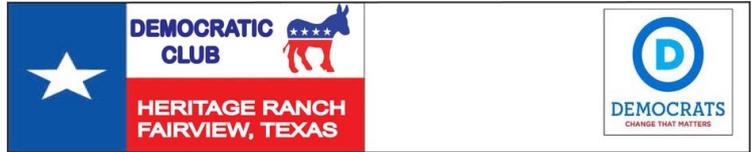


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Newsletter from the Education Committee , Second Quarter 2019

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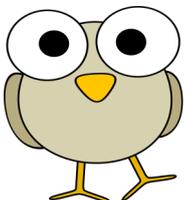


## DID YOU KNOW?

*Donald Trump's 'Muslim ban' is not the first time specific groups or nationalities have been blocked from the US. (citizens have been barred from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia & Yemen).*

1. **President Chester A. Arthur—1882, banned "skilled and unskilled laborers and Chinese employed in mining" from entering the US for 10 years.** The US was struggling with high unemployment and, although Chinese made up a very small segment of the country's workforce, they were nevertheless scapegoated for its social and economic woes.
2. **President Theodore Roosevelt—1903, banned Anarchists & others deemed to be political extremists.** In 1901, President William McKinley had been fatally shot by Leon Czolgosz, an American anarchist who was the son of Polish immigrants.
3. **President Franklin D. Roosevelt—1939, banned Jewish refugees.** Roosevelt argued that refugees posed a serious threat to the country's national security.
4. **Passed by Congress—1950 (in spite of veto by President Harry Truman), banned Communists.** McCarran Act made it possible to deport any immigrants believed to be members of the Communist Party.
5. **President Jimmy Carter—1980, banned Iranians.** Following the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis.
6. **President Ronald Reagan—1987, banned HIV positive persons.** US Public Health Service added Aids to its list of "dangerous and contagious" diseases. Senator Jesse Helms' "Helms Amendment" added HIV to the exclusion list.

**POLITICAL TRIVIA:** Answer on last page



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Who said:

*"Within this present generation, that stream [immigration] from abroad has largely stopped. We have within our shores today the materials out of which we shall continue to build an even better home for liberty."*



# EDUCATION COMMITTEE PROGRESSIVE BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS - 2019



Mark your calendars

**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.

\* Note: **4th** Wed.

\*\* Note: **2nd** Wed.



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE SPEAKERS - 2019

### Mark your calendars

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**April 16 - 6:15 pm**

**Susana Reyes, Immigration Attorney.**

*Susana Reyes is currently a solo practitioner with her own practice, The Law Offices of Susana E. Reyes, PLLC. She represents both citizens and non-citizens in a wide range of immigration issues. She is a graduate of Loyola University College of Law. Her goal has always been to unite families, treat people with dignity and respect, and bring knowledge to the community.*

**Option will be offered for Buffet Dinner (\$14.50) on Speaker Nights!**

Members may choose to eat (6:15 pm) or simply come to hear the speaker (7:00 pm).

Menu for April includes:

Chipotle Glazed Pork Loin

Asparagus & Roasted Sweet Potatoes

Strawberry Cream Pie



If you would like to participate in the Buffet Dinner, please email Dana Callahan: [danacal@att.net](mailto:danacal@att.net) no later than noon on Friday, **April 12th.** Dana's phone number = 214-537-0035

**Tuesday, June 18:** Sharon Hirsch, former candidate for HD66.  
Update on State of Texas legislative efforts relative to Education.

**Thursday, August 22:** Jim Skinner, Collin County Sherriff  
Sex Trafficking in our County

**Monday, October 28:** Matt Moore, VP Government & Community  
Relations, Children's Health System Texas  
How recent legislation (National & State) affects Medicaid and Medicare

**Sunday, November 17:** Kent Darwin  
**Global Reality from the Al Gore Foundation**

*The focus is to answer three basic questions about Global issues:  
Must we change? Can we Change? Will we change? The presentation is a broad brush of what good things, the bad things are happening that are impacting our world and everything living on our world.*



# 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*

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## Notes from the Editor

Our April Speaker will discuss Immigration and barriers to both legal and illegal immigration. In our recent Book Review, presented by Tarek Radjef, there were two articles from September 1990 issue of National Geographic, by Alice J. Hall, that attracted his attention. Below are excerpts.

