

# Texas Democratic Women

May 2021 Newsletter



## From the President...

Hello Y'all!

Don't waste your shot at Summer, register for Retreat! It will be so nice to see y'all in person again! The Rural North Texas Chapter have worked extremely hard to host an excellent retreat.

I know we could all use the rest and relaxation especially after this legislative session. We thank our Democratic Legislators for holding the line and calling out bad legislation. If you know someone interested in running for office, encourage her and remind her that the filing deadline to do so is December 13, 2021.

As many of you know, my background is in books. TDW South Plains has just started a new book club called Dems Read. Their first book, on June 11 is [The Deficit Myth](#) by Stephanie Kelton. Those who have read it are so excited about it that I thought it would make a great discussion topic at our retreat. The [book is available](#) in hardcover, paperback and digital download, so pick your preference. This will be a fun way to gain some useful knowledge and have good time all at the same time.

See y'all soon!

Your President,  
Mary Elizabeth Terry



## Spotlight

**Join Us for The Summer Retreat  
August 6 - 7  
Sign up NOW for Early Bird  
Pricing!**

TDW Members and Friends, are you ready for the Summer Retreat? TDW of Rural North Texas will be hosting this year's retreat in Decatur, Texas on August 6 - 7, 2021. They have been

doing a lot of hard work and planning to make this year a show-stopper.

### Registration: "Breaking Glass Ceilings"

**Early Bird Registration is \$80 until June 1st.**

**after June 1st Registration is \$95.**

**Non-Members \$95**

**Cost includes Snack Buffet on Friday, Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday.**

**PLEASE INCLUDE IN PAYPAL NOTES:**

NAME  
CHAPTER AFFILIATION  
ANY TDW OFFICE YOU MAY HOLD

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**Hotel Accommodations**  
**\*Book NOW So We Don't Lose Our TDW Discount\***

**FAIRFIELD INN AND SUITES BY MARRIOTT  
AT DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER  
1910 West US Highway 380  
Decatur, Texas 76234**

**DOUBLE QUEEN OR KING SINGLE  
\$83 PLUS TAX  
Please use "TDW Retreat" for discount!  
940-627-0645**

**HAMPTON INN AND SUITES DECATUR  
110 US 287, Decatur, Texas 76234**

**DOUBLE QUEEN OR KING SINGLE  
\$85 PLUS TX  
Please use "TDW Retreat" for discount!  
940-627-4900**

**Both Hotels Offer Free Breakfast and free Wi-Fi**

[Visit TDWRNT Retreat Website](#)

## What's New

### **TDW June Executive Board Meeting**

The Texas Democratic Executive Board will hold it's 2nd quarterly board meeting on June 27, 2021 via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link will be emailed to the membership in mid-June so be on the lookout for that.

### **Committee News**

TDW would like to invite our chapter members to join the Communications Committee. The Committee will hold it's in mid-June so we would like to see participation from as many chapters.

There is a lot of work to do. We would like to add more to items of interest to our newsletter, increase our social media outreach and maybe add a platform or two. Additionally, we would like to add some things to

## **TDW 2020 - 2021 Officers**

President: Mary Elizabeth Terry  
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Kassandra Elejarza  
VP: Heidi Gordon  
Secretary: Vicki Moore  
Treasurer: Joyce Franklin  
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Deirdre Barrett-England  
Andrea Marwah  
Amanda Elise Salas  
Immediate Past President:  
Sue Barrick

## **Advisory Board of Past TDW Presidents**

Jeanie Stanley, Ph.D.  
Jo Ann Jenkins  
Karen Matkin  
Cristy Keul

our Website to help increase membership at the chapter-level.

Whatever your digital interest, we could use your help! Please fill out this [Sign Up Form](#) if you're interested in improving and increasing our digital outreach. For more information, please reach out to Heidi Gordon at [heidigordon2018@gmail.com](mailto:heidigordon2018@gmail.com)

[Committee Sign Up](#)

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Laura Allen  
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## Retreat Swag

### Retreat T-Shirts on Sale Now Order Now to Pick Up at Retreat

Order Early Before June 1st: Donation \$20  
After June 1st: Suggested Donation \$25

- Add \$5 Shipping Costs to Mail to You
- Sizes: S/M/L/XL/2X/3X - Supplies Limited
- Click on Image to Access [Order Form](#) and make your payment via PayPal.



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## Texas Legislative News

### After All-Night Session, Texas House Approves GOP-Backed Voting Restrictions Bill

Texas legislators approved new, more restrictive state election rules after a session that lasted from Thursday night into the early hours of Friday. The **GOP-backed state Senate bill** passed the House at 3 a.m. (4 a.m. ET) after hours of debate over amendments proposed by Democrats.

### Bill that would ban abortion at six weeks heads to governor's desk to become Texas law

Legislation that would ban abortions after as early as six weeks — before many women know they are pregnant — and let virtually any private citizen sue abortion providers and others was given final approval by lawmakers Thursday and is headed to Gov. Greg Abbott, who has signaled he will sign it into law.

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