



December 2018 NEWSLETTER

Season's Greetings!

President's Message



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
and MAY YOUR
2019 BE FILLED
WITH LOVE AND
HAPPINESS!

As my term as TDW President begins to come to an end, I want to thank all of you for your help and support for a successful year, 2018. We as strong, determined Dem Women, were able to elect a lot of proud Dem Women and men. When we band together, our goals can be met.

2019 Convention is around the corner in February at the Wyndham Hotel in Austin. You may now reserve your room by calling the Hotel direct and register for Convention on our website.

I hope to see you all at Convention and personally thank you for all you do. Again, enjoy this Holiday Season and May we all have a outstanding 2019.

Your President,
Cindy James



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TDW Board Meeting News

The next meeting of the board will be in conjunction with the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 3401 S. IH 35 in Austin at 9 a.m. Interested members are always welcome to attend and observe.



2019 Chapter Officer Info Needed

Some Chapters have already elected incoming officers for 2019 and all of the rest will soon do so. Outgoing Chapter Presidents or Secretaries are requested to [email](#) an updated list of their officers to TDW VP Sue Barrick to facilitate communication in the coming year.

Looking ahead - Coming Events

- 2019 - **Annual Meeting & Convention**, Feb. 22-24, Wyndham Garden Hotel & Conference Center, 3401 S I-H 35, Austin.
- 2019 - **Blue Ribbon Lobby Day**, April 2 at the Capitol in Austin - info below.

Blue Ribbon Lobby Day

Democratic & Progressive Women Make Your Voices Heard!

Hosted by  *Texas Democratic Women*

Texas State Capitol
Austin, Texas
Senate House & Galleries
9:30 am

Early Bird
Registration \$25
Deadline: February 28, 2019
<https://bit.ly/2UwYuHb>

For more information, email info@taylorcollective.com

Can't travel to Austin?
Make a difference from your home, visit your district office.
For more information, look on our site.

Save the Date
Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Bring **PASSION**
Wear **BLUE**

www.Facebook.com/BlueRibbonLobbyDay  [#BlueRibbonLobbyDay](https://www.facebook.com/BlueRibbonLobbyDay)



that represents the wonderful diversity of our statewide organization!

Photos and stories about your Chapter's events for next month's newsletter can be sent at any time to [VP Sue Barrick](#).

Big Country TDW

Big Country TDW members Kim Chavez, Linda Goolsbee, Kristina Davis and Bridgette Stoker (pictured left to right) toured a Rhodes Family Care facility at the Hendrick Home for Children in Abilene along with other members of Taylor County Democrats and Big Country Democratic Women.

The Hendrick Home for Children was founded in 1939 to care for orphans and other children who suffer from poverty, abuse, and neglect, and now includes single parents who need a secure environment for themselves and their children.

Big Country TDW and Taylor County Democrats sponsored an Angel Tree for the 11 parents and 17 children who live there. All the gifts were delivered on December 18. - *Linda Goolsbee*



Hill Country Chapter of Texas Democratic Women to Meet on January 8



Hill Country Chapter of Texas Democratic Women will hold its first meeting of 2019 on Tuesday, January 8 at the Ray and Joan Kroc Center, Holdsworth Drive beginning at 11:00 a.m. A buffet luncheon of Caesar salad, meat loaf, mashed potatoes, cauliflower and buttered bread crumbs, nut bread muffins, and cheese cake is available for \$15.00; to make reservations phone Linda Stegall at 830-257-2795 or send an email to lindastegall@hotmail.com.

The program will feature Bryan Gervais (pictured above) who will address "Political Incivility in the Digital Age." Gervais is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science and Geography and coordinator of the Digital Politics Studio at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He researches and teaches in the areas of political communication and political psychology, with a particular focus on the effects of uncivil political discourse.

He is the co-author (with Irwin Morris) of *Reactionary Republicanism: How the Tea Party in the House Paved the Way for Trump's Victory* (forthcoming, Oxford University Press). His publications have appeared in the journals *Political Communication*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *Social Science Quarterly*; and *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*.

The public is invited to attend. To attend the program only, contact Linda Stegall so that adequate seating can be provided. - *Jeannie Berger*

ANNUAL MEETING & CONVENTION INFORMATION

- ***There is still time! Statewide Awards Nominations - [due Dec. 30](#)***

Each year at Convention, TDW recognizes local chapters and individuals for their outstanding work. This is our opportunity to acknowledge exceptional dedication, commitment, and activism. On February 23, 2019, TDW will present the awards listed below. Any TDW member or Chapter may submit a nomination for any of these awards and is encouraged to do so.

Rules

- Send nomination form ([download here](#)) and supporting materials so they are postmarked no later **DECEMBER 30, 2018** to:

**TDW Awards Committee
c/o Maria Regalado
506 Woodland
Pharr, TX 78577**

or [emailed](#) to her no later than **DECEMBER 30, 2018**.

