



Common Sense



Next Meeting : Tuesday, November 6, 2012, 7 p.m. at Sealy Flats, 208 S. Oakes St.

Nominating Committee submits slate of officers for 2013

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of officers for 2013: These names will be formally presented at the Dec. 3 meeting for voting by the club's membership:

President: JoAnn Martinez

Vice-president: Ivey Mossell

Secretary: Donald Dunagan

Treasurer: Mitch Krasny

Board Members

Jerry Cain

Kirk Kirkham

Billie DeWitt

Mohammed Bari

Kathy Norris

Linda Radney

Floyd Crider

On the Nominating Committee are Rennie Hardie, Stella Lasswell, Sylvia d'Entremont, Peggy Aitches and Kirk Kirkham.

Executive Committee urges voters: Opt for straight Democratic ticket

Mark "Democratic Party" at the top of the ballot to be sure Democratic nominees receive your support in the Nov. 6 election, the Executive Committee said. Otherwise, voters must mark individual boxes beside the names of the Democratic candidates they want to elect. But never

mark both the party and individual boxes, which invalidates the ballot.

Jim Riley is running for Congress; Jesse Martinez, for county commissioner; Walter Bryant, for sheriff; and Roy Balderaz for constable, as well as a large slate of state and national candidates.

Talking Points

by Ben Quiet

It is time to review Republican policy and this is how I see it. It has 2 goals. Get the black guy out of the White House and insure that rich people never pay their fair share of taxes. To that end Mr. Romney has proceeded to keep his past a secret and to bestow on the rest of us great burdens that he describes in extremely broad terms without detail.

He refuses to say where he gets or keeps his vast fortune and even refuses to prove that he has paid income taxes except for the last 2 years. Various sources indicate he has parked millions in foreign bank accounts to avoid US taxes. He chose to be a public figure and we are entitled to know these things.

He has said he is going to abolish Obamacare, but has revealed no plan for its replacement. He is going to "fix" Social Security, but he won't say how. I think my dog understands Romney's "fix" for Social Security. Ryan has proposed that it be replaced with a program that will let workers use the former SS tax to go to the betting window on Wall Street and place bets there. They use the phrase "privatize". As for Medicare he says he will see that you get a stipend (of an unknown amount) to help pay your Blue Cross premium that you negotiate from Blue Cross on your own. Romney supports that plan.

His plan for economic recovery is to give the rich more tax cuts and "poof" 12,000,000 jobs will appear. That's it folks. As for regulations for Wall Street brokers and bankers, he plans to repeal the Dodd-Frank legislation, but provides no indication of a replacement. That means there is no replacement and Wall Street is free to crash the economy again.

Education? School teachers are government workers within the 47% so they are not important. Student loans and Pell Grants are to Romney/Ryan just not necessary, so go to your parents if you need money. Women? Back to the kitchen. Defense? Two trillion dollars the Pentagon doesn't even want. Why that's enough to start a war someplace.

Foreign affairs get special mention because the last debate revealed that he has no foreign policy and apparently no curiosity. That is good if he doesn't win and a complete disaster if he does.

I have already voted. Have you? Have your neighbors?

Let's have a party!

Everyone is invited to our Victory Party at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 in Sealy Flats courtyard. Sandwiches, dips, chips and sides are complimentary. A cash bar is available with your favorite beverages. Let's all get together for auld lang syne.

Early voting under way

Early voting continues through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at five polling places, including the Edd B. Keyes building, 113 W. Beaugard.

Problems at polls?

Just in case: Be sure to report any problems that you might have at your polling place. Locally, call the Democratic Headquarters, 655-8683 (VOTE) or the elections office at 659-6541. The Secretary of State's toll-free number is 1-800-253-3931. This number should be posted at the place where you vote. Complaints reported to the Secretary of State will be handled after the fact.

Martinez endorsed

Congratulations to Jesse Martinez, our candidate for County Commissioner in Precinct 1, for his endorsement from the *San Angelo Standard-Times*. The Editorial Board gave Jesse high marks for his successful career as an educator, his potential for bringing new energy to the Commission, and for his measured response to the elections office having misplaced an early voting ballot box during his 2010 unsuccessful bid for a second term as Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace.

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