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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION August 25-28



Change You Can Believe In

Between August 25-28 71% of Americans who tuned in to some portion of the Democratic Convention watched history being made as **Barack Obama** and **Joe Biden** accepted the party's nomination to the offices of President and Vice-President. Viewers whether from small rural areas, suburba, or major urban centers could see a strong, respectful, dignified, and substantive organization. Texas was represented with 260 of the 4,440 Delegates at the convention.

Each night focused on a theme important to all Americans. To see the convention activities including speeches go the website www.demconvention.com. To re-cap some of the themes...

Monday: One Nation. Opening night participants included **Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi**, **Senator Ted Kennedy**, and **Michelle Obama**.

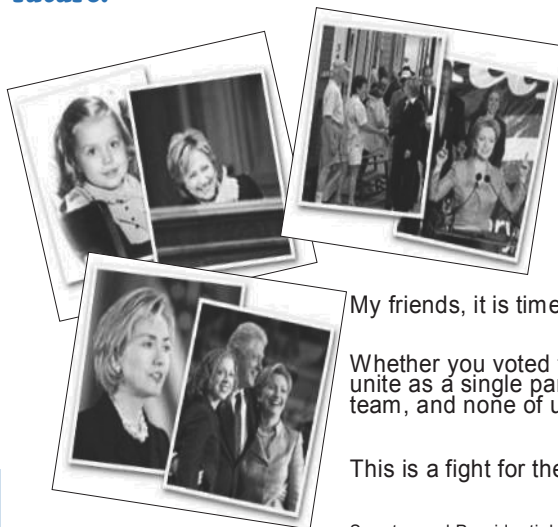
Tuesday: Renewing America's Promise. **Senator Hillary Clinton**

wednesday: Securing America's Future. The afternoon session began with call to order by **Texas State Senator Leticia Van de Putte** then during the of the Roll Call of States, **Senator Hillary Clinton** (D-NY) called for a motion to nominate **Barack Obama** by acclamation. The Democratic National Convention approved it enthusiastically. At the evening session include **Former President Bill Clinton** and Texas was represented by **Congressman Chet Edwards**. Rounding out the evening was **Vice-Presidential nominee Joe Biden**.

Thursday: Change You Can Believe In. In front of a crowd of 85,000 at INVESCO Field at Mile High in Denver and 38 million Americans watching at home, **Barack Obama** accepted the Democratic Party's nomination.

THANK YOU HILLARY !

For all your efforts past, present, and future.



My friends, it is time to take back the country we love.

Whether you voted for me, or voted for Barack, the time is now to unite as a single party with a single purpose. We are on the same team, and none of us can sit on the sidelines.

This is a fight for the future. And it's a fight we must win.

Senator and Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton -Excerpt from 2008 Democratic Convention speech.

Photos from hillaryclinton.com



President's Message

Dear TDW Members,

I want to take this opportunity to extend my most sincere congratulations on your hard work these past few months. Your commitment to TDW is commendable and I can't thank you enough.

All of you have played a strong role in securing victory too many of our Democrats in office and to those soon to take office. While we have accomplished a great deal I must ask and encourage you to continue your hard work and be that strong voice as we continue our fight for Democratic values.

The Democratic Party is America's best hope, we have a great opportunity to make history in November and I know that Texas Democratic Women will help make that happen. We want to keep the principles of strength, inclusion and opportunity and I know the Democratic Party is ready for the challenge.

But while the Presidential election is at the forefront, we must not forget that there will be many local, state and congressional democratic candidates that will also need our help. We need to keep the House in control as well as the courthouse.

As you talk to your family and friends remind them that "The common thread of Democratic history has been an abiding faith in the judgment of hardworking American families, and a commitment to helping the excluded, the disenfranchised and the poor strengthen our nation by earning themselves a piece of the American Dream", the late Ron Brown—former Chairman of the Democratic Party.

Yours in Democratic Victory,

Gloria Caceres

President, Texas Democratic Women



2008 SUMMER RETREAT TEXAS DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

"Changing Texas Today... For a Better Tomorrow"
By Tammie Hartgroves

Hello, all you hard-working Democratic women and men. On behalf of the Central Texas Chapter, I wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you that gave up your weekend to come and learn some pointers on chapter building and GOTV. The official attendance count (after all the sign-in sheets were found) was **132** on Friday night and **76** on Saturday. That was phenomenal!

The next time you see **Carolyn Harvey** ask her about, "The Sisterhood of the Missing Wardrobe."

I was delighted to see that some of you stayed over and visited some of the attractions of our city. In a few years, downtown Waco will have a totally different look if all the renovations and building projects are approved and seen through to completion.

To the chapters and individuals that brought items for the silent auction, I would also like to express my appreciation.

Lastly, this retreat was a team effort and I would like to thank my retreat committee - **Kathryn Elhardt, Donna Ewert, Fran Freeman, Willie P. Fulton, Damas Garcia, Tammie Hartgroves, Carolyn Harvey, Karen Riel, and Nolene Sykora.**

Let's not forget it takes Democratic leadership at ALL and within each level of Government to obtain the "CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN!"
 No one level of Government or individual can do it alone.

FEDERAL President, VP, Congress	STATE Governor, Lt. Governor, State Legislators, Commissioners, Judges	COUNTY Commissioners, Judges	LOCAL Mayor, City Council, School Board
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Step 1: REGISTER
 VOTERS

Step 2: RECRUIT & SUP-
 PORT CANDIDATES

Step 3: GET OUT
 THE VOTE!



Less than 50 days until we will "Change Texas & America Today.....For a better Tomorrow".



CHAPTER NEWS

Texas Democratic Women is happy to announce the creation of a new chapter.

WELCOME

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC WOMEN of PALO PINTO COUNTY!

CENTRAL TEXAS—Tammie Hartgroves, Chapter President

The Central Texas TDW chapter is going to be very busy now through election day from getting mail out for the candidates, phone banking and GOTV activities. In an effort to increase the visibility of TDW and the Democratic Party we are planning to participate in the WestFest Parade on September 1, 2008, participate in the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo Parade, volunteer to work in the Democratic booth at the Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo and hold 3 voter registration drives in different areas of the city but areas that we feel would support the Democratic platform over the Republican platform. We also will be attending convention watching parties at the Democratic headquarters and in various homes. Whew, all that between now and November 4, 2008! Then that night, we will kick off our shoes and have one "heck u'va" victory party.

I'm proud to be a Democrat, always have been and always will be, but now is the time we need to unite as one party to perform the work it takes to accomplish the goal.



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TDW MEMBERS	
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!	
2008	
Oct 6	Last day to register to vote for the General Election.
20	First Day of Early Voting
28	Last Day for County Clerk to RECEIVE application for ballot by mail for General Election
31	Last Day of Early voting for the General Election
Nov 4	GENERAL ELECTION!
Dec 15	Presidential Electors convene at the State Capitol.
2009	
Feb 27	TDW State Convention—
- 28	- Austin
<i>Dates subject to change—check with Chapter Leaders or see the website for updates.</i>	

Thank you.....

To the members of Central Texas for their effort in hosting the 2008 TDW Summer Retreat.



"John McCain has voted with George Bush 90 percent of the time. Senator McCain likes to talk about judgment, but really, what does it say about your judgment when you think George Bush has been right more than 90 percent of the time? I don't know about you, but I'm not ready to take a 10 percent chance on change."

Senator Barack Obama— 2008 Democratic Presidential Candidate

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