



## August 2017 NEWSLETTER

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### President's Letter

Did you think we would live to see the day when the President of the United States was defending Nazis and KKK members? Our fathers and grandfathers fought WWII to free the world of Nazis. Many of them were badly shaken by the inhumanity and cruelty they witnessed freeing the concentration camps. Our President's behavior shows a complete lack of respect for those brave soldiers and a lack of understanding of history.

During both his campaign and presidency, President Trump has normalized behavior previously viewed as abhorrent. I don't know what the man believes, but he craves adulation and the people providing adulation are the white supremacists and alt-right. They are the ones who are cheering at his rallies and wearing his "Make America Great" caps. He can't bear to split from them or forego their praise. Many Republicans are appalled at his behavior. (Although, given the campaign rhetoric, what did they expect?) Our allies and neighbors are incredulous.

Unfortunately, many of those Republicans who are currently appalled by the President seem to have short memories. They were able to overlook his bigotry and sexual predation to put a "Republican" in the White House. Many will forget their outrage when the issue dies down. We cannot count on them to protect America. We need to elect Democrats who have a history of supporting equality and human rights. We need to clean house.

We can only do it with the hard work of Democrats like you. As I said at the retreat, the election of 2018 is the most important election of our lives. We have many excellent candidates stepping up to the plate, and we need to help them get elected by calling, knocking, donating and doing whatever is necessary. We also need to raise our voices so the electorate remembers why it is important to elect Democrats. We cannot remain silent or inactive, nor can we allow our friends and neighbors to be silent. I know that you



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### Johnson-Jordan Dinner Almost Sold Out !



The Texas Democratic Party is hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Johnson-Jordan Dinner on **Saturday, September 9, 2017** at the Hotel Van Zandt, 605 David Street, Austin, Texas. There is a dynamite lineup of speakers including Congressman Joe Kennedy III, Governor John Bel Edwards -- and special guest Congressman [Beto O'Rourke](#) who is running against Ted Cruz for Senate. TDW has purchased a table and has a few tickets left at \$150 per ticket for TDW members. (Individual tickets for non-members are \$200.) The event is almost sold out. Please contact TDW President Carol Jablonski at [caroljablonski@att.net](mailto:caroljablonski@att.net) or 214-907-1789 if you would like to attend with other good Democrats!

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### ByLaws Committee Members Needed

Committee Chair, Lenna Webb, needs your help on the Bylaws Committee. This important committee is tasked with collecting, reviewing, and making recommendations to the TDW membership at TDW's 2018 Convention on February 10, 2018. The committee also is tasked with reviewing the current bylaws to determine if updates are needed and if so, to recommend amendments.

Because of parliamentary timing/notice issues, TDW could not entertain all proposals at the 2017 business meeting. Therefore, Lenna is starting early to solicit bylaw changes, review changes as they are submitted, and arrive at committee recommendations in plenty of time. Proposals will presented at the 2018 Business Meeting in February at the TDW annual convention in Austin.

If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Lenna Webb, [info@ndtdw.com](mailto:info@ndtdw.com) or (214) 704-8322. The committee will do its work via email and conference call. The only in-person meeting will be held on Friday, February 9, 2018, to finalize recommendations.

Get involved and join this committee to help improve TDW's procedures - we can always be better!

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### Summer Retreat Was Fantastic!



This was a great TDW Summer Retreat! Really awesome! Not only was the business session packed

wall-to-wall, but we learned about environmental issues facing Texas and efforts to elect Democrats in 2018 and beyond. Held at the beautiful [Canyon of the Eagles Resort](#), our speakers on environmental awareness were well received. We also heard from two dynamic candidates with great visions for Texas - Kim Olson for Agriculture Commissioner and Mike Collier for Lieutenant Governor.

Would your club like to host next year's retreat? Put together a proposal for the Board of Directors. If you have questions on what is needed, contact TDW President Carol Jablonski. And, remember to register for the summer retreat early next year - we predict that the 2018 retreat will be even bigger!



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## North Dallas

Ever wondered what all those new "activist" groups are doing? On August 24, 2017 NDTDW program will be a panel of the **leaders of the major "resistance" type groups**. They will explain their mission, their achievements, and what they have planned for the 2018 election. This is a great opportunity to get information on all these groups in one place.

Confirmed participants are:

- Lauren Wyatt, Indivisible Richardson
- Marsha Fishman, Indivisible 24 Action
- Kim Morris, Liberal Ladies Who Lunch
- Jay Malone, TDP Coordinator for CD32
- Indivisible TX32 Congressional District
- Olia Bosovik, Swing Left 32

Each panelist will be giving a brief overview of their group followed by a series of questions.

**August 24, 6:30 pm, Northaven United Methodist Church, Upstairs, 11211 Preston Rd., Dallas**

### NORTH DALLAS TEXAS DEMOCRATIC WOMEN



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## Tarrant County

Tarrant County TDW held its Activism University 3 in Arlington July 29. They had great attendance and enthusiasm all around. After 3 events, there are now 150 more activists fired up and ready to go!

Libby Willis and Michele Hanson gave fabulous presentations on how to channel activism to make the most out of your efforts. Also, they spoke on how to better communicate with those who may think differently but with whom we may have common ground.

Super idea! You, too, can learn more on applying your "activism" in ways that get results.

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