

# Sun City Democrats Club

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January 2009



## General Meeting

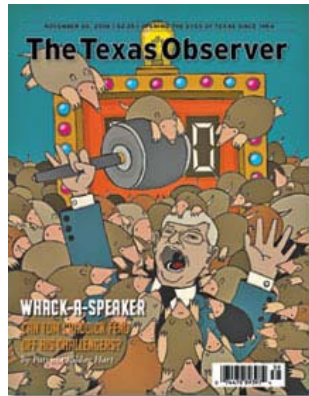
The General Meeting is the first Saturday of the month (usually, but be sure to check for change of time and/or place). Come at **9:30 a.m.** for coffee and conversation. The program starts at **10:00 a.m.** The meetings are free and open to the public. *For additional information on the Sun City Democrats, please contact President Jodi Salyers at 864-2812 or Communications Chair Carol Flynn at 864-3544.*

**Saturday, January 3**

**Place:** Activities Center Atrium



**Program:** Bob Moser, the newly appointed editor of The Texas Observer, will speak to the group. Mr. Moser was the former editor for The Nation Magazine and a John S. Knight journalism fellow at Stanford University. He also wrote the Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Report on American extremists regarding the religious right and the anti-immigrant movement.



**Saturday, February 7**

**Place:** Activities Center Atrium

**Program:** Arvella Oliver, a recent graduate of the Climate Project in Nashville, Tenn., where she studied with former Vice President Al Gore, will speak to the group.

Ms. Oliver is a graduate of Southwestern University where she was a double major in history and literature. She received her master's degree in history from Rice University. She recently taught a class titled "The Science of Climate" for Senior University.

## **OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS:**

### **Texas Democratic Party**

Boyd Richie, Chairman. [www.txdemocrats.org](http://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](http://www.williamsoncountydemocrats.org). For more information, call 512-671-8683.

**January 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - Williamson County Democratic meeting** in Round Rock. Diana Maldonado will speak about her plans and about a survey she sent out to find people's concerns.

Williamson County Democratic Headquarters will remain open and needs volunteer workers. Address: 110 North Interstate 35 (at Hwy 620). 512-388-1993.

### **Williamson County Obama Store**

At the Williamson County Democratic Office, 110 N. I-35, Suite 170, on the corner of Hwy. 620, featuring T-shirts, hats, posters, calendars, etc..



**Office Hours: Mon-Wed-Fri: 11 p.m.-7 p.m.**  
**Tues-Thurs: 1 p.m.-6 p.m.**  
**Saturday 10am-2pm Phone: 512-388-1993**

### **Williamson County Government [www.wilco.org](http://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.

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Keep an eye on Williamson County at [www.eyeonwilliamson.org](http://www.eyeonwilliamson.org).

### Rumor checking headquarters

Check it out and get the facts at [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com), [www.factcheck.org](http://www.factcheck.org), and [www.mediamatters.org](http://www.mediamatters.org).

**Texas Freedom Network:** Be sure to see Kay Walker's Precinct 381 news below.

### \$\$ NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!! I RESOLVE TO PAY MY DUES!! \$\$

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:

Margaret Donaldson  
107 Rosecliff 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.*



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### 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.

### Volunteer!! Help Make a Difference!!

To volunteer for a committee, please contact the chair of that committee, or email President Jodi Salyers at [jodotcom@aol.com](mailto:jodotcom@aol.com), and she will pass the message on to the chair.

### SUN CITY DEMOCRATS CLUB OFFICERS

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### YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

See our web site, [www.suncitydems.org](http://www.suncitydems.org), and select the **GOV'T & PARTY** menu item, then click #2 **REPRESENTATIVES**.

### PRECINCT 381 NEWS

~Kay Walker

### Texas School Board Watch

The Texas State Board of Education consists of 15 members--5 Democrats and 10 Republicans. This year, 2009, is crucial because the board is to consider science textbooks for the state.

