

# Sun City Democrats

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September 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 or Communications Chair **Betty Dougherty** at 864-1582.

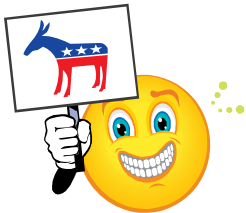
## Saturday, September 11, 2010

**9:30 AM Coffee, 10:00 Speaker**

**Place:** Sun City Social Center **Ballroom**

**Program: Pride, Patriotism, and Politickin'**

On **September 11, 2010** we begin a concentrated effort to help move our state into a new era of Democratic government. The theme of the day will be **Pride, Patriotism, and Politickin'**. We have invited the *Austin American Statesman* political columnist, **Ken Herman**, to speak at our meeting.



**TX Representative Diana Maldonado** will be speaking as well, and lots more Texas candidates will join us for the politickin'.

All residents of Georgetown and Williamson County are invited to enjoy great speakers, refreshments, and camaraderie. The tide is turning in Texas and Sun City Democrats can have a big part in electing **Bill White** Texas' next governor.

**ATTENTION: Sun City Democratic Veterans!** We'd like for you to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance at this meeting. If you'd like to participate in this brief ceremony, please contact George Wagner at [wagywagy@suddenlink.net](mailto:wagywagy@suddenlink.net).

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**Please SUPPORT the Sun City Democrats**

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 officers to volunteer your time or to ask questions.

Sun City Democrats' annual dues are **\$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: Sun City Democrats; 1530 Sun City Blvd, Suite 120; PMB #432; Georgetown TX 78633.**

[Sun City Democrats Membership Application](#)

**Please SUPPORT the Sun City Democrats Political Action Committee ~ IMPACT:**

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. Send donations to **IMPACT** Treasurer, **Don Lelong, 101 Crosby Street, Georgetown TX 78633.**

**IMPACT's** fundraising program **10 Grand By 2010**, has been a success! The **IMPACT** Committee (**Don LeLong, Clint McCutcheon, Billie Reaney, Criag Whitney** and **Jane Yendell**) plus **Roe Mackey** and **Richard Torres** has distributed \$9,000 in **IMPACT** funds to Democratic candidates.

**IMPACT** plans one more fundraiser, in the fall, and may have \$3,000 or so more to distribute.



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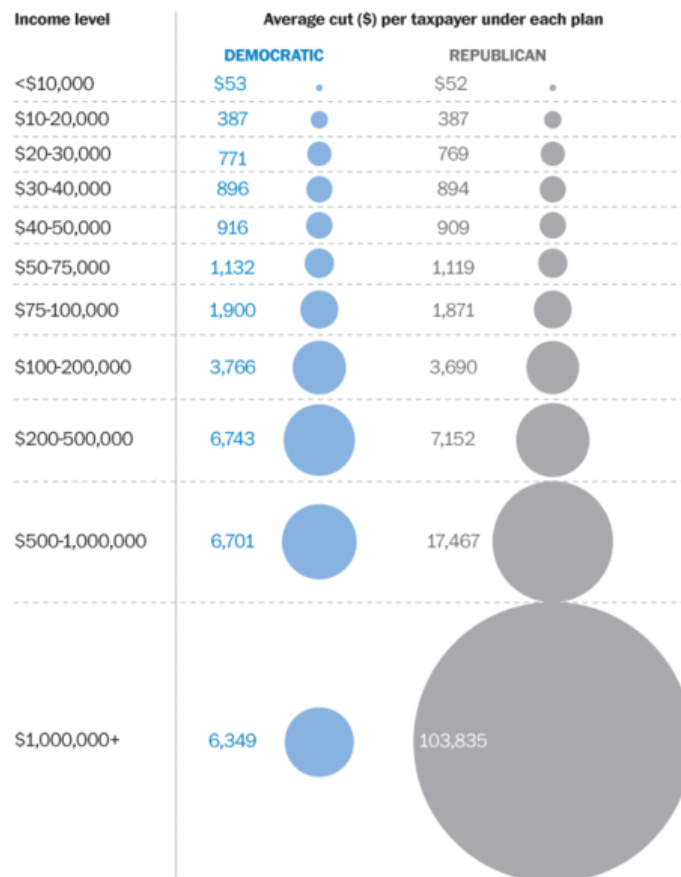
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**Bush Tax Plan vs. Obama Tax Plan**

~ **Ezra Klein**, Washington Post, August 12, 2010



## Obama and the 'No Religious Test' Clause of the US Constitution

~ Liam Fox, News Junkie Post, August 22, 2010



Article 6, Section 3, of the Constitution of the United States of America states:

*The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but **no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.***

Everyone is so caught up in the question of whether or not President Obama is a Christian or a Muslim, that no one seems to realize that the entire country, including the public, the media, and the government, is trampling on their own Constitution. President Obama has been subjected to a religious test. Although not institutionalized as part of his formal admission to office, this test is equally offensive, and equally destructive to the country and the principles enshrined in its constitution.

As part of an ongoing campaign to represent President Obama as everything different, alien, and foreign, without coming right out and just saying that it's all because he's black, the President has been required to not only profess and prove what his religion is, he's been required to profess and prove that he is a Christian. Any talk of President Obama being a Muslim is treated as an accusation, as if to be so would make him guilty of something.

A clear definition of his religious beliefs have been demanded. An answer has been provided along with a

description of his daily devotions and prayer practices. The sermons of his pastor have been analyzed, and criticized, and he has been held accountable for their content. The strength of his religious devotion has been challenged, and the honesty of his disclosure questioned.

The religious beliefs of his parents and grandparents have even been analyzed and turned into the topic of television 'news' specials. Their religious affiliations, denominations, and the regularity of their church attendance, have all been treated as a completely appropriate topic for public scrutiny. Not only is this President being tested on his own religious beliefs, but apparently on the religious beliefs of anyone he ever knew, or came in contact with.



