



July 2018 NEWSLETTER

Last Call for Summer Retreat, August 3-4 in Dallas

President's Letter



We are just four months away from the November elections, and one word keeps bouncing around in my cluttered head—that word is “LOCAL.”

I have sometimes been so caught up in state candidates that I have somewhat been neglectful of my local candidates. Texas has so many great local candidates that have put on the back burner their own personal lives, and what they ask in return is our support.

Support comes in many different forms. They all need money, no matter how large or small the donation you can give, but most of all they need YOU! They need each of us doing our part from knocking on doors, putting out signs, calling on the phone, learning about them, and getting their ideas and principles out to their constituents.

This will be the “Year of the Woman!” Texas has awesome Democratic women running for public office. Our TDW chapters are basking in the glory of the women this year. We are starting at the top with Lupe Valdez for Governor, Joi Chevalier for Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Kim Olson for Commissioner of Agriculture. We have candidates running in both houses and locally. United, we will win.

I hope to see many of you at the Dallas retreat in August. Let's keep the momentum going and prove to the residents of Texas that women can and will bring back respect, equality, diversity, and civility to this great state.

Enjoy your summer. Stay cool, stay safe, stay strong, and stay UNITED. Thank you to all our candidates. This state needs each and every one of you!



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LAST CALL FOR SUMMER RETREAT IN DALLAS!

There is still time to register for the Summer Retreat, August 3-4 in Dallas. Registration is \$105 and you can register by pasting this url in your browser or clicking: <https://form.jotform.com/81196914984168>

Discounted hotel rooms at the Retreat hotel, the Dallas Sheraton are available for both Friday and Saturday nights through tomorrow, July 26. The easiest way to book your rooms at \$137.16 per night (all taxes and fees included) is by pasting the following url in your browser or clicking: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1807060971&key=8784C83> (disregard where it says at the bottom of the form that the group rate has expired today and tomorrow)

We especially invite you to stay Saturday night and enjoy the show with us at Hyena's Comedy Nightclub. The \$35 package includes an all-day DART pass for Saturday, admission to the 8:00 p.m. show, and covers your food and drink minimum at the club. To sign up, paste the following url in your browser, or click: <https://form.jotform.com/81923631084153>

TDW State Board Meeting in Dallas at the Summer Retreat

TDW members are welcome to attend the meeting of the TDW Board of Directors at 5 pm. on Saturday after the the Summer Retreat at the Dallas Sheraton. Financial support for our candidates will be on the agenda.



Please note - so that the business of the meeting can be completed in a timely manner, those who are not members of the board may only speak during TDW board meetings if recognized by the presiding officer.

Websites for TDW Chapters

TDW provides our local chapters the opportunity to have a website and set-up assistance free of charge. Eleven TDW chapters have already set up their websites and started customizing them. For more information about getting started on your chapter's free website please contact [VP Sue Barrick](#).

Looking ahead - Notable Dates

- Sept. 8 - TDP SDEC meeting and Johnson-Jordan Dinner, in Austin
- Oct. 9 - Voter registration ends for the General Election
- Oct. 22 - Early voting begins
- Nov. 2 - Early voting ends
- Nov. 8 - General Election



NEWS FROM LOCAL CHAPTERS

Below is the news from local chapters telling about what's happening in their "neck of the woods."

Please send your Chapter's news for the next newsletter to [VP Sue Barrick](#).

Big Country TDW - No Tolerance for Zero Tolerance

Big County TDW took part in the "Families Belong Together" demonstration at Everman Park in Abilene on June 30. According to Chapter President Linda Goolsbee, more than

200 people rallied in response to the new border policy of separating migrant children from their parents at the Mexican border with no plan to get them back together.

Next up Big Country Democratic women are coordinating with Taylor County Democrats on planning for Beto O'Rourke's August 2nd visit to Abilene. His last campaign stop there drew over 250 people, even, as Linda describes it, here in the heart of Trump country.



Catching up with TDW of Rural North Texas

From Lena Wells, TDW of Rural North Texas President:

Our group is small but loud, industrious and active. We are made of a group of women and men who work to elect Democrats in the State and encourage women to join the rank of leadership by running for elected offices.

On March 24 of this year we joined with I.A.M. 776 Retirees of Lockheed and had a Get Out the Vote – Beans and Jeans Event where we had 15 candidates speak. We had Lupe Valdez, Kim Olson, Vanessa Adia, Beverly Powell, Roman McAllan, Kevin Lopez, Greg Sagan, Steven Kirkland, R.K. Sandill, Maria T. (Terri) Jackson, Ray Ryan. The candidates were wonderful with lots of good ideas and ready to work.



Lupe Valdez at GOTV - Beans and Jeans

We formed the Tracy A. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund this year for \$1000 and on May 19th it was our honor to award the scholarship to Zoe Klement of Muenster, Texas. Zoe is an exceptional young lady. She never had to think about an answer and she knew exactly what she was going to do after she graduated. This young lady was involved in numerous activities in school and her community as well as working while attending school. Zoe will be bringing her knowledge and experience back to the rural area where she now lives. We wish the best for Zoe and are looking forward to being a part of her future.



Zoe Klement receives the Tracy A. Smith Memorial Scholarship

On June 16th we participated in the celebration of the Juneteenth parade and entertainment for the family that is given by the Eastside Alumni every year at the Louida "Big Mama" Willis Memorial Park. Although it was hot, there were snow cones (by our group), games, music, horseshoes, BBQ, and a bounce house. After the parade we had a booth set up so that new members could join and also had items that people could obtain for a donation.



Juneteenth Parade entry

June 21-23 we were at the Texas Democratic Convention where we were Bronze sponsors. We had a booth where we were able to sell, for a donation, lots of items including our very much talked about t-shirts that say, "VOTE LIKE A GIRL."

Our President, Lena Wells, was interviewed by the Texas Observer and our very own Mary Guillory, Secretary, was interviewed by Fox News which was televised later that night. Our group had several new members join making us a little larger than when we began the weekend. We

made sure that our voice was loud and everyone knew who the Texas Democratic Women of Rural North Texas were.

Humanity CAN NEVER succeed As long as HALF of us are held back - Malala



Booth at the TDP State Convention

Hill Country Chapter Activities and Upcoming Events

New and veteran members of Hill County TDW gathered at the home of Cindy Dix and Jim Weathersbee on July 13. Among those attending was Stephanie Ertel, candidate for District 53 State Representative. Shown at right are (left to right), Lois Shaw, Bunny Bond and Stephanie Ertel.



Many HCTDW members were on hand for the Save the Children Rally held in downtown Kerrville on June 30th and for the gala opening of the new Kerr County Democratic Party headquarters.



Above: Save the Children Rally, downtown Kerrville. Right: Kerr Co. Democratic Party Chair Barbara Veldhuizen and Judge Lisa Rodriguez, candidate for the 4th Court of Appeals, Pl. 5, at County Party Headquarters opening.

Upcoming Events for Hill Country TDW :

August 5th Town Hall with Beto O'Rourke. Sunday, August 5th, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Hill Country Veterans Center, 411 Meadow View Lane in Kerrville. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Come early and hear Stephanie Ertel, District 53 State Representative Candidate, and **Sept. 5th Luncheon.** Kim Olsen, Democratic candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner, will be the keynote speaker. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Ray and Joan Kroc Center, 201 Holdsworth Drive, Kerrville. The luncheon is \$15 per person. Reservations are due no later than Thursday, August 30 to Linda Stegall, 830-257-2795, or lindastegall@hotmail.com. To attend the program only, starting at 11:00 please advise Linda so that seating will be available.

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