

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF HERITAGE RANCH

January 2020—Working to get out the vote!

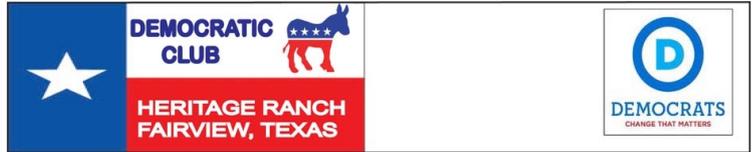


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RECYCLING - Jan 15th

Come hear our speaker: Andrea Smith, City of Allen Education Specialist in the Community Services Department. (see pg. 3 for more info)



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2018, 96.4% of all cardboard boxes consumed in the U.S. were recovered for recycling, and over the last three years, 92.7% of corrugated cardboard was recycled, which is the highest of any packaging material.

All those stamped paper envelopes that were used to deliver holiday cards to your door are recyclable. Because the Postal Service uses a biodegradable adhesive in its stamps, you can effortlessly toss your holiday card envelopes into your recycling bin without peeling off any seasonal stamps beforehand.

ALSO - WE'RE KICKING OFF THIS ELECTION YEAR!

Join us for our first CANDIDATE FORUM - Sunday January 26th, 2- 5pm.

Come ask your questions and chat with the candidates

AFTER the forum join the candidates for dinner (5:00pm).

If you would like to participate in the Buffet Dinner, please RSVP by email to:

Dana Callahan - danacal@att.net - no later than Wednesday, January 22nd. You can also call Dana @ 214-537-0035.

Menu: Slow braised pot roast with sautéed mirepoix and gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, assorted cookies and brownies.



POLITICAL TRIVIA: Answer on last page

Of all the municipal solid waste (MSW) generated in 2017, what percentage was paper & paper products?



**EDUCATION COMMITTEE PROGRESSIVE
BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS - 2019**



Mark your calendars

2020 Progressive Book Club

We are looking forward to discussing a variety of interesting, thought-provoking books for 2020. If you have a book that would be of interest to our Progressive Book Club participants, **PLEASE RECOMMEND IT!**

We've had political books, biographies, self-help/mental health, books about economies, history, etc. We will meet in January and select our books - 4 or 5 for the year. The person recommending the book is usually the presenter, but this is not a requirement.

Please note these dates:

Wednesday, January 15th - deadline for submitting book recommendations

Send recommendations to juleyann@grandecom.net

Wednesday, January 22nd, 4 PM - meeting to select and schedule 2020 books



EDUCATION COMMITTEE SPEAKERS - 2019

Mark your calendars

JANUARY 15TH - SPEAKER ON RECYCLING

Andrea Smith, City of Allen Education Specialist in the Community Services Department. She also provides staff support to Keep Allen Beautiful. Her current focus is recycling and littering prevention.

Option will be offered for Buffet Dinner (\$15.50) on Speaker Nights!

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



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POLITICAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

GOTV! (Get Out The Vote)



Democratic Presidential Candidates

*This list was compiled using information from candidates' websites as well as Chicago Tribune and newsletter The Hill. It includes the 'top' 8 candidates. It is subjective. The candidates are listed in alphabetical order. Candidates Bloomberg and Booker have not yet been researched. **This list includes candidates' views on 7 issues**, also listed in alphabetical order. The hope of **The Democratic Club at Heritage Ranch** is to disseminate this list ahead of the Democratic Primary*

[Early Voting begins Feb. 18th].

JOE BIDEN: Former Vice President and U.S. Senator. **Climate change-** \$1.7 trillion public investment with \$2.3 trillion in private investment to yield a carbon-neutral U.S. economy by 2050. **College costs-** Two years of tuition-free community college for every American. **Gun Safety-** Reinstate ban on military-style weapons and ammo. Supports universal background checks. **Health care-** Public option insurance plan that is 'Medicare-like' government insurance policy. Would be available to all working-age Americans alongside private insurance policies. **Immigration-** Secure border without tossing aside our values and humanity. Path to citizenship for immigrants in country illegally. **Taxes-** Repeal corporate rate cuts, curb other 'loopholes'. Tax policy should value work more than wealth, without punishing the wealthy. **Trade-** Believes in fair trade and defends our decades of U.S. international trade policy. Believes tariffs are counterproductive and harmful to U.S.

