

Sun City Democrats

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February 2010



General Meeting:

The General Meeting is typically on the first Saturday of each month. The meetings are free and open to the public. For additional information on the Sun City Democrats, please contact President **Roe Mackey** at 864-7948.



Saturday, February 6, 2010

9:30 AM Coffee, 10:00 Speaker

Place: Sun City Activity Center Atrium

Program: **Bill White**

Bill White fights for the people he represents, and brings people together to get things done. That's why as **Houston's Mayor**, he's been re-elected twice with margins of 86% and 91%. **Bill White** was a candidate for Kay Bailey Hutchison's Senate seat, until she changed her mind (again); so after many requests, he has agreed to run for **Governor of Texas!**



Saturday, March 6, 2010

9:30 AM Coffee, 10:00 Speaker

Place: Sun City Activity Center Atrium

Program: **Dr. Judy Jennings**

Dr. Jennings is a candidate for the Texas State **Board of Education** for District 10. She is a wife, mother and grandmother—and an expert in education policy. She earned her Ph.D. while working at the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Her current position as Director of Assessment at [Resources for Learning](#), Judy has spent years working on the very issues for which the State Board of Education is responsible.



Special Event:

Sunday, March 21, 2010

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Sun City Social Center Ballroom

\$20 Cabaret Seating, \$15 Auditorium Seating

Program: **The Texcentric Radio Hour**, with cast members from **Esther's Follies**, is an original musical comedy with singing, dancing and old radio ad parodies. Music and dancing will follow the show.

Seating is limited! Cabaret seating (with tables) is \$20 per person; auditorium seating (chairs only) is \$15 per person. Bring your own beverages and snacks, soft drinks available for purchase, ice and water will be provided.

Arrive together if you wish to sit together; or enclose all checks in one envelope to reserve a table of 10. Send checks (payable to **IMPACT**), names, and email addresses to **Don Lelong**, Treasurer, 101 Crosby Street, Georgetown, TX 78633. For more information call 869-1714.

This event is sponsored by **IMPACT**, a PAC of Sun City Democrats' Club.



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Meeting Sign-In:

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Special Events:

Decorations:

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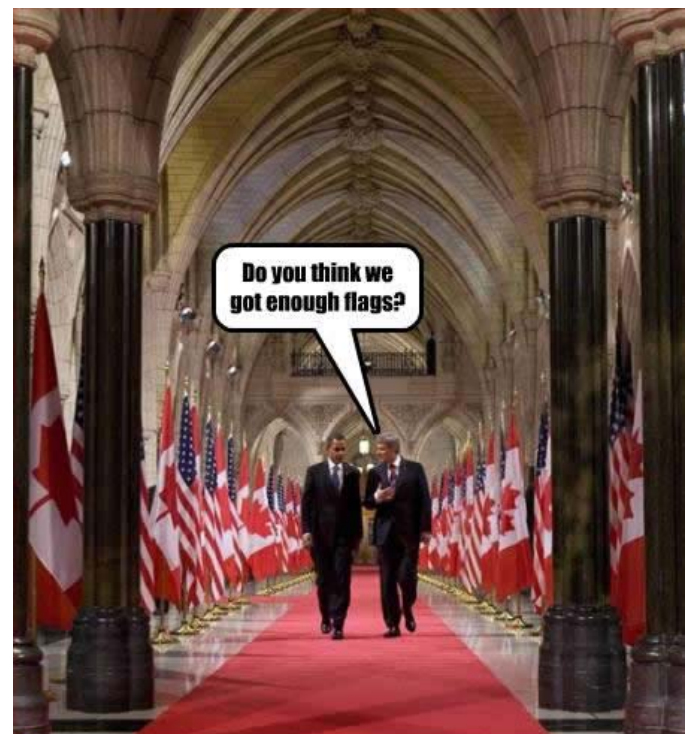
The **Sun City Democrats** provide many activities and services for members. We have educational meetings, provide speakers, social events, maintain a website, and a monthly newsletter. We exist only because of loyal volunteers. Please call any of the above officers to volunteer your time or to ask questions.

Sun City Democrats Stimulus Package:

The Board voted to reduce our annual dues to **\$12** per member. You may pay at the sign-in table at the meetings or mail a check made out to **Sun City Democrats** to our Treasurer: **Margaret Donaldson**, 107 Rosecliff Drive, Georgetown TX 78633.

Please SUPPORT the Sun City Democrats ~ Political Action Committee

Our PAC is known as **IMPACT: Informed Members Political Action Committee of Texas**. **IMPACT** is the only way that the Sun City Democrats organization can legally contribute to candidates. **IMPACT's** goal is to raise **10 Grand By 2010**, just after the primaries. Send donations to **IMPACT** Treasurer, **Don Lelong**, 101 Crosby Street, Georgetown TX 78633.



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March 2010 Primary ~ Billie Reaney, Precinct 396 Chair

Important Issues:

These issues need emphasis at our February meeting, because it is the last meeting before the Primary Election begins.

Early Voting begins on February 16 and ends on February 26. Early Voting is carried out by the county election office. Voting in Sun City will be in part of the ballroom. In Early Voting is done on the Electronic Voting machines. You will need to ask for a Democratic Ballot or a Republican Ballot.