National news outlets, both network and cable, have had the temerity to invite people on to assist in the judging of the religious beliefs of another, and individuals have actually agreed to do so. **Franklin Graham** agreed to publicly comment on the President's faith, and took the opportunity to instruct the audience on what qualifiers to use as they judge the President's faith for themselves. Mr. Graham, after referring to President Obama's father having at one time been Muslim, went on to suggest that personal faith can be inherited. He stated that the 'Muslim seed' is passed through the father, as the 'Jewish seed' is passed through the mother, as though it were some sort of fact. CNN broadcast [the interview](#).

The President's religious beliefs, according to Article 6, section 3, of the Constitution, should not be put to a test. The President's religious beliefs, according to the First Amendment to the Constitution, should not affect the judicious execution of his duties on behalf of all American citizens. Where the First Amendment makes it very clear that government should stay out of religion; preceding that, as part of the original Constitution, Article 6 makes it very clear that religion should stay out of government.

This religious test should never have been imposed. President Obama, and the White house, should never have been coerced into compliance. Subjecting the President, or any other politician, to this test directly contravenes Section 6 of the constitution. President Obama should not let his religious preference influence his presidency by allowing others to make it an issue. He is the President of the United States, not just of the Christians, or of the anti-Muslims, that are among those that live here.

Pollsters have repeatedly asked Americans different versions of similar questions. The goal of their queries is to find out who thinks Obama is a Christian, who thinks he's a Muslim, and who doesn't know. All of these questions are asking the respondent to judge the President's religion; to test it and come to a conclusion. All of these questionnaires draw the Office of the President of the United States into a Christian vs Muslim debate.

All of the questionnaires that are circulating result in answers that send a very powerful message. Christian is the right answer, and Muslim is the wrong answer. This message is sent and reinforced simultaneously. The President professes Christianity, so, if this is your answer, you are correct. At the same time, by having the President profess adherence to one religion over the other, it makes that religion the 'correct religion' as well.



Whether or not the President is equitable to all religions, and acts without bias or preference, might be a good question to ask regarding a President who is bound by the Constitution, that he swore to uphold, to treat all religions as equitable, and without bias or preference. However, this is not the question that the Christian organizations behind much of the furor want answered. They don't want to hear of equality and plurality. They want the President to be forced into looking like he is publicly siding with their team, regardless of whether or not they would ever truly accept him as one of their own.

Other questions, that are perhaps somewhat more Constitutionally friendly, to ask Americans that value their freedom of religion, and equal status under the law, might be;

*Do you agree that your President's personal religious preferences should not govern how he executes the duties of his office on behalf of all Americans, of all faiths and world views?*

or perhaps,

*Do you agree that the President, or any other representative of 'all' the people, should suspend official affiliations with religious institutions, as they would with corporate institutions, during their tenure in public office?*

These questions would at least provide us with some information about how Americans view and understand

their Constitution, rather than questions that only serve to aid in the violation of it. These questions could initiate discussions regarding all religions, their role in, and effect on, society and government, equally. It would be an inclusive conversation that doesn't promote or demonstrate any religious preference. Questions that put one religion up against another, and call on the President to declare his preference, serve no purpose other than to divide.

This religious test must not be allowed to continue. The Constitution states clearly that it should never have started in the first place. The media must refuse to continue proctoring this exam, and, more importantly, the White House must refuse to submit.

The violation of this article of the Constitution is also a violation against the Office of the President of the United States. By adhering to this article of the Constitution, the integrity of the Office of the President is maintained at the same time that the integrity of the Constitution is maintained. In this case, the President can protect the Constitution by allowing the Constitution to protect the Office of the President.



## Campaign Reachout

~ Jane Yendell

**Bill White** Yard Signs are available on **Jane Yendell's** front porch, 211 Scurry Pass. Voter Registration forms and applications for mail-in ballots will be available there, too, starting Wednesday, August 25.



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**VOTER REGISTRATIONS** must be postmarked by Monday, October 4, 2010.

**APPLICATIONS FOR BALLOT BY MAIL** are accepted Friday, September 3 through Tuesday, October 26 (close of business). **DO NOT SEND THEM EARLY.**

**EARLY VOTING** is Monday, October 18 through Friday, October 29.



Join us this Saturday, August 28th for an education rally and block walk. It is time that we elect members to the State Board of Education who will not inject their political ideology into the classroom. It is vital that the State Board of Education includes teachers and experts in their decision making. You can make sure that our children are prepared for a 21st century economy by coming out this Saturday to volunteer and meet our Travis County candidates for State Board of Education, Dr. Rebecca Bell-Metereau and Dr. Judy Jennings.

Dr. Bell-Metereau and Dr. Jennings will both speak along with Congressman Lloyd Doggett, State Representative Donna Howard, State Representative Eddie Rodriguez, and State Representative Mark Strama.

### **Back To School Block Walk**

Saturday, August 28th  
Coordinated Campaign HQ  
605 W. 13th Street  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**[RSVP on Facebook](#)**

The rally will last from 10:00-11:00 with the block walk taking place from 11:00-2:00. For those that are heat averse there will also be a phone bank available. We hope to see you there this Saturday.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

*Date: SEPTEMBER 8TH*

*Time: 6:30-8PM*



***JIM STAUBER FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER 2***

# **ACTION & CHANGE**

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FREDA'S SEAFOOD GRILL

10903 PECAN PARK BLVD.

AUSTIN, TX.

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**PLEASE RSVP:  
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Across the street from the Olive  
Garden on 620.  
Close to Lakeline Mall

*Contact: Paul Rhea  
For more info.*