



## April 2018 NEWSLETTER

### DEMOCRATIC WOMEN MADE TEXAS HISTORY IN 2018 PRIMARIES

#### President's Letter



Happy Spring!! I hope you all enjoy the sunshine and 70° + weather. It seems like this time of the year brings more smiles, laughter, and clearer minds.

The clearer minds are reflected in our political polls that show good progress by Democrats,

especially our women candidates. We, as strong liberal women, are so proud of our Democratic women for taking this huge step in their lives. The respect we have for these ladies is tremendous. However, tremendous respect alone will not get them elected to office. They need us, all of us! All our Democratic candidates need us! They need our phone banking skills, our block walking skills, our fundraising skills, and our volunteer skills. They need our constructive, positive feedback. They need our SUPPORT! Please, let's all resolve to do something in the coming months to support our Democratic candidates.

For those that will be attending the Texas Democratic Party Convention in Fort Worth during the month of June, don't forget the TDW Women's Caucus at 9 a.m. in the main arena. More information to follow.

If you know of any women candidates that would like to attend the caucus and step forward to be recognized, please notify Tammie Hartgroves at [tammie.hartgroves@hotmail.com](mailto:tammie.hartgroves@hotmail.com).

Ladies, let's get out the VOTE and let's turn Texas BLUE!!

Your President,  
Cindy James



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## New Voter Outreach Tools

The Texas Democratic Party conducted planning exercises with candidates and county Democratic Party members at its Blue Wave Summit in Austin March 14-15. Two new voter contact applications were introduced. "Hustle" allows volunteers to text voters while keeping their cell phone numbers private. "VoterCircle" is a friend-to-friend email outreach program that matches one's contacts to the political districts where they live and makes it possible to target persuasion and GOTV messages.

These tools will be especially helpful in our rural areas where the last battles must be won to turn Texas Blue. So please, say "YES" when you are invited to the upcoming statewide weekends of action to try out these revolutionary new apps.

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## Join the next Monthly TDW Board Conference Call

TDW members are always welcome to join the monthly board conference call at 7:30 p.m. on the last Sunday of the month.



The next call is scheduled for April 29. Please [contact President Cindy James](#) to receive conference call details.

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## Websites for TDW Chapters

TDW provides our local chapters the opportunity to have a website and set-up assistance free of charge. Several chapters are already taking advantage of this terrific offer. For more information about getting started on your chapter's free website please contact [VP Sue Barrick](#).

## Looking ahead - Save the Dates

- TDW Retreat, August 4 2018 in Dallas
  - 2019 TDW Convention, February 23 in Austin
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## NEWS FROM LOCAL CHAPTERS

Below are articles from local chapters telling about what's happening in their "neck of the woods."

Please send your items for the newsletter to [VP Sue Barrick](#).

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## Hill Country April Luncheon



At the April luncheon meeting of Hill Country TDW, we were proud to announce campaign contributions to women candidates including Kim Olson for Commissioner of Agriculture, Stephanie Ertel for State Representative District 53, Stephanie Phillips for State Representative District 73 and five female candidates for places on the Fourth Court of Appeals in San Antonio. Our speaker was Pamela Haylock, PhD, RN, an expert in oncology nursing, who opened our eyes to the politics of cancer. The political issues around cancer go far beyond funding cuts in President Trump's proposed budget and threats to Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act from the Republican-controlled Congress.

Dr. Haylock is a champion for cancer survivors. She traced many of the failures of our healthcare system to a culture of self-reliance and opposition to the concept of providing health care to all Americans as a right. She stressed the need for advocacy to support cancer patients facing the legal, economic and discrimination issues associated with cancer treatment and survivorship. Dr. Haylock currently teaches in the Sul Ross State University Nursing Program in Alpine and Uvalde, and serves as President of the local chapter of AAUW.

**PLEASE NOTE - NEW ADDRESS FOR DUES AND CORRESPONDENCE TO  
TDW STATE TREASURER:**

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