

Sun City Democrats Newsletter

July 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, July 5

Place: Ballroom

Program: Brian Ruiz, candidate opposing John Carter, District 31, will be our speaker. Brian, an Austin native, 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.



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

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

Dues are **\$10** per member until the end of the year. 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.

DEMOCRATS — UNITED IN NOVEMBER!

Support the Sun City Democrats PAC!

Our Political Action Committee is known as **IMPACT**: "Informed Members PAC of Texas." Send donations to **IMPACT** treasurer, Clint McCutcheon, at 110 Warbler Way or see him at the meeting.



Sun City Democrats

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, 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
vcovey@wilco.org

City of Georgetown Mayor Gary Nelon (nonpartisan) 930-3651

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~Kay Walker

At the Fourth of July celebration in San Gabriel Park, the following Sun City Democrats worked at the Democrat booth: Faye Elliott, Phyllis Vogel, Lee Roberts and Kay Walker.

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~Billie Reaney

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~Craig Whitney

I again want to thank everybody involved in helping with the second IMPACT mailing. The coming months are going to be very, very busy. As the election nears, we will need volunteers for many jobs that will show up. If you have the time, and the

energy, we can use all the help we can get. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this historic campaign, please contact me at cbwhitney@verizon.net

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
- **Sam Houston** for Justice, Texas Supreme Court, Place 7
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
Phone: 956-683-9796
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
Phone: 512-507-2900
Fax: 877-684-6190

Landfill Tour

On June 23rd, a busload of Sun City Democrats toured the Texas Disposal Systems Landfill and Exotic Game Ranch. The tour, arranged by Carol Flynn, was conducted by Verna Browning, who spoke to us at the Earth Day meeting.



Bobby Gregory and Verna Browning talk with club members.

At the game ranch pavilion, tour director duties were taken over by Bobby Gregory, President and CEO of Texas Disposal Systems. His commentary, as we toured through the landfill operation and then the exotic animal preserve, was both educational and entertaining. He answered questions about everything from trash collection to wild animal care.



Stretch, the giraffe.

As we ate a box lunch (those lemon bars were delicious!), Bobby's brother, Jimmy Gregory, VP and Landfill Manager, visited the tables and discussed more facets of the business.



Rowdy, the rhino. He sensibly stayed in the shade, unlike the humans trying to entice him closer.

We all left with a much greater appreciation of the seemingly mundane but absolutely vital business of waste management.



The company's web site is www.texasdisposal.com.

On January 17, 1961, Dwight Eisenhower - a Republican president, former lifetime military man and war hero - explicitly cautioned: "In the councils of government, we must guard against the

acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals so that security and liberty may prosper together."

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