There is a block of 7 extremely conservative members that wishes to add creationism to the science curriculum and textbooks. Our school board representative, Cynthia Dunbar, is one of this block. The chairman of the board is Don McLeroy, who is also part of the block. He was appointed chairperson by Governor Rick Perry. The other five conservative block members are Barbara Cargill, Gail Lowe, Terri Leo, Ken Mercer and David Bradley. The three remaining (swing?) Republicans are Patricia Hardy, Geraldine Miller, and Bob Craig. The five Democrats are Rene Nuñez of El Paso, Mary Helen Berlenga of Corpus Christi, Rick Agosto of San Antonio, Lawrence Allen of Houston, and Mavis Knight of Dallas.

Our Board of Education district is #10 and consists of 16 counties in the middle of Texas that string from the Gulf of Mexico to the Red River. They include Austin, Bastrop, Brazoria, Burleson, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Ft. Bend, Gonzales, Lavaca, Lee, Milam, Travis, Waller, Washington and Williamson. Cynthia Dunbar, of Richmond, was elected in 2006. She is up for reelection in 2010. The Austin Statesman, Houston Chronicle and Ft. Worth Star-Telegram have written scathing

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editorials about her and strongly recommend her defeat.

Some people have belatedly asked, "How did we get in this situation?" Well, it began in the early 1990's and coincided with the rise of the radical religious right throughout the country. It was funded (in Texas) in great part by Dr. James Leininger of voucher fame; Bob Perry of Perry Homes and Swiftboat infamy; Bo Pilgrim of Pilgrim Chicken Co.; and Don O'Neal, a beer and wine distributor. Other contributors and supporting organizations are listed at [texasfreedomnetwork.org](http://texasfreedomnetwork.org). Perhaps we should boycott Perry homes and Pilgrim chicken. In 2006, when Cynthia Dunbar won her election, the Democratic Party did not put forth a candidate. Her only opponent was Libertarian Martin Thomen, who took 30% of the vote.

Keep up to date on this and other developing issues at **Texas Freedom Network**, [www.tfn.org](http://www.tfn.org), [www.williamsoncountymocrats.org](http://www.williamsoncountymocrats.org), and [www.eyeonwilliamson.org](http://www.eyeonwilliamson.org). I also check out [www.scotthochberg.com](http://www.scotthochberg.com). He is my favorite to displace Tom Craddick and has a great newsletter/site.

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~Billie Reaney

It's over, 2008, and Oh, what a year it was! And aren't we glad it's gone? On Jan. 20th a new era begins and we join the vast majority of Americans in anticipation and hope. Many of us will be in front of our TV sets on that day to hear what President Obama expects from us as he begins the hard work of restoring America to a place of leadership with honor in a world that is struggling with a myriad of woes. "Yes, we can" is a pledge of help from all of us.

So let me tell you about a project that we call Democratic Women's Exploration Project. The purpose of this project is to create opportunities for Democratic women to gather, network, explore common values and identify ways to get involved in Democratic activities. The group will be informal, evolving and will build on the growth and success of the local Democratic party. It is open to all Democratic women who want to add their talents and energy to help wherever possible. Call Billie Reaney at 868-0098 or Kay Walker at 864-2874. Or you will find our email addresses elsewhere in this newspaper. We are eager to hear from you.

## Georgetown's Bus Service



The CARTS bus has started a trial run roundtrip from Sun City to downtown, with stops at HEB on Williams Drive, the downtown Visitor Information Center, St. David's Georgetown Hospital, then returning via the Wolf Ranch fountain plaza, Wolf Ranch Target, Rivery Wal-Mart, City Lights Theatre, to HEB again, and back to the Sun City Social Center.

As Billie Reaney says, "It is important for the future health of our town and the people who really need a transit system that we help to make this bus trial of the transit system a success." So ride the bus. It's fun, and it's convenient much of the time, when you can fit it into your routine. You can get a bus schedule, showing the route schedule, route map, and fare information, from the Sun City Community Association office, the Georgetown Visitors Information Center, City Hall, and the Georgetown Municipal Complex. You can also access the information at <http://sctxca.org/suncity/>. Click on the heading "Pilot Program for Public Transit in Georgetown."

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



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