



# Texas Democratic Women

## Newsletter

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### New Star Award and Ad Copy Deadlines - January 16

**This is good news** if your Chapter needs a little extra time. Star Award materials and program copy can be submitted through January 16 for inclusion in the 2020 Convention Program, thanks to the good people at Checkmark Typesetting and Worley Printing. Be sure to use the Convention email address [tdwconvention2020@gmail.com](mailto:tdwconvention2020@gmail.com) to send in Star Award and ad copy materials. Star Award descriptions should be in MS Word format.

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### IMPEACHMENT ACTION ALERT

**LET JOHN CORNYN & TED CRUZ KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU WANT THEM TO VOTE AND WHY.**

- Send them each a letter in the mail now. The address and proper salutation are:

The Honorable (Name)  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator (Name)

- Call the Capitol switchboard (202) 224-3121 and ask for their offices by name.
- Call their offices directly and/or use their contact forms so send them a message:

Cornyn: Call (202) 224-2934 Contact: [www.cornyn.senate.gov/contact](http://www.cornyn.senate.gov/contact)  
Cruz: (202) 224-5922 Contact: [www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=form&id=16](http://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=form&id=16)

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### Reminders

Chapter Presidents, please email a copy of your current Chapter Bylaws to TDW Bylaws Chair, [Carol Jablonski](mailto:Carol.Jablonski@tdw.org).

Please email updated Chapter Officer lists for 2020 to [VP Kassandra Elejarza](mailto:VP.Kassandra.Elejarza@tdw.org).

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### Coming Up!

- Early Bird Convention registration and hotel reservation DEADLINE - January 16.

**Help Wanted - Committee Members Needed for 2020**

Input and ideas, and eyes, ears and hands from across Texas can make TDW a vibrant statewide organization, but our nine elected Board members are not enough do it all. TDW relies on Standing Committees to function as an organization. If you agree that TDW can do better and are willing to work constructively with others to make it so, you can make a difference as a member of one of the committees listed below.

The **Audit Committee** examines financial records submitted by the Treasurer and prepares a report of its findings for the second Quarterly Executive Board meeting. Committee members are usually assigned different portions of the records to analyze. It is an informal internal audit - not done to the standards of ones costing thousands of dollars and done by accounting firms.

The **Bylaws and Policy Committee** reviews TDW bylaws and policies, including the bylaws and policies of TDW chapters for consistency. It reports to TDW at the Annual Meeting its recommendations regarding TDW bylaws and the effects of any proposed bylaws amendments.

The **Communications Committee** is chaired by TDW's Vice President. It oversees TDW marketing and public relations, and marketing and communications with TDW members about events, issues and action alerts and prepares content for emails, social media, and the newsletter, as guided by the Vice President.

The **Elections Committee** conducts the election of TDW officers at the Annual Meeting. Most of its work is done just ahead of and at the Annual Meeting. Attendance at the Annual Meeting is a must.

The **Finance Committee** submits a budget for the next fiscal year in June, assists the Board in developing sound financial policy, and submits amendments to the current budget for adoption by the Board. The TDW Treasurer and President Elect are members but may not chair this committee.

The **Membership Committee** works to establish new TDW Chapters, either from the ground up or by recruiting existing Democratic women's groups, and helps existing Chapters maintain viability. In addition, this committee will report statewide and individual Chapter membership numbers to each Quarterly meeting of the Board.

The **Membership and Communications Committees** should be the biggest and busiest and active year-round. Their work is out front and high-profile.

**To be considered** for appointment, please email incoming President [Sue Barrick](#) ASAP and indicate the committee that interests you. Some appointments are made at the first meeting of the new Board on Feb. 9 in Austin, and all are done in time for the second Quarterly board meeting.

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## Early Notice: Summer Retreat 2020 to be Hosted by TDW of Rural North Texas Chapter

**TDW of Rural North Texas** will host the 2020 Summer Retreat on July 31 - August 1, 2020. Their location is in Decatur, which is in Wise County.

Now is not too soon to think about whether your chapter wants to get into the running to host in 2021.

[Download Complete Retreat guidelines here.](#)

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### Chapter News



**Hill Country Chapter of Texas Democratic Women** will hold its regular monthly meeting on January 7, 2020 with a luncheon followed by the business meeting & program.

Anne Dunkelberg, Associate Director and Program Director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities, will present the program, "Health Care Access and Public Policy: Texas Challenges and the 2020 Elections."

Reservations for the luncheon are due no later than Thursday, January 2, 2020; the reservation contact is Linda Stegall; phone 830-257-2795 or send an email to [lindastegall@hotmail.com](mailto:lindastegall@hotmail.com). The cost of the luncheon is \$15.

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