

# THE KENDALLIAN

The Monthly Newsletter of the Democratic Club of Kendall County

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May 5

End of Early Voting for the BISD election

### May 7

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. The program features a showing of the film "Kansas vs Darwin." Call Mary Lowery at 830 537-5271 for details.

### May 9

BISD Election Day. If you did not vote early please make sure you vote today. This is a Saturday—no excuses.

### May 10

Mother's Day. Don't forget to send Mom a card and some flowers. Also, taking her out to dinner might be nice

### May 16

Kendall County Area Democratic Woman's Club will hold their annual retreat at the Sisterfarm. There will be no regular club meeting this month. Call Jean Robitaille at 830 981-4971 for details.

### May 19

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.

### May 25

Memorial Day. Don't forget to hang your American flag on the front porch.

## The Specter of a Changed Senate...and the Governor Said WHAT?

*Jack Morgan*

Pennsylvania now has two Democratic Senators, and the Senate will—if justice is served—swear in its 60<sup>th</sup> Democratic Senator, Al Franken. In the mean time, Sean Hannity's calling the newfound Democrat a Benedict Arnold. Seeing smoke come out of Hannity's ears is one of life's great pleasures, wouldn't you say?

But what's the Specter change **really** mean? While Specter is a moderate Republican, he's hardly a true blue Democrat. These are interesting times, and today's development makes them no less so. Keep your fingers crossed that he'll vote Democratic more often than not.

Texas' own Governor Goodhair has been all over the national media of late over what he said at one of those Tea-bagging rallies earlier this month. He entertained the possibility that Texas might eventually secede from the Union.

Secession. You know, that thing the Civil War was fought over. The war that killed 1 of every 50 Americans. And our Governor was, in a roundabout way, threatening secession. That's not quite treason, but you can definitely see treason from there. As long as the threats are flying about, what say we threaten to unseat him?

But back to these tea-bagging demonstrations: it's popular for people of my political stripe to laugh at them, discount them as havens for the whack jobs and extremists. And while it's safe to say right wing whack jobs definitely feel in like company at one, there's more going on here. The President's economic recovery plan is borrowing and spending monies to fix that which other Americans (very moneyed ones) have broken. It scares me and it should scare all of us, deepening our debt. That doesn't mean we shouldn't do it; it means we should keep a careful eye on how our tax monies are spent.

That being said, let's look at the #1 reason for these demonstrations: **our taxes are too high**. Fair enough, I wouldn't mind paying less. In fact, I just did. Starting this month, I got a small raise because I'm of the 95% of Americans who don't make \$250,000 a year.

So why weren't these un-wealthy Americans demonstrating their thanks at getting a tax cut? And where were they the last 8 years as deficit spending paved the deficit freeway that we're driving down now?

**Point:** these folks ideologically-driven agenda doesn't hold up. As Democrats, we need to continue talking about these issues. If someone says they hate Obama's new tax increase, remind them that if they're not making a quarter million bucks a year, they just got a tax cut, not increase!

## ***Club News***

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**Sadly, we report the news that Sandra Weir passed away Wednesday evening, April 29.** She fought hard but she couldn't overcome her scleroderma disease. Family was with her and she died painlessly. She asked that no obit be published and that there be no services. It goes without saying that all of our sympathy goes to John and Vicki.

**The debate at last month's meeting between the candidates for the Boerne ISD Board went well.** All those present learned a good deal about some of the major issues facing the board and the different solutions offered by each candidate. Thanks to Mary Lowery for setting this up.

**Early voting for the BISD election is now underway at the courthouse.** Early voting will go through May 5 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM except for Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> when early polling will be open until 7:30 PM. Election day is Saturday, May 9. Be sure to vote one of these days.

**The program for this month's meeting, Thursday May 7 at 7:00 PM, will include a showing of the film "Kansas vs. Darwin."** Mary says to bring your own popcorn.

**More volunteers are needed.** Getting Democrats here to help work on projects like parade floats, fund-raisers, and candidate rallies is like pulling teeth. Normally, there is just the same, small group that can be depended upon to give of their time carry out these efforts. When the same people have to be involved every time a sense of "burn out" inevitably arises. Some want to have a float in the upcoming Bergesfest Parade. To do this, however, is going to take the participation of many more people than have worked on these parades in the past. If you would like to help out, please contact Mary Lowery **ASAP**.

**Congratulations to President Obama on an outstanding first 100 days.** He has been very impressive and you can just feel the momentum building throughout the country for what he is trying to do. He has been so successful Republicans are being forced to reexamine what they stand for and whether they should continue their unyielding opposition to all Democratic programs.

**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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