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2007 TDW Summer Retreat  
On the Coastal Bend Riviera  
"Growing ... Grassroots Style"

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It may have been Friday the 13th, but that didn't stop 31 TDW chapters being represented at the **2007 Summer Retreat!** As members arrived at the Holiday Inn in Corpus Christi they stopped by the Hospitality Suite to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. A TDW version of "Trivial Pursuit" with TDW and general Texas history as topics was the evening entertainment.



*Kudos to the **Nacogdoches** chapter for their knowledge of TDW and Texas history!*

Saturday activities started with a welcome from state President **Marcia Mainord**, Coastal Bend President (and state President-elect) **Gloria Caceres**, and Chairman of TDP the Hon. **Boyd Richie**. The session continued with topics on increasing Democratic presence in Texas by **Betty Richie**, **Judge Susan Criss**, **Judge Linda Yanez**, **Sharon Davis**, and **Harriet Miller** provided in-sight on their experiences as candidates.

Next on the agenda was "Energizing your Chapter" workshops in which several members jumped in to lead.

- ⇒ *Membership Round-up* - **Alieca Hux**
- ⇒ *Fundraising*— **Gloria Caceres**
- ⇒ *"Bright Ideas to Light up the Chapter"* - **Wilma Allen**
- ⇒ *"Chapter Management and the TDW Website"* - **Linda Allen**

With all that great information members then took some time for lunch at the hotel's Kokomo room which overlooks the Corpus Christi bay. After lunch the TDW 2007 Summer Retreat wrapped up with a Q & A session.

## Remembering

Claudia Alta Taylor (Lady Bird) Johnson



(Born near Karnack Texas  
December 22, 1912  
Died West Lake Hills Texas  
July 11, 2007)

Claudia Taylor received her nickname "Lady Bird" as a small child, which later would be

the name we would know her. Lady Bird entered the University of Texas in 1930 and received a bachelor of arts degree in 1933 with a major in history. She earned a journalism degree in 1934. After a whirlwind courtship she married Congressional aide Lyndon Baines Johnson November 1934.

When her husband became President (1963-1969) she continued her activism with environmental causes in conjunction with the duties as First Lady. Throughout her life she was an advocate for the beautification of the nation's cities and highways and conservation of natural resources. Not to be forgotten was her work as an entrepreneur (LBJ Holdings Company) and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal.

She is survived by her 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

*Thank you for your service to the United States and to Texas. You will be missed.*

*"Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them." Lady Bird Johnson*

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[www.tdw.org](http://www.tdw.org)

## President's Message



### Greetings!

The year is nearly over. How time flies when Democrats are busy. Fall is here and we as TDW members have much to look forward to. Candidates will file for elections in December with the election of '08 being closer than you think. So, it's Fall '07 and we need to **"Kick Off"** with new ideas and new commitments and new **GAME PLANS**. We had a great **"huddle"** at our retreat in Corpus Christi and we will continue to work on the **"play book"** at our TDW Campaign School October 27 in Austin. Keep focused on the mission statement for TDW - "to promote the increased political activity and influence of Democratic women in Texas politics and government". We need to join hands with all Democratic entities, (TDW organizations, county chairs, precinct chairs, young Democrats, Democratic Clubs), and work together as a team for the same common goal. We must **"scrimmage"** hard and be ready for the big game in **2008!**

I want to thank all of you that attended the Corpus retreat, over 100 attendees and 31 chapters represented. The Corpus Christi TDW group did an outstanding job hosting the event. I hope to see that much enthusiasm at the Campaign School. The registration form is included in this newsletter.

Remember - Show Your Team Colors - **TRUE BLUE!!!!** Proud to be a Democrat, prouder to be a TDW member!

*Marcia Mainord*

President, Texas Democratic Women



### CHAPTER NEWS

#### GREGG COUNTY— Lois Oller Nasados, Chapter President

Gregg County Chapter sponsored an information booth at the 2007 Women in Longview Day on March 29. WILD is a yearly event which attracts women from all over the East Texas area with speakers on both serious and light subjects. Over 300 attended this year, and 30 of the women who visited with our chapter volunteers staffing the booth requested more information about Texas Democratic Women and the Democratic Party. We'll be back next at WILD next year!

#### COLLIN COUNTY (TDWCC -Plano) — Jeanne S. Rubin .



Debate: Barb Walters, Pres. TDWCC and Kelley Van Auken, Fundraising Chair

#### Texas Democratic Women of Collin County Activities

**Democratic Presidential Debate Watching Party (Educate \* Activate \* Elect)** An excited group of 49 Democrats gathered at the Bavarian Grill on April 26 to watch the first 2008 Democratic Presidential Primary Debate. The event, put on by the TDW of Collin County, Democratic Party of Collin County and Texas Democratic Men's Club, provided Collin County Democrats with the opportunity to watch the debate among like-minded friends as well as others still on the fence. The event planners provided an additional opportunity to learn about the candidates in the form of a Debate Party Quiz packed with lesser known facts about the candidates. Four knowledgeable attendees won prizes when they tied for first place. The successful event was a great early kick off to this Presidential election and inspired everyone to work hard in the next 18 months.



Shut Up & Sing Photo: Barb Walters, President TDWCC and Debbie Gibson, Member

**Movie viewing Party:** A spirited crowd of 119 gathered at the Angelika Film Center last night to celebrate freedom of speech. The event, organized by the TDW Women of Collin County, was a viewing of the award winning documentary *Shut Up & Sing*. The film follows the Dixie Chicks over the three years during which they were under political attack after lead singer Natalie Maines stated on the eve of the Iraq war, "We're ashamed that the President of the United States is from Texas."



# 2007 TDW Campaign School

## "Campaigning...Grassroots Style"

**When:** October 27, 2007  
Registration: Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.



**Where:** Holiday Inn-Austin Town Lake  
20 North IH35 Austin, Texas 78701  
1-512-472-8211

**Registration:** \$60 (includes Campaign School materials and Saturday Luncheon with Honorable Boyd Richie - Democratic State Party Chair)

**\*YOU WILL RECEIVE THE AGENDA AT REGISTRATION , ALSO VIEW ONLINE, [www.tdw.org](http://www.tdw.org)\***

*PLEASE REMIT THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT BY MAIL OR BY FAX TO:*

**MARCIA MAINORD, TDW PRESIDENT**  
**2665 FM 118 GREENVILLE, TX 75401**  
**TEL: (903) 461-1261 FAX: (903) 455-4304**

**\*\*you can call Marcia and make your reservations. You can pay at the school\*\***

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**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate District: \_\_\_\_\_ House District: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2007**

**OCT 26 Board Meeting—7pm**

Holiday Inn-Austin Town  
 Lake - Austin

**OCT 27 Campaign School**

Holiday Inn-Austin Town  
 Lake - Austin

**2008**

**Jan 1** Submit nominations for  
 2008 State TDW officers  
 and Board Members

**Feb 29 2008 TDW State Con-**  
**vention—Austin, TX**

**Mar 1-**  
**2**

*Dates subject to change—check with Chapter  
 Leaders or see the website for updates.*

*Thank you.....*

To the members of the Coastal Bend (Corpus Christi) chapter for their efforts and participation in the 2007 TDW Summer Retreat..



The moral test of government is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life, children; those who are in the twilight of life, the aged; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped.

Hubert Horatio Humphrey Jr. (1911-1978) 38th Vice-President of the U.S.

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**2007 deadlines for submission of articles**  
 => **December 7th**