MICHAEL BLOOMBERG: Former mayor of New York City and very successful business, worth \$54 billion. **Climate change-** His philanthropies fund greenhouse-gas reduction programs in U. S. cities with a goal of 100% clean energy ASAP. **College costs-** He has donated \$1.8 billion to his alma mater, Johns Hopkins University to boost financial aid for low- and middle-income students. **Gun Safety-** He founded the gun control advocacy group Everytown for Gun Safety and supports requiring background checks for gun purchases. **Health care-** He believes that a Medicare for All system to replace private employer-provided health insurance would 'bankrupt us.' **Immigration-** Against family separation but believes more asylum officers and judges at the border are necessary. Supports pathway to citizenship for people in U.S. illegally. **Taxes-** Against 'ultra-millionaire tax' as likely unconstitutional and believes the GOP's 2017 tax cuts are overly skewed toward the wealthy. **Trade-** Believes that Trump's trade policies are 'disastrous for America' and blocking Chinese markets hurts American workers and companies.



CORY BOOKER: Current U.S. Senator, former mayor of Newark, N.J. **Climate Change**-Supports the Green New Deal. Has pledged to bolster the EPA through an environmental justice plan. **College Costs**-Backs Senate legislation to make public college debt-free. Wants to give every newborn a 'baby bond' account that can be used to help pay for college. **Gun Safety**-Multipart plan including a national gun licensing program, universal background checks and re-imposing an assault weapons ban. **Health care**-Endorsed Medicare for All that would create government-run health care but has campaigned to take smaller steps to expand access. **Immigration**-Pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants now in the U.S. and has proposed a loosening of restrictions on how government can detain migrants. **Taxes**-Suggests an earned income tax credit expansion that would benefit an estimated 150 million Americans, paid for by raising taxes on investment income. **Trade**-Has not proposed a broader trade agenda.

PETE BUTTIGIEG: Mayor of South Bend, IN and former Naval Intelligence officer. **Climate Change**-Calls this a 'national security threat'. Would rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement and supports Green New Deal proposals. **College costs**-Debt-free college for low-income families through state-federal partnerships and increased Pell Grants. No tuition for middle-income families at public colleges. **Gun Safety**-Universal background checks, red flag laws and waiting periods. Ban on assault weapons and creation of a national gun licensing system. **Health care**-Medicare for all who want it, with Medicare-type public option through the health insurance exchange. **Immigration**-Pathway to citizenship for people brought to U.S. illegally as children. Opposes family separation and border wall. **Taxes**-Higher marginal tax rate for highest earners. Supports a wealth tax. Would consider financial transaction tax. **Trade**-U.S. should stand up to unfair trade practices but believes tariffs are hurting farmers.

AMY KLOBUCHAR: Three-term Minnesota senator. **Climate change**-Rejoin Paris Climate Agreement and reinstate Obama administration's clean power rules and gas mileage standards. **College costs**-Free tuition for one- and two-year community college degrees and certifications. Expand Pell grants. **Gun safety**-Universal background checks [close gun-show loophole]. Ban assault weapons, bump stocks and high-capacity ammo. **Health care**-Expand coverage through public option, available through Medicare or Medicaid. Would spend \$100 billion over 10 years for mental health care. Reduce costs of prescription drugs. **Immigration**-Supports the DREAM ACT, more money for border security and path to citizenship for law-abiding non-citizens. No border walls. **Taxes**-Raise corporate tax rate to 25%. Close tax loopholes allowing companies to move jobs overseas to minimize their taxes. **Trade**-Supported steel tariffs but critical of Chinese tariffs on soybeans and other products that hurt farmers.

BERNIE SANDERS: Vermont Senator who calls himself a democratic socialist. **Climate change**-Wants the Green New Deal, ban fracking and bar energy exploration on public lands, end coal, natural gas and oil exportation. **College costs**-Supports tuition-free higher education at public colleges and universities. **Gun safety**-States should handle gun restrictions but supports a federal assault weapons band and instant background checks. Supports gun manufacturers not being liable for their products' misuse. **Health care**-Author of Medicare for All, a single-payer health care system in which government would provide health insurance coverage for everyone in the U.S. **Immigration**-Secure the border without walls. Pathway to citizenship for people in the country illegally. New visa rules making permanent residency easier for qualified immigrants. **Taxes**-Supports taxing people earning \$10 million-plus annually up to 70% and taxing wealth estates up to 77%. Wants to raise taxes on capital gains, Wall Street transactions and offshore tax havens. **Trade**-Opposes the new NAFTA, the TPP and other trade deals. Calls China a currency manipulator but opposes trumps' tariffs. Would ban U.S. companies from outsourcing jobs.



TOM STEYER: A billionaire [started his own company] who uses his personal wealth to promote issues important to people in need. **Climate change-** In favor of rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement. His advocacy group NextGen America supports a clean energy economy. **College costs-** Supports free public education. **Gun safety-** His NextGen America group teamed with Everytown for Gun Safety after the Parkland school shooting to register high school students to vote in favor of stricter gun laws. He believes the gun lobby must be held accountable. **Health care-** NextGen America pushes for high-quality, affordable health care for everyone. Supported an effort in California to require notification before drug companies boost prices. **Immigration-**

Supports pathway to citizenship for Dreamers. Withdrew financial support from national Democratic Party committees when Democrats agreed to reopen the federal government in January 2018 without a commitment on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. **Taxes-** Opposed the GOP tax plan passed in 2017 because he believes it benefited corporation and the wealthy. Supports a wealth tax. **Trade-** No detailed agenda yet.

