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2008 State Convention

*"Changing Texas Today...
For a Better Tomorrow!"*

Join us for the **Texas Democratic Women 2008 State Convention** in Austin, February 29th through March 1st. This year's theme is **"Changing Texas Today...For a Better Tomorrow"**, and change is definitely in the air. In Texas, Democrats are poised to increase the gains we experienced in 2006, with lively races from the Texas house to the U.S. Senate. Nationally, voters have had enough with Republican incompetence, cronyism, and a thuggish foreign policy that has tainted our standing as world leaders. The race for President will naturally get most of the attention, but equally important is increasing our numbers in local government, as well as in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate.

In preparation for the '08 elections the weekend will include the yearly business meeting and candidate forums. Along with discussing business there will be time to meet your fellow TDW members with events such as Ester's Follies, STARS Luncheon, and awards dinner.

The registration form for our 2008 TDW convention is enclosed with this newsletter and also available on our website. Please pay special attention to the due dates for registration, award nominations, and making hotel reservations.

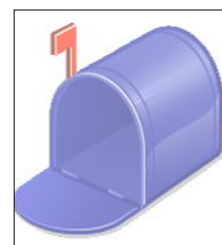
TDW is offering an **"Early Bird Special"** registration where you can save \$20 on the registration, luncheon, and dinner costs. This is a great way to enjoy the entire convention. The hotel rates are really good and **NO PARKING FEES!!!** Please call early and book your rooms (deadline for hotel reservations at the TDW convention rate is Feb 7th).

To start 2008 and the 21st year of TDW each chapter is asked to set a goal of nominating at least 1 member for a STAR Award. Dedicated and hard-working members are the backbone of our grassroots organization. A STAR Award is a great way to recognize and honor their service.

Last year over 120 members came together at the convention in Austin for the 20th Anniversary of TDW. Let's try to increase that number to start the 21st year of TDW. Come to the convention and get fired up for the election season.



This is our year to change Texas, and the world, for a better tomorrow!



NOTICE:

**TDW MAILING
ADDRESS CHANGE**

**Please send all correspondence to
the new address:**

**PO BOX 2211 AUSTIN, TX 78768-
2211**

**Visit the TDW website at
www.tdw.org**

President's Message



Greetings!

Tis the season to be merry. The month of December fills our nation with joy, with holiday activities and family togetherness. Most importantly, Democratic Women's lives are running on the fast track to ring in a Happy New Year! With hard work and the right message, Texas Democratic Women will do their share in electing a majority in the Texas House of Representatives. The election of 2006 picked up 6 additional seats, 4 being women and we are proud to have been a part of their success. We need 6 more seats in 2008 to seal the deal. Let's keep focused on our mission statement: TDW promotes the increased political activity and influence of Democratic Women in Texas politics and government. So, I believe that the election of 2008 will be a source of great accomplishments and great pride for TDW. I am challenging each and every one of us as 2008 approaches and you get ready to budget your time and money, that you remember your AFFILIATION to TDW, your ALLEGIANCE to the Democratic Party and your RESPONSIBILITY to your local candidates In November. As we all know...

"All politics is local."—Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neal Speaker of the House 1977-1987

Proud to be a Democrat, Prouder to be a Democratic Woman

Marcia Mainord

President, Texas Democratic Women



Happy Holidays



From the Webmaster:

The chapter web page is an important tool for directing potential new members to chapters, so chapter officers are urged to keep their web pages up to date with regard to meeting and contact information. The TDW database currently has over 1400 members who haven't paid dues since 2006 or earlier. I will be purging many of these lapsed members on February 1, 2008. Please check your Lapsed Member list and verify that the people listed are no longer members of your chapter. Contact me (Linda Allen) at tdw@tdw.org if you don't know how to check your Lapsed Member list.



CHAPTER NEWS

✦ Texas Democratic Women is happy to announce the creation of another chapter. Please welcome **Coryell County** TDW to our organization. The Board approved their bylaws and our Treasurer, **Wilma Allen** will install their new officers on December 13th.

Welcome Coryell County TDW!

