

# THE KENDALLIAN

The Monthly Newsletter of the Democratic Club of Kendall County

## What's On YOUR List?

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### January 15

The Kendall County Democratic Club will hold its first meeting of the new year in the Board Room of the Boerne ISD at 123 Johns Road in Boerne. 7:00PM The program includes a presentation by the Cow Creek Groundwater District.

Club officers are requested to stay on for a short board meeting to be held at the conclusion of the regular club meeting. Call Mary Lowery at 830 537-5271 for details.

#### January 20

Inauguration Day. Finally, we swear in a Democratic president that will work to make the lives of ordinary Americans better. That swooshing sound you hear just after noon this day is all of America giving a huge sigh of relief that we are finally rid of Bush and his know-nothing cronies.

#### February 3

Blue Tuesday social get-together for Democrats at the Dodging Duck Pub on River Road. 6:00 PM. How's Obama doing so far and anything else you want to talk about.

#### February 5

Regular monthly meeting of the Kendall County Democratic Club in the Board Room of the Boerne ISD at 123 Johns Road in Boerne. 7:00PM.

#### February 16

President's Day

We've wanted it for years now: control of the House of Representatives. A majority in the Senate. And then the big one: the Presidency. And finally we Democrats have that all at once!

On January 20<sup>th</sup> this nation's first person of color will be sworn in as President. A nation that's told me all my life that anyone could grow up to be President finally lived up to its claim, and elected the son of a mixed marriage couple of modest means. Five years ago Hollywood wouldn't have bought this screenplay; it just wasn't realistic!

The wife and I have taken the day off work to immerse ourselves in the ceremony, bathe in its glory, and maybe even see the Tarasoffs on TV—yes, they're going to the inauguration. Keep your eyes peeled, Kendall County.

But then when ceremony is over, the really hard work begins. Our ship of state went off course 8 years ago, and for the past 32 seasons it's been heading the wrong way. The distance between where we are and where we ought to be is almost unfathomable.

I don't know who the hell I am to give the new President advice, but do you think that'll stop me? Of course not!

#1 on my list is this: Please President Obama (that sounds good: President Obama!)...please help Americans to remember that government CAN be good. Before Ronald Reagan convinced everyone that government WAS the problem, most Americans thought government did far more good than harm. That's because they did. In a previous American era which bears an uncomfortable resemblance to this one, FDR put reassurance in Americans' minds, food in Americans' bellies, and built public works of which we are still proud. It may be time for that kind of WPA-type program again.

One of the few blessings of the Bush administration is that they convinced us once and for all that if we elect people who despise government...to **run** government, they'll create a government we'll all despise.

So the item that tops my list isn't too specific, yet perhaps precisely right.

- Don't **just** get us out of Iraq.
- Don't **just** stop the Wall Street craziness that victimized us all.
- Don't **just** try to stop creating enemies faster than we can kill them.
- Don't **just** ask Americans to sacrifice for the common good.

Instead Mr. President, remind every one of us that earnest people who all pull in the same direction...can do good things. If we once again believe in our government's ability to do good, perhaps it can. If we once again believe in our political system, and in our common destiny, then we can stop thinking our greatest days are behind us. Fact is, if we do all that, they won't be.

## ***Club News***

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**Hope everyone's Holiday events went well. Hope that you all spent some time with family and had a chance to have some pleasant time with each other.**

It is time now though, to get ready for a new Democratic administration in Washington. We have all been impressed with how well Obama has handled the transition so far. But remember that the Republicans are, most likely, just laying in wait to ambush him at the first opportunity. We will have to see what position they take on Obama's economic rescue plan. Will they support the plan or will they try to delay, discredit, and whittle it down? I have a feeling that Obama is going to need all of that grassroots support he had during the election to help get his plan through. Get ready to write and call your representatives and give them their marching orders.

**There was a nice turnout for the Kendall County Democratic Club Holiday Party** at the Holiday Inn Express in Boerne. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Brian Maldonado, back from his fishing expedition, made an unexpected appearance and brought a load of great Italian dishes that everyone enjoyed—good to see him again. He told us at the party that he planned to quit the fishing job and go to school but we received later word that the fishing company was trying to talk him into coming back for another cruise. Don't know what he decided.

It was mentioned on the first page but just to make sure, remember **that the date of the January meeting of the club has been changed to January 15.**

Also, Club board members (all officers of the Club) should be prepared to stay on after the conclusion of the January meeting for a short board meeting.

The tentative program for the January meeting is a presentation by an official of the Cow Creek Groundwater District.

### ***Please Support The Club***

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We suggest an annual contribution of \$20 per person (payable to KCDC) for the calendar year. **Sarah White is our new treasurer. Her address is 138 Stonegate South, Boerne, Texas 78006. Her phone is 830 755-8794.**

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