ELIZABETH WARREN: U.S. Senator from Massachusetts. **Climate change-** Proposes \$2 trillion over 10 years that she estimates will create 1 million-plus jobs in clean manufacturing. End fossil-fuel extraction on public lands to help achieve Green New Deal targets. **College costs-** Student loan debt forgiveness up to \$50,000 for certain borrowers. Also, tuition-free public college [paid for with new tax on ultra-wealthy]. **Gun safety-** Reinstate assault weapons ban and impose universal background checks. She'd treat gun violence as a national emergency. **Health care-** Medicare for All that would create government-run health care but open to different pathways to achieving universal access, including smaller-scale steps. **Immigration-** Overhaul that includes path to citizenship for immigrants in U.S. illegally. Focused on failures by private contractors involved in immigration detention. **Taxes-** Wants to raise \$2.75 trillion over 10 years with 2% tax on about 75,000 of nation's richest households. Proposed a profits tax on multinational corporations. **Trade-** Wants a new cabinet level Dept. of Economic Development that would reorient trade policy toward American job creation.

ONE OF OUR DEMOCRATIC CLUB POLITICAL ACTIVISTS—Tina Maher.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE
LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!



Providing fun events that help us get to know one another better and help each other be more active democrats!

We also reach out in Collin County to the charity we support with our gift card offerings - Hope's Door. We also donate to the Street Showers ministry in McKinney.

HAPPY HOUR - February 12th @ Kelly's in the Village at Fairview. 4:30 pm. Hope to see you all there! Please RSVP to: owenchr@gmail.com

DINNER WITH DEMS

If you are interested in getting together socially with your democratic friends once a month, please respond to Luanne.henkle@gmail.com. Once we get a list, we will notify you of your groups. We would like to meet in February, March and April. We are also suggesting some alternatives to hosting dinner at your home. You could have your group meet at the club or another restaurant rather than cooking. Everyone would pay their own bill. You could also get together for just dessert or wine. These dinners usually include 8 people. If you are going to be gone during some of these months, you could also sign up as substitutes.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
LET'S TALK!



Have you seen information on the Digital Sign in the HR Clubhouse Lobby? Watch for our Democratic Club events to be posted on the board !

Also check out our website where there are lots of helpful links and additional information to keep you up to date on all things **DEMOCRAT**. <https://demclubathr.com/>

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
WE WANT YOU!



We currently have approximately 100 paid members for 2020. This makes us the 2nd largest Democratic Club in Collin County! Did you know there are at least 12 other Democratic Clubs in the county? See the Dem Club website for more information.

To pay your **membership dues (\$10 /yr)**, please mail or drop off cash or check to Andy Lepine (box on the porch) @ 934 Medinah Dr. Fairview, Tx 75069.



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

A new SERVICE subcommittee is being formed that will be part of the Political Activities Committee. The mission of this subcommittee will be to ensure that ALL MEMBERS of the Democratic Club of Heritage Ranch will know when, where and what is required in order to vote. They will also assist in setting up assistance where needed for those who need rides to the voting polls, assistance in getting an absentee (vote by mail) ballot, etc.

It is important that we GET OUT THE VOTE this year. We need to SHOW UP and help get our friends, family and acquaintances out to vote as well. The SERVICE subcommittee will have voter registration forms for new residents and those that have made a recent change of address.

The SERVICE subcommittee will be tasked with making sure that we have volunteers from within our membership that will serve as election workers: registrars, poll workers, etc.

DID YOU KNOW?

Collin County Democratic Party is Hiring Election Workers for the Primary!

Do you want to help Democrats get elected? Do you want to earn some money for temporary work? Can you take off a day or more to help conduct the election in a polling place?

There will be a record turnout in the 2020 Collin County Democratic Primary. We want voting to be a smooth experience for all.

Early Voting is Feb 18 – Feb 28 and Primary Election Day is March 3.

Early Voting pay for workers is \$10-\$12 an hour plus overtime. On Election Day, all workers are paid \$12 per hour, all straight time.

If you haven't signed up already, contact the Primary Administration Team at elections@collindemocrats.org or 469-609-0593.

Answers to Trivia Question on Page 1

Paper and paper products made up the largest amount of MSW at 25% of the total in 2017. Generation of paper and paperboard products declined from 84.8 million tons in 2005 to 67 million tons in 2017.

