



JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

CONVENTION HOTEL AND REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS EXPIRE JANUARY 31. REGISTER NOW!

President's Message



I hope you all had a good Holiday Season and your New Year looks bright.

The end of my term as President is coming to an end soon and I want to Thank our current Board members for their support and

hard work this year. I could not have done all we did and accomplished without your help. Also, thank you to our Past Presidents for their support and advice when I needed it. And thank you to all of you, our TDW members, for your support of our organization, the Democratic Party and the awesome candidates we had running for office.

I hope to see you at our Convention in Austin on February 22-24th. It should be a great weekend with wonderful speakers, interesting meetings, and amazing Progressive Liberal Women.

Your President,
Cindy James



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TDW Board Meeting News

The next meeting of the board will be in conjunction with the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 3401 S. IH 35 in Austin at 9 a.m. Interested members are always welcome to attend and observe.



2019 Chapter Officers

Chapters that have not already notified TDW of new officers for 2019, are requested to [email](#) an updated list of their officers to TDW VP Sue Barrick to facilitate communication in the coming year.

Almost Here! - Coming Events

- **Annual Meeting & Convention**, Feb. 22-24, Wyndham Garden Hotel & Conference Center, 3401 S I-H 35, Austin.
- **Blue Ribbon Lobby Day**, April 2 at the Capitol in Austin.



NEWS FROM LOCAL CHAPTERS

Please help us make this a better newsletter that represents the wonderful diversity of our statewide organization!

Photos and stories about your Chapter's events for next month's newsletter can be sent at any time to [VP Sue Barrick](#).

Highland Lakes

Highland Lakes Democratic Women kicked off 2019 with a packed house at their monthly meeting and luncheon on January 24 at the Meadowlakes Restaurant.

Linda Williams (pictured, center) was honored for her long-time service to the organization in comments by President Nancy Hill (pictured, right), former presidents Brenda Smith and Ravelle Kundinger (pictured, left), and members Marti Pogue, Shirley Schmidt and Marjorie Dearmont.



The guest speaker was Sarah Rosen Garrett, LCSW, RPT-S, Founder and Clinical Director of the Phoenix Center in Marble Falls. Joining Sarah was Becca Schafer, who volunteers and serves as an ambassador and public speaker for the organization. Schafer and her daughter have been clients of the Center and she spoke eloquently of the profound and positive impact it has had on them. Garrett told the group about the organization's partnership with the Marble Falls and Burnet ISDs. The Phoenix Center provides one on one and group counseling and therapy to children in the schools from the youngest who are in the Head Start programs to students at the alternative high school level. It supports teachers and administrators with training in Trauma Informed Care. Over 700 individuals were trained in 2018 in recognizing the effect Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) have on children's behavior, seeking out the underlying causes of inappropriate behaviors, and employing appropriate discipline techniques. Phoenix Center receives over 80% of its funding from individual donations. Its Fundraiser Gala takes place on February 16 at The Palm Pavilion at Horseshoe Bay Resort. See the organization's website, at www.phoenixtx.org for details and more information.

HLDW meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11:15am at Meadowlakes Restaurant; reservations are required. A \$15 charge to cover the cost of lunch is payable at check-in. Please contact Pat Myers at plmyers47@gmail.com or call 512 755-3133 for reservations.

The chapter also gathers informally the third Wednesday of each month, beginning in March, from 5pm to 7pm at Doc's Restaurant in Marble Falls. Come join us for food, fun and fellowship. No reservations required. - *Teri Flanagan*

Hill Country Chapter February Meeting



Hill Country Chapter will meet Tuesday, February 5 at the Ray and Joan Kroc Center, Holdsworth Drive beginning at 11:00 a.m. Reservations for the luncheon are due no later than Thursday, January 31, 2019; the only reservation contact is Linda Stegall; phone 830-257-2795 or send an email to lindastegall@hotmail.com.

To attend the program only, starting at 11:40, please advise Linda Stegall so that the necessary seating will be available. The meeting is open to the public.

