



September 2018 NEWSLETTER

Always working to increase Democratic women's participation and influence in Texas politics and government

President's Message



It's coming! It's coming! November 6th is coming and soon!!! But before its arrival, October 22nd skips in bringing Early Voting with it!!! Early voting ends on November 2nd. The easiest, quickest and in its last year is the "Straight Democratic Ticket"

mark. Our Blue Wave needs each of us as well as our friends, family, co-workers, neighbors and those that have a difficult time getting to the polls. If you know someone who needs help with voting or transportation, see what you can do to help them. They deserve a helping hand and are so often forgotten.

TDW Convention and election of State officers is just around the corner in February. Please consider running for a TDW office. More information will be announced next month, but it's something so important for us to continue to support a strong Texas Democratic Women's organization. We are a voice in this State that can be heard from top to bottom, across from East to West and all cities in between. This State and its people need us to continue a strong voice and equal opportunities for all. Our women candidates need us as much as we need them. LET'S KEEP THE WAVE FLOWING!!!

Have a great Fall season and let's ride that Wave all the way! Go Dems!!!

Your President,
Cindy James



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TDW Board Meeting News

The Board met on Friday, Sept. 7th at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. Upcoming deadlines for bylaws amendments and officer nominations were discussed along with plans for the 2019 Blue Ribbon Lobby Day.



The next board conference call is scheduled for Sunday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. Interested members are invited to join these calls. Please contact Cindy James at president@tdw.org for the number and access code.

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

- Oct. 9 - Voter registration ends for the General Election
- Oct. 22 - Early voting begins
- Nov. 2 - Early voting ends
- **Nov. 6 - General Election Day**



NEWS FROM LOCAL CHAPTERS

Please help us make this a better newsletter that represents the wonderful diversity of our statewide organization!

Please send photos and stories about your Chapter's events for next month's newsletter at any time to [VP Sue Barrick](#)

Hill Country TDW Coming Event

Big Country TDW
**Hosts the Democratic Nominees for
 4th Court of Appeals**



JUSTICE REBECCA MARTINEZ
PLACE 7

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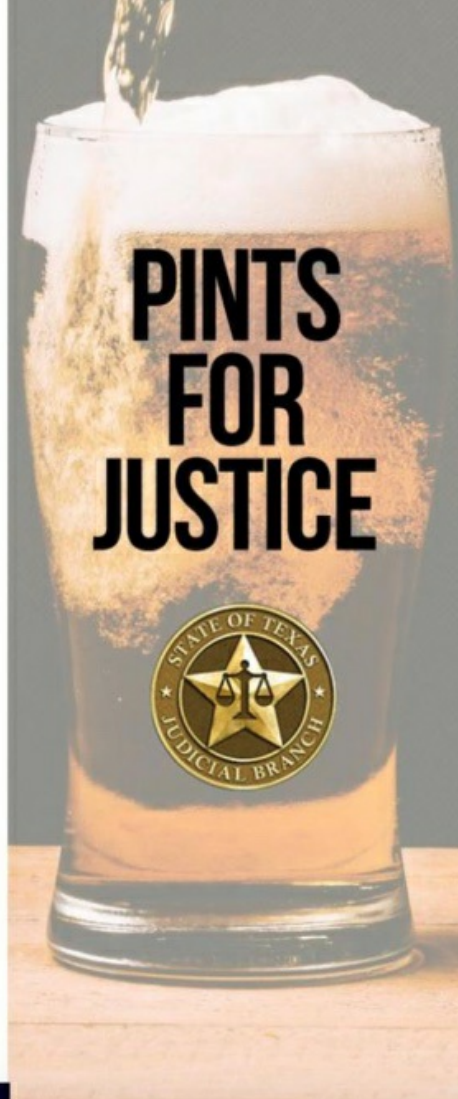
HONORABLE LIZA RODRIGUEZ
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SEPTEMBER 29, 2018
12:00 PM - 1:30PM

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Big Country TDW

Big Country Chapter joined with the Taylor County Democratic Party to sponsor a booth at the West Texas Fair and Rodeo. We registered 75 new voters and gave out lots of yard signs and other materials, including a slate of candidates with our LOCAL candidates at the top. We had some 30 volunteers staffing the booth. Our planned float for the WT Fair and Rodeo parade got rained out on Saturday morning, but the booth was packed with visitors the whole week. Our Debate Watch Party on the 21st was held at Lytle Land & Cattle Steak House. - Linda Goolsbee



TDW of Central Texas

TDW of Central Texas was busy in September! We hosted an all day Open House for our County Party, McLennan County Democrats. We had a great turnout with Dems and Friends getting together and handing out candidate signs & info. Pictured members Ivena Fanning, Mary Mann, Fran Freeman, Laura Abruzzee, and Jackie Rhodes.

