

# The Connection

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## Campaign School to be Held in October!

*"Money, Marbles and Chalk"* is the theme of the 2005 Campaign School which will be held October 28—29, at the Radisson Hotel & Suites in Austin.

Registration begins Friday, Oct. 28 at 4:00 p.m. and continues on Saturday morning until 8:30 a.m.

Break-out sessions will be conducted on such important topics as fund-raising, working with the media, developing and delivering your message, ensuring that a person is really ready to run for office, and how to reply to right wing religious messages.

Session presenters will be individuals who are professionals in each of these areas.

Nick Lampson, candidate running against Tom Delay, will be guest speaker at lunch

**Deadline for hotel reservations is September 28th.** Be sure and tell the hotel that you are with the TDW Campaign School to ensure the correct rate.

Registration form can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

## Membership Report

TDW welcomed the Greater Arlington/Mansfield Chapter as a new chapter at our Summer Retreat in Granbury. Their Chapter now has 27 members. A new chapter is in the making in the Stephenville area. Interest has also been stirring in the Kaufman County area. TDW membership is 1,845 great

Democrats. Now is the time to renew memberships for this next year. If each of us could sign up one new member, TDW could easily double our strength. I challenge each and everyone of you to make Texas Democratic Women ROAR into our next political year!

*Marcia Mainord*  
Membership Chair

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## Dues Are Due!

To Chapter Treasurers: You should begin collecting dues from members on September 1 from anyone who paid their dues prior to May 1, 2005. Members must pay their dues by November 1, 2005 in order to be a current member.

Chapter dues are due by November 1, 2005 and I will be sending letters to each chapter with a renewal form.

Thank you!

*Donna Beth McCormick*

TDW Treasurer

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*A lot of folks can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in our country. Well, there's a very simple answer:*

*Nobody bothered to check the oil; we just didn't know we were getting low.*

*The reason for that is purely geographical: Our oil is located in Alaska, California, Oklahoma, and Texas and our dipsticks are located in Washington!*

## President's Message



“Money, Marbles, and Chalk” is the theme for the bi-annual TDW Campaign School that will be held on October 28-29 at the Radisson Town Lake in Austin. If you are thinking of running for public office, becoming a professional campaign worker, or volunteering on a campaign, come to Austin and let us give you the “Money, Marbles, and Chalk” of a successful campaign. We are pleased to have former Congressman Nick Lampson as our guest speaker. As you may know, Congressman Lampson is running against Tom Delay and will let us know how his campaign is progressing.

The registration form is included in this Connection and is also available on [www.tdw.org](http://www.tdw.org). I hope to see you in Austin.

I want to offer my sincere thanks to the Hood County TDW club for hosting a great Summer Retreat! The folks of Hood County did a superb job of providing a beautiful setting, great food in a relaxed atmosphere. I hope that those of you who attended enjoyed Granbury as much as I did. Great job Hood County TDW!

Proud to be a Democrat!

*Alieca Hux*

President, Texas Democratic Women

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## Report from the DNC

### *A CALL TO ALL*

A look at the structure of the Democratic Party quickly shows that our precinct chairs make up the base of the Party. We all know how important a base is to stabilize and support any structure.

In an appearance on *Meet the Press*, Governor Dean said, “We have to be organized. By the end of this year, we have a goal of having a Democrat in every **precinct** in America, not every county, but every **precinct** in America ...”

Precinct chairs must be more than election judges – they must be political activists in their precincts. This is a proven road map to Democratic victory. It is critical to the Democratic Party that members of Texas Democratic Women answer this call.

If you are interested in becoming a precinct chair, please contact your county chair to file for this office. October 4, 2005, is the first day to file an application for the office of precinct chair. You will be taking an important local step toward returning the Democratic Party to the majority.

I am proud to serve as a voice from Texas as a Democratic National Committeewoman. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Proud Democrat,

*Betty Richie*

Past TDW President

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# 2005 Campaign School

## “Money, Marbles, and Chalk”

**When:** October 28-29, 2005  
Friday: Registration beginning at 4:00; updates at 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Radisson Hotel and Suites  
111 E. Cesar Chavez  
Austin, Texas  
800-333-3333 or 512-478-9611

The Radisson is giving TDW a special rate for the Campaign School—be sure to ask for it! Rooms will be \$109,

**\*\*\*Deadline to reserve a room is September 28, 2005\*\*\***

**Registration:** \$50 (includes Campaign School materials and Saturday luncheon with Honorable Nick Lampson, who is going to unseat Tom DeLay in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District.) **You will receive the agenda at Registration (also look online, [www.tdw.org](http://www.tdw.org))**

Please remit the bottom portion of this registration form and payment by mail or by fax to:

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