

THE KENDALLIAN

The Monthly Newsletter of the Democratic Club of Kendall County

OBAMA'S FIRST JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT

Jack Morgan

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 4

The Kendall County Democratic Club will hold it's regular monthly meeting in the Board Room of the Boerne ISD at 123 Johns Road in Boerne. The main discussion will focus on the development of our fund raising program for the rest of the year. Have ideas or suggestions? Be there at 7:00 PM. Call Mary Lowery at 830 537-5271 for details.

June 11

Kendall County Area Democratic Woman's Club will hold their monthly meeting at the Holiday Inn Express at 10:00 AM. The program will be a presentation on the abused woman's shelter in Boerne. Call Jean Robitaille at 830 981-4971 for details.

June 14

Flag Day. Don't forget to hang your flag out.

June 16

Blue Tuesday social get-together for Democrats at the Dodging Duck Pub on River Road. 6:00 PM. Anything you want to talk about as long as it is Democratic.

June 20

Bergesfest Parade. Show up no later than 8:30 AM at the corner of Frederick and North Main, near the fire station, if you want to march in the parade with other Democrats.

June 21

Father's Day. Don't forget to send your Dad a card or (better yet) give him a call.

At this writing we're still in the first couple of days of the Sotomayor appointment. Who knows how it'll eventually shake out, but there are a few things we DO know: she was born to immigrants, was an overachiever, and is a Hispanic woman.

Would it be so odd for the highest court in the land to look a little bit more like WE do? Would it help to inspire Hispanics that they count, too? Would they be made to feel as though they had a voice they don't now have? I suspect so. And if there's any demographic that's growing like crazy, it's the Hispanic Demographic.

So from this liberal's view, I think it makes a ton 'o sense. Especially when you start seeing the Republicans posturing against her. Calling her a gender appointment runs the risk of angering women (and as a man, I generally view that as a mistake right off). Calling her an ethnic appointment runs the risk of angering a slice of the population that's both growing in size but diminishing in Republican support.

Where's the UP side for Republicans. Quick! I think we need Sherlock Holmes to find the up side, because I don't think there IS one.

But it's interesting to see what they're holding against her: **empathy**. John Yoo--the lawyer who brought us the trumped-up legal precedent for torture during the Bush II administration--says her selection is one of Empathy over Excellence. To which I'd ask "why are those terms mutually exclusive?" If we are going to select, why not choose someone with both? The 2nd question I'd ask is why on God's green earth would we take as Gospel what a guy who metaphorically urinated on the Constitution thinks? I think listening to John Yoo in years past has gotten us into a Mt. Everest pile of problems and his opinion on the matter is about as relevant as Tom Delay's on good government!

I think the President's off to an outstanding first 5 months, and from what I've gathered thus far, Ms. Sotomayor is a stellar choice for the court. Here's wishing a good June to you all. May we get enough rain to stay green, but no so much that the phrase "higher ground" even comes to mind...

Club News

A Message From Our President, Mary Lowery:

"A big thanks to all of you Democrats who worked the BISD early election. Being the thoroughbreds that you are, we covered just about all the slots. Now I ask you for more. For those of you who can afford to do so, I am asking that you donate all or part of your pay from the election to KCDC in memory of Sandra Weir. Yes, I know that it takes gall to ask you to work for paltry wages and then ask you to give it away, but I am doing it. Treasurer please keep track. This month we will discuss what we will do about fund raising. Please try to be there."

As Mary indicated in her comment, the June meeting will include a discussion of fundraising. To some this is an unpleasant topic because almost all fundraising efforts involve some of your time and work. However, we have all learned that it takes money to push a political agenda—even in Boerne. Some of the expenses we have: on occasion we have to pay speakers and/or speakers expenses, we have to rent places to hold rally's, we sometimes advertise in the local papers, and we are a major contributor to the activities of the county party. **We have no choice—we have to raise money.** Please be at this meeting and offer your opinion on what we should do.

One of the big activities this month is the Bergesfest Parade on Saturday, June 20. Instead of a float, the Democrats will have Democrats marching in a group along with several hybrid cars. All Democrats are urged to participate. If you would like to be part of the parade but are not in shape to march the parade route call Claire Gluck at 210 426-7749 or email her at clairegluck@gvtc.com for a seat in one of the cars. If you would like to drive your hybrid car in the parade, please coordinate with Jean Robitaille (830 981-4971), Sarah White (830 755-8794), or Josephine Renfroe (830 249-3118). Marchers are requested to wear comfortable clothes that reflect a red, white, and blue theme and to wear a hat for protection from the sun. Marchers should show up at the starting point—corner of Frederick and North Main--no later than 8:30 AM. We will provide transportation back to the starting point.

Last month's meeting featured the interesting film Kansas Vs. Darwin. It was also announced that Esther Turner is now at home doing well after a long hospital stay and Alex Davila is also doing well.

By the way, make note that there will be no club meetings in July and August. The June meeting will be the last until September—another good reason for being there.

Membership in the Club is payable yearly starting in January. We suggest an annual contribution of \$20 per person (payable to KCDC). If you enjoy receiving the *Kendallian* as a way of keeping up with local Democratic activities but cannot be an active member, we would appreciate a contribution to cover the cost of the stamps. If you would prefer to receive the *Kendallian* by E-MAIL or if you would like for us to take your name off our mailing list please let us know. **Sarah White is our treasurer. Her address is 138 Stonegate South, Boerne, Texas 78006. Her phone is 830 755-8794.**

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