



# Common Sense



Next Meeting : Monday, September 10, 2012, 7:00 pm at San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, I Love Street

## **America's #1 Populist, Jim Hightower, comes to San Angelo**

"Never hit a man with glasses," says Honest Jim Hightower, *The New York Times* bestselling author and America's funniest populist, "Hit him with something much heavier."

Such lowdown advice on how to put up -- not shut up -- in the fight for this nation's future appears in Hightower's latest book, "Swim Against the Current: Even a Dead Fish Can Go With the Flow." Hightower and his longtime co-conspirator Susan DeMarco have rambled through grassroots America to offer more serious words of wisdom, such as: question authority, trust your values, seek alternatives, break away, and stand up for your beliefs.

Hightower will headline the Tom Green County Democratic Club's meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10 in the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 1 Love St. The meeting is free and open to the public. At 5:30 p.m., Hightower also will open the county's Democratic Party headquarters at 43 W. Twohig. The public is invited.

Hightower, an Austin resident, formerly served as Texas' agricultural commissioner. He is a syndicated columnist, national radio commentator and publisher of the Hightower Lowdown newsletter.

Contrary to toxins espoused by the Party of Tea and other conservatives to benefit the 1 percenters, Hightower will describe inspiring mavericks who have navigated a different, more satisfying course in business, politics, health care, farming, religion, and other areas.

Whether young and just starting out or older and searching for a different path, lots of common-sense folks have escaped the corporate tentacles to find their own way toward a richer life and a better American future. Hightower will describe ways to create a new, deeply democratic model for the community and the nation, edging it back onto the long road toward egalitarianism and the common good.

## **Court of Criminal Appeals Candidate Visits on the 21st**

The West Texas Coalition of Democrats and the Tom Green County Democratic Club are pleased to bring Keith Hampton to San Angelo on Friday, September 21st. Mr. Hampton is running for Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals. The event will kick off at 5:30pm at Mejor Que Nada located at 1911 South Bryant. The cost for the event is \$10, all proceeds will go to the Keith Hampton Campaign. Food, tea, and water will be provided.

Mr. Hampton is a native of Burkburnett who now resides in Austin with his wife and daughter. He is a lifelong Democrat who began serving as a precinct chair at age 17. Hampton has spent the last 20 years working in law. If elected, Keith Hampton will be the only judge who has handled death penalty cases in all stages of litigation -- from accusation, trial, appeal, and all post-conviction proceedings, including appearing before the Supreme Court of the United States.

## **Talking Points**

**by Ben Quiet**

Remember what happened the last time Americans elected a bumbling, inept Republican to lead the country? He started a disastrous war and gave rich people a tax cut that turned a projected \$5 trillion surplus into a \$6 trillion deficit. As if that were not bad enough, he then handed out welfare to the energy companies, pharmaceutical companies and military contractors. Enough? No way. He shut his eyes and let Wall Street crash the economy and then with the help of his Treasury Secretary persuaded Congress to bail out those Wall Street crooks with the biggest taxpayer funded bailout in the history of the nation.

Well, the Republicans have found another guy cut from the same cloth and he chose as his running mate the author of legislation calling for the abolition of Medicare and Social Security. That is known as compounding error.

## **Announcements**

The month's guest speaker is America's Number One Populist, Jim Hightower

## **Volunteers Needed**

Soon it will be time to elect a new slate of officers for 2013.

We need volunteers who would like to serve as an officer, serve on the board, or serve on the nominating committee. If you are interested or for more information contact Ivey Mossell at 944-1137.

## **Columnist headlines the October Meeting**

Dave McNeely, political columnist for the Austin American Statesman, will address the club at our meeting in October.

McNeely began reporting on Texas politics and government in 1962, as a political reporter and later editor of The University of Texas student newspaper. An expert on Texas politics when he joined the Austin American-Statesman in 1978, McNeely is now the dean of the Texas Capitol press corps. For more than 20 years, he has written a column for the Austin American-Statesman. His column is also carried in several other Texas newspapers.

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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