



Victory Gram



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

Why Run For Congress? By Jim Riley

First, people like Glenn Beck preach that this is the end of the world, people like Sean Hannity make it sound like this world is hardly worth saving, and Rush Limbaugh taunts and divides our country with un-Christian-like rhetoric saying that poor children should learn to dumpster-dive if they are hungry. But, this movement on the far right, this partisan Republican movement that panders to the selfish philosophy of "I got mine, the heck with you"...claims to be 'the *religious* right'! They claim to have God on their side, and they even plant their flag in the name of Christianity. Yet when I ask them, they know very little of scripture to support their political philosophy.

When the Republican Party started the T.A.R.P., they 'gave' about a trillion dollars to billionaire bankers to save the mismanaged American economy. Republican Party politicians pushed for tax cuts and other benefits for billionaires who shipped our manufacturing capabilities to Communist China and India where they can profit from unregulated labor markets where they abuse workers and the environment. From Andrews to Fredericksburg, I've been traveling around and talking with people about the current events that shape our world. From blue collar working people to small business owners, Americans of all stripes and colors are concerned about the same basic issues that are affecting all of us and that, if not resolved, may affect generations to come.

As these attacks on working-class people grow, Republicans plan to cut education (seriously, there *are* Republicans advocating we close all public schools), to bar money being used for infrastructure to improve our competitive edge in world commerce, and to reward multi-national corporations who take jobs and manufacturing out of the United States. You have to ask, are Republicans working for someone else? To me it doesn't appear that they are working for me, for you or for America!.

I think it's time we, as working people, stand up as our grandparents and great-grandparents did. And I hope you will join me, because America is in trouble and we have to work hard to build infrastructure and bring *our* jobs and *our* manufacturing base back to *our* country and *our* people. I am running for Congress because I believe in this, and I believe in America. I am running as a Democrat because I believe in the American working class!

You can learn more about Jim Riley and my stance on various issues, and you can contribute to our campaign at: <http://www.jimrileyforcongress.com>

West Texas Coalition of Democrats Regional Convention Update

Don't forget the West Texas Coalition of Democrats Regional Convention is coming up on February 12, 2011 in Lubbock. It will be a chance to attend training sessions and meet Democrats from all over West Texas. The training sessions are free & the price including dinner, training, a candidate's rally, and a chance to see the full Federalist/Anti-Federalist debate is \$60.

If we are going to take back Texas we have got to get organized from the grassroots up as our opponents on the Right are. This training will help people understand how they can get involved, how to use VAN, and how to be an effective precinct chair, county chair, or YD. We need to have a strong presence from the Concho Valley to get ready for the 2012 election which has already begun. Even if you cannot attend donations are being accepted to help raise money & help send YDs free of charge.

John Perry has information, call him at (325) 374-5077 or call Jim Perkins at (806) 356-9082 or visit the coalition's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Texas-Coalition-of-Democrats/115914015142726>. Please RSVP by February 4, 2011.

Announcements

The guest speaker at this month's meeting is Jim Riley, candidate for United States House of Representatives District 11

Oops!

Please correct our mistake in last month's schedule for the year. The August meeting will be on the 1st, not the 8th.

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, 947-5253 or hubbard07@verizon.net. Thanks!

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)

West Texas Coalition of Democrats Regional Convention

February 12, 2011

1:00 pm

Texas Tech Club
East Side of Jones AT&T Stadium
Drive of Champions
Lubbock, TX

Cost: \$60 per person (includes training, Catered Dinner, Rally, and Debate)

Training Sessions include: County Chair, Precinct Chair, Young Democrats, Canvassing, Using VAN

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