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November 2020 Newsletter

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### President's Message

I sure am looking forward to the day when I can check the news without having to be on guard against a pack of lies from the President of the United States, aren't you?

Congratulations to all of our Democratic office holders who won re-election, and to the challengers who beat their Republican opponents. And to every Democrat who ran, win or lose, thank you!

We were up against relentless, untruthful messaging led by a shameless liar in chief, and a pandemic that ruled out in person voter contact and town halls. We led early and mail in voting despite Republicans' voter suppression efforts. They were desperate and reckless enough to hold super-spreader rallies and risk in person GOTV contact, and they spent the PAC money that poured in late in the campaign like never before on costly last-minute advertising.

We did not flip Texas this time, but we can still take heart. We fielded candidates to be proud of in places where voters hadn't seen a Democrat on the ballot in too long. The Republican margin for President went down to 5% and has been shrinking with each election cycle.

With November TDW's 2021 membership drive is on in chapters across the state. You may be receiving this newsletter for the first time if you signed up for the TDP Women's Caucus at the TDP Convention. We hope you will become a member in 2021. To find a chapter to join near you, please visit [TDW.org](http://TDW.org).

I am setting my sites on 2022,

*Sue Barrick*

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### TDW 2020 - 2021 Officers

President: Sue Barrick  
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Mary Elizabeth Terry  
VP: Cassandra Elejarza  
Secretary: Vicki Moore  
Treasurer: Joyce Franklin  
At-Large Board Members:  
Heidi Gordon  
Judy Summers  
Janice Thacker  
Immediate Past President:  
Maria Regalado

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### Advisory Board of Past TDW Presidents

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Nettie Ruth Bratton  
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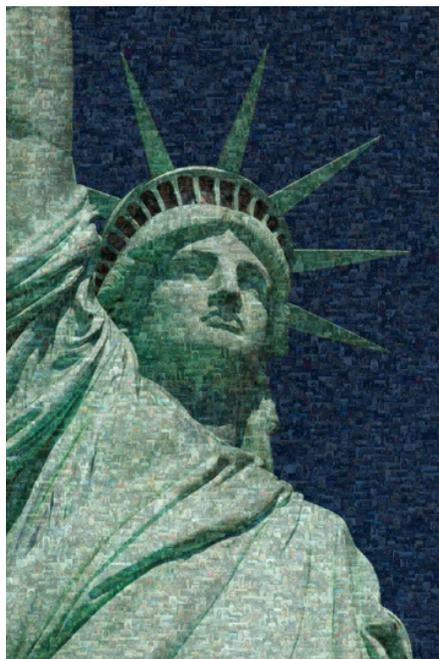
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### Coming Soon:

Dec. 5 - SDEC Meeting

Dec. 6, 2 p.m. - TDW online Board Meeting - all TDW members are welcome to attend on Zoom..  
Please [RSVP here to attend](#).

Dec. 20 - Deadline for Intent to run for TDW Board and to submit Statewide Award Nominations



### This image of Lady Liberty . . .

is composed of the selfies and photos TDW members submitted last summer and assembled by Bell County member, Mary Ho.

As we have observed the 100th anniversary of Women Suffrage this year Senator Kamala Harris has been elected the first woman, first Black, first South Asian, HBCU graduate daughter of immigrants Vice President of the United States.

What an inspiration to aspiring young women everywhere!

## Georgia's on Our Minds

Right now, breaking Mitch McConnell's grip on the Senate is the top priority of Democrats everywhere. Fired up and ready to go? Here are three of the very best ways to help out:

Donate and sign up to volunteer with

- [Fair Fight](#),
- [Jon Ossoff for U.S. Senate](#) and
- [Reverend Warnock for U.S. Senate](#).



The Georgia Federation of Democratic Women and Fair Fight are currently urging out of state supporters to donate early, and volunteer from home rather than come to Georgia.

## 2021 TDW Convention: *Breaking Glass Ceilings - It's What We Do!* Important Deadlines

Members who wish to run for **State Board Officer positions** are asked to submit their intended candidacy by December 20, 2020. Details and an application form are available [here](#).

TDW customarily bestows an array of annual **Statewide awards** on individual TDW Chapters and members, and outstanding Texans who have made significant contributions to the progress of our Party and leaders in civic life. Guidelines and application materials are available [here](#).

The Annual Meeting and Convention is also the occasion for TDW Chapters to honor individual members for their contributions to the success of their local organization with **Star Awards**. Chapters may submit Star Awards through January 15, 2021. Details and form available [here](#).



## Catching Up on Chapter News

### North Dallas Texas Democratic Women's *Get Out the Vote*

**efforts** included having addressed, written, stamped and mailed almost 3500 colorful post cards encouraging women to vote. We targeted known Democratic women in two groups:

**Women 64, 65 and 66** years of age with a message about their Social Security being threatened by Trump's proposed payroll tax suspension.

