



Common Sense



Next Meeting : Monday, December 3, 2012, 7 p.m. at Sealy Flats, 208 S. Oakes St.

Thank you, Democratic candidates, you made us proud!

Voting is the price of citizenship, but people who step forward as candidates for public office pay an even dearer price in time, energy, money — and the likelihood of rejection by voters.

Tom Green County Democrats fielded a capable, competent array of candidates in November. They waged aggressive, issue-based campaigns and spent substantial sums to attract voter support on Nov. 6.

No one fought harder than Jesse Martinez, our hope for the Precinct 1 seat on the Commissioners Court. If only 152 more voters (out of 6,320 cast) had switched to Jesse's column, he would have won.

Walter Bryant, running for sheriff, and Jim Riley, running for Congress, faced daunting odds against well-entrenched rivals. Like most Democrats they faced margins of 2-to-1 or more.

Roy Balderaz, Precinct 1 constable, remains Tom Green County's only elected Democratic official. No challenger contested him.

In appreciation for your public spirit and selfless offer of service, Tom Green County Democrats salute all of our candidates and say "thank you." We wish that you had won, but you campaigned with courage and dignity. You earned our gratitude and made us proud.

Linda Shoemaker says she is ready to relinquish county chairmanship

Fellow Democrats: I have found this past year to be very challenging. Also, I am so concerned that we were not successful in getting Jesse Martinez elected to the Commissioners Court.

I have decided to step down as chair of the party. There is no big rush. I am going to New Jersey for Thanksgiving and will return on Nov. 28. I am working on a financial report for the Tom Green County Democratic Party's Executive Committee.

Following that, I will call a meeting in either mid-December or the first part of January. At that meeting, we will discuss the qualifications for a replacement chair. Since I have been re-elected to a full term, I don't have to step down until we find someone suitable to hold the position.

I am extremely grateful for the contributions each of you made in furthering our causes of freedom liberty and especially equality. I am honored to serve you in our party.

— Linda Shoemaker

Talking Points by Ben Quiet

What follows is a snapshot approximately three weeks post election. Reince Priebus, Republican National Chairman was doing a great job being invisible. John McCain was beating on his desk top and bumbling about and demanding a hearing on the terrorist attack in Libya. Mitt Romney was speaking from an undisclosed location to his Big-Bucks-Backers by teleconference and explaining that his campaign was great, that he had presented the American public with a terrific agenda, though without any detail, and that he had spent their millions wisely.

He further explained his loss on that guy in the White House who had not played fair. First, he had given his alternative agenda truthfully and in detail but primarily he had enticed elements of the voting public by giving them valuable things that they wanted. For instance, he gave health care in perpetuity, even to working people who earned \$25,000 a year. Why, he even provided those lazy young people who haven't found a job, the right to remain on their parents' health care plan to age 26. He made possible free contraception coverage for women on his health care plan and for children of illegal immigrants (his words) he offered amnesty.

These are the words of a poor loser at best. However, coming from a man who gets vast fortunes from his government by virtue of tax avoidance schemes and spoken to an audience of millionaires who get the same "gifts," they reflect the character of a vile and mean-spirited person. The country is exceedingly fortunate to have a Barack Obama to lead it.

Mr. Romney added that he and his team were working on ways to insure that he could stay connected to them. He said he wouldn't be a candidate again, but you know what a liar he is. All in all there is every indication that the GOP is marching in orderly fashion back into the past.

Hallelujah Amen! Now we need to work on electing local and state officers.

Let's get together!

Let's celebrate again! Please join us at 7 p.m. Dec. 3 at Sealy Flats for a dutch treat meal and a Christmas party/second victory celebration. We will order from the menu, get better acquainted and elect officers for 2013.

Proposed slate of officers: JoAnn Martinez, president; Ivey Mossell, vice-president; Don Dunagan, secretary; Mitch Krasny, treasurer; Board of Directors, Jerry Cain, Kirk Kirkham, Billie DeWitt, Mohammed Bari, Kathy Norris, Linda Radney, Michelle Taylor-Chinn.

Nominations from the floor for each office will be invited.

Leaders to meet Dec. 10

A joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming executive committees (officers and Board of Directors members) will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 10 at Mejour Que Nada. All old and just elected executive committee members are urged to get together for a dutch treat meal and to exchange ideas and make plans for 2013.

Dunagan to speak at Jan. 7 meeting

Start the New Year off right. Attend the Jan. 7 regular Club meeting. We will be back at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts. 7 p.m. The program will feature a proposed plan for encouraging additional participation in Club and Party activities. Speaker will be Don Dunagan, a decorated combat veteran, in a return speaking engagement. Don't miss it!

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