



## OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

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### President's Letter

If you are like me, you feel overloaded with news that indicates our country is going in a very wrong direction. Our President's refusal to certify the Iran deal, his baiting of North Korea, his termination of DACA, his elimination of government health subsidies, his refusal to condemn white supremacist groups and his constant misrepresentation of the truth are just a few indicators of this. Our President thinks that the lives of the American people are one big reality show in which the person with the most outrageous and ignorant behavior scores the most points.

While we are distracted by the antics of the President, Republicans in Congress feel compelled to pass "tax reform". They believe they must do so or forfeit the mid-term elections. Unfortunately, their tax reform bill is as poorly thought out as their health care plan – designed to aid the wealthy at the expense of the middle class Trump was elected to help. Main elements of the plan are a cut in top individual rates, a cut in corporate rates, elimination of the estate tax and a bizarre scheme that allows wealthy people to pretend that they are corporations. The nonpartisan Tax Policy center estimates that by 2027 80% of the benefits of the Republican tax plan would go to the top 1%. Some middle-class people will pay more.

Trump and the Republicans who are afraid to oppose him hope to sell this plan through lies. (Paul Krugman's October 15, 2017 column *Lies, Lies, Lies, Lies, Lies, Lies, Lies, Lies, Lies Lies* in the New York Times details 10 whoppers the GOP want Americans to believe.) We need to educate ourselves on the tax law and oppose it. This should be an area where we can persuade Trump voters – polls show that 60% of Americans want higher taxes on corporations and the rich. We need to expose the Republican pandering to big dollar donors at the expense of everyday Americans. We need to tell our representatives that we won't stand for this. We need to keep this issue in the media. We cannot



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afford a Republican tax reform victory in our pocketbooks or at the ballot box.

Your President,  
*Carol Jablonski*



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## 2018 TDW CONVENTION – FEBRUARY 9-11 ROOM RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE!

The 2018 TDW retreat will be coming up before you know it. It will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel at 3401 South IH 35, Austin, Texas 78741. We are working on a great weekend. We will be releasing more information about the retreat in the near future. But, we wanted to let you know that you can reserve your rooms at the Wyndham at the following TDW prices: Double: \$105; King \$105, Executive King \$115 and Casita \$125. This is a reduction from last year's pricing! You can reserve your room online at [www.wyndhamaustin.com](http://www.wyndhamaustin.com). Once there, enter your desired dates of stay and enter 02066702TE\_001 in the group code field. Finish by hitting "Book Now" If you have any problems or want to make your reservation on line you can call 1-800-996-3426. Give the reservations clerk your dates of stay, ask for the Texas Democratic Women's rate and provide a credit card number to reserve your room. **The last day to reserve under the TDW rate is January 18, 2018.**

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## ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2017

Don't forget that we have an election coming up on November 7th. Early voting starts October 23rd. Everyone in Texas will have 7 constitutional amendments on their ballot. There may also be local propositions such as bond elections. Remember, every election counts! Find out what's on your ballot and make your voice heard.

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## SOLICITATION OF BYLAW AMENDMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

If your chapter or a group of five or more have proposals for any changes to the TDW Bylaws, please send your revisions to Lenna Webb, Bylaws Committee Chair, [info@ndtdw.com](mailto:info@ndtdw.com) to be received no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Notice of proposed changes must be sent to the TDW membership no later than thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting which is January 10, 2018.

**Per our current TDW Bylaws,**

**Article XVII – Amendments to the Bylaws**

**Section 2.** - "Amendments may be proposed by the Bylaws & Policy Committee, the Executive Board, a Club, or by a written petition signed by five eligible members."

**Section 3.** - "Proposed Bylaw amendments must be received by the Bylaws and Polity Committee at least sixty days in advance of the annual meeting."

**Deadline for Bylaw amendment submission is: December 1, 2017**

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## ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES WHO SUPPORTED THE 2017 TDW CONVENTION

While TDW cannot endorse candidates in primaries, the fact that a candidate or official has sponsored

or purchased advertising in support of the TDW Convention is a fact that we thought would be of interest to our membership. Since many of you were unable to attend the convention, we are listing the officials and candidates who helped make our 2017 convention a success and thank them for their support..

### Rio Grande

Honorable Jessica Farrar  
Honorable Ina Minjarez  
Honorable Eric Moyer

### Red River

Honorable Gilberto Hinojosa

### Nueces

Honorable Alma Allen  
Honorable Diego Bernal  
Honorable Susan Bradley  
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Honorable Armando ("Mando") Martinez  
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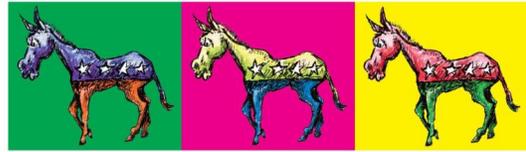
## North Dallas

NDTDW has been busy since coming back from our summer recess.

· We have filled seven tables and are working on an eighth for the November Annie's List Luncheon featuring **California Senator, Kamala Harris**, potential candidate for President in 2020. This is the most number of tables that NDTDW has ever put together for

one of these luncheons.

· One of the most informative meetings we have ever had featured a panel of judges led by Judge Martin Hoffman at our September meeting. **Judges Tina Yoo Clinton, Judge Lisa Green, Judge Ken Tapscott and Judge Martin Hoffman** all talked about their experiences of being elected. Judge Tapscott was elected in 2006 when Democrats took over all the courts and Judge Green was elected in the last cycle. Most importantly they discussed the scope of what each of their courts do and why it is so important to have Democrats as judges in all levels from JPs through the Texas Supreme Court. Currently, we have no Democrats on the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court. At the end of the panel discussion, the most important question of “how did they get Democratic judges elected” was answered. All credited to work of our past Dallas County Democratic Party Chair, Darlene Ewing, and the **Coordinated Campaign** that was initiated by her.



· NDTDW is leading the way in organizing a candidate forum for the main candidates in the Democratic Primary for Congressional District 32 where so far 14 candidates are vying for the chance to “Unseat Pete”. Also on the organizing committee are members from Indivisible 32, Blue Wall Dallas, SMU Democratic Club and Swing Left TX 32. NDTDW set up the website and Facebook sites and solicitation to candidates for ads and table space went out on October 9<sup>th</sup>. We expect a full house in the theatre in the SMU Student Center for this event.  
[www.tx32demforum.com](http://www.tx32demforum.com).

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