








Message from the President

Thank you very much to all of you who attended the TDW Convention in February. It is always gratifying to see so many bright Democrats in the same room. You were fun, educated, and ready to change the political climate in Texas. Joyce Allegrucci, our keynote speaker, (pictured right with TDW President, Alice Braly) taught us that we need a plan and then, all it takes is focus, discipline, and money. We, too, want to have that glorious feeling of winning political races, and we will. As she said, "If Kansas can do it, so can Texas."



Looking to the future, you may be asking how you can make a difference. Here are some very simple steps:

-  **Log on to tdw.org for up-to-the-minute news, issues, and action items.** These are being updated daily and you will find a wealth of important information. It is very simple to follow the instructions which are marked "action." (more information on page 5)
-  **Invite a friend** to attend your local meetings.
-  **Continue to write editorials** to your local paper.
-  **Sign up to work on a TDW committee.** If you get two or three women from your club to sign up to work on one segment of a committee, we can accomplish an enormous amount of work in one year.
-  **Elect women to public offices** across Texas and encourage all women to be engaged in the political process.

These are not lofty goals, but they are attainable if everyone steps up to the plate.

I look forward to being your 2003 TDW President. We must begin a long-range plan to elect and protect women. Hop on board for the ride. I hope we all enjoy it.

Proud to be a Democrat,
Alice Braly

2003 TDW Committees

At the annual convention, the following committees were set up to carry on the organization's business. If you would like to serve, please contact Alice Braly at akbraly@aol.com or the address given in the newsletter. Your name will be added to the list, and you will be contacted by the committee chair.

Awards — Solicit requests for award nominations from the TDW membership

Bylaws and Policy — Solicit requests for bylaws changes and write policies

Elections—Solicit members wishing to run for TDW offices and conduct the elections at the annual meeting

Finance — Assist the board in developing sound financial policy

Legacy—Formulate a procedure for engaging our young people in the political process

Membership—Work to form new clubs and retain our current membership. Formulate a procedure for increasing minority participation. Formulate a procedure to attract young women to TDW

Public Relations— Formulate a procedure to get our message out to both our membership and the general public

Fundraising — Provide successful techniques for raising funds to the clubs and plan a statewide fundraiser for TDW to be held in the fall.

Legislative — Follow the legislative activity before the US Congress and the Texas Legislature and refer important action items to our web master and newsletter editor.

2004 Convention — Contact Kellie Bailey, your 2003 Convention Chair, and offer to help next year.



March 27, 2003

Highland Lakes
Democratic Women
Annual AWARDS DINNER
Quail Point in Horseshoe
Bay, Texas **FEATURED
SPEAKER: GARRY MAURO**

April 14, 2003

Wichita County Texas
Democratic Women
Luby's Cafeteria
11:30 a.m.
Bettye Tanner-Shelby
President (940-322-1127)

April 24, 2003

Highland Lakes
Democratic Women
Riverwalk Restaurant
Burnet, Texas
11:30 a.m.
Guests Welcome!
Reservations to:
Melva Jean Cain, Pres.
512/756-9200 or
mjc@281.com

April 26, 2003

Board of Directors
Meeting to be held in
Austin (see page 4 for
details)

April 26, 2003

Kendall County Area
Democratic Women
Annual English Tea
St. Mark Presbyterian
Church
Boerne, Texas
All are invited (more info
on page 5)

2003 State Convention



Left: Joyce Allegrucci, our keynote speaker, taught us that we need a plan and then, all it takes is focus, discipline, and money.



Above and Below: Award Recipient, Ron Kirk



Above: Secretary Wilma Allen



Above: Judge Susan Criss



Left: Joyce Allegrucci and Past President Betty Richie



Vice President Alieca Hux



President Elect Kelly Bailey



President of Tarrant County, Nancy Stephens

TDW Board Report

The TDW Board of Directors met on Sunday, February 23, 2003, at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Austin. All board members were in attendance.

After a brief report from the Parliamentarian, Stu Adamslundy, the meeting was called to order.

The action taken by the board included:



The acceptance of the Coastal Bend TDW Club into the organization.



The Garland TDW Club presentation was tabled until the next board meeting.

Norma Villareal invited the TDW organization to Galveston for our annual retreat. The board accepted her recommendation. The retreat will be held at the Tremont Hotel on July 18-19.