Sarah Fontenot (pictured) will speak on "Health Care in 2019 and Beyond"

A former nurse and practicing attorney, Sarah Fontenot is a professional speaker who specializes in explaining how health care is changing and what those changes mean for all of us. Sarah is in her 22nd year teaching Health Law at Trinity University and speaks extensively for the American Association for Physician Leadership [AAPL], the American College of Healthcare Executives [ACHE] and other national provider organizations. Her twice-monthly newsletter **Fontenotes** provides concise information about our health care system and is currently republished by four provider organizations, reaching approximately 20,000 readers.

She has taught extensively for the American Association for Physician Leadership [formerly the American College of Physician Executives (ACPE)], Texas Medical Association (TMA) and other national provider organizations. She became a faculty member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) in 2007 and teaches portions of the Board of Governor's Examination Review Course, as well as ACHE's on-line health law program. Since January 2013, she has been published regularly in a column on the Affordable Care Act for the Physician Executive Journal of Medical Management (PEJ) [now the Physician Leadership Journal].

Holding a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law and was an Associate at a midsize law firm in central Connecticut, she also has a degree in nursing from the University of Vermont and spent six years as a staff nurse in both Massachusetts and Texas. Most recently, she was awarded the designation CSP (Certified Speaking Professional®) from the National Speakers Association. She serves on the executive committee of the Board of Trustees for Peterson Regional Medical Center.

Fontenotes for January 17 addresses the topic, "A Dozen Ways the Shutdown is Affecting Health Care." You can access the article at <https://sarahfontenot.com/newsletter/> - *Jeannie Berger*

ANNUAL MEETING & CONVENTION NEWS AND INFORMATION

Scheduled Speakers & Breakout Sessions Coming Together

Kim Olsen, 2018 Democratic candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner, and **Dr. Carla Brailey**, Texas Democratic Party Vice-Chair are lined up to speak Friday evening and at Saturday's Star Award Luncheon, respectively. Breakout sessions Saturday afternoon will cover a wide variety of topics, from voter registration (**Bruce Elfant**, Travis Co. Tax Assessor-Collector), public education in the 86th Legislature (State Representative **Donna Howard**, et. al.), and various aspects of diversity and TDW operations.

Silent Auction Items

TDW Chapters customarily donate at least one or two items for the Silent Auction that is a highlight of every Convention. Individual members also often bring items to donate. The bigger the auction the more fun it is. Themed baskets, political memorabilia, books, jewelry, handmade items, goodie baskets and other easy to pack items are always popular. Be creative and plan ahead to make your Chapter's items memorable and sought after. Then let's bid them up!

CONVENTION SPONSORSHIPS & PROGRAM ADS

• Convention Sponsorships

Help increase the influence and participation of Democratic women in Texas politics and government by becoming a Convention sponsor. If TDW depended entirely upon registration fees and luncheon and dinner tickets to cover Annual Meeting and Convention costs, little would be left to help Democratic women win elective office. Convention sponsorships make the difference! Sponsorships

include reserved seats and dinner for up to 10 at the Gala Awards Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, extra beverage tickets for your guests at the pre-dinner reception, an ad in the Convention program and a Finance Council level membership are included depending on sponsorship level. See the table below for a summary, and download the form [here](#) for all of the details.

Please organize members and guests who will be seated together **before** they register for Convention. Registration fees, meal reservations and sponsorships are political contributions to TDW and not refundable. Early Bird rates for registration and meal reservations and hotel reservations will expire on January 31. Ad copy, a list of dinner guests with any dietary restrictions, and the name and contact information for the Finance Council membership designee ARE DUE January 31. Ad copy that arrives after JANUARY 31 will not be in time to appear in the Convention program.

Please email the requested materials to treasurer@tdw.org, subject line TDW SPONSORSHIP. Payment made out to Texas Democratic Women should be sent to:

TDW Sponsorship
c/o Kenna Giffin, TDW Treasurer
PO Box 397
Mission, TX 78573

Or pay by credit card through ActBlue [here](#). ActBlue is a conduit PAC that exclusively serves Democratic and progressive candidates and organizations. It retains a small percentage of each contribution it collects on behalf of TDW.

