

THE KENDALLIAN

The Monthly Newsletter of the Democratic Club of Kendall County

Don't Look Now...But We're Ahead

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 (is bi-partisanship dead?)

February 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. 7:00PM. Sally Tarasoff will tell us what it was like to be in Washington during the Inauguration. Call Mary Lowery at 830 537-5271 for details.

February 12

Monthly meeting of the Kendall County Area Democratic Woman's Club. 10:00 AM at the Holiday Inn Express in Boerne. A dynamic speaker will talk about her new book on the early history and settlement of the Leon Springs area. Call Jean Robitaille at 830 981-4971 for details.

February 14

Valentine's Day—Don't forget the flowers and card for your sweetie.

February 16

President's Day

February 24

Flag Day—Remember to get the Flag out.

March 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.

Okay Hill Country Democrats, it's finally time for our slice of the pie. No, I'm not talking pecans, I'm talking state politics. According to the Lone Star Project, surveys of public opinion say Republicans are now the minority in Texas. Yes, you read right. Here's the breakdown:

43.4% Democratic or Democratic Leaning

41% Republican or Republican Leaning

That means you're no longer in the minority! Six years ago we were 15 points behind them, but now, we're ahead! Okay, okay...that's fudged a bit. Things are decidedly more Republican in this part of the Hill Country than they are Democrat, and we've definitely got our work cut out for us. But you know human psychology: sometimes it's just a matter of momentum. You've got to push a little harder here, and get someone to help you push over there...and suddenly, the inertia's broken and the needle moves. We've at that place, now to move the needle!

On a completely different subject, I'd like to do some program promotion here:

The Rachel Maddow Show at 8PM on MSNBC is, to my reckoning, the best political program on television. I'm a big Keith Olbermann fan, but I think Rachel's got him beat.

Here's how: Just last night Rachel had a Republican Congressman on to talk about the economic stimulus package. They went back-n-forth, him making his case, and her asking about this detail or that. They didn't agree, but it was a good, respectful show of views from both sides. She didn't let him off easy.

She also made a very impassioned-and quite intelligent case-for why President Obama shouldn't have given in to Republicans on certain aspects of the stimulus package. She's not afraid to criticize her party of choice when she thinks it's done wrong.

After that, Senator Russ Feingold was on to talk about the selection of Senators by state citizens rather than by Governors. She also asked Feingold about prosecution of former Bush administration officials about crimes committed while in office. He's all for it!

Rachel Maddow was a Rhodes Scholar who got her PHD in Presidential History. She's not just some radio personality who somehow found her way to MSNBC. Funny thing about her is...she's funny. She has a neat take on politics, on people and how Democrats can do better. I really can't over-emphasize that she's worth you tuning in.

'Til next month

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Club News

That was a nice turnout for our **local Inaugural Ball** held on Inauguration day at the La Quinta Inn in Boerne. If you did not go, you missed a really great event. The Boerne Star put the attendance at about 30 but most there thought it looked like 50 or so having a good time. **Thanks to Clair and Michael Gluck, Richard Caldwell, and Brian Blumhorst for sponsoring the party.**

Sally Tarasoff and her husband Ray went to the Inauguration in Washington and will tell us about some of their experiences at the next meeting of the club, February 5, at our usual meeting place—the Board Room of the Boerne ISD on Johns Road. The meeting will start about 7:00 PM with some light refreshments.

If anyone has any new or original ideas for raising money for the club you might give Mary a call. Most of the money we raise goes to support the activities of the county Democratic chairman--including such things as sponsoring the opening of a local campaign headquarters during elections. It is important that we keep our fundraising momentum going so the party can afford to do those sort of things.

How great is it to have a Democrat in the White House? Everything Obama has done so far is terrific. To see all the executive orders he has issued and the bills that are starting to make their way through Congress makes all the hard work and financial contributions we all made last fall worthwhile. He made a visit to the Pentagon this week to hear from all the top brass. According to the press, the brass was **very impressed**.

Have you been noticing the articles in the papers and on TV about how city and county officials all over the state are **clamoring to get some of the stimulus money**? Most of these guys are Republicans and like to disparage the efforts of the Federal government.

Anyone know how to do a rain dance? If we don't get some rain soon this is going to be a terrible summer for all of us.

Please Support The Club

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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