



# Common Sense



Meeting Monday, October 3 at 6:45 p.m. (mixer at 5:30 pm) at Mejour Que Nada, 1911 South Bryant

## Rep. Pete Gallego (D-Alpine) to Headline Primary Season Kick-off Event

The 2011-2012 primary season is just around the corner. Our 2011-2012 Primary Season Kick-off will be held on Monday, October 3, 2011 at Mejour Que Nada located at 1911 S. Bryant Blvd.

Events start out with a meet and greet mixer from 5:30-6:30pm. Come meet our headline speaker, one of the highest ranking Democrats in the Texas House of Representatives, Rep. Pete Gallego (D-Alpine). Cost to attend the mixer is \$10 per person. Finger food will be served along with tea, water, and draft beer. A cash bar will also be available. Rep. Gallego will speak at 6:45pm. Local candidates will also be in attendance.

Rep. Gallego is now in his 11th term in the Texas House of Representatives serving District 74. He is Chair of the Committee of Criminal Jurisprudence and serves as a member of the Committees on General Investigating and State Affairs. In 1991, he became the first freshman member and the first ethnic minority member ever elected as chair of the House Democratic Caucus, a post he held until January of 2001.

## Update on Election 2011

Yes, there is an election in November *this* year. The Legislature has deemed it necessary, yet again, to amend the Texas Constitution – another 10 ways.

The election is scheduled for November 8. Your regular polling place will be open from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. on that day. Early voting runs from October 24 through November 4. The only polling place for early voting for this election is the elections office, second floor, Edd B. Keyes Building. Voters 65 years of age and older and those who are disabled may request (and submit) an application for ballot by mail until November 1. You may contact the elections office by phone at 325-659-6541.

Both Rep. Drew Darby and Sen. Robert Duncan sent to all voters explanations of the proposed amendments. Their documents, which are the same, give pro and con arguments that were presented during committee hearings. So, go dig those newsletters out of the recycling bin and inform yourself!

Better than that, the League of Women Voters has posted its Voter Guide (League of Women Voters Texas) on its website. The guide presents a clear explanation of each proposition, plus background information and pro and con arguments that go beyond committee hearing rhetoric.

If you are not registered to vote, please plan to register at our October 3 meeting. Several Dems are Deputy Voter Registrars and will be happy to help you sign up. Perhaps constitutional amendments sound boring, but now is a good time to practice going to the polls every time there is an election.

**NOTE:** Even though the Standard-Times told you not long ago that you are required to show a photo ID (in addition to your voter registration card) at the polling place, which is not true **for this election**. That law will not be implemented until January.

## Coke Booth Volunteers Needed

Would you like for Democrats to be more visible in the community? Then volunteer to man the Coke booth (the one just in front of the headquarters building) during Christmas at Old Fort Concho. You are urged to spend a few hours helping us promote San Angelo Democrats. Shifts vary from two to three hours; the longer shifts set to coincide with Fort hours. The dates and times are...Dec. 2 – 2:30 to 8 P.M., Dec. 3 – 8:30 A.M. to 8 P.M., and Dec 4 – 10:30 A.M. to 4 P.M.

## Announcements

The guest speaker at this month's meeting is Representative Pete Gallego (D-Alpine).

### 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) meet 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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fired by an unquenchable faith in  
their mission can alter the course  
of history. **Mohandas Gandhi**

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