



# Victory Gram



Meeting Monday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. @ St. Pauls 11 North Park Street

## New Club Business

Ivey Mossell

*Interim President*

The club currently is without a president or a vice-president. The executive committee appointed me to serve as interim president. The by-laws require that the membership vote on replacements. That election will be held in May. Nominations will be accepted at the April 5 meeting as well as by phone or email. Executive committee members' contact numbers are listed in this newsletter. Please volunteer to fill one of these vacancies or to nominate some other member.

## A Note from the Party Chair

Linda Shoemaker

*Party Chair*

Local Democrats braved the cold and met in convention at the Southside Recreation Center on March 20th. I extend sincere, heartfelt thanks to all who contributed time and financial assistance. The silent auction raised over \$300 for our party. Twenty-four delegates were elected to attend the state convention in June. We are all grateful for the participation of Justice Jesse Martinez, JoAnn Rodriguez, Constable Roy Balderaz, and Councilman Johnny Silvas.

## This Month

The meeting for this month will be a forum featuring candidates for the May 8th City Council election. Candidates are Paul Alexander and Robert Banskter, Place 1; Johnny Silvas, Place 3; and Kendall Hirschfeld and Jeffrey R. Harris, Place 5. The candidates will give short introductory remarks and will answer questions that have been pre-submitted by members. Your questions can be given to any member of the board before the meeting date or immediately prior to the meeting. Questions will be screened for duplication. Please attend this important meeting!

## Announcements

Executive Committee meeting 6 p.m. Monday, April 12, at Ivey Mossell's house, 2124 Guadalupe. All are welcome.

In support of the TGC Democratic Party, fundraisers are being planned during the next few months. Funds will be used to support scholarships for some delegates to the state convention. The first effort will be to sell chances on baked goods at the April meeting. Please contact Ivey if you are willing to provide a cake, plate of cookies, etc. Also, remember to bring some extra dollars so you can buy several chances on the goodies!

## Let's Talk about Healthcare

Manny Campos

*Member*

At the time of this newsletter deadline, the fate of healthcare Reform hangs in the balance. As Republicans plea to start over or do nothing and Conservative and Progressive Democrats fall out of line with each other; one fact still remains – the number of uninsured citizens is growing and not going anywhere. Countless Americans are dying due to a lack of coverage. Many of you are aware that I have resigned as President, however, let me be clear and say that I am not disappearing. As one of my heroes and our family matriarch fights liver cancer with an expensive,

yet inadequate insurance; I understand why the healthcare fight is one of high morality. In the following months I will be committed to holding our representatives accountable and helping candidates that will better serve each of us. Politicians should be reminded from time to time who hired them. After all, incompetence and apathy knows no political party. Healthcare

reform is only one battle. We will face more obstacles in the future regarding immigration, financial reform, and discrimination in the military. Please stand with President Obama by writing letters to the editor, calling our representatives regularly, and voting for fair-minded candidates. As President Kennedy said, "There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction."

### Monthly Trivia

What was the name of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's dog?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

(Please bring your newsletter to the next meeting with your answers to enter a prize drawing.)

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