

THE KENDALLIAN

The Monthly Newsletter of the Democratic Club of Kendall County

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5

The Kendall County Democratic Club will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Board Room of the Boerne ISD at 123 Johns Road in Boerne. 7:00 PM. Claire Gluck will tell of her adventures being stationed in foreign capitals for the State Department. Call Mary Lowery at 830 537-5271 for details.

March 8

Daylight Savings Time begins today. Remember the old saying: "Spring Forward, Fall Back."

March 12

Monthly meeting of the Kendall County Area Democratic Woman's Club. 10:00 AM at the Holiday Inn Express in Boerne. Carmen Samaniego, a lawyer and member of KCADW, will talk about legal and other issues involving the elderly. Call Jean Robitaille at 830 981-4971 for details.

March 17

Blue Tuesday social get-together for Democrats at the Dodging Duck Pub on River Road. 6:00 PM. Anything you want to talk about as long as it is Democratic. Hey Gang, this is also St. Patrick's Day!—*be Irish for a day.*

March 28

Social get-together and Earth Hour event at the La Quinta Hotel in Boerne in honor of World Wildlife Fund, 8 to 10 PM. Bring your own drinks and snacks. Help stop global warming. See more in Club News on next page.

President Obama Scores Big

Jack Morgan

Surely you watched the speech. You know the speech I'm talking about; President Obama's speech before both the houses of Congress. I thought it was pretty close to magnificent. I'm not sure I agree with all of it and I darned sure don't understand all the ramifications of all of it. But it was a commanding performance.

Who, really, can understand all the nuances behind a budget once it gets into the trillions? I strongly suspect Barack Obama can, and that's my upshot. We got the right guy for the job. **Finally.**

Further, I think Obama's got a statesmanlike maturity that has nothing to do with years. I'm beginning to think he's a politician for the ages. I know that's a sweeping statement, and of course, there's a lot that's got to be done before the pretty words turn to fabulously impressive deeds.

I think he takes his bidding from lofty concepts that don't have so much to do with the players who stand in front of him, but more from the historical figures who have come before him.

I think Obama **gets** the idea that our Democracy is only as good as we make it, only secure if we make it so, and only a good Democracy if we keep it that way. Okay, it's really a Republic. Let's not be too technical!

I'm most excited by the possibility that he'll be a game-changer. Washington DC plays by its own set of rules, and those rules don't generally serve we the people.

A lot of "Mr. Smiths" have gone to the nation's capitol to try and do good, but have been thwarted by the deeply entrenched powers that be. I think Obama has a real chance of changing that dynamic because he has the power of the people behind him, the scrutiny of a press that's energized to see him succeed—or for that matter, to fail. Obama is also super-aware has the gravity of the challenges before him. I don't think a President since Lincoln, okay, probably FDR, has had challenges that are as dark as Obama's. It feels as though the entire future of the US of A is in his hands.

These are exciting and scary times. I'm hoping that his command over the house and senate the other night will morph into co-operation by those in the room who couldn't help but be impressed by this politician who is clearly more than the sum of his parts.

Club News

Americans Embrace President Obama's program. Polls show overwhelming support for the program that President Obama outlined in his speech to a joint session of Congress Tuesday night. Can you imagine a President who actually wants to do something to help everyday Americans? However, "Big Money" is not going to give up their place at the trough without a fight. They are already ramping up their effort to keep Congress in their pocket and defeat or water down Obama's program. We've all got to support Obama's program of change in Washington by badgering and pressuring Congress to hold steady with Obama.

At our last meeting, Sally Tarasoff gave a really interesting talk about her trip to the Inauguration in Washington. She had some great pictures. Thanks Sally, for sharing.

We've got some good programs coming up. Next meeting, Claire Gluck will talk about what it is like to work for the State Department in some of the major capitals of the world. If you know of some young people who might be thinking about a career in the State Department let them know about Claire's talk and invite them to the meeting.

Following that in, April, we will have a **debate between all of the candidates for the Boerne Independent School District board.** With our community growing by "leaps and bounds," there are many important educational related issues that need to be discussed.

We are having a PARTY on Saturday evening March 28 in support of Earth Hour and the World Wildlife Fund. The party will start at 8:00 PM and run until 10:00 PM at the new La Quinta hotel in Boerne. *Bring your own refreshments—snacks and drinks.* This event is part of a world wide event to demonstrate our power to work together to save energy and help the environment. Everyone is asked to turn off all non-essential lighting and appliances during this time period.

Membership in the Club is payable yearly starting in January. We suggest an annual contribution of \$20 per person (payable to KCDC). If you enjoy receiving the *Kendallian* as a way of keeping up with local Democratic activities but cannot be an active member, we would appreciate a contribution to cover the cost of the stamps. If you would prefer to receive the *Kendallian* by E-MAIL or if you would like for us to take your name off our mailing list please let us know. **Sarah White is our treasurer. Her address is 138 Stonegate South, Boerne, Texas 78006. Her phone is 830 755-8794.**

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