Linda Allen led a lengthy discussion about the future use of the TDW website. It was recommended we find a way to help fund computers for all local clubs which are not currently connected with us via the internet. Linda Allen and Peg MacPhail offered to teach clubs how to use the Internet as an effective tool for communication. Eventually, TDW will be able to save thousands of dollars by using the web instead of the postal service, print shops, etc.

Shirley Summers, our new editor, led a discussion about the *TDW Connection*. She plans to work closely with Linda Allen in the dissemination of information to our clubs. Shirley is planning to publish four newsletters this year.

Gwen King proposed a change in the way we handle our funds. She recommended our entire treasury become a general pac. The recent IRS rules as a result of the Campaign Finance Reform Act require us to reorganize as a PAC or pay taxes on all our receipts. The board voted to accept the changes to our treasury.

A lengthy discussion followed on how we can assimilate minority members to our group. It was decided the Membership Committee will add minority recruitment to its duties.

The next meeting will be held on April 26 at 2:00 at the law offices of Hilgers and Watkins in the main conference room. The address is 98 San Jacinto Center, Suite 1300. The building is at the corner of Cesar Chavez and San Jacinto located next door to the Four Seasons Hotel. Park on the west side of the building in the lot or on the street. For those who cannot attend in person and want to attend via teleconference, please contact Kellie Bailey at kbailey@mailbmc.com with the phone number of where you will be at 2:00 that afternoon. All members are invited to attend.

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TDW Making Website Easier Access

TDW is trying to make it easier for potential new members and members who move within the state to contact a local TDW chapter. Our goal is to help people go from the TDW website to a local TDW contact who can tell them about membership, upcoming meetings, and events. There are three main ways for people to do this through our chapters web page (<http://www.tdw.org/chapters.html>):

1 - A link to an email address. An email address belonging to one of the chapter officers can be embedded in a link in your chapter name. If you do not want to use a personal email address, a free one from Yahoo would be a good option.

2 - A link to an existing web site. If your chapter has a web page, perhaps one shared with the local Democratic Party, the web address can be embedded in a link in your chapter name.

3 - A link to a free web page offered by TDW. TDW provides the space on their rented server, and the webmaster donates her time to create and maintain the web pages. Please take a look at the Coastal Bend Chapter (<http://www.tdw.org/TDWChapCoastalBend.html>) to see an example of what the web page would look like. Just send the webmaster an email with information on officers, meetings, and events, and at least one email address to a local point of contact, and your new web page will be put up. Send requests for changes, corrections, and/or updates to the webmaster via email. Changes can usually be made or a response given in less than 24 hours.

Linda Allen

Kendall County Democrats 5th Annual English Tea

*April 26th at Noon
St. Mark Presbyterian Church
204 West Bandera Road
Boerne, Texas*

Menu

*Variety of Tea Sandwiches
Scones with Strawberry Jam and Devonshire
Cream
Vegetable and Fruit Trays
Variety of lovely and delicious Tea Cakes*

Harp Music and a boutique

*For Reservations, mail checks to
Jean Robitaille
32125 Burnt Cedar West
Fair Oaks Ranch, Tx 78015
Or call 830-981- 4971
Donation Suggestion: \$15.00*

TDW Annual Retreat July 18th and 19th Galveston

Put these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend. It is a great time to meet TDW members from across the state and get to network. More details will be available soon.

**Contact Norma Villarreal
at normavsa@msn.com**

Quips, Quotes & Tidbits

Kerr County TDW's February program

featured "Book Talks," brief reviews of three recent books dealing with a variety of public policy issues, past and present—Greg Palast's *The Best Democracy Money Can Buy*; George Lakoff's *Moral Politics: What Conservatives Know That Liberals Don't*; and David Richards' *Once Upon a Time in Texas: A Liberal in the Lone Star State*. The reviews, presented by three members of the club, were well received, and "Book Talks" may become a yearly event.



A Salute to Molly Beth

May 31, 2003
Waco, Texas

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Central Texas TDW
Fundraiser

Greetings and news from Bell County!

We now have a live web page- check us out! We also have a new high of 74 paid, active members in our Bell County group and are working to increase numbers. George is helping out by alienating every country in the world! Take care and have a wonderful day, Pat Perkison, Treasurer

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Would you like to recognize the best member of your chapter?? Send a picture and article about your strongest link to Shirley Summers, Newsletter Editor at ss@grandecom.net or call 254-235-4982 for more information.

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