chance to run for another office down the line.

FYI: County Judge Nelson Wolff, 210-335-2626
Commissioner Sergio Rodriguez, 210-335-2611
Commissioner Paul Elizondo, 210-335-2612
Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, 210-335-2644

Another bill which didn't make it through this time would have given Bexar County three additional district courts. If the governor calls a special session and opens it up to possible issues that can be taken up, maybe we could see this one taken up again. Speaking of district courts, I think there will be 6 Republicans up for re-election.

On the 4th Court of Appeals, I would like to give the new Chief Justice Cathy Stone some help. Currently she is the only Democrat on the court with 6 Republicans. 2 of these seats will be up in 2010. One of those is Marialyn Barnard (if you don't remember, we already defeated her once for a district court seat in 2006).

Statewide, I hope that if Kay Bailey Hutchison does resign and a special election is called, could we all agree on just one big name Democrat to run. I know there are currently two (Bill White and John Sharp), but I would like to see just one. If a special election happens, there may be two rounds of voting. The first round I believe functions like an open primary with everybody running. If no one gets over 50%, it goes to a second round with the top two vote getters (that might mean two Republicans running rather than a Democrat versus a Republican). I prefer to limit our contender to one Democrat and try to reach 50% on the first round. Republicans have about 4 big to medium name contenders exploring the race. Let the Republicans run multi candidates and split their vote.

Democrats had a very successful year in 2008. In Texas, Democrats were successful at the local level. With the DNC coming to Texas for its winter meeting, hopefully we'll see some money and more organization follow come the next election. With Democrats continuing to regain lost ground here in the state, I say let's do it again in 2010.

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Aug. 19th - 6 pm - 9 pm, Omni Hotel
PAT MALONEY SR. ANNUAL DINNER
Honoring State Senator Leticia Van de Putte