**Women age 21 and under** with the message "*It is up to us to add our voices and our votes to the course of history*" - Michelle Obama, along with the message that "Your Vote Matters!"

One of our members, Carol Klee, outdid herself by doing over 300 cards. And our special member Maddy Kapoor donated the design and printing of these eye-catching cards by her company, Caddy Printing. We cannot thank her enough!

- Lenna Webb



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### Highland Lakes Democratic Women Want to Make It Known!

Democrats in the Highland Lakes area are a strong and growing population. The party of LBJ, Ann Richards, and Barbara Jordan pulled in 24% of votes cast in Burnet County and 21% of votes in Llano County in the 2018 senate race. In the March 2020 primaries, 28% of votes cast in Burnet County were in the Democratic primary, and Llano County held steady with 21% of votes cast.

Hill Country Dems have built several organizations to help further their causes and support their candidates. Among them are the Burnet and Llano County Democratic Parties, Party Clubs in the respective counties, and the Highland Lakes Democratic Women. Each has its role to play in supporting one another and the Party in our area.

#### Democrats Are Active in the Highland Lakes

Each county has a local Democratic Party Chairperson. Paula d'Orsogna is the Llano chair and Mel Hazlewood is the chair for Burnet. The primary functions of the county parties are to support the logistics of the election process and to get out the vote in local, state and national elections. The local party chair recruits precinct chairs, poll workers, voter registrars and other volunteers to successfully oversee election activities. The local party has no "members"; its powers, duties, programs and activities are defined and restricted by state statute and party rules. Contact the Llano County Democratic Party at [dorsogna12@gmail.com](mailto:dorsogna12@gmail.com), on Facebook, or at [llanocountymocrats.org](http://llanocountymocrats.org). The Burnet County Democratic Party can be reached at [burnetcountymocrats.com](http://burnetcountymocrats.com), or follow them on Facebook.

#### Democratic Clubs in the Highland Lakes

Each county has a local Democratic Party Club, and, unlike the county party, these are governed only by their own bylaws and the ideas and imaginations of their members. The mission of these clubs is to strengthen the local, state and national party. They accomplish this through voter registration and education; candidate recruitment, support and endorsement; sponsoring political and social events and fundraising; and a host of other activities.

Llano's club dates to the 1980s. They have a party headquarters and have signs and bumper stickers available. Email [llanocountymocrats@gmail.com](mailto:llanocountymocrats@gmail.com) for directions and hours. Find out more information about the club at [llanocountymocrats.org](http://llanocountymocrats.org) or follow them on Facebook.

In contrast, the Burnet County club was formed just two years ago, and held its first meeting in March of 2019. Under the leadership of BJ Henry, club president, the group has accomplished a great deal in a very short period of time. The club's motto, Activate. Educate. Motivate. drives its activities, which include monthly education and information meetings, now conducted virtually using Zoom; voter registration activities; the upcoming September Sunday Socials: Conversations with Candidates; and virtual text banking sessions for candidates in the upcoming election. In March they marked a significant milestone; the party opened its first local field office in over 15 years. Located above the Uptown Theater at 218 Main St. in Marble Falls, the office is open Tuesday – Friday 11am to 2pm and sells yard signs, bumper stickers and masks, with more merchandise to come. The club conducts a voter registration drive outside the building every Saturday 11am to 2pm. To find out more about the Burnet club visit their website at [BCDCTX.org](http://BCDCTX.org), or follow them on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

### Dems in the Highland Lakes TDW

Bridging both Burnet and Llano counties and reaching out to surrounding areas is the Highland Lakes Democratic Women. Founded in 1987, this organization is a chapter of the Texas Democratic Women, which is the women's caucus for the Texas Democratic Party. Its mission is to promote the increased political activity and influence of Democratic women in Texas politics and government. Under the leadership of Nancy Hill, president, the club focuses on education, voter registration, fundraising, and encouraging and supporting women to run for local office.

The group awards scholarships every year to women continuing their higher education. Recipients have completed technical and medical training, and undergraduate and graduate college degrees. HLDW hosts booths at area markets, garage sales, festivals and rallies to register voters and is conducting an extensive communication campaign to encourage voting by mail. Their efforts have no doubt contributed to the four-fold increase in requests for mail in ballots in Burnet County alone. Club members contribute to the group's political action committee which donates to candidates for local and state office, and particularly to women running. In the past year several members of HLDW have been recipients of PAC donations as they sought election to local office. The group meets monthly, currently by Zoom, for membership business and to hear speakers from the community. For more information about Highland Lakes Democratic Women, please visit their website at [HLDW.club](https://www.facebook.com/HLDW.club) or follow them on Facebook.

*-Teri Flanagan*