Please note - as a Texas PAC, TDW is prohibited from accepting contributions from certain corporations or from the general funds of labor organizations that include union member dues.

Sponsorship Levels	Pre-Dinner Reception, 6 pm Beverage tickets,	Gala Award Dinner, 7 pm Reserved Seats	Program Ad *	Finance Council Membership	Event Recognition
Sabine \$10,000	20	Table for 10	Full page	1	Signage, <u>at</u> dinner
Trinity \$5,000	20	Table for 10	1/2 page	1	Signage, <u>at</u> dinner
Brazos \$2,500	20	Table for 10	1/4 page	1	Signage, <u>at</u> dinner
Guadalupe \$1,500	10	Table for 10	1/8 page	1	Signage, <u>at</u> dinner
Rio Grande \$1,000	10	Table for 10	NA	NA	Signage, <u>in</u> program, <u>at</u> dinner
Red River \$500	5	5 reserved seats	NA	NA	Signage, <u>in</u> program, <u>at</u> dinner
Nueces \$250	2	2 reserved seats	NA	NA	Signage, <u>in</u> program, <u>at</u> dinner

- **Program Ads**

Program ads are also a great way to show your support for TDW and get the attention of some of the most dedicated Democratic women activists in Texas. Ad sizes, dimensions and costs are summarized below and on the form available [here](#). Please email ad copy as a .pdf, .jpeg, or .tiff file to treasurer@tdw.org, subject line: TDW PROGRAM AD.

Payment made out to Texas Democratic Women should be sent to:

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Cost	Size	Dimensions
\$500	Full page	7.75 in wide x 10.25 in deep
\$275	Half page	7.75 in wide x 5 in deep
\$150	Quarter page	3.75 in wide x 5 in deep
\$85	Eighth page	3.75 in wide x 2.45 in deep

[CONVENTION REGISTRATION & HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION](#)

- **Convention Registration Information**

Early Bird registration rates shown below are in effect only until **January 31**. Download, print, fill out and send in the registration form available [here](#) (one registrant per form, please) with payment made out to Texas Democratic Women to:

TDW Convention Registration
c/o Kenna Giffin, TDW Treasurer
PO Box 397
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	Regular	Youth
Full Convention Package (includes Luncheon & Dinner)	\$125 \$150 after 1/31	\$95 \$110 after 1/31
Convention Only (no meals)	\$60 \$70 after 1/31	\$45 \$50 after 1/31
Star Award Luncheon – Sat. 2/23	\$30 \$35 after 1/31	\$30 \$35 after 1/31
Reception & Gala Award Dinner – Sat. 2/23* (see note below)	\$55 \$65 after 1/31	\$55 \$60 after 1/31

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- **Hotel Reservation Information**

The Wyndham Garden Hotel and Conference Center is located at 3401 South I-H 35 in Austin, Texas 78741. The hotel phone number is: (512) 448-2444.

Convention Group rates are:

- \$105 plus 15% tax per night for a King or a Double room
- \$115 plus 15% tax per night for an Executive King room
- \$125 plus 15% tax per night for an outside Casita Suite in the pool area

The cut off date to reserve rooms at Convention Group rates is January 31, 2019.

For convention participants who wish to extend their stay in Austin (and who register before Jan. 31), group rates will be available on the two days prior to Thursday, Feb. 21 and two days following Saturday Feb 23. Wifi and parking are free. There is a complimentary airport shuttle. Check in time is 3:00 p.m. Check out time is 12:00 noon. Reserve early!

- By phone, call (512) 448-2444. Mention that you are with the Texas Democratic Women's Convention and give the group code **02196702TE** (0 = zero) for the special Convention rate.
 - Online, go to <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden>. Enter Austin as your desired destination, enter your desired dates of stay, and enter **02196702TE** in the group code field (0 = zero). Be sure to hit "Book Now" after selecting your room.
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