



## June 2017 NEWSLETTER

**TDW's Summer Retreat registration deadline is July 4th (for discount). Hurry! Scroll down to register.**

### President's Letter

It is unconscionable that something as important as a health care bill that will affect millions of people is being done behind closed doors by 13 men. Senator Patty Murray said on NPR this morning that she does not expect to see the bill until the Senate is asked to vote on it. The general understanding is that there will be no hearings, no scoring and no public discussion before the vote. How can anyone, except perhaps the select 13, make an informed decision on whether or not to support this bill. TDW members need to call the offices of Senator John Cornyn (972) 239-1310 and Senator Ted Cruz (214) 599-8749 to make it clear that this is unacceptable.



I hope that what comes out of the Senate is not as bad as we all fear. A few weeks ago Senator Tim Kaine said that he had discussions with Senator Lamar Alexander about possible bipartisan cooperation on the health bill. Senator Kaine was hopeful that Democrats would have an opportunity for input before the bill came up for a vote. However, recent reports that a secret health bill will be presented shortly for a vote seem to undercut that optimism.



**TDW Officers**

President Trump says that the Senate Bill will be "phenomenal" and allegedly has referred to the prior House version as "mean" (after

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celebrating its passage with Republican House Members in the Rose Garden). If it is such a great bill then let everyone read it and evaluate it. Take testimony from experts. Calculate the costs. This is what elected officials who actually represent their constituents do. Don't repeal the Affordable Care Act just to cause misery and havoc in the market. Tell Senators Cornyn and Cruz to do their jobs.

Your President,  
*Carol Jablonski*



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**Summer Retreat  
Deadline to Register - July 4th**

Summer Retreat - August 4-6, 2017 at the Canyon of the Eagles Resort, Lake Buchanan, Burnet County.



Come join us by the campfire as the sun sets on the beautiful Canyon of the Eagles Resort.

**Details to register :**

Register for the retreat on Act Blue - click here:  
- <https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/hldweven>

Cost of the Retreat is \$65 for TDW members **until July 4**, then \$75. Non TDW members, \$75. Cost includes a buffet lunch on Saturday.

Register for your room by calling the hotel: (512) 334-2070, and use TDW group code - 02442. All types of rooms are \$142 per night. Website - [Canyon of the Eagles Resort](#). Currently, rooms are still available - but they are going fast!

You can't miss it! Deadline to register - July 4th!

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## LOCAL CHAPTERS NEWS

### Harris County Metro

The Harris County Metro TDW chapter ("TDWHarris") is sponsoring and walking together in Houston's annual "Pride Parade." TDWHarris is part of the Harris County Democratic Party's ("HCDP") entry, which is protest themed. TDWHarris members will use protest gear, such as pussy hats, Trump pinatas, March For Science t-shirts, etc. HCDP will have rainbow t-shirts.



### Highland Lakes

Highland Lakes Democratic Women ("HLDW") deserves special recognition because they are hosting TDW's lovely "get-away" Summer Retreat at the *Canyon of the Eagles Resort*. [Click for more details – TDW Summer Retreat.](#)

HLDW is an amazing chapter with even more amazing success in growing their membership. See the chart at the right showing their growth in their short history.



How do they do this? First, they have speakers at every meeting who are always interesting and keep their membership informed and engaged. And, HLDW never misses hosting their monthly luncheon meetings each 4th Thursday at the Meadowlakes restaurant in Marble Falls, Texas.

Also, HLDW has monthly informal socials at various restaurants in Marble Falls 5:00-7:00 p.m. Their socials and the meetings are published, with pictures, in the local papers, greatly increasing membership. Many new members say they had no idea there were so many Democrats in the Highland Lakes Area until they read the articles in the local papers. (So, TDW Chapters, publish your events in your neighborhood papers.)

Still yet, HLDW members meet for coffee at 9:00 a.m. every Friday at the Bluebonnet Café, another opportunity to discuss the quickly changing political landscape. Members wear their HLDW name tags and welcome anyone present to join in constructive conversation. HLDW makes the effort to get the democratic message to as many voters possible.

If there is a local parade, a march, or anywhere they can set up a booth, HLDW members attend. Recently on short notice, HLDW put together a group dressed as suffragettes and walked carrying their banner in front of a Model A in the Burnet Bluebonnet Parade. HLDW won first prize for walkers, again published in the local newspaper. Publicity!

Of course. HLDW has a Facebook page and is building a website. One member created logo options for the group that were printed on tee shirts and

embroidered on polos sold to members. HLDW encourages members to wear the shirts to all public appearances.

HLDW awarded four scholarships of \$1000 each in May 2017. Two were for adult learners and two to graduating seniors. Flyers advertising the applications were placed in schools and on bulletin boards around town.

Being visible and always reporting what HLDW is doing brings many new members. The rest of us need to learn from HLDW – congratulations!

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