- Each nomination must be accompanied by a separate and complete awards nomination form and any materials associated with the award.
- All Chapter and member nominees must be current in their dues to TDW.

Nomination guidelines available for download [here](#).

Dr. Mae Jackson Outstanding Woman Elected Official

This award is presented to a Democratic woman elected official whose courage, accomplishments, and leadership have promoted the increased political activity and influence of Democratic women in Texas politics and government. (Nominee need not be a TDW member.)

Oscar Mauzy Humanitarian Award

This award is presented to a Democrat whose career of distinguished public or civic service is in the best tradition of Oscar Mauzy. (Nominee need not be a TDW member.)

Texas Democratic Woman of the Year

This award is presented to a TDW member who has consistently enhanced the image and viability of Texas Democratic Women. (Nominee's dues must be current.)

Chapter Certificates of Achievement

Certificates of Achievement are presented to TDW chapters that have achieved goals consistent with the mission of TDW. Certificates will be given to any chapter that submits an Awards nomination form and has achieved the following goals:

1. Paid TDW chapter dues for 2019.
2. Has ten (10) or more members in good standing.
3. Has submitted minutes from at least two meetings in 2018. (*Submit at least two copies signed by the Chapter secretary or president.*)
4. Has sent out at least two newsletters to chapter members in 2018 (*Submit newsletters either published by the chapter, in conjunction with another Democratic organization, or a President's Letter. If the newsletter is published online, please provide hard copies of the newsletters.*)
5. Has at least one member in attendance at the 2019 TDW state convention. (*Please submit member's name.*)
6. Has submitted at least one nomination for a 2018 TDW statewide award (Dr. Mae Jackson Outstanding Democratic Woman Officeholder, Oscar Mauzy Humanitarian Award, Outstanding Texas Democratic Woman.)

Outstanding Chapter Newsletter

This is awarded to the newsletter that is judged to be both informative and aesthetically pleasing.

Criteria:

1. Newsletter must be published at least two times a year, whether electronically or in print.
2. Minimum of two issues must be submitted.
3. Submitted issues must have been published in 2018.
4. In order to fairly judge the aesthetic qualities of your newsletter, please submit nominations by mail. Mail the awards nomination form, newsletters, and any supporting information to the address above.

Outstanding Chapter Scrapbook

This is awarded to the chapter scrapbook that is judged to display a comprehensive look at that chapter's political activities for 2018 in an aesthetically pleasing way.

Criteria:

1. The members of the submitting chapter must have completed the scrapbook.
2. Scrapbook must reflect photos and other mementos of the members engaging in and promoting political activity.
3. Recognizing that most chapters have a holiday party in December, the deadline for scrapbooks can be extended to January 10, 2019 by notifying Maria Regalado at (956) 239-1111.

• **Star Awards - a Convention Favorite!**

TDW members and TDW Chapters are invited each year to honor TDW members and Chapters with a Star Award, Star Award recipients are celebrated during the Convention at the Star Award Luncheon on Saturday, February 23 at the Austin Wyndham Garden Hotel.

The name, position or title and Chapter of the TDW member, or name of the Chapter (with contact

information for the Chapter president) to be honored, a portrait-style photo of your Star and up to 250 words describing their TDW-related activities and accomplishments during last year for inclusion in the Convention program, along with the \$50 Star Award fee per honoree should be submitted **as soon as possible**. A downloadable form is available [here](#). Please use a separate form for each honoree.

Send photos and text by email to treasurer@tdw.org, subject line TDW STAR AWARD FOR _____ (your Star's name) **as soon as possible, and absolutely no later than JANUARY 31, 2019**. Please forward a copy of your ActBlue receipt(s) if paying by credit card (see below).

Personal or Chapter checks made out to Texas Democratic Women should be sent to:

**TDW Star Awards
c/o Kenna Giffin, TDW Treasurer
PO Box 397
Mission, TX 78573**

Or pay by credit card through ActBlue [here](#). ActBlue is a conduit PAC that exclusively serves Democratic and progressive candidates and organizations. ActBlue retains a small percentage of each contribution it collects on behalf of TDW.

Please note: Additional Stars will not be accepted past the printer's pending deadline for materials to be included in the Convention program. The award fee does not include the \$30 or \$35 cost of the Luncheon meal for Star recipients.

• **Silent Auction Items**

TDW Chapters customarily donate at least one or two items for the Silent Auction that is a highlight of every Convention. Individual members also often bring items to donate. The bigger the auction the more fun it is. Themed baskets, political memorabilia, books, jewelry, handmade items, goodie baskets and other easy to pack items are always popular. Be creative and plan ahead to make your Chapter's items memorable and sought after. Then let's bid them up!

