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## Honor, Ethics, and Responsibility 2006 TDW Convention

"Honor, Ethics, and Responsibility", TDW's theme for this year, was showcased at our annual Austin convention on February 24-26 at the Radisson Town Lake.

At the annual business meeting 150 members representing 24 chapters elected officers and new board members (listed on the left), as well as amended Article VI of the TDW by-laws.

The amendment to Article VI was approved to allow dues to be collected by the calendar year not the fiscal year. This was done at the request of the bylaws committee in order to simplify and unify the dues process.

DNC committee member **Betty Richie** gave her perspective on the state of the Party and **Pres. Hux** gave her report of the state of TDW.

TDW past president **Jo Ann Jenkins** discussed the Blue Star Breakfast that will be held at the Democratic State Convention in June and encouraged TDW members to volunteer and attend the breakfast.

At the Stars luncheon, **Susie Blackmon** was honored as TDW Member of the Year. "Stars" certificates were presented to 27 members from 12 TDW clubs as well as additional awards.

A candidates forum, moderated by TDW Past Pres. **Karen Matkin**, was held on Saturday afternoon. Senatorial candidate **Barbara Radnofsky** kicked off the forum followed by each of the state-wide candidates for Gov., Lt. Gov., Land Comm., Comptroller, Agriculture Comm., Railroad Comm., and

Texas Supreme Court. Other candidates from around the state were introduced throughout the day as they came into the convention.

The convention was highlighted Saturday evening by the presentation of the Oscar Mauzy Humanitarian Award to **State Rep. Garnet Coleman** and the Dr. Mae Jackson Outstanding Democratic Women office holder to **State Rep. Senfronia Thompson**. The awardees were introduced by SD 30 committee member **Boyd Richie** and DNC committee member **Betty Richie**.

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## Congratulations TDW 2005 Award Winners !

**TDW Member of the Year :**  
Susie Blackmon

**President's Award:**  
Donna Beth McCormick & Linda Allen

**Oscar Mauzy Humanitarian Award:**  
State Rep. Garnet Coleman

**Dr. Mae Jackson Outstanding Democratic Women Office holder:**  
State Rep. Senfronia Thompson

**Outstanding Newsletter :**  
TDW of Central Texas

**Texas Outstanding Scrapbook :**  
Young County

**Certificates of Achievement :** Central Texas Big Country, North Dallas, Young County, and Wichita County

## President's Message

As the primary season closes and we rally around our slate of Democratic candidates, I want to thank you for all that you are doing for TDW and the Democratic Party. TDW has knocked on doors, handed out Democratic materials and arranged events from rallies to coffees. I am very proud of our local TDW clubs and their increasing effectiveness.



To be even more effective, if you are not already a PAC, please consider becoming one. TDW clubs can give \$500.00 only once in its life time but a PAC allows clubs to donate money to candidates without that once a lifetime limitation. The campaign contribution laws are changing and it is TDW's job to keep up with not only how we give but to keep the Republicans straight.

I have heard TDW members worry about their local club not being taken seriously and I have suggested that the best way to build credibility is to become a PAC.

Proud to be a Democrat!

*Alieca Hux*

President, Texas Democratic Women

## Membership Report

TDW got off to a great start for 2006. At the annual convention we welcomed **Henderson County** as a new Chapter. It is exciting to see their Chapter growing and active with TDW. Membership packets have been mailed to **Springtown Democratic Women of Parker County** and **Eastland County Democratic Women**. We are looking forward to these groups becoming very active under the Texas Democratic Women's umbrella. In addition to these new Chapters, welcome back to **Hutchinson County** which has a large group of members signed on to re-activate their club.

This is a great year to get the Democratic Message out and what a better way to spread the word than hard working Democratic Women. We know that women are far better at multitasking and that is the reason we can successfully work for the mission of getting and keeping Democratic women elected in the political process.

I challenge each of and every one of you to add at least one new member to your club this year. Think of how great we will be for 2007 if we add over 1500 new members!

*Marcia Mainord*

Membership Chair and President-Elect



*Thank you.....*

On behalf of the Bell county Texas Democratic, we would like to say **THANK YOU** to the various TDW chapters, Democratic Officers, and friends for donating items to this years' TDW convention auction. We appreciate your hard work and grateful hearts. You helped with the success!

**Nancy Glasscock**

(Auction Chair & President Bell County TDW)

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC STATE RUNOFF  
ELECTION

TDW CONGRATULATES

Barbara Radnofsky  
Democratic Candidate for US. Senate

Maria Luisa Alvarado  
Democratic Candidate for Lt. Governor of Texas



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2006 Texas Democratic  
Convention  
June 8-10, 2006  
Fort Worth, TX

### **Mark your Calendars!**

**TDW SUMMER RETREAT**  
July 14-15, 2006  
Nacogdoches, TX

See next issue of *The Connection* for details.

### *TDW 5 Minute Activist*

Short on time and yet want to make a difference?  
Sign up for the *TDW 5 Minute Activist* through our website ([www.tdw.org](http://www.tdw.org))

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**The Connection** is looking for Chapter  
news!

*2006 deadlines for Submission of articles*

- ⇒ *June 8th*
- ⇒ *September 7th*
- ⇒ *December 7th*

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