

# THE KENDALLIAN

The Monthly Newsletter of the Democratic Club of Kendall County

## What's Your State of the Nation?

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **February 4**

The Kendall County Democratic Club meeting, 7:00 PM, BISS Board Room on John's Road. Panel discussion by prominent local authorities on homeless situation in Boerne—how bad is the problem, are children impacted, what local agencies are involved and what are they doing about it. This is an important program—please try to attend. Call Mary Lowery at 830 537-5271 for information.

#### **February 11**

The Kendall County Area Democratic Woman's Club meeting. 10:00 AM at the Holiday Inn in Boerne. Call Claire Gluck at 210 426-7749 for information.

#### **February 14**

Valentine's Day. You know what to do today—so do it.

#### **February 15**

President's Day. Honor our Presidents by displaying your American flag.

#### **February 16**

Early voting for March 2 Democratic Primary begins at Court House.

#### **February 24**

Flag Day. Get that flag out again.

#### **February 26**

Early voting for March 2 Democratic Primary ends.

As the President begins his State of the Union speech, I begin my monthly column. Now that's a comparison within which I won't fare well. Seriously though, I've been feeling a weight for the last several weeks regarding Barack Obama. And it's not my disappointment in Health Care Reform efforts, or my desire that we find a quicker way out of the wars we're waging.

The weight I've been feeling isn't even so much about the President and his performance. It's about the American people and their performance. We Americans have really blown it.

Okay, it's true that Mr. Obama's intelligence and oratorical skills charmed us into thinking that he'd quickly turn the Titanic ship of state around and leave all those icebergs to melt in the global warming. That we assumed as much wasn't his fault though. It was our own to entertain the misbegotten notion that it would be as easy as winning the election had been. No, after the election, Mr. Obama had to then appeal to the better nature of John Boehner and Mitch McConnell, and those who HAVE no better nature to appeal to.

Mitch McConnell said this: "Nothing makes me more angry... than the suggestion that America does not already have the finest health care in the world."

How does Obama—how could anyone—find common ground with people like that? As has been proven, you can't. But the President's opposition isn't only defined by intelligent, reasonable people who simply disagree on the best way out. It's also defined by Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck and other folks whose outrage at Obama is only exceeded by the length and breadth of their egos. And Rush is the most listened to voice on radio. Glenn Beck is one of the most popular commentators on TV.

There's only one reason: Americans invite Rush into their car radios, Beck into their homes via Fox. Americans are way too inclined to allow their lesser nature out to play with those who seduce them into their stupid views. Picture if you will the angel on one shoulder telling you "yes you can" and Rush on the other shoulder telling you "No you can't! The government can't do anything right!"

Obama wants politicians to earn our trust again, and boy, did he ever hang Mitch McConnell out there. The line of the night: "We were sent here to serve our citizens, not our ambitions."

I had to note that near the end, the Republicans, who'd shifted around uncomfortably in their seats much of the evening, were still. Looking straight at the President, knowing that he was talking about them, and to them. Call me delusional, but I think they were transfixed by the depth and patriotism of his imagery. I also noted that my Senator, John Cornyn, stood and applauded for quite a time afterwards. I can't imagine that will signal any change of his always-challenging, always-obnoxious views towards Democrats, but then the Boston Red Sox finally won it all, too.

Tonight I heard the President reassuring us all that we can be great again, and he's right. But not if we're not willing. There's an old saying that sums it up succinctly: "If you don't think you can...you're right."

So...what do you think?

## **Richard Caldwell—Reporting To You**

Despite bad weather and Texas playing for the National Championship game on that night, a dedicated group of Democrats attended our first meeting of the year. Those in attendance had some good questions for our two State Board of Education District #5 candidates, Daniel Boone and Rebecca Bell-Metrerau. We all learned what the SBOE does and what our candidates will bring to the office if elected. It is unfortunate that we have to decide between these two candidates as they are both very qualified.

Our business meeting was cut short due to the debate, but I did want to mention that due to the efforts of Josephine Renfro, we were represented by a float in the Weihnacht Parade. We also need to thank Brian Maldonado and Daniel Boone for helping us decorate the float.

We have a Democrat, Josue Martinez, who is running for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 in Kendall County. Josue deserves all our support even; if you are not in Precinct 2, I know Josue would appreciate our support.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. We will have a panel discussion on the homeless issue which we think you will find informative. Brian Maldonado has put together a great panel to discuss the homeless issue. The panel includes Gary Miller, Chief of Police Boerne, Janet D'Spain Homeless education Liaison for the Boerne School District, Killi Stallings with the Alamo Area Homeless Advocacy Coalition and Lainey Melnick, candidate for Texas Congressional District 21.

## **Club and Other News**

**No More Blue Tuesday's.** Judy McMillan has called a halt to any more Blue Tuesday get togethers. Apparently the crowd that used to turn out for these enjoyable meetings has dwindled to a bare minimum. At times we had very nice crowds and good discussions. Tell Judy you appreciate her efforts in organizing and coordinating the event. Perhaps when summer time comes there will be interest in doing this again.

It is hard to believe but **the Democratic Primary election is almost here.** Early voting begins on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February and runs through February 26. For those who do not vote early, the Election itself takes place on **March 2.** Please help demonstrate that the Democratic Party here is alive and well by voting and bugging your Democratic friends to do likewise—either early or on election day.

Jean Robitaille would like to remind everyone that Kendall County Commissioner for Precinct 2, Gene Miertschin, puts out a quarterly email that gives a description of what has taken place at each Commissioners meeting during the quarter. Those of us who have been receiving Gene's email for some time can attest that it is very informative and mentions many topics not brought up in the newspaper articles of the meetings. Contact Gene at [genem@gvtc.com](mailto:genem@gvtc.com) and ask to be placed on his mailing list.

It is the start of a new year and **time to renew our memberships. We suggest an annual donation of \$20 per person (payable to KCDC).** Mary Lowery is our new treasurer. Her address is 107 Axis Deer Run, Boerne, TX 78006.

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