



Victory Gram



Meeting Monday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. @ St. Pauls 11 North Park Street

The Politics of Social Networking

With the 2008 election of President Barack Obama, many Americans mobilized in an unconventional way—online. Through social networking sites such as Twitter, MySpace, and Facebook political candidates are finding a new and very effective way to connect with constituents and supporters. Candidates can send mass email, collect contributions, and post campaign updates

at the push of a button. The Obama Campaign mastered this form of outreach and now it is rare to find a member in Congress who does not have a Facebook account.

Local and statewide candidates have already begun setting up Facebook accounts and are beginning to mobilize their volunteers. On Saturday, February 13th from 10AM – Noon, I will be conducting a

class in the Computer Lab at Angelo State University, Rassman Building on Facebook. The class will focus on three major objectives: “How to setup a Facebook account”, “Privacy and Protection”, and “Facebook and the Political Arena”. All participants must have a personal email account for setup. Please RSVP at gcampos@angelo.edu. Hope to see you there.

-Manny Campos
Club President

This Month

This month's program will be our two candidates for Tom Green County Democratic Chair, JB Hall and Linda Shoemaker (incumbent). Both candidates will give a 5 to 7 minute presentation and then field questions from the audience. This presentation will be moderated by former Tom Green County Chair, Jon Mark Hogg. Jon Mark is currently serving on the San Angelo City Council, SMD#5. Please join us.

State of the Union Get-together

Fellow Democrats: We are on the brink of witnessing the historic signing into law of President Obama's health care legislation. The process has not been pretty and the product is not perfect, but, bearing in mind the many obstacles raised by Republicans, Blue Dogs and Joe Lieberman, passage is a magnificent feat. We will continue working on this legislation until we can truly say the United States of America provides health care for all.

I believe this achievement will serve as the foundation for the president's remarks on domestic policy during his State of the Union address. To mark this important event, I invite you to join me for a festive get-together hosted by the Shoemaker re-election campaign. We will gather to watch the State of the Union at Democratic Headquarters, 43 West Twohig on Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30. A big-screen television and all you can eat will be provided. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

events need to be placed on your calendar. We will have precinct caucuses on Tuesday night, March 2nd, after the polls close on primary election day. Training will be provided for people who would like to preside at these caucuses. Our Tom Green County Democratic Party will hold its county convention on Saturday, March 20th. The most important item of business will be the election of delegates and alternates to the state convention that will take place in Corpus Christi on Friday June 25th and Saturday, June 26th.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday, February 1st.
-Linda Shoemaker
Party Chair

Hall Files for Candidacy

It has been over 40 years since Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was taken from us, but he lives on in the life of every civic-minded American and people around the world who continue to fight for ideals of fairness and opportunity for all. I pray that King's hope and dream lives on.

As a candidate for Tom Green County Democratic Party Chair, I hope to build our local party through grass root efforts and by offering a voice for the people. My goal and vision is to bring forth real change, while never losing sight of the people I represent. I will express my full agenda more thoroughly at our club meeting. Y'all come!

-J.B. Hall
Candidate for Democratic Party Chair

Announcements

Our headquarters will now be open Monday through Friday, from 12 noon to 5:30 PM. We will have campaign literature for all of our candidates.

NAACP

The NAACP will host its Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Friday, Feb 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the McNease Convention Center. Guest Speaker: Oliver J. Bell; Theme: Rebuilding Our Community With Pride. For Tickets (\$20), call Jan at 653-2603 or Erma at 651-6423/277-3046. Tickets will not be sold at the door; ticket sales will cutoff Wednesday, Feb 3rd.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

Monthly Trivia

Of those currently serving in the House of Representatives, who holds the title for the most consecutive years in office? What state does he/she represent?

1. _____

2. _____

(Please bring your newsletter to the next meeting with your answers to enter a prize drawing.)

Three other important

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