

# Neighborhood Democrats

January 9, 2017, 7:00 PM

## A G E N D A

7:00 - Welcome, Pledge

7:05 - Club business

Treasurer's Report

Oct-Dec update

2017 membership dues (25/50) now due

Approval of Oct 10 club meeting minutes

Membership updates

Club Committee Chairs Needed: Fund raising, GOTV, & Candidate support

7:15 - Chairman John Young

7:30 - Field Ops Update

7:40 - David Furlow - Board Member Americans United for Separation of Church and State : <http://auhouston.org>

8:15 - Q&A

8:30 - Director Closing Comments

- Thanks to new attendees and for dues payments

- Christmas Lunch/Toys for Tots

- Moved to New Nation Builder Web Site

- Next club meeting at Spring Creek BBQ, Monday, February 13, 2017

- ND Social media: Email list: 304(+29), FB: 599(+30), Twitter: 240(+17)

- Twitter account for county Chair - 176 (+31) followers

- VAN Volunteer list - 2,815 (initial report)

### **Future Guest Speakers/Events:**

Jan 16 - GC/BGTX Field Ops

Jan 18 - Young Dems

Jan 20 - Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training, en masse, 2 PM,

Commissioners Courtroom, 722 21st Street, Galveston Tx

Feb 13 - ACLU TX Executive Director Terri Burke

<https://www.aclutx.org/en/about/staff>

Mar 13 - TBD (Steve McIntyre)

April 10 - TBD (Sue Brooks)

### **Food for Thought:**

Two systems of democratic government. One which baby boomers benefited from and one which has held back succeeding generations, each more than the next.

#### Post Depression/WWII and pre 1980s government:

A government of, by, and for the people requires:

- Government with the moral purpose to equally protect and empower all the people such that 1) People's individual freedoms are maximized, and 2) Economic, social, racial, and environmental injustices are minimized, and
- Active participation (voting and paying citizenship dues) of a majority of the people to maintain such a government.

#### Post 1980's government:

A government of, by, and for the successful requires:

- Government with the focused purpose to protect and enrich only the successful such that their individual freedom and wealth are maximized without concern for any resulting injustices, and
- Active participation (voting, lobbying and campaign payments) of just the successful, and their admirers, to maintain such a government.

### **Profit-free article/video:**

- [Understanding Your Right-Wing Authoritarian Neighbors And Why You Can't Rewrite Their Minds](#)
- [Enter Trump and The 2nd "Revolt of the Bosses"](#)
- [The new fusion politics](#)

### **Profit-free Media Resources:**

- News on [Income and Wealthy Inequality](#)