



Bexar County Democratic Party **Bexar Force One**



January 2018 Newsletter

Events & Committee Mtgs

Monthly Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Classes; 2nd Tuesday of the Month; Bexar Elections Warehouse, 1103 S. Frio St. 10:00 am **OR** 6:00 pm, Call (210) 335-6625 to reserve a spot

Thurs, Jan 11; **Mission Dems Monthly Mtg;** 6:30-8:00 pm; Presa Community Center, 3721 S Presa St

Sat, Jan 13; **NE Bexar County Democrats Monthly Mtg & Judicial & County Candidate Forum;** 10:00 am - 12:00 noon; SA Northeast Service Center, 10303 Tool Yard 78233 (off Wurzbach Parkway)

Mon, Jan 15; **Stonewall Dems Monthly Mtg;** 6:30 pm; Picante Grille, 3810 Broadway

Tues, Jan 16; **BCDP Campaign Committee;** 6:00-7:30 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Tues, Jan 16; **Communication Committee Mtg;** 6:30 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10 West

Thurs, Jan 18; **BCDP Rules Committee;** 6:30 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10 West

Tues, Jan 18; **Precinct Chair Training;** 6:30 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Sat, Jan 20; **NW Dems of Bexar County & Candidate Forum;** 8:30-10:00 am; Luby's Medical Center, 9251 Floyd Curl @ Huebner

Sat, Jan 20; **Trey Martinez Fischer Sexual & Workplace Harassment Training;** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm; 758 Donaldson

Sun, Jan 28; **Stonewall Dems Candidates Forum & Endorsement Mtg;** 1-7pm, El Tropicano Hotel, 110 Lexington Ave.

Tue, Feb 6; **BCDP Steering Committee;** 6:30-7:30 pm; BCDP HQ, 3000 IH-10

Wed, Feb 6; **Pct Chr Recruit & Training Cmte Mtg;** 6:30 pm;

2018 Blue Wave Resolution



Happy New Year! Are you ready to get the 2018 party started? My new year's "political" resolution is to work harder than ever to ensure a "Blue Wave" in November. To make it a reality, I plan to build off our success from last election cycle and that means maximizing Democratic Party Straight Ticket voting.

Bexar Democrats scored a perfect record "25-0" last year. We won all 25 countywide races because we recruited more volunteers than ever, registered more voters than ever, and raised more money than ever. Our collective efforts led to 195,365 Democratic Party Straight Ticket votes. Republicans only had 137,450. In other words, our base outvoted theirs by 57,915 which ensured victory for all our countywide candidates.

To once again maximize our base vote, we should turn our attention to five party building activities that are relevant at this point in the election cycle: 1) Vote-By-Mail; 2) Grassroots Training; 3) Candidate Introductions; 4) First-Time Voters; and 5) Fundraising.

VOTE-BY-MAIL - The Texas Democratic Party will be sending VBM Applications to a targeted universe of seniors this month. Our task will be to "chase the ballot", which entails calling seniors and reminding them to send in their application. Each returned application very likely results in one more Democratic Party Straight Ticket Vote. We need volunteers to complete this task.

GRASSROOTS TRAINING - The Texas Democratic Party is hosting a training seminar for activists and candidates on Friday, January 12th. Our goal is to begin recruiting and training a well-equipped army of volunteers that spans all neighborhoods in Bexar County. This training is sponsored by the Bexar County Democratic Party, so precinct chairs should attend and invite fellow Democrats.

CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS - The Primary Committee will host a series of livestreamed debates. Except for the Gubernatorial Debate scheduled for February 7th, all other debates will be held at The Cadillac Bar. The first two debates are on January 16th. They will be highlighting our candidates for Bexar County Court-At-Law #1 (7:00 pm - 7:45 pm) and the 288th District Court (8:00 pm - 8:45 pm).

FIRST-TIME VOTERS - Approximately 300,000 registered voters are not voting. Many of these voters live in base precincts. Our goal is to identify friends and family members that are not voting, and have them cast their first ballot this upcoming March Primary.

FUNDRAISING - The 2018 Coordinated Campaign should be led by the Democratic Party. This will only happen if we raise enough resources to then challenge candidates to match our participation. I recommend that we all recruit one Democrat to start contributing \$10 per month for the next 12 months.

The Democratic Primary Election is on March 6. Let's get the 2018 party started and ensure that a "Blue Wave" materializes in Bexar County this November!!!

God Bless our Democratic Party Family,

Manuel Medina
Chairman, Bexar County Democratic Party

REGISTER VOTERS!!

