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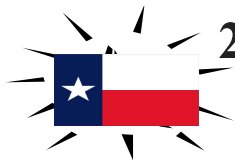
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## 2006 Texas Democratic Convention *Moving Texas Forward*

Friday, June 9th the Texas Democratic Party Convention was officially called to order at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

Over 7,000 Delegates, alternates, and convention guests were present. The keynote speaker, **General Wesley Clark** kicked off the convention with the theme "*Enough is Enough*". The Friday session included a tribute to retiring State Senator **Gonzolos Barrientos** District 14 introduced by **Rosa Walker**. Rounding out the evening with Democratic Gubernatorial candidate **Chris Bell**.

Saturday's events kicked off with various committee meeting and the Blue Star Breakfast. This was followed by various caucuses including TDW's sponsored Women's Caucus. The Caucus was led by TDW President **Alieca Hux** and President-Elect **Marcia Mainord**. The keynote speaker for the caucus was Congresswoman **Stephanie Herseth** of South Dakota who discussed the challenges that face women candidates and the imperative for recruiting women candidates. Several state and local candidates including TDW member **Harriett Miller** discussed the challenges of their individual efforts.

The general session continued with a tribute to former US Senator **Lloyd Bentsen**. This was followed presentations by U.S. Senate candidate **Barbara Ann Radnofsky**, State Lt. Gov candidate **Maria Luisa Alvarado**, Candidate for Attorney General **David Van Os**, Comptroller candidate **Fred Head**, Ag Commissioner candidate **Hank Gilbert**, Land Commissioner candidate **VaLinda Hathcox**, Rail-

road Commissioner candidate **Dale Henry**, and Rep, **Senfronia Thompson**, candidate for Speaker of the Texas House.

The State delegates voted for the Texas Democratic Party Chair. Four candidates were presented to the delegation. After a runoff between **Boyd Richie** and **Glen Maxey**, **Boyd Richie** was elected as TDP chairperson.

The Saturday evening session covered the election of remaining party officers and the adoption of the Texas Democratic Platform for 2006.

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## Remembering



### Lloyd Bentsen

(Born Mission Texas February 11, 1921 Died Houston Texas May 23, 2006)

Four-term United States Senator (1971-1993) from Texas. Democratic Party Vice-Presidential nominee 1989. He also served in the House of Representatives (1949-1955), Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and as US Treasury Secretary.

*Thank you Senator for your service to the United States and to Texas. You will be missed.*

*"Senator, I served with Jack Kennedy. I knew Jack Kennedy. Jack Kennedy was a friend of mine. Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy"* Lloyd Bentsen to Dan Quayle during 1989 VP debates

## President's Message

Its TDW Summer Retreat time, once again! This year we will be in historic Nacogdoches for our gathering. The theme of the Retreat will carry forward the State Democratic Convention theme of **"Moving Texas Forward"** and our theme of **"Honor, Ethics and Responsibility"**. I believe that in order for TDW to continue to be the great organization that it is, we must move forward and be as inclusive as the Democratic Party and as diverse as the great state in which we live. We have a responsibility to reach out to Texans everywhere, so please make plans to come to the Retreat and help Texas Democratic Women be the best we can be!



**On a personal note:** I have been to several State Democratic Conventions, but this past one was great, especially when we elected Boyd Richie as our new Chair. Many of you probably know that Boyd is my brother, so this was a huge moment for our family. Boyd and Betty have worked tirelessly for the Democratic Party and for TDW and we congratulate him on his election.

Proud to be a Democrat!

**Alieca Hux**

President, Texas Democratic Women

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### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

What a great convention this year! It's good to come back to our hometowns energized and ready to work on the campaigns for our November elections and definitely **Turn Texas Blue!**

TDW had great exposure at the conventions. Our booth was directly across from credentials, so everyone saw us. Not only did we have some renewals, we also signed **8 new members**, and possibly another group will be joining our organization soon. On behalf of TDW, I want to welcome the newest club to our organization. Texas Democratic Women of Collin County officially became a member of TDW June 5, 2006. I hope we will see some or all of these new members at our retreat.

Remember, we have an important election coming upon us soon, get out and recruit new members for your club and get active! We all are needed to make our Great State a Blue State! Maybe we should make our standardized dress Blue so no one will mistake us for the Great Democrats we are!

**Marcia Mainord**

Membership Chair and President-Elect




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### CALDWELL COUNTY - Rose Duvall, Chapter President.

Ann Anton from Luling High School won our annual \$500 college scholarship this year. She was invited to join local Democratic officials and our members on the TDWCC floats in the Lockhart Chisholm Trail Roundup parade on June 10 and the Luling Watermelon Thump parade on June 24. December 4 will be our club Christmas party and silent auction benefiting the scholarship fund.

### ERATH COUNTY - Marcy Tanter, Chapter President

On Sunday May 7th, at the Stephenville Cinco de Mayo event the Erath County Chapter hosted a booth featuring Mary Beth Harrell, Congressional candidate for District 31, Maria Luisa Alvarado, candidate for TX Lt. Governor and Ernie Casbeer, candidate for State Rep District 59.

### NACOGDOCHES - Stephanie Jacob, Chapter President

The "Beans & Jeans" fundraiser was held on Saturday, May 20th at Harlon's BBQ in Nacogdoches with Special Guest Speaker Chris Bell, 2006 Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate! The evening concluded with a live auction, entertainment and much more!

**L-R: Baby Lou Gardner, Beth Lusty, Alfreddie Brooks, Chris Bell Anita Farr, Liz Buchanan, Stephanie Jacob, and Halls Nichols.**



# TEXAS DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

## 2006 SUMMER RETREAT JULY 14-15

### THE FREDONIA HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER

200 North Fredonia Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

Phone Number: 936-564-1234

### Registration Fee Is \$30/Person

(Covers hors d'oeuvres Friday night, breakfast and lunch on Saturday)

### Mail Registration Forms To

TDW of Nacogdoches County

P.O. Box 632135

Nacogdoches, TX 75963

A block of rooms has been set aside at a special group rate of \$75/night for double or single occupancy. For reservations, please contact the Fredonia Hotel.

### *REGISTRATION FORM*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REGISTRATION FORMS DUE BY FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2006**

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## Mark your Calendars!

### TDW SUMMER RETREAT

July 14-15, 2006  
 Nacogdoches, TX



*Thank you.....*

*To the members of TDW who participated as Delegates or helped with the 2006 State Democratic Convention to make it a great success!*



**What the people want is very simple. They want an America as good as its promise.**  
 - Barbara Jordan (Texas U.S. Congresswoman 1972-1978).

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

*2006 deadlines for Submission of articles*

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

Send your news to: [tdwconnection@yahoo.com](mailto:tdwconnection@yahoo.com)