



# Victory Gram



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

## The Power of Progress is in Our Hands

**Manny Campos**

*President*

As Tom Green County Democrats, we have much to be proud of. Attendance at our meetings has been consistently high, we have a slate of extraordinary candidates on the Primary Ballot, and more and more of us are connecting to the online grassroots movement called Facebook. We are truly paving the way for a revival in progressive leadership throughout the state.

Recently, Young Democrats

President Heather Guthrie and I traveled to Lubbock to attend the annual West Texas Coalition of Democrats Banquet. Nearly all of the statewide candidates were in attendance. We were also given a crash course in the history of Texas politics, as our table and tickets were paid for by former Texas House Speaker Pete Laney. Laney and other leaders emphasized the importance of embracing the "next generation" of Democrats.

As we heard from each statewide candidate, the names of

Pete Laney, Samuel Rayburn, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Ann Richards were invoked. As a member of the "next generation", I must stress that we cannot move forward without knowing about the Texas titans who walked the roads we now walk. The March primary and November general election is an opportunity for each of us to stop business as usual and destroy the excessive cronyism that has denied us all a place at the table. Let us continue to fight the good fight and keep our head held high as a new page in Texas history is written – and please VOTE!

## A Note from the Party Chair

**Linda Shoemaker**

*Party Chair*

Fellow Democrats, we are preparing for the big election on March 2nd. We still need a few more election workers. Call me at 450-0018 or the Elections Office at 659-6541 if you want to help. We are allowed to make last minute emergency appointments. Also on March 2nd, after the polls close, we will hold precinct caucuses at 7:15 PM. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have held training on February 18th, but I have available for you an excerpt from the party rules plus parliamentary procedure handouts. A skit will be presented at the March 1st meeting to illustrate how to hold a precinct caucus. The well-attended caucuses of 2008 are not expected this year. The most important items of business at the caucuses will be the election of delegates and alternates to the county convention, plus the introduction of resolutions concerning important issues for the party to consider at the county and state conventions. The county convention will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at 9 AM at the Southside Recreation Center meeting room, 2750 Ben

Ficklin Road. The state convention will begin on Friday, June 25th in Corpus Christi.

The Bill White campaign has been in touch with me and Manny Campos. They are hoping to avoid a run-off with Farouk Shami. Former Congressman Stenholm has mailed a letter supporting White to his old congressional district. Most of us believe that White is the candidate with the best chance of winning in November, and his qualifications are fantastic. Some folks don't like for the county chair to endorse before the primary, but Texas Democrats are in dire straits. We've got to fight our way out of the hole in which we have existed for several years. Thus, I'm saying that Bill White is my choice for Governor of Texas!

The headquarters is open five days per week from noon to 5:30 PM. Mozelle Vandever is the office manager. The number is 655-VOTE. Please remember there is a contested race for county chair. GET OUT AND VOTE! LET'S WIN!

### Monthly Trivia

What U.S. President said the following statement?

"The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men."

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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

## This Month

This month's program will be presented by representatives from the local Census 2010 office. We will be informed about both the local recruiting efforts and the actual Census process. Please join us for what is sure to be an informative evening.

## Announcements

Alex Porter, in her role as a member of TFN's Youth Leadership Council, will be hosting a viewing of the movie, "Abstinence in Albuquerque," followed by a discussion of the effects of Abstinence Only Education in Public Schools. This event will take place on March 11 at 7 P.M. in the Great Room of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 3 S. Randolph and light refreshments will be served.

Executive Committee meeting 6 p.m. Monday at Anna Thomas' office at 213 W. Beauregard Ave. All are welcome.

Reception for Pete Gallego, State Representative for House District 74, on Wednesday, March 3rd at Los Panchitos, 34 West Avenue B, from 5:30 to 7 PM.

Kurt Kuhn, Democratic candidate for the Third Court of Appeals will be in San Angelo on Wednesday, March 10th for a 5 PM reception. More information will be provided at the March meeting.

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