

Sun City Democrats Newsletter

June 2008



General Meeting

First Saturday of the month (usually, but be sure to check for change of time and/or place). Come at **9:30 a.m.** for coffee and conversation. The program starts at **10:00 a.m.** *The meetings are free and open to the public. For additional information on the Sun City Democrats, please contact President Mary K. Pierson at 864-9909 or Communications Chair Carol Flynn at 864-3544.*

Saturday, June 7

Place: Atrium

Program: Ann Snell will speak on "The Corporation: Is It Really a Person?" A teacher, then a lawyer, Ms. Snell became an assistant attorney general for the State of Texas, handling litigation in which statutory and both federal and state constitutional questions arose. Later she joined a law firm and became a partner actively practicing law for 23 years.

A Georgetown native, she and her husband Farley (a Councilman in Georgetown) have been regular presenters at Senior University.

After the 2000 presidential election, she said, "I was so upset that I decided to teach a course on our federalism and the 2000 presidential election as a form of therapy. That got me hooked on Senior University and introduced me to some wonderful folks at Sun City."

Saturday, July 5

Place: Ballroom

Program: Brian Ruiz, candidate opposing John Carter, District 31, will be our speaker. Brian, a native Austinite, has been involved in Democratic politics from his earliest years, first through his parents' involvement, then through his own. He and his wife, Rebecca, have two children, and it was being a parent that made him aware of the effects of legislation and policies on families, especially in the areas of health, education and war. He says, "...one person may not be able to change the world

but one person can begin to bring people together and when people come together anything is possible." Learn more about Brian at www.ruizforcongress.com

Saturday, August 2

Place: Ballroom

Program: Mark Thompson, candidate for Texas Railroad Commissioner, will speak. Mark is a Disabilities Right Advocate and Therapist for Blind children and adults for the last 15 years and has also served as a Police Officer in the Austin area for 8 years. For more information about Mark, see www.markfortexas.com

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Place: The Oaks

Event: Election



Night Party. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Watch this space for more information.

Saturday, December 6

Place: Ballroom

Event: Holiday Party and regular meeting. More information later.

OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS:

Texas Democratic Party

Boyd Richie, Chairman. www.txdemocrats.org
707 Rio Grande Street, Austin, TX 78701
Telephone: (512) 478-9800
Fax: (512) 480-2500

Williamson County Democratic Party

Richard Torres, Chairman. County web site link: www.williamsoncountymocrats.org. For more information, call 512-671-8683.

Williamson County Government www.wilco.org.

Road Bond information, including maps, vital records information, elections, Commissioner Court Minutes, and quick links to all cities and all school districts in the county.

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Keep an eye  **on Williamson County at**
www.eyeonwilliamson.org.

\$\$ BE A PAID-UP MEMBER!! \$\$

Dues are \$20 per member. You may pay at the sign-in table at the meetings or mail a check made out to Sun City Democrats Club to:

Maria Wagner
135 Lantana Drive
Georgetown TX 78633

It shall be the policy of the Sun City Democrats Club that its membership roster and database shall be considered an asset which is to be used only by the club for the purpose of promoting the activities of the club. The information in these documents should not be sold or divulged to others. The custodian of the database shall be the membership chair and those persons whom he/she designates to help with the communication needs of the club.

Support the Sun City Democrats PAC!

The Sun City Democrats Club has a Political Action Committee or PAC named **IMPACT** (Informed Members Political Action Committee of Texas).

IMPACT provides the Club with important opportunities that the Club itself does not have. IMPACT can solicit and accept donations from members or other interested people, sponsor fundraisers and in other innovative ways raise money to contribute to Democratic candidates, and advertise in support of the Democratic Party.

Clinton McCutcheon, Treasurer of the PAC, keeps accurate records and reports monetary activity of the PAC to the Texas Ethics Commission and the Federal Election Commission, as well as to the Executive Committee of the Club.

Anyone wishing to donate can make their check payable to IMPACT and mail it to Clinton McCutcheon at 110 Warbler Way, Georgetown, Texas 78633.



Another way to help our PAC

Buy a logo T-shirt or polo shirt and show your pride in our club and our party!! See John Miller at the meeting or contact him at 863-0833. T-shirts \$12.50; Polo shirts \$18.00. All sizes available now. Profits benefit **IMPACT**.



Buy Business Cards

Advertise yourself and your Democratic affiliation! Order 50 business cards for \$25.00 for benefit of our PAC. Use standard **Democrats Club** format, for example:



or customize and personalize to your specifications. See Clint McCutcheon or Betty Dougherty to order cards.

Volunteer!! Help Make a Difference!!

To volunteer for a committee, please contact the chair of that committee, or email President Mary Kay Pierson at mkatpie@aol.com, and she will pass the message on to the chair.

YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. Rep. John Carter (R-District 31)
Washington: 202-225-3864
Round Rock office: 512-246-1600

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)
Washington: 202-224-5922
Dallas office: 214-361-3500

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R)
Washington: 202-224-2934
Dallas office: 972-239-1310

TX Governor Rick Perry (R)
512-463-2000

TX State Rep. Dan Gattis (R-20th Dist.)
512-463-0309
dan.gattis@house.state.tx.us

TX State Sen. Steve Ogden (R-5th Dist.)
512-463-0105

Williamson Co. Commissioners Court Precinct 3
Valerie Covey 512-943-3370
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City of Georgetown Mayor Gary Nelon (nonpartisan) 930-3651

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PRECINCT 381 NEWS

~Kay Walker

A thousand campaign fund letters were addressed and stuffed Saturday, May 24th, at the home of Betty and Craig Whitney. Volunteer workers included Pat Fail, Maxine Giles, Rosemary Byers, Lynn Mann, Mildred Royer, Charlyn Carder, and Kay Walker. The funds from this letter-writing project will go to IMPACT and from there to the local, county and state candidates for office.

Your delegates and alternate delegates have attended numerous meetings over the month of May to receive instructions about what to do at the State Convention. These same people receive loads of e-mails every day with further information. Caucuses of each of the presidential candidates have made their plans, and also Williamson County and Senate District 5 had meetings to do the same. The Senate District 5 meeting was held in Rockdale, and was attended by Frances and Kendall Young, Kathleen Murray, John Miller, Joan Baker, and Kay Walker. Delegates and alternates

are finding out that this State Convention requires a major commitment of time and money.

While you are meeting here in Sun City on June 7th, your delegates will be representing you in Austin. Next month I will report on what we learned and did.

PRECINCT 396 NEWS

~Billie Reaney

The fundraising committee for IMPACT is beginning a campaign to raise money for the General Election campaign in the fall. Part of the success of our campaign to raise money for our candidates is to have the right information in the right place at the right time. We need you to volunteer to help. If you are able to use a spread sheet, then please volunteer to work on your home computers doing what is called "copy and paste." We have 1,600 Democrats in Sun City and we need to have their phone numbers copied from the web site and pasted into a spread sheet. The spread sheet will have the names and addresses of the 1,600, but not the phone numbers. If you have the skill set for this task, please consider donating some of your time to help make this fund raiser a great success. We need as many volunteers as possible. Let Billie Reaney, Craig Whitney, or Kay Walker know that you can help. Their phone numbers and email addresses are in the "Precinct Chairs" list above. And thank you for contributing to the success of a campaign that will put us on the track to winning in November!

PRECINCT 399 NEWS

~Craig Whitney

Precinct #399 has been busy getting ready to do a mailing for IMPACT--Our fund raising arm that supports Democratic candidates. I want to take this opportunity to thank Kay Walker for all the volunteer help she provided from her precinct and her personal help in addressing, stuffing, and stamping. Also the other folks that made my job so easy---Clint McCutcheon and Don Lelong, whose leg work and efforts made the job possible. As you all know, this is the year we actually have a chance to elect Democrats in Texas as well as nationally. If we somehow missed you in our mailing and you feel like you can help us elect Democrats, PLEASE mail or drop off your contribution to

IMPACT

Clinton McCutcheon., Treasurer

110 Warbler Way

Georgetown, TX 78633

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Sun City Candidates 2008 (These are some of the candidates for whom we will have the opportunity to vote.)

Presidential Candidates

- **Hillary Clinton**
- **Barack Obama**

National Candidates

- **Rick Noriega** for U.S. Senate
www.ricknoriega.com
713 921 7425
- **Brian Ruiz** for Congress District 31
1901 East Palm Valley Blvd., Ste. 215,
Round Rock, TX 78664
(512) 686-4257
<http://ruizforcongress.com>

Texas State Candidates

- **Jim Jordan** for Chief Justice, Texas Supreme Court
2911 Turtle Creek Blvd.Ste.1400, Dallas, 75219
Phone: 214-520-8292
Fax: 214-432-8273
Email: info@judgejimjordan.com
Web Site Address:
www.judgejimjordan.com
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P.O. Box 56386, Houston, TX 77256-6386
Phone: 713-520-1464
Fax: 713-520-1467
Email: sam@samhoustonforjustice.com
- **Linda Yañez** for Justice, Texas Supreme Court, Place 8
1111 Nolana Loop, McAllen, TX 78504
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www.lindayanez.com
- **Woodie Jones** for Chief Justice, Texas Court of Appeals
www.woodiejones.com
Phone: (512) 482-9302 –
Fax: (512) 482-9303
Email: woodie@woodiejones.com
- **Mark Thompson** for Texas Railroad Commissioner
P.O. Box 283 Hamilton, TX 76531
www.markfortexas.com
Email: markthompsonaustin@yahoo.com

Williamson County Candidates

- **Jaime Lynn** for County Attorney
<http://vote4lynn.com/>
P.O. Box 1722, Cedar Park, TX 78630
Phone: 512-826-8313
Fax: 512-338-0902
Email: jaime@vote4lynn.com
- **Gregory Windham** for County Commissioner Precinct 3
www.windhamforwilco.com
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Fax: 877-684-6190

May Speaker

Kirk Watson, State Senator for District 14, which includes most of Travis County and the City of Austin, spoke on the "Status of the Coal-Fired Power Plants."



Billie Reaney, John Lichtenthal, Kirk Watson
Picture by George Flynn

A politician looks forward only to the next election.
A statesman looks forward to the next generation.
~Thomas Jefferson

For additions and corrections to information in the newsletter, contact Betty Dougherty at 864-1582 or bettydou@suddenlink.net.