

# Neighborhood Democrats

July 10, 2017, 7:00 PM

## A G E N D A

7:00 - Welcome, Pledge

- Update on: Robert Hutchins, Jim Schneider

7:05 - Club business

Blue Feedback/Suggestions cards

Treasurer's Report

June Summary

Approval of June 12 club meeting minutes

Membership updates

(Membership dues - \$25/\$50, check or cash preferred, or on-line)

Club Committee Chairs Needed: Membership/Dues, Fundraising

7:20 - Chairman John Young

- Review of June 17 COM and La Marque Runoff Election Results

- Getting ready for 2018

- Sustaining memberships at 10% of goal

7:30 - GCDP Field Ops Update

7:35 - Looking Toward 2018, Membership Forum

- (Lavanya Rajagopalan - Indivisible LC)

8:25 - Q&A, any blue index cards?

8:30 - Director's Closing Comments

- Thank new members and others for paying dues.

Ask new folks to introduce themselves

- Next club meeting Monday, August 14, 2017

- ND Social media: Twitter: 330(+14)

- County Chair Twitter: 309 (+12) followers

- County: Email: 1,750 (+/-), FB: 727 (+25), Instagram: 21 (+2), Twitter: 284 (+4)

- County VAN volunteer list: 2,893 (+2)

- GCDP Web page, People: 6140 (+69)

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

Aug 14 - TBD

Sep 11 - TBD (Nathan Cunningham?)

Oct 9 - TBD (Steve McIntyre?)

## **Food for Thought:**

“Behind today’s headlines of billionaires taking over our government is a secretive political establishment with long, deep, and troubling roots. The capitalist radical right has been working not simply to change who rules, but to fundamentally alter the rules of democratic governance. But billionaires did not launch this movement; a white intellectual in the embattled Jim Crow South did. Democracy in Chains names its true architect—the Nobel Prize-winning political economist James McGill Buchanan—and dissects the operation he and his colleagues designed over six decades to alter every branch of government to disempower the majority.

“Corporate donors and their right-wing foundations were only too eager to support Buchanan’s work in teaching others how to divide America into “makers” and “takers.” And when a multibillionaire on a messianic mission to rewrite the social contract of the modern world, Charles Koch, discovered Buchanan, he created a vast, relentless, and multi-armed machine to carry out Buchanan’s strategy. Without Buchanan’s ideas and Koch’s money, the libertarian right would not have succeeded in its stealth takeover of the Republican Party as a delivery mechanism. ... That plan includes harsher laws to undermine unions, privatizing everything from schools to health care and Social Security, and keeping as many of us as possible from voting.”

More here: [Democracy in Chains: THE DEEP HISTORY OF THE RADICAL RIGHT’S STEALTH PLAN FOR AMERICA](#)

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

- [The People’s Summit - June, 2017](#)

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

- [Democracy Now - Independent Global News](#)

- [FreeSpeech TV](#) - Free Speech TV is a national, independent news network committed to advancing progressive social change.