

Neighborhood Democrats
September 10, 2018, 7:00 PM

A G E N D A

7:00 - Welcome, Pledge

- Assistant Director Appointment

7:05 - Club business

- Feedback/Questions/Suggestions cards
- Treasurer's Report - Judy Stapp-Hollis
August Summary
- Approval of August club meeting minutes - Andy Hailey
(Sent out as attachments to meeting notice on 9/8/2018)
- Membership updates - Jim Brown
(Membership dues - \$25/\$50, check or cash preferred)
Thank you new and renewing members

7:20 - GCDP Update

- County chair update - John Young
- Fundraising update - Susan Bryan
- GCDP Field Ops Update - Tina Russell

7:35 - Announcements, Candidates Guest Speaker

- Member announcements (2 minute limit)
- Candidates (4 minute limit)
- Sean Skipworth

8:30 - Q&A

8:35 - Director's Closing Comments

- Next club meeting Monday, October 8, 2018
- University of Houston, Clear Lake "Film & Speaker Series"
<http://www.uhcl.edu/movies>
- GCD Club Twitter: 904 (+/-) followers
- NdDems Twitter: 492 (+13) followers
- County Chair Twitter: 523 (+11)
- County other: Email: 1,762 (+4), FB: 1,137 (+6), Instagram: 129 (+7), Twitter: 365 (+7)
- County VAN volunteer list: 2,985 (+39)
- GCDP Web site, People (Volunteer, Twitter, Facebook, ActBlue): 7,061 (+69)

Future Guest Speakers/Events:

Oct 8, 2018 - TBD/Candidates

Jan 14, 2019 - Club officer nominations

Feb 11, 2019 - Club officer election

Mar 11, 2019 - TBD

Club Purpose: 1.) identify and engage Democrats in a friendly forum; 2.) support Democratic candidates for public office; 3.) support Democratic elected officials and causes; 4.) raise public awareness of current issues by disseminating information, holding public forums, encouraging activism, and; 5.) support the Galveston County Democratic Party.

Suggestion/Question/Feedback/Blue Card Ground Rules:

- Limited to club purpose, items listed in meeting agenda, and county related politics
- Limited to two minutes if verbalized or what will fit on one suggestion/feedback card

Government Definitions - Which do you support?

Pre-Reagan, 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-Reagan, Government of, by, and only for the oligarchy 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.