



Common Sense

Meeting Monday, January 9, 2012, 7:00 pm at San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love Street

Elections Administrator to speak about new voting laws

To kick off the 2012 election year, Tom Green County Elections Administrator, Vona McKerley will be addressing the club. Her address will include the new voting laws that go into effect in 2012. One of those new laws is the Voter Identification Law. Effective January 1, 2012, new restrictions on voters from State Bill 14 come into effect. 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.

2012 Officers and Board Members

The 2012 Tom Green County Democratic Club officers and Board of Directors were elected at the December meeting. They are...

President: Floyd Crider

Vice President: John Perry

Secretary: Janna Simms

Treasurer: Mitch Krasney

Board of Directors: Carina Sturgeon, Rennie Hardie, Jim Riley, Mohammed Bari, Joyce Hubbard, Perry Flippin, and Dr. Ken Stewart

2012 TGDC Meeting Dates

January 9	July 2
February 6	August 6
March 5	September 10
April 2	October 1
May 7	November 5
June 4	December 3

Texas Tribune Editor to address the club in February

Evan Smith, editor of the *Texas Tribune*, will address the Tom Green County Democratic Club at our February meeting. Mr. Smith is the former editor of *Texas Monthly*.

The event will be held on February 6, 2012 and will begin at 7:00 pm. It will be at Mejour Que Nada which is located at 1911 South Bryant Blvd.

IF YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS AND WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY PLEASE NOTIFY A BOARD MEMBER. THIS WILL GREATLY HELP IN REDUCING OUR COSTS AS WE HEAD INTO THE 2012 ELECTION YEAR.

Announcements

The month's guest speaker is Vona McKerley from the Tom Green County Elections Office.

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 at 325-947-5253 or hubbard7@suddenlink.net. . Thanks!

DRIVE THE VOTE

Soon, the Democratic Club will begin a program to designate one day a month to help fight the voter disenfranchisement that is Voter ID Law. We will do so by offering rides to those who need it to make sure they have a valid photo ID. If you are interested in being a driver or know someone who could use the service, contact John Perry at 325-374-5077 or vp@tgcdc.org.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Democratic Club is looking for volunteers to serve on the new Events Committee. The purpose of the committee is to identify events the club should have a presence at (i.e. parades, festivals, and other civic events).

If you are interested or FMI, contact John Perry at 325-374-5077 or vp@tgcdc.org.

The Executive Committee (officers and board of directors members) meets 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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April 3, 2012
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