Bexar County Elections Department
1103 S. Frio, Ste. 100, San Antonio, TX 78207

If you are interested in the Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Classes, please call 210-335-6625. Must call to register.

2018 Primary Election Dates

Jan. 1 – First day to apply for a ballot by mail. You can get one from the Bexar County Elections office if you are 65 or older on the day of the election, have a disability, or be planning to be out of the county during the election (in which case the ballot will have to be sent to an out-of-county address). You may request an application for a ballot by mail by calling the Elections Office at 210-335-0362 or by mailing a request to:

Jacque Callanen
 Bexar County Elections Administrator
 1103 S. Frio, Ste 100 San Antonio, TX 78207

Feb. 5 – Last day to register for the March 6 election

Feb. 20-March 2 – Early voting

Feb. 23 – Last day to apply for a ballot by mail

March 6 – Primary Election

For comprehensive information on Texas elections, including Voter ID information, see the Texas Secretary of State's elections page, VoteTexas.gov, and the Bexar County Elections Department's website.

SAVE THE DATE - Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018

North East Bexar County Democrats presents

"Laughing Liberally"

Charline McCombs Empire Theatre, 226 N. St. Mary's St.

6:30 Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar, Meet and Laugh with Candidates

7:30 Show Starts: Sketch Comedy, Parodies, Stand Up Acts

Featuring "Girls Gone Weird", Masters of Ceremonies Phil and Oscar Kazen
 For information and tickets contact Gail at glwise4343@gmail.com or 713-825-7773,

Sponsorships and Ads available. Get Your Tickets Now for the Best Seats!

WHO DO YOU WANT TO REPLACE LAMAR SMITH?

The Bexar County Democratic Party invites you to a

CANDIDATE FORUM

For Texas Congressional District 21

Saturday January 13th, 2018 10:00 am – Noon

University of the Incarnate Word

Mabee Library Auditorium | 4301 Broadway, San Antonio

Without Lamar Smith, this election is the best chance to win this House seat in 30 years. Candidates will participate in a Q&A.

North East Bexar County Dems Candidate Forums

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Northeast Service Center, 10303 Tool Yard

Judicial & Bexar County Candidates - Saturday, January 13

Northwest Bexar County Dems Candidate Forum

The following Democratic primary candidates have been invited for the Saturday, January 20 meeting at Luby's in the Medical Center:

District Attorney, BCDP Chair, State Senate District 25, and State Reps in 116 (Diana Arevalo and Trey Martinez Fischer), 117 Phillip Cortez, 123 Diego Bernal, and 124 Ina Minjarez.

Thanks for working to pass the

National Defense Authorization Act:

Thank you to Congressman Joaquin Castro & Team, County Commissioner Tommy Calvert, BCDP Chairman Manuel Medina and Team, National Coordinator USA South, Global Embassy of Activists for Peace, Enrique Garcia and Team, The Team at "CUMIPAZ Panama 2017" and The V.O.I.C.E.S. of Our Veterans for your work to pass the National Defense Authorization Act. This bill contains the provision we needed to support the declassification of documents related to Toxic Exposure among our Veterans and their Family members. *Submitted by Steven C. Price Sr*

Bexar County Elections Department & Converse, TX Precinct 4067

Invites You To Suit Up, Show Up and Participate!

Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar

2018 Certification/Recertification Class

Tuesday, January 23rd
 7:00pm
 Converse City Hall Conference Center
 405 S Seguin St
 Converse, TX 78109

REGISTER TO VOTE
 IF YOU DON'T VOTE, DON'T COMPLAIN

RSVP & for more info call/text:

Lee Ann Ferguson 210-723-6262 or Norma Witherspoon 210-689-0656

Texas Democrats
Training Roadshow San Antonio

Friday, January 12, 2018 at 5:30pm
 Second Baptist Church
 3310 E. Commerce St,
 San Antonio, TX 78220

RSVP: txdem.co/roadshow

Northwest Democrats 18th Annual

SUPER BOWL PARTY!!

Sunday, February 4, 2018 | 4:30 - 7:00 pm

Bigz Burger Joint | 2303 N Loop 1604 W

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Commissioner	1	\$1,000	20 admissions
Owner	2	\$750	16 admissions
Coach	3	\$500	12 admissions
Quarterback	4	\$250	8 admissions
Offense/Defense	5	\$100	3 admissions
Kicker	6	\$60	2 admissions
Waterboy	7	\$35	1 admission

Donations Can be cash, check or Act Blue. Sponsorships available at NWD

Meetings or by mail: **PO Box 681911, SATX 78268**. Top 4 sponsor

levels will be listed on Sponsor Board (if submitted by Jan 14)