



June 2018 NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter



Greetings!

I hope all of you who attended the state Democratic Party Convention in Fort Worth had a great time and are now fired up for the last 130 days or so of the most important campaign of our lives. I know I am!

Nearly 2,000 Democrats attended our Women's Caucus at the convention. State Representative Nicole Collier gave us a warm welcome on behalf of Tarrant County Democrats. Wendy Davis served as moderator, and her enthusiasm was absolutely contagious. We heard inspiring words from Sheriff Lupe Valdez, Kim Olson and Joi Chevalier, among others, and had a surprise visit by Leticia van de Putte!

A good Democratic friend made a statement to me recently that really stuck in my mind: "We have only one real enemy and that is the Republicans in office and running for office, and now until the election we should be focusing on getting out the vote and supporting the strong Democrats throughout the state." Texas Democrats must support and work TOGETHER for us to reach our goal.

Thanks to all our speakers at the Women's Caucus and all the strong women who attended and worked the convention.

Let's keep up the good work and support our candidates. Have a great summer!

Your President,
Cindy James



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DALLAS IS BLUE; YOU CAN BE, TOO! Come to the 2018 TDW Summer Retreat to find out how!



Our summer retreat is shaping up to be really exciting. Over fifty women have already registered (they took advantage of the Early Blue Bird Special price). We expect many more before the price goes up again on July 10th. We have extended the date for the early bird registration, which is at \$90.00, to give you a little more time to get your plans in order and save \$15. Remember, the cut-off date for getting the special room rates is **5 pm, July 13th**.

Our confirmed speakers are:

Teri Burke, Executive Director of the Texas ACLU – Breakfast
Dallas County Judge, **Clay Jenkins** – Welcome to Dallas
Krisi Noble, Funky East Dallas Democrats & their PUMP Project - **Session 1**
Bruce Elfant, Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar.

Updated presentation on Voter Registration and how he registered 89.9% of those eligible to vote in Travis County - **Session 2**

Session 3 will be “Outreach to Minorities”

Session 4 will be “GOTV Workshop”

Newly re-elected Texas Democratic Party Chair, Gilberto Hinojosa will speak sometime during the day. Confirmed candidates attending the Friday night Meet & Greet are:

Mike Collier, for Lt. Governor
Aichia Davis, for the Texas School Board
Carol Donovan, Dallas County Democratic Chair
Lori Burch, for U.S. Congress District 3
Linsey Fagan, for U.S. Congress District 26
Dallas County Commissioner Elba Garcia
Steve Kirkland, for Texas Supreme Court, Place 2
Terry Meza, for Texas House District 5
Leslie Lester Osborne, for Texas Fifth District Court of Appeals
Plus numerous Dallas County Judges

Register now at: <https://form.jotform.com/81196914984168>

We will notify you as further programming, 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, July 1 and Sunday, August 26. 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](#)

Looking ahead - Save the Dates

- TDW Retreat, August 3-4 in Dallas
- Early voting begins, Monday, October 22
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 6
- 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."

Please send your items for the newsletter to [VP Sue Barrick.](#)

Texas Democratic Women of Rural North Texas

Our group is small but loud, industrious and active. We are made of a group of women and men who work to elect Democrats in the State and encourage women to join the rank of leadership by running for elected offices.

On March 24 of this year we joined with I.A.M. 776 Retirees of Lockheed and had a Get Out the Vote – Beans and Jeans Event where we had 15 candidates speak. We had Lupe Valdez, Kim Olson, Vanessa Adia, Beverly Powell, Roman McAllan, Kevin Lopez, Greg Sagan, Steven Kirkland, R.K. Sandill, Maria T. (Terri) Jackson, Ray Ryan. The candidates were wonderful with lots of good ideas and ready to work.



We formed the Tracy A. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund this year for \$1000 and on May 19th it was our honor to award the scholarship to Zoe Klement of Muenster, Texas. Zoe is an exceptional young lady. She never had to think about an answer and she knew exactly what she was going to do after she graduated. This young lady was involved in numerous activities in school and her community as well as working while attending school. Zoe will be bringing her knowledge and experience back to the rural area where she now lives. We wish the best for Zoe and are looking forward to being a part of her future.

On June 16th we participated in the celebration of the Juneteenth parade and entertainment for the family that is given by the Eastside Alumni every year at the Louida "Big Mama" Willis Memorial Park. Although it was hot, there were snow cones (by our group), games, music, horseshoes, BBQ, and a bounce house. After the parade we had a booth set up so that new members could join and also had items that people could obtain for a donation.

June 21-23 we were at the Texas Democratic Convention where we were Bronze sponsors. We had a booth where we were able to sell, for a donation, lots of items including our very much talked about t-shirts that say, "VOTE LIKE A GIRL." Our President, Lena Wells, was interviewed by the Texas Observer and our very own Mary Guillory, Secretary, was interviewed by Fox News which was televised later that night. Our group had several new members join making us a little larger than when we began the weekend. We made sure that our voice was loud and everyone knew who the Texas Democratic Women of Rural North Texas were.

Humanity CAN NEVER succeed As long as HALF of us are held back - Malala

North Dallas TDW

Like women from all over the state, many of our members attended the TDP 2018 Convention in Ft. Worth. A special highlight was the Women's Caucus where we were able to hear from many of our great candidates and see, all together, the women running for the Texas House.

We were fortunate to have Wendy Davis spearhead the event and welcome her former running mate, Leticia Van de Putte.

The Friday General Session was electric with some of the best candidates and speeches we have ever seen in recent years. We especially want to praise NDTDW member and candidate for Governor, Lupe Valdez, for her moving speech. She had many of us in tears!



Greater Arlington Mansfield Democratic Women

We are sad to report that GAMDW chapter founder and long-time President, Nancy Swart, lost her battle with cancer in April .

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