



October 16, 2020 Newsletter



President's Message

The 2020 General Election is here! Many of us have already voted or delivered our mail ballots. So despite the Governor's opposition to ballot drop off boxes, we are on our way. Please be sure to take protective measures as you go to the polls, work the election, and help get out the vote.

On that front, TDW has exciting news. We have initiated a GOTV for Justice texting program in partnership with BlueUP Texas and the Non-Urban Rural Caucus. .

Plans are going forward to host TDW's 2021 Convention and Annual Meeting online next February. Member opinion did not clearly favor an online vs. postponed convention and NFDW affiliates in other states are already going the online route, so the state board has authorized this emergency move.

With a final measure of hard work and unity we can look forward to celebrating the election of Joe Biden, and of Kamala Harris - our nation's first woman, first Black, first Indian-American Vice President, along with all of the wonderful Democratic candidates on our Texas ticket. Speak well of all fellow Democrats and together we can win.

In it to win it!

Sue Barrick

"Any great change must expect opposition, because it shakes the very foundation of privilege."

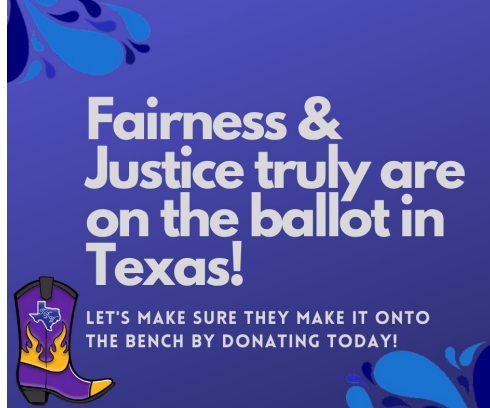
- Susan B. Anthony

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know who they are or how important it is to elect them. Without straight ticket voting, many voters will stop at the top of the ballot unless they know who to look for further down the ballot.

TDW has partnered with BlueUp Texas and TDP's Non-Urban Rural Caucus to overcome these obstacles. We are reminding women in the TDP top tier of GOTV targets that straight ticket voting is gone, telling them how to vote for all of the Democrats on the ballot, and inviting them to view and share a video that features our statewide judicial candidates.

BlueUp volunteers have created scripts and are offering training on the Bluelink texting app. TDW is providing the voter list and fundraising page on ActBlue for supporters to contribute. And we are all asking you to volunteer to send texts. Please [email TDW President Sue Barrick](#) to find out more about volunteering and sign up for Bluelink training. You also help out by donating on [ActBlue here](#). This is a pay-as-we-go project, so the more people give, the more voters we will be able to reach. And please share this information with others you know who want to see fairness and justice restored on the Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals.

2021 TDW Annual Meeting and Convention

TDW's 2021 convention, and favorite Austin venue - the Wyndham Garden Hotel and Woodward Conference Center - have both fallen victim to the novel coronavirus pandemic. Sadly, the Wyndham is closing its doors, citing inadequate PPP funds to maintain staffing during this period of reduced travel and restrictions on large meetings. This news made the TDW Board decision on October 11 to move to an online annual meeting and convention especially timely.

The opinion poll of current members last month showed widespread recognition that meeting in person would be impossible. Most who responded favored postponing the convention on the first question, however over half of them threw that result into confusion by joining others who favored going online in a following question. With no date certain for safely meeting again in person, the board voted to move the 2021 annual meeting and convention online and seek ratification of actions at the virtual meeting at the next in-person annual meeting. We are counting on all of our members to bear with us and remain involved through this unusual situation.

The experience will be different, for sure, and creating it will certainly be a challenge. Still, much will stay the same. For instance, now is the time to think about running for a position on the TDW board and find out more about the duties involved. The deadline to notify the Elections Committee of your interest in running is December 20. December 20 will also be the deadline to submit nominations for statewide awards to the Advisory Board. To find out more, please email texasdemwomen@gmail.com.

Watch our [Facebook](#) Nov. 6 to find out the convention theme!

