



Victory Gram



Meeting Monday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. @ St. Paul Presbyterian 11 North Park Street

Thoughts on the Republican view of Healthcare

Mitch Krasny

Board Member

Of those who believe in the biblical injunction: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you," who could object to a health care reform law that denies health insurance companies the luxury of denying people coverage because of preexisting conditions or dropping their coverage when they become sick? Other than the executives and wealthy investors in health insurance companies, whose bonuses and dividends depend on the billions of dollars the companies "save" using these scurrilous practices, only every Republican in Congress objected.

Of those who believe in the Commandment to honor their

parents (and other elderly people, by extension), who could object to a health care reform law that closes the "donut hole" in the Republican-passed Medicare Part D law and allows the government to negotiate drug prices for Part D? Other than the executives and wealthy investors in pharmaceutical companies, whose bonuses and dividends depend on the billions of dollars the companies rake in because of these defects, only every Republican in Congress objected.

Of those who believe that "whoever does this for the least of these does it for Me," who could object to a health care reform law that, when fully implemented, will allow over 95% of Americans to have health insurance coverage? Other than every Republican

member of Congress, I can't think of anyone who would object.

Republicans claim to be the party of "family values," but, based on their objections to the health care reform law, they value only WEALTHY families.

While maybe Texas' Attorney General Greg Abbot has a point that mandating that all Americans acquire health insurance or else pay a penalty is not the best approach to requiring full coverage, he thought the idea was good enough that he mandated that all parents who pay child support in Texas must also pay for health insurance for their children. If he, or anyone else, can think of a better motivator to get people to buy health insurance before they get sick rather than after, I'd be happy to consider it.

New Club Business

Ivey Mossell

Treasurer

The Executive Committee and Board of Directors will present the name of Floyd Crider for your approval, on May 3, to fill the unexpired term of president. We still need nominations for vice-president. Please volunteer yourself or nominate another member. Contact one of the officers or directors by phone or email. Nominations also may be made at the May 3rd meeting. The vice-president is responsible for planning and implementing programs for each meeting and, also, acts in the president's absence.

We hope that several members will consider taking responsibility for seeing that this important job is continued.

A Note from the Party Chair

Linda Shoemaker

Party Chair

Greetings, fellow Democrats! May will be a busy month with lots of opportunities for volunteering. On Saturday, May 1st, Bill White's Campaign is offering an all-day training session in Austin. Please call me at 450-0018 if you would like to attend.

On Thursday, May 6th, we will have a work session at my house (2169 Gun Club Rd.) to prepare popcorn bags to sell at the Cinco de Mayo festival. The festival is at the Paseo on Friday and Saturday, May 7th and 8th, beginning each day at

5 PM. We will work Thursday afternoon from 1 PM until we complete the task of preparing 100 bags. I will provide a light meal. For our table at the festival, we need volunteers to sell popcorn bags, to sell tickets for our duck pond, to distribute candidate literature and to register voters. Janna Simms will be painting faces. We need lots of volunteers to work 2 hour shifts. I need 3 volunteers for the 7 to 9 PM shift and for the 9 to 10 PM shift. The final crew of workers on Saturday night will load up our tables and chairs and clear out our space.

Monthly Trivia

Lyndon B. Johnson was known for his arm twisting of power politicians in order to advance legislation. This was often known as

_____?

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

This Month

Speaker for the May meeting will be Dr. Jerry Perry, professor of Political Science at Angelo State University. He will discuss the constitutionality of the recently-passed-by-Congress and much-discussed health care bill. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to hear a portion of "the rest of the story."

Announcements

Executive Committee meeting 6 p.m. Monday, May 10, at Ivey Mossell's house, 2124 Guadalupe. All are welcome.

Bring extra dollars so you can put your name in the pot for a \$50 giveaway. Proceeds will help fund scholarships for state convention delegates.

The American Cancer Society's garage sale, rained out last weekend, is rescheduled for May 8. Next to the ACS headquarters on College Hills. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you did not get your favorite white elephant or closet clutter to Janna Simms, you have another chance. Call her at 651-4091.

Next Monday please bring money to buy, for a \$5 donation, a luminaria that will memorialize or honor a cancer patient.

On the relay dates, May 21-22, Janna Simms needs to borrow a generator. Let her know if you can provide one.

State Representative Pete Gallego of Alpine will be the guest of honor on Tuesday, April 27th at Los Panchitos Restaurant from 5:30 to 7 PM. Please call Monette Molinar at 656-8166 for more information.

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