✦ **Alieca Hux-Membership Chair**

BRAZOS VALLEY— . Carol Biggs, Chapter President

At the Oct. 20th, 2007 meeting, here in Brazos Valley we had approximately 30 members attend an 11:30 a.m. lunch meeting at C&J Barbeque in Bryan Texas. **TDW State President, Marcia Mainord**, was the guest speaker who spoke to our chapter about the history, purpose and activities of the statewide TDW organization, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2007. She also formally presented the 2007 state TDW Star Awards to **Maggie Charleton, Executive Director** and **Linda Coats, Recording Secretary** of the Brazos County Democratic Party. Outgoing **TDW President, Teri Metcalf**, presented the slate of nominees for office for 2007-08, who were unanimously approved. **President -Carol Biggs, Vice Pres - Bridget Bassett, Secretary - Carole Johnson, and Treasurer - Linda Coats.**



Texas Democratic Women

2008 State Convention, February 29th - March 1st

"Changing Texas Today...For a Better Tomorrow"

Wyndham Garden Hotel & Woodward Conference Center Austin

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME:	TDW CHAPTER:
ADDRESS:	OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER:
EMAIL:	PHONE (home/work/cell/FAX):

Convention Registration --\$35 (\$45 if postmarked after Feb 20, 2008) -- \$25 (\$35 if postmarked after Feb 20, 2008) for women under 22 years of age <i>Includes convention gift, materials, business meeting, hospitality room, workshops and silent auction</i>	\$ _____
"Ester's Follies", Friday, 8PM -- \$20 x _____ people <i>NOTE: "Ester's Follies" is located at 525 E 6th St in Austin. You will need to arrange transportation .</i>	\$ _____
Star Awards Luncheon, Saturday -- \$25 x _____ people	\$ _____
Gala & Awards Dinner, Saturday -- \$50 x _____ people <i>Includes cocktail reception and silent auction</i>	\$ _____
<i>***EARLY BIRD SPECIAL***</i> Registration + Star Awards Luncheon + Gala & Awards Dinner <i>Package Deal -- \$90 (save \$20 – must be postmarked by Feb 20, 2008)</i>	\$ _____
Individual Sponsorship of the Convention -- \$250, \$500, \$1000, \$ _____ <i>(Please include sponsorship form with this choice)</i>	\$ _____
Grand Total	\$ _____

Gloria, sign me up!

I want to make a donation to the silent auction!

>>**By February 20, 2008**, mail this completed form AND your check (payable to "Texas Democratic Women") OR your credit card information to: TDW Convention 2008, c/o Linda Allen, 5910 Windy Cove, San Antonio, TX 78239-2646.

<input type="checkbox"/> Visa or <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	Account# _____
Expiration Date ___/___	Signature & Date _____

>>**By February 7, 2008**, make reservations at the Wyndham Garden Hotel & Woodward Conference Center, 3401 South IH 35, Austin, 1-866-907-0607. Tell them you are with the Texas Democratic Women Convention. Special convention rates are \$89 (single/double) and \$139 (suites) per night.

Money earned by TDW may be used for political purposes.

Gloria Caceres, Convention Chair, (361)808-9228, FAX (361)992-1880, GloriaCaceres@tdw.org



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TDW MEMBERS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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| Jan 1 | 2008 TDW membership renewals. |
| Jan 12 | SDEC Meeting—Omni Hotel—Downtown Austin |
| Jan 12 | TDW Board Meeting—Omni Hotel—Downtown Austin |
| Jan 14 | Vendor Registration due for State Convention. |
| Jan 19 | Nomination forms for Convention awards due. <i>(Must be Received)</i> |
| Feb 7 | Wyndham Gardens Hotel Reservations due for convention. |
| Feb 20 | Early Registration for State Convention due. |
| Feb 29 | 2008 TDW State Convention —Austin, TX |
| Mar 1 | |

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

Thank you.....

To TDW members for their efforts and participation in the 2007 Campaign School.



“Every single inch of ground that woman stands upon today has been gained by the hard work of some little handful of women of the past”.

Susan B. Anthony. (1820-1906) Women's civil rights leader—Instrumental in passage of the 19th Amendment guaranteeing a woman's right to vote.

Change of Contact Information

Send any changes of your contact information to our treasurer and our webmaster:
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 and
 Linda Allen
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newsletter@tdw.org

2008 deadlines for submission of articles

- ⇒ *Spring : March 4*
- ⇒ *Summer: May 18*
- ⇒ *Fall : September 7th*
- ⇒ *Winter : December 7th*