We also provided the entry for our MCDP and candidates in the



WestFest Parade in West, Texas on Labor Day Weekend. Many thanks to Abigail and Bob Sebastian. We supported our Cenral Texas Labor Council by joining them for thier Labor Day Breakfast. Candidates including Joi Chevalier, Rick Kennedy, and local candidates spoke. Tammie Hartgroves, TDW member and SDEC Committeewoman, gave an update to all Labor members and friends attending.

We have donated to our local candidates and hosted events for them this summer. Pictured is our most recent donation to McLennan County Judge candidate Rick Allen, with Mary Mann, Tammie Hartgroves and Mary Duty. - *Mary G. Mann*



Tarrant County Democratic Woman's Club

Tarrant County Democratic Woman's Club hosted our 2018 Gala, "90 Years of Mighty Women", on Friday September 14th. Our Fundraising Committee organized a 1920's style event, and lots of folks showed up in '20's attire. Featured speakers were Mike Collier, Kim Olson, and Katie Sherrod. A sponsor reception was held prior to the event where attendees and candidates were able to mix and mingle! We raised lots of money for female candidates in Tarrant County and Texas!! And we had a blast doing it! - *Vicki Moore*



Highland Lakes TDW



Highland Lakes Democratic Women held their monthly luncheon and business meeting August 23rd. Attending were Ann Stevenson (front, left), Janice Bosco, Jody Mallett, Texas House District 53 candidate Stephanie Lochte Ertel, Linda Burling, Faith Trapp, Vivian Wolfe, Llano Co. Democratic Chair Dana Rushing, and Jan Brown; and Ravelle Kunding (back, left), Texas Lt. Governor candidate Mike Collier, and U.S. House District 11 candidate, Jennie Lou Leeder.

Congressional Candidate District 25 Julie Oliver is joined by Highland Lakes Democratic Women members at a Town Hall Meeting in Marble Falls on Saturday, August 25th.

Shown left to right are: Mary Ann Raesener, Adrian Guinn, Julie Oliver, Jan Starkey, Leanne Raesener, and Marsha Neel.



Below, left, Suffragettes Marilyn Kuehlem and Ann Baird walked alongside the Highland Lakes Democratic Women's float in the Oatmeal Fest Parade on September 1st.



Below, right, Teri Lum, retired engineer and HLTDW member poses with the Democratic donkey she designed and built for Highland Lakes Democratic Women's events. - *Marsha Neel*



Hood County TDW

Rebecca Lucas, Chair of South Central Jurisdiction Immigration Task Force for United Methodist Church was guest speaker at our August meeting. She shared lots of information and resources on the immigration process. Rebecca has visited the border and gave her personal perspective on this ongoing problem. Rebecca and Hood Co. President, Wendy Davis are pictured at right.



Rose Simpson, Hood County Library Advisory Board member, (seated, below right) is serving her third year as a member of the board. She is hoping to serve another term and asked members to support her at the Commissioner's Court meeting on November 13 at 9:00 am. She encouraged others to consider applying for a seat on the Library Board. State TDW President Cindy James and Claire Wood invited members to the 90th Anniversary Celebration of Tarrant County

At our September meeting Gene McNeely, Democratic candidate for County Clerk, gave an update on his campaign. He is getting bipartisan support from county residents and receiving national attention because of the current County Clerk's refusal to issue same-sex marriage licenses. He and wife Pat brought signs for members. Thanks to the persistence of Robert Vick and Gene, he is the first local candidate allowed to accept campaign donations on Act Blue!

County Chair Adrienne Martin and HCD President Robert Vick (pictured below) rounded out the program with more Texas Democratic Party info. Shirley Ledford announced that our former US Representative Charlie Stenholm will introduce US Rep. candidate (District 11) Jennie Lou Leeder at the Scholarship Luncheon.

Rose Simpson presented Reagan Slade (pictured, right), a young Democratic server at Spring Creek, a card with donations from members present. Reagan is off to college in Missouri to become a veterinarian. - *Shirley Ledford*



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