

Sun City Democrats Club

www.suncitydems.org

November 2008



SPECIAL NOTE: See our web site – www.suncitydems.org – for all kinds of interesting Democratic doings, including the newsletters.

General Meeting

The General Meeting is the 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, Nov. 1

Place: Atrium, Activities Center

Speaker: Lulu Flores, President of the National Women's Political Caucus www.nwpc.org. Lulu has been an active member of the NWPC for more than 13 years in many capacities and at many levels. She is an attorney and Of Counsel to Hendler Law, P.C. of Austin, Texas. She serves as Legislative Coordinator to the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas during legislative sessions.



Tuesday, Nov. 4 **VOTE!! Then come to the party.**

Place: The Oaks

Come join us for an Election Night Party! We may not stay until we get final results, but there will undoubtedly be a lot of things to celebrate along the way. Impromptu end zone dances are welcome!

We will have dessert, fruit, cheese, and decaf coffee and teas. If you need stronger refreshment, feel free to bring it along.

For further information, call Jodi Salyers (864-2812) or email: jodotcom@aol.com

Saturday, December 6

Place: Ballroom

Event: Annual Holiday Party and regular meeting, including a report on the club's progress during the year 2008.

A variety of refreshments and beverages will be provided at no cost to the members. All you need to do is come ready to meet with your fellow Democrats for a pleasant beginning for the Holiday Season and a brief business meeting.

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.williamsoncountydemocrats.org. For more

information, call 512-671-8683.

Williamson County Government www.wilco.org.

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

Keep an eye on Williamson County at

www.eyeonwilliamson.org.

Rumor checking headquarters

Check it out and get the facts at www.snopes.com,

www.factcheck.org, and www.mediamatters.org.

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

Dues are **\$10** per new member until the end of the year. If you're renewing, it's \$20 per person. 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

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those persons whom he/she designates to help with the communication needs of the club.

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.

Clint's report to the Board of Directors

IMPACT contributed \$6,900 to candidates. This total was made up of contributions to individual candidates as follows:

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| Rick Noriega | \$1,500 |
| Diana Maldonado | 1,500 |
| Jaime Lynn | 1,000 |
| Woodie Jones | 500 |
| Sam Houston | 500 |
| Linda Yanez | 500 |
| Mark Thompson | 500 |
| Ernie Casbeer | 500 |
| Greg Windham | 200 |
| Jim Jordan | 200 |

Two other candidates, Mike Grimes and Brian Ruiz, returned contributions originally made to them because they had pledged not to accept PAC money. These amounts were used as additional contributions to other candidates. IMPACT also placed a full-page ad in the Sun Rays, one smaller ad in the Community IMPACT Newspaper and five smaller ads in the Williamson County Sun.

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

See our web site, www.suncitydems.org, and select the **GOV'T & PARTY** menu item, then click #2 **REPRESENTATIVES**.

SUN CITY DEMOCRATS CLUB OFFICERS

For club officers' names and contact information, go to our web site, www.suncitydems.org, click on **Club Info**, then select #2, **Current Officers**.

PRECINCT 396 NEWS

~Billie Reaney

We are almost at the finish line. And what a race it's been. An extraordinary number of Democrats from Sun City and from the Democrats Club have

come forward to help on campaigns and the election this year. Our members have been working at the polls, not just here in Sun City, but all over the county. Others have been making phone calls, have put signs in their lawns, and volunteered at the Democratic Campaign Center in Round Rock. Our money contributions have been the bedrock of many Democratic successes this year. Keep it up. We will need you even more in the next two years as we consolidate our gains. See you at the party on Nov. 4 (provided the polls close before the party shuts down).

Voter Turnout

Sun City Precincts as of Oct. 27, 2008.

Precinct 381 = 2232 votes out of 3705 registered voters or 60%.
Precinct 396 = 1889 votes out of 3262 registered voters or 58%.
Precinct 399 = 939 votes out of 1749 registered voters or 54%.
Precinct 394 = 26 votes out of 32 registered voters or 81%.

Our turnout is marvelous, the envy of every other precinct. Williamson County turnout was 26% as of Oct. 27, which placed it fourth among the Counties in Texas.

Purging voters from the rolls.

Move away or leave in a pine box, your name will still remain on the voter rolls in Williamson County for another 8 years. The Elections Department does not remove a voter's name from the rolls until the voter has failed to vote in all elections during the previous 8 years.

Texas elections officials cannot, as in Ohio and Florida, make up some rules and purge voters from the rolls just before an election. Here elections are conducted under the guidance of the Federal Department of Justice. Names can be purged only after the General Election in November of presidential years, 2 cycles after the last time the voter came to the polls. Wouldn't it nice if Ohio had the same kind of supervision, especially when it comes to purging their voter rolls?

The buses are coming.

A trial period for one bus on one route will start soon, probably by the end of the year. Sun City could well be the guinea pig for this trial. The purpose of the trial is to see if a transit system would find a goodly number of people willing to ride. If we are selected as the trail route, we will

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keep you advised, so that you can make plans to use the bus and will encourage others as well. The route would probably go downtown and to the shopping malls. We all have neighbors and friends who would and should not drive, but might be very pleased to take the bus. I encourage all of you to help make the trial a success.

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

Presidential Candidate

- **Barack Obama**
www.barackobama.com

National Candidates

- **Rick Noriega** for U.S. Senate
P.O. Box 231163, Houston, TX 77223-1163
www.ricknoriega.com
713-621-7425
- **Brian Ruiz** for Congress, District 31
1901 East Palm Valley Blvd., Ste. 215,
Round Rock, TX 78664
512-686-4257; 512-773-5824
<http://ruizforcongress.com>

Texas State Candidates

- **Jim Jordan** for Chief Justice, Texas Supreme Court
P.O. Box 132737, Dallas, TX 75313
Phone: 214-520-8292
Email: info@judgejimjordan.com
www.judgejimjordan.com
- **Sam Houston** for Justice, Texas Supreme Court, Place 7
P.O. Box 56386, Houston, TX 77256-6386
Phone: 713-520-1464; 512-680-4876
Email: sam@samhoustonforjustice.com
www.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 –
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 M. Lynn** for County Attorney
<http://vote4lynn.com/>
P.O. Box 1722, Cedar Park, TX 78630
Phone: 512-826-8313; 512-413-6953
Email: jaime@vote4lynn.com
- **Gregory Windham** for County Commissioner Precinct 3
www.windhamforwilco.com
Phone: 512-507-2900



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