### ELLIS ISLAND

"From the Registry Room, Public Health Service inspectors looked for signs of 'trachoma'. Another category was weeded out: 'persons likely to become a public charge'. 80% of the immigrants passed health and legal inspections in a day. For those who needed a closer look, delays could last weeks but only 2% of all Ellis Island immigrants were sent home".

"The glass-housing enclosed corridor on Island 3 connected the 11 wards of the Contagious Disease Hospital where immigrants suffering from infections contracted aboard crowded ships or the island itself were treated. Many were children with measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, or a combination of ailments".

"World War I temporarily curbed the immigration flow. Restrictive laws in 1920s cut the numbers and required inspection of immigrants by US consular officials abroad".



## IMMIGRATION TODAY (Article from 1990)

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"At Kennedy airport for example, today's immigrant - prescreened and approved by a U.S. embassy or consulate in his or her homeland - entry is streamlined. Once the papers are checked and in order, the newcomer is directed to a glass-walled room where his or her face is photographed at an angle - right earlobe showing please! (It's an identifying feature). Then the right index finger is printed and his or her signature recorded. These three identifiers will be printed on a alien registration card known as the green card.

Each week as many as 2500 immigrants arrive at Kennedy terminals and 100,000 newcomers claim New York as their final destination each year. That is a sixth of all immigrants - 600,000 - that come annually to the United States. The flow is higher than in any decade since 1900-1910. Kennedy receives its newcomers mainly from Asia, the Caribbean, and Latin America".

"Some 270,000 enter the country under the 1965 Hart-Celler Act which gives preference to family members of United States citizens. An additional 330,000 entered in 1988 under other special rules: The spouses, parents, and young unmarried children of U.S. citizens can come without quota limits. However, the global waiting period to enter the U.S. lengthens; it stands at 2.3 million. Those who signed up for family preference in Mexico and the Philippines in 1977 may reach head of their country's line this year, 13 years later."

"Of course many would-be Americans enter without permission - at the same or double the rate of legal entrants.

Leopoldo arrived by way of a well established pipeline across the United States-Mexican border, one used by Asians and Africans as well as Latinos. He had borrowed \$700 to pay a *Coyote* to walk him across the border near Tijuana, drive him to Los Angeles, and put him on a plane to New York. Here jobs were said to be plentiful and immigration enforcers scarce.

An INS spokesman comments 'Frankly, the administration of immigration law is a nightmare. we have 1,700 investigators working on employer sanction nationwide. if we had 1,700 in New York alone, we still could not adequately enforce the law'.

The 1986 immigration bill did have a more humane side; it offered amnesty to any illegal immigrant who could prove United States residency prior to 1982. One immigration advisor from the Borough of Queens said: 'I processed 3,000 cases, and I never saw so many bankbooks. Many applicants were also homeowners, with good jobs. Nothing is so unfounded as the charge that immigrants go on welfare"'.  
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"Regardless of their status or their country of origin, immigrants take lowly jobs spurned by the native-born. In time they buy small businesses as elderly owners retire. They rehabilitate buildings, renovate deteriorating neighborhoods, and, after the required five years, become naturalized citizens."

"Meanwhile, Congress is again tinkering with immigration laws and quotas. Bills are now under debate that would provide tens of thousands of additional visas to those with advanced degrees, needed skills, or money to invest. lawmakers argue the preference given to families blocks candidates without those ties.

The search for the most equitable formula continue - but unchanged is the vision of millions abroad that America is the land of promise."

*Trivia answer from Page 1: Franklin D. Roosevelt*