CONVENTION SPONSORSHIPS & PROGRAM ADS

• **Convention Sponsorships**

Help increase the influence and participation of Democratic women in Texas politics and government by becoming a Convention sponsor. If TDW depended entirely upon registration fees and luncheon and dinner tickets to cover Annual Meeting and Convention costs, little would be left to help Democratic women win elective office. Convention sponsorships make the difference! Sponsorships include reserved seats and dinner for up to 10 at the Gala Awards Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 23rd, extra beverage tickets for your guests at the pre-dinner reception, an ad in the Convention program and a Finance Council level membership are included depending on sponsorship level. See the table below for a summary, and download the form [here](#) for all of the details.

Please organize members and guests who will be seated together **before** they register for Convention. Registration fees, meal reservations and sponsorships are political contributions to TDW and not refundable. Early Bird rates for registration and meal reservations and hotel reservations will expire on January 31. Ad copy, a list of dinner guests with any dietary restrictions, and the name and contact information for the Finance Council membership designee are needed as soon as possible before January 31. Ad copy that arrives after the printer's deadline will not appear in the Convention program.

Please email the requested materials to treasurer@tdw.org, subject line TDW SPONSORSHIP. Payment made out to Texas Democratic Women should be sent to:

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Sponsorship Levels	Pre-Dinner Reception, 6 pm Beverage tickets,	Gala Award Dinner, 7 pm Reserved Seats	Program Ad *	Finance Council Membership	Event Recognition
Sabine \$10,000	20	Table for 10	Full page	1	Signage, at dinner
Trinity \$5,000	20	Table for 10	1/2 page	1	Signage, at dinner
Brazos \$2,500	20	Table for 10	1/4 page	1	Signage, at dinner
Guadalupe \$1,500	10	Table for 10	1/8 page	1	Signage, at dinner
Rio Grande \$1,000	10	Table for 10	NA	NA	Signage, in program, at dinner
Red River \$500	5	5 reserved seats	NA	NA	Signage, in program, at dinner
Nueces \$250	2	2 reserved seats	NA	NA	Signage, in program, at dinner

- **Program Ads**

Program ads are also a great way to show your support for TDW and get the attention of some of the most dedicated Democratic women activists in Texas. Ad sizes, dimensions and costs are summarized below and on the form available [here](#). Please email ad copy as a .pdf, .jpeg, or .tiff file to treasurer@tdw.org, subject line: TDW PROGRAM AD.

Payment made out to Texas Democratic Women should be sent to:

TDW Program Ad
c/o Kenna Giffin, TDW Treasurer
PO Box 397
Mission, TX 78573

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Cost	Size	Dimensions
\$500	Full page	7.75 in wide x 10.25 in deep
\$275	Half page	7.75 in wide x 5 in deep
\$150	Quarter page	3.75 in wide x 5 in deep
\$85	Eighth page	3.75 in wide x 2.45 in deep

CONVENTION REGISTRATION & HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

- **Convention Registration Information**

Early Bird registration rates shown below are in effect until January 31. Download, print, fill out and send in the registration form available [here](#) (one registrant per form, please) with payment made out to Texas Democratic Women to:

TDW Convention Registration
c/o Kenna Giffin, TDW Treasurer
PO Box 397
Mission, TX 78573

	Adult (Over 21)	Youth (Under 21)
Full Convention Package (includes Star Luncheon & Dinner)	Early Bird: \$125 (\$150 after 1/31)	Early Bird: \$95 (\$110 after 1/31)
Convention Registration Only (no meals)	Early Bird: \$60 (\$70 after 1/31)	Early Bird: \$45 (\$50 after 1/31)
Star Award Luncheon Saturday, 2/23	Early Bird: \$30 (\$35 after 1/31)	Early Bird: \$30 (\$35 after 1/31)
Reception & Gala Award Dinner* Saturday, 2/23 (see note below)	Early Bird: \$55 (\$65 after 1/31)	Early Bird: \$55 (\$60 after 1/31)
<i>*No refund if you move to a sponsored table.</i>		

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• Hotel Reservation Information

The Wyndham Garden Hotel and Conference Center is located at 3401 South I-H 35 in Austin, Texas 78741. The hotel phone number is: (512) 448-2444.

Convention Group rates are:

- \$105 plus 15% tax per night for a King or a Double room
- \$115 plus 15% tax per night for an Executive King room
- \$125 plus 15% tax per night for an outside Casita Suite in the pool area

The cut off date to reserve rooms at Convention Group rates is January 31, 2019.

For convention participants who wish to extend their stay in Austin (and who register before Jan. 31), group rates will be available on the two days prior to Thursday, Feb. 21 and two days following Saturday Feb 23. Wifi and parking are free. There is a complimentary airport shuttle. Check in time is 3:00 p.m. Check out time is 12:00 noon. Reserve early!

- By phone, call (512) 448-2444. Mention that you are with the Texas Democratic Women's Convention and give the group code **02196702TE** (0 = zero) for the special Convention rate.
- Online, go to <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden>. Enter Austin as your desired destination, enter your desired dates of stay, and enter **02196702TE** in the group code field (0 = zero). Be sure to hit "Book Now" after selecting your room.

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