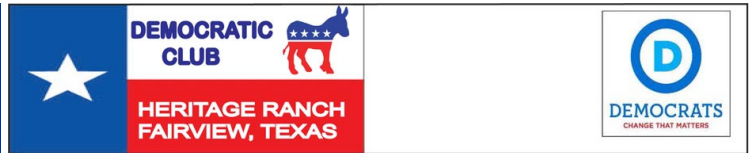


DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF HERITAGE RANCH

Newsletter from the Education Committee , First Quarter 2019

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DID YOU KNOW?

What the President Could Do if He Declares a State of Emergency.

Article written by Elizabeth Goitein in The Atlantic: January/February 2019 Issue—<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/01/presidential-emergency-powers/576418/>

The moment the president declares a “national emergency”—a decision that is entirely within his discretion—he is able to set aside many of the legal limits on his authority...

...For instance, the president can, with the flick of his pen, activate laws allowing him to shut down many kinds of electronic communications inside the United States or freeze Americans’ bank accounts. Other powers are available even without a declaration of emergency, including laws that allow the president to deploy troops inside the country to subdue domestic unrest...

Click on the link above to read the entire article which was featured on KERA / Think on January 18, 2019.

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Leading the nation in population and job growth, Texas has one of the country’s strongest economies. Yet, no other state has more residents without health insurance, and no other state has experienced more hospital closures in rural communities.

A strong economy depends on healthy residents and communities. And that requires a strong health care infrastructure.



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Who was the future senator that scored the only touchdown for Harvard when they played Yale in 1955?



EDUCATION COMMITTEE PROGRESSIVE BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS - 2019



Mark your calendars

Wed. March 20 - 4:00 pm (Arts & Crafts) / Presenter: Tarek Radjef

Perilous Partners: The Benefits and Pitfalls of America's Alliances with Authoritarian Regimes, *Ted Galen Carpenter, Malou Innocent*. American leaders have cooperated with regimes that are, to varying degrees, repressive and corrupt. *Perilous Partners* creates a strategy for conducting an effective U.S. foreign policy without betraying fundamental American Values.

Wed., May 15 - 4:00 pm (Arts & Crafts) / Presenter: Gale Quint

Lost Connections: Uncovering the Real Causes of Depression and the Unexpected Solutions, *Johann Hari*. 261 pages of material that span all sorts of topics related to depression is illuminating: a balm for our crazy times. It also covers seven recommendations.

Wed., July 17 - 4:00 pm (Arts & Crafts) / Presenter: Andy Lepine

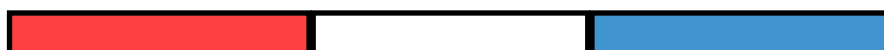
How Democracies Die, *Steven Levitsky, Daniel Ziblatt*. Is our democracy in danger? These experts have studied this extensively and think that it is, but offer some good news as well.

Wed., Sept. 25* - 4:00 pm (Arts & Crafts) / Presenter: Gale Quint

Leadership in Turbulent Times, *Doris Kearns Goodwin*. The lives and different leadership styles of Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, and Lyndon Johnson are examined as well as how they met some tough crises. This book explores the early development, growth and exercise of leadership.

Wed., Nov. 13 - 4:00 pm (West Ballroom) / Presenter: Henry Kaplan**

Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America, *Nancy Mehean*. The first half (a tedious read) discusses the rise of economist James Buchanan and his laissez faire capitalism. The second half (a much faster read) discussed how Charles Koch incorporated Buchanan's economic philosophy in his promotion of changing the economic culture of the United States.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE SPEAKERS - 2019

Mark your calendars

February 19 - 6:30 pm

Town of Fairview - Mayor Culbertson

(Review and What's New)

April 16: Susana Reyes, Immigration Attorney

June 18: Speaker TBD

August 22: Jim Skinner, Collin County Sherriff

(Sex Trafficking in our County)

Oct 28: Speaker TBD



Option will be offered for Buffet Dinner (\$14.50) beginning on Speaker nights!

Members may choose to eat (6:30pm) or simply come to hear the speaker (7:00 pm).

Menu for February includes:

Braised Beef with Red Wine Demi Glaze

Vegetable Medley & Loaded Mashed Potatoes

Chocolate Cake

If you would like to participate in the Buffet Dinner, please email Dana Callahan: danacal@att.net no later than end of day on Thursday, February 14th.



DEMOCRATS HAVE A MISSION AND A MESSAGE

“We’re fighting on behalf of the notion that anyone, from any walk of life, should have a fair shot at the American Dream. “

Democratic National Committee

Notes from the Editor

January is a good time to review the past and thoughtfully consider the year ahead. We thought you might appreciate a review of the 2016 Democratic National Committee Platform .

“Every four years, the Democratic Party puts together our party platform, the ideas and beliefs that govern our party as a whole.

What follows is our 2016 platform — our most progressive platform in our party’s history and a declaration of how we plan to move America forward. Democrats believe that cooperation is better than conflict, unity is better than division, empowerment is better than resentment, and bridges are better than walls.”



SUMMARY OF PLATFORM—2016

This party platform was voted on and passed by our membership at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia in 2016. The platform will be updated and re-approved at the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

Raise Income and Restore Economic Security for the Middle Class

Create Good Paying Jobs

Fight for Economic Fairness and Against Inequality

Bring Americans Together and Remove Barriers to Opportunities

Protect Voter Rights, Fix our Campaign Finance System and Restore our Democracy

Combat Climate Change, Build a Clean Energy Economy, and Secure Environmental Justice

Provide Quality and Affordable Education

Ensure the Health and Safety of All Americans

Principled Leadership

Support Our Troops and Keep Faith with Our Veterans

Confront Global Threats

Protect Our Values

A Leader in the World

For the Full Text: https://democrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/2016_DNC_Platform.pdf

Trivia answer from Page 1: Edward M. Kennedy

