



May 2018 NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter



Happy Early Texas Summer!

The primaries and runoffs are now over and congratulations to all the winners! I also want to send a special "Thank You" to those that ran and did not make it this time. What respect we have for you all!

Our awesome Dem candidates can do nothing if Dems don't vote!! Please, for the sake of our local, state and federal candidates, show them the respect they deserve for running.

The State Party Convention is June 21 – 23, 2018, in Fort Worth. TDW will host the Women's Caucus in the arena on Friday morning at 9 a.m. I hope to see those of you attending the convention at the Caucus. Wendy Davis will be our host.

The first weekend in August, the 3rd through the 4th, North Dallas TDW will host our Summer Retreat, more information is available [online](#) and elsewhere in this newsletter. At our meeting when the Retreat concludes, the TDW Board will decide how to split our donations to our state women candidates.

This will be a busy summer, and I hope you all enjoy this time of year. Democrats in this state look good, and our chances of turning Texas Blue are getting better--but only if we vote!

Have a wonderful summer!

Your President,
Cindy James



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SUMMER RETREAT UPDATE!

We have heard that some of you are **having trouble making reservations** with the Dallas Sheraton Hotel through their central reservations office. As an alternative, you can call the hotel directly to make your reservations at: **214-922-8000**.

Several Statewide Candidates have already promised to come to the Friday evening Meet & Greet, including two candidates for seats on the Texas Supreme Court. Watch for updates.

Confirmed programing for Saturday includes:

Bruce Elfant is the Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar. He will give an updated presentation on Voter Registration and how he was able to get 89.9% of the eligible voters registered in Travis County.

The Funky East Dallas Democrats' Kristy Noble will present their PUMP, Precinct United Mobilization Plan. This is one of the most successful Pop-Up groups to emerge in Dallas since Trump's election.

There will also be a Breakout Session – Minority Outreach



We will notify you as further programing, etc., is confirmed. If you have any questions, feel free to email info@ndtdw.com or call Lenna Webb, NDTDW President, 972-732-7712. Register [here](#).

Join in on the next TDW Board Conference Call

TDW members are always welcome to join the monthly board conference call at 7:30 p.m. generally on the last Sunday of the month..



The next calls will be on Sunday, June 3 (due to the Memorial Day Holiday) and Sunday, July 1. Please [contact President Cindy James](#) for the call in number.

Websites for TDW Chapters

TDW provides our local chapters the opportunity to have a website and set-up assistance free of charge. Eleven TDW chapters have already set up their websites and started customizing them. For more information about getting started on your chapter's free website please contact [VP Sue Barrick](#).

Looking ahead - Save the Dates

- TDP State Convention, June 21- 23 in Fort Worth
- TDW Retreat, August 3-4 in Dallas
- TDW Convention, February 23, 2019 in Austin



NEWS FROM LOCAL CHAPTERS

Below is the news from local chapters telling about what's happening in their "neck of the woods."

Hill Country TDW

Justice Patricia O. Alvarez of the Fourth Court of Appeals did the honors of swearing in the 2018-19 officers of the Hill Country Chapter of TDW at the May 1, 2018 meeting. Val Ostarch will serve a second term as President, along with Barbara Wise, Vice President; Bunny Bond, Secretary and Teresa Coleman, Treasurer. Justice Alvarez, who is running for her second term on the Fourth Court of Appeals, also gave a moving speech on "The Meaning of Equality", especially for women as we strive to fulfill our potential and our desires in the current political and economic environment. The Hill Country Chapter will hold a social event on June 3, 2018 to welcome 39 new members who have joined in 2018. In the photo, Justice Alvarez and Stephanie Ertel, candidate for State Representative District 53 and member of Hill Country TDW, anticipate campaigning together with other great women candidates on the November General Election ballot.



Highland Lakes TDW



April 7th, Highland Lakes Democratic Women again took a first place ribbon in the Burnet Bluebonnet Festival Grand Parade for the club's entry 'Celebrating Our Past, Present, and Future Wonder Women.'

On May 24th, Briana Perez, a lawyer with MALDEF, was the guest speaker at Highland Lakes Democratic Women's meeting. MALDEF is the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Foundation. Briana defined DACA, who is eligible to be covered, and how MALDEF helps those affected by DACA.

Left: Kenda Avery wearing a dress commemorative of the Suffragette Movement.

TDW South Plains

South Plains chapter hosted a special pre-release screening of the movie **RBG**, which documents the life and times of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, at the Lubbock Alamo Draffhouse Theater on May 11. The event sold out. We met many new-to-us Democratic women, signed up some new members, and distributed some chapter t-shirts and bumper-stickers. Everyone left energized and inspired by this awesome woman's life story!

Best.documentary.ever. We give it (and her) five stars ★★★★★!



Hood County TDW

In March, TDW of Hood County members pledged to support [#ParentsPromiseToKids](#) [#PPTK](#) and [#SafetyOverGuns](#) by only voting for candidates that support better gun registration. Rose Simpson led a Diversity Panel representing viewpoints of five demographics: 55-plus, African Americans, Hispanics, LGBT, and Millennials. In April, Holly Martin, Director of Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center spoke to Hood County members. She presented information on the mission and services provided in the area. Members also voted to have a booth at the fundraiser for County Clerk candidate, Gene McNeely.



Left: Hood Co. TDW members pledge to support better gun laws. Above, April speaker, Holly Martin.

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