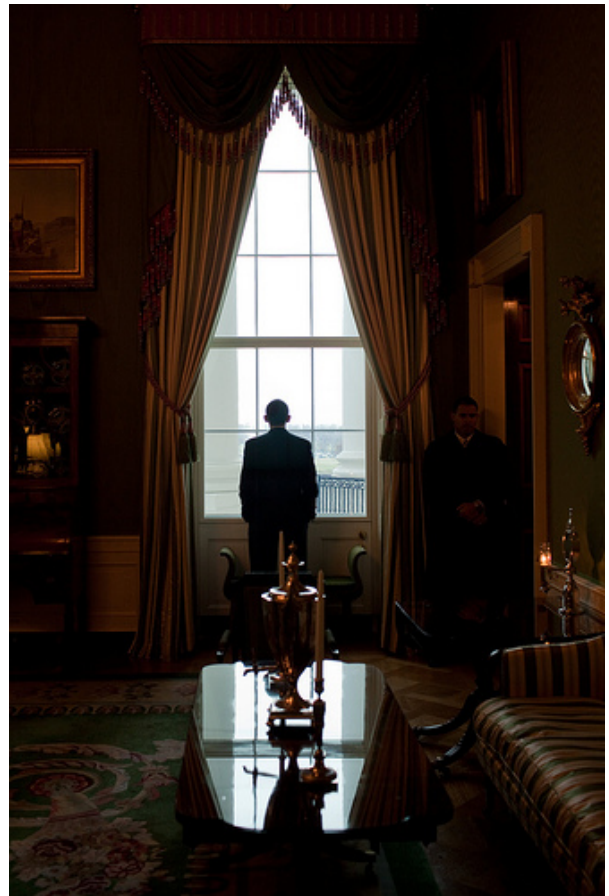
To get a look at the two ballots, go to this site: <http://www.wilco.org/> Near the bottom right of the page is a fancy flag draped button labeled "Elections". Click on that to bring up the ballots and information about voting sites and times they are open.

On Election Day, March 2, there will be a separate Democratic Polling Place with Democratic judge and clerks. This is the case for the Republicans as well. All of these polling sites will be in the Ballroom where 4 precinct polling places will be set up for the Democrats and 4 more for the Republicans. A voter must vote in his/her own precinct on Election Day. Look at your own Voting Certificate (you received it in the mail several days ago) to find out which precinct you live in.

I will caution Democrats against crossing-over and voting in the Republican Primary. Some of us might be motivated to vote for Perry because he will be easier to beat in November. Others will cross over to vote for Hutchinson, because with the Republicans favored to win, she would be better in the statehouse than Perry. In the end those two groups will cancel each other out and your vote will be wasted.

Here are other reasons why it is important that you vote on a Democratic ballot. The most effective way to encourage other Democrats to come out of the closet is to show big numbers of Democrats voting. Otherwise Republican vote totals will look big, which gives them a boost in the press and in public perception.

Further, if you vote in the Republican primary, you will not be able to attend the Democratic Precinct Conventions that will take place at 7:15 pm on Election Day. These conventions will also be in the Sun City Ballroom. It is at our precinct conventions that delegates to the County Convention are elected. Sun City Democrats will get to send over 100 delegates to the WCDP County Convention. The County Convention is scheduled for March 20 at Reunion Ranch, just down the road from us here in Sun City. I plan to see you there.



Suicidal Tendencies

~ Kevin Drum

As near as I can tell, there's a small but significant minority of Democrats who are so enraged that they'd be perfectly happy to see the Obama presidency destroyed as a kind of warning to future Democrats. It's extraordinarily self-destructive behavior – and typically liberal, unfortunately. Just ask LBJ, Jimmy Carter, and Bill Clinton. And then ask them whether liberal revolt, in the end, strengthened liberalism or conservatism.

Smart politics often involves keeping an eye on the long view, sacrificing a little short-term muckraking or outrage for longer term stability.

No, it's not going to be different this time. Historical precedent won't somehow be disproved this time. Tearing down the Obama presidency from the left won't help progressivism. It might help progressive blog traffic when a Republican Congress or president is elected. But it won't help move the nation to the left.

And yes, we can hold our president accountable. But, again, we should do so with smart politics. Things like positive reinforcement, holding back and shaming the *real* enemy, and criticizing, when necessary, with modulated, reasonable dialogue (constantly shouting "sell out" only turns into one long, loud screechy noise).



The Tea Party Timeline...

~ Michael Shatz

1982 - Reagan signs the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act, raising taxes by \$37.5 billion per year

No Tea Party Movement

1982 - Reagan signs the Highway Revenue Act of 1982, increasing the gasoline tax by \$3.3 billion

No Tea Party Movement

1984 - Reagan signs the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, increasing taxes by \$18 billion per year

No Tea Party Movement

1990 - Bush signs the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, raising taxes

No Tea Party Movement

1993 - Clinton increases taxes by 0.36% of GDP for 1st year and 0.83% of GDP in 4th year

No Tea Party Movement

2000 - 2008 - Bush cuts taxes creating the deficit the Tea Party Movement is so upset about

No Tea Party Movement

2008 - The first African-American president is elected to office

The Tea Party Movement emerges to "take the country back"

2008 - 2010 - Obama slightly reduces taxes

The Tea Party Movement opposes tax increases?



From **Shoq**: The Tea Party Movement started organizing for 2010 about 13 months ago. Democrats think they can wait until October and just blame Obama if we lose.

From **pourmecoffee**: Everyone just stop what they are doing and sit perfectly still until Scott Brown evaluates your situation. Thanks.

From **insanityreport**: Giving Health Care Reform to this country is like giving medicine to a child. They might complain, but in the end it's good for them.



"Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." ~ Martin Luther King

"A nation spending more money on military defense than social uplift is approaching spiritual doom" ~ Martin Luther King

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ... that all are created equal." ~ Martin Luther King

"I never intend to adjust myself to the evils of segregation and discrimination. I never intend to become adjusted to religious bigotry." ~ Martin Luther King



From the Gallery of 20th Century Martyrs at **Westminster Abbey**: left to right, Mother Elizabeth of Russia, **Rev. Martin Luther King**, Archbishop Oscar Romero and Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer.