



Victory Gram



Meeting Monday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. @ San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love Street

President's Message

Organization. This is one of the most important elements of success in any endeavor. West Texas Democrats are at a point where we must work toward this goal above all others. The beginning of this work is the West Texas Coalition.

I see this as important not only locally and regionally, but even statewide and nationally. A successful coalition could motivate our base. Democrats are disengaged and did not show up at the polls. A coalition could move toward improving everything from communications, with each other and the media, and fund raising. Of special interest are the 18-25, the over 50 and the minority demographic which were conspicuously absent for the mid-term election.

Organization will all have to be extensively planned in detail. We will have to go all the way down to the precinct level with training and programs. All counties in West Texas should be organized to maximize participation in the political process. The Coalition would help to put good, like minded Democrats in contact with each other. We could then share information and experience. We could seek and demand support from the state Texas Democratic Party. More visits, training and attention will be needed to be competitive in future elections. The big cities cannot carry the elections without West Texas.

We have taken the first steps and will keep you informed of our progress. Furthermore, we strongly invite you to participate. Get to know regional Dems! They invite us to their place and we return the favor. As we cooperated together this election cycle, we were able to get state wide candidates to come to West Texas for joint 3-4 city visits. We don't want to stop there. We want to do even more. Won't you join us?

Floyd Crider
President

West Texas Coalition

The West Texas Coalition of Democrats is being re-formed. Tom Green County Democratic Club Vice President John Perry has accepted the same position with the Coalition. The West Texas Coalition of Democrats is a Texas Political Action Committee that represents the interests of Texans who live west of I-35 to New Mexico and from the Oklahoma border to the Edwards Plateau, plus El Paso. The coalition's stated goals are...

- Field West Texas Democrats and help them win elections.
- Build support for small towns, small business, ranch life, and family farms.
- Make the difference in who gets to go to Washington.
- Sustain the attention of political leaders in Austin.

Dues are \$30 per person per year. John Perry will have membership forms at the January TGDC meeting. For more information call (806) 356-9082 or visit the coalition's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Texas-Coalition-of-Democrats/115914015142726>.

February 12, 2011 at 1 PM the coalition will be putting on a regional convention in Lubbock at the Texas Tech Club on the east side of Jones AT&T's Stadium. This will provide a chance to attend training sessions and meet Democrats from all over West Texas. The price is \$50 and includes dinner, training, a candidates' rally, and a chance to see the full Federalist/Anti-Federalist debate.

Other upcoming West Texas Coalition of Democrats Meetings

January 8, 2011
2:30 pm
Texas Tech Club
East Side of Jones AT&T Stadium
Drive of Champions
Lubbock, TX

Announcements

The guest speaker at this month's meeting is Bruce Bender of Lubbock, our State Democratic Executive Committee member for the 28th District.

From the Treasurer

Have you ever notice the date that is included on the address block of your newsletter? Guess what? There's a reason for it! That date indicates the time your membership expires. If you have not paid for a while, won't you send a check soon? (TGC Democratic Party, PO Box 450, 76902) We would appreciate it.

No date means that we have no record that you ever paid dues. Perhaps you would like to support the club's activities by paying \$15 per year.

Thanks.

Ivey Mossell, treasurer

Looking Ahead

Meeting dates for 2011

- February 7—March 7—April 4
- May 2—June 6—July 11
- August 8—September 12
- October 3—November 7
- December 5

The Executive Committee (officers and board of directors members) meet for planning on the Monday following each general membership meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Time — 6 P.M.

Place — Galilee Community Development Corp. 1404 S. Oaks (rear building)

Monthly Trivia

_____ is the current chair of the Democratic National Committee.

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

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