



Common Sense



Meeting Monday, March 5, 2012, 7:00 pm at San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love Street

Just Talking, talking points by Ben Quiet

I saw a bumper sticker the other day that says, "DEMOCRATS---we have been cleaning up Republican messes since 1933". That's right! We have the experience and the know-how. Why isn't it working? We don't have the votes in Congress.

Republicans think it is right and proper to let the rich run amuck, pay no taxes, and live off the labor of the masses and let them do without medical care, education and any semblance of fiscal security. The GOP has no program to offer except to let the rich continue to run the country. The elections of 2012 will be a watershed. Democratic majorities in both houses of Congress and reelection of President Obama can give the country a chance of survival and a bright future. Failing that is not an option.

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.

Chair Chat by County Chairwoman Linda Shoemaker

An email is circulating about voter registration certificates. They all show to have expired at the end of 2011. Do not be alarmed. The Elections Administrator cannot send out new cards until all the court cases on redistricting are resolved.

It appears our primary election will be Tuesday, May 29th, the day after Memorial Day. The Democratic State Convention will be in Houston on June 7th through 9th. How is that possible? We will not have precinct caucuses on election night. We will choose state delegates at a county convention which will probably be held on Saturday, June 2nd. The run-off primary will be in August!! If we made history in 2008 with our turnout numbers, we will make history in 2012 with the level of voter confusion! No matter what, the results will be sweet when President Obama is re-elected in November!

Thumbs up to the wonderful Democrats in Tom Green County who filled me with pride on February 18th at the NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet. We had five reserved tables, which amounted to ticket purchases of \$1,250.00. Many other Democrats were seated at various tables around the room. Every local candidate attended, plus Justice Diane Henson from Austin, and Railroad Commission candidate Dale Henry from Lampasas. We were also joined by special friends Phyllis Sauer, county chair from Eldorado, and her friend, Barbara Jackson. I did not see a single county elected official at the event except Constable Roy Balderaz. The speaker, Carmen Watkins of Houston, said several times during her remarks, "The more things change, the more they stay the same." She said the KKK is currently engaged in a membership drive in Oklahoma. The NAACP was organized in 1909 and is the oldest and largest grassroots-based civil rights organization in the United States. This question was raised: "Is the NAACP still necessary?" To answer this question, one only needs to observe the treatment received by President Barack Obama. If you are interested in joining NAACP, send your dues by check payable to NAACP in the amount of \$30 to PO Box 5796, 76902.

Announcements

The month's guest speaker is Dr. Casey Jones, Professor of Political Science at Angelo State University

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!

Register Now

Plans are being made to conduct several registration drives. Locations will include churches and businesses. We are looking at the possibility of some block by block registration efforts. Please let us know if you can help or if you have suggestions. People who wish to register now may call Floyd Crider at 374-7202.

Ballot by Mail

A reminder to all voters. A person who is age 65 or older, who is disabled, or who is going to be out of the county during any given election may request a ballot by mail. Information about the procedure is available from the elections office, 325-659-6541, or on the county web site. Voters using the ballot by mail procedure will not be required to submit identification in addition to the voter registration documentation.

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.

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Guest columnist Ben Quiet helps Democrats fight the good fight

As you may have noticed, we have debuted a new column entitled "Just Talking," talking points by Ben Quiet. These are a series of discussions on pertinent issues concerning Democrats, the party, and our candidates. We hope these are helpful as you discuss support for Democratic candidates in the upcoming election year or when you need to defend a Democratic position against attacks from the right.

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