

Neighborhood Democrats
May 12, 2015, 7:00 PM

A G E N D A

Welcome, Pledge, Introductions

The Honorable Lloyd Criss

Club business

Club Officer Vacancies, Treasurer, Secretary - Andy Hailey
Electing Democrats: Club Committee Chairs Needed - Andy Hailey
Communications Enhancement Report - John Young/Jim Brown
Treasurer's Report from Assistant Treasurer - Jim Brown
Donation to Trailblazers

Guest Speaker

Chris Tomlinson, Houston Chronicle Business Columnist
and Author will talk on Economic Inequality in Texas

<http://christomlinson.net>

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/author/chris-tomlinson/>

<http://tomlinsonhill.com>

<http://s3.epi.org/files/2014/IncreasinglyUnequalStatesofAmerica1917to2012.pdf>

USW Strike Update

Battleground Texas Update - Tina

Q&A

Director Closing Comments (Time permitting)

Change in meeting day and place

Trailblazers Brunch

<https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/dwgcbrunch2015>

Future Guest Speakers:

June - Jackie Young, Local Environmental Activist

July - In work ...

August - Sonia Hernandez, UHCL Film Series

September - J. Rine, An Economic Approach to Mitigating Climate Change

October - TBD

Opportunities to make a difference:

Register voters, League City County Annex, first & last Friday of the month.
Contact Dana Hickey, dana.hickey@aol.com

Food for Thought - Thinking Points:

Moral Purpose of Government: Government **of, by, and for the people** requires both a government with the moral purpose to **equally protect and empower all the people** for maximum success and minimal inequality, and active participation of the people.

Alternative Word/Phrase: **Citizenship dues**, which maintain and maximize citizen freedoms, are payments to government in proportion to our use of public resources so as to replenish those resources which are used to equally empower and protect our fellow citizens.

Non-profit article:

Progressive Taxation: Some Hidden Truths

<http://www.commondreams.org/views/2007/04/16/progressive-taxation-some-hidden-truths>

Profit-free News:

Free Speech TV

<https://www.freespeech.org>, Web live stream, Direct (348), Dish (9415)

Recent Research:

The Political Legacy of American Slavery

<http://www.mattblackwell.org/files/papers/slavery.pdf>