



Common Sense

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

State Government for Sale?

ALEC is the American Legislative Exchange Council. It is an organization backed by Republicans and corporate lobbyists and is designed to provide suggested legislation to governing state bodies, pushing their agendas. Koch Industries, among others, finance the operation. The laws, when passed, enrich corporate profits with tax loopholes and then use the resulting deficits to defund government entities such as public schools. The deficit is also used as a convenient excuse to marginalize or eliminate competition, which is primarily unions, not only in Wisconsin, but also in Michigan, Ohio, and of course, Texas. Rep. Yvonne Davis (D-Dallas) is heralded in the July edition of Texas Monthly as being a champion of the people by exposing loopholes, exemptions, and subsidies that benefit only the rich. She created House Bill 2434 to eliminate \$22 billion of the payola bills. The Republican Legislature and Governor never let it out of committee. This is why there were cuts in public education of \$4 billion. The goal is to eliminate public schools in favor of private schools. The private schools will not have to abide by public rules: no Special Education, no handicapped accommodations, and no minorities. They want to create what they claim public education has done - program our children. I don't object to people believing in what they think is best. But, I totally object to the subterfuge and tricks. If we do not have open, honest debate, we lose the essence of America... the democratic process. — Floyd Crider

New Voting Restrictions Coming

Effective January 1, 2012, new restriction on voters passed by the GOP through State Bill 14 come into effect. This is a blatant form of voter disenfranchisement, but until our party takes back Texas, it will be enforced. According to SB 14 you **MUST** have a valid picture ID with you at the time you go to the polls to vote. Acceptable forms of picture ID include:

- A Texas Driver's License, the new Election ID Certificate, Personal ID Card, or a Concealed Handgun License issued by the DPS, that has not expired or that has expired no earlier than 60 days prior to the date presented.
- A US Military ID Card that contains the person's photograph and has not expired or that has expired no earlier than 60 days prior to the date presented.
- A US Citizenship Certificate containing the person's picture.
- A US Passport issued to the person that has not expired or that has expired no earlier than 60 days prior to the date presented.

Exemptions can be obtained with written documentation of disability from the Social Security Administration, a disability rating of at least 50% from the US Department of Veteran's Affairs, or by a statement in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State stating the person does not have any form of ID listed above.

John Perry

Redistricting Hearing Set

The Tom Green County Commissioner's Court will be holding a re-districting hearing on August 4, 2011 at 3pm. It will be held in the County Commissioner's Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor of the Judge Edd B. Keyes Building located at 113 West Beauregard.

On the agenda will be the re-drawing of the precinct lines in Tom Green County. The new boundaries could greatly affect the outcomes all county elections, especially the ones in Precinct 1 where Roy Balderaz and Jesse Martinez will be on the ballot.

The proposed precinct boundaries are available to be viewed at the Tom Green County Elections Office. It is located on the 2nd Floor of the Judge Edd B. Keyes Building located at 113 West Beauregard.

We need to be well represented at this event. Club Vice President John Perry & County Chair Linda Shoemaker will be organizing a group to appear at the hearing. We cannot let the Republicans gerrymander our candidates right out of the 2012 election. For more information call Linda at 450-0018 or 224-2944, or John at 374-5077.

**Happy 50th Birthday
President Barack Obama**

August 4, 2011

Announcements

The guest speakers at this month's meeting are Patsy Kneller of Habitat for Humanity and Terry Shaner of Galilee Community Development Corporation.

Callers Needed

We need some more callers. It only takes a few minutes each month and provides a valuable reminder for our members.

Contact Joyce Hubbard, by phone at 947-5253 or hubbard7@suddenlink.net. Thanks!

Democratic Party Executive Committee Meeting

August 2, 2011

5:15 pm

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FMI contact Linda Shoemaker at 450-0018 or 224-2944

This is a meeting of precinct chairs & the county chair.

Name the Newsletter Winner

Congratulations to our Name the Newsletter contest winner Martha Sleutel. Her suggestion of the name "Common Sense" was voted on and adopted by the Club Executive Committee at our July Executive Committee Meeting. She will receive an Obama 2012 bumper sticker from the County Club.

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. Oakes

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