



# Texas Democratic Women of Hood County

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## President's Corner



Spring greetings from Sherry,

It's almost April and TDW is super busy keeping up with all that's happening here and around our state. As you know, it's a legislative year and the Republicans are participating in, as one of our wonderful members likes to say, "140 days of CRAZY!" (Thanks Mirian). I think we would all agree to that! The bills proposed are so unbelievably crazy that most of them just leave us shaking our heads. That's why we need to make our voices heard!

Here in Hood County we're celebrating lots of positive activities. We're busy with our second annual Juneteenth essay writing contest for middle and high school students. We are also collecting amazing applications from qualified young women interested in our scholarships! They have written beautiful essays about their qualifications and their democratic values. This is what we need to focus on. We are making a difference, and we're going in the right direction.

My husband loves to say this concerning how we live our lives, "Life's a journey. It's never about, are you there yet? Rather it's simply, are you going in the right direction?" I think that applies to Democrats in Hood County, Texas, and the country.

We'll keep going in the right direction. You are ALL necessary in this journey.

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Standing Room only!

## March meeting

Wow! Our TDW meeting on March 16 was almost 'standing room only'. We had Mendi Tackett as our wonderful speaker, and informative committee reports.



Mendi Tackett got us up to speed regarding book banning, and reminded us that there are two school board positions up for vote in November.



## Cares & Concerns

We extend get well wishes to

**Chip Mull**, Berni's husband who is in the hospital

**Ralph Gomez** who had recent surgery



Jeri Chappelle was presented with a Star Award by our VP, Hannah Bohm



## Collecting for Homebound Seniors

Please remember that we are collecting donations at our monthly meetings. Anything you can bring will be greatly appreciated!

- Microwavable Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Snack size peanut butter
- Coffee pods
- Ensure or protein drinks
- Juice Boxes or small drinks (Gatorade, etc.)
- Clorox or other brand wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Pods
- Dog Food and Treats
- Cat food and Litter



Mary Ho, current state TDW President, made a surprise visit! She reminded us about the importance of Blue Ribbon Lobby Day in Austin on April 18th.

We'll be much more impactful in person!



Our President, Sherry Johnson, presented longtime member, Mary Biggerstaff, with a Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of service & involvement. We wish Mary a safe move to Georgetown!

### April Guest Speaker Iris Garcia



Iris Garcia is the Executive Director of the Tarrant County Democratic Party. Prior to this, Iris was the North Texas Community Organizer for Planned Parenthood Texas Votes. With a Masters degree in Sociology specializing in Gender Studies, Iris is glad to share their wisdom on LGBTQ issues in this Texas legislative session.

## BLUE RIBBON LOBBY DAY IN AUSTIN APRIL 18

Mirian Morrison has agreed to lead a caravan of cars to Austin. She will drive, and encourages all members who want to attend to let us know. **The caravan will leave Mirian's house in Tolar no later than 5:30 AM** and drive to Austin to attend the day-long event. We should be back home before dark.

If you are interested in participating please text for address:

**Mirian** 915-309-4610 or **Sherry** 254-716-5195



### DEMOCRATIC SPRING PICNIC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER SATURDAY MAY 6, 11-3 HEWLETT PARK

This will be a wonderful event to celebrate our Party with family and friends. There will be **FOOD, GAMES, ENTERTAINMENT!** The Hood County Democrats will provide the meat, while TDW will provide condiments, paper products, drinks.

We're asking everyone to bring a side dish, and be prepared to donate to the Scholarship funds for each club.

**PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 10 - TDW Regular Meeting; Iris Garcia speaker
- ◆ April 18 - Blue Ribbon Lobby Day, Austin
- ◆ May 1 - Juneteenth Essay deadline
- ◆ May 6 - DEMOCRATIC PARTY PICNIC! Hewlett Park, 11-3 Bring a dish
- ◆ July 4 - Democratic float in the parade



- ◆ Saturday, October 7 - TDW Scholarship Luncheon at DCBE. Mark your calendar!

## 2022 Scholarship Recipient Update

### Lu Johns-De La Garza

Lu earned her place on the Dean's List for the College of Arts & Science at Vanderbilt University, in her first semester. Your investment in her education journey is much appreciated . Thank you!

- Maureen Johns Griffin (Lu's mother)

### Kennedy Tackett

My classes at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York have been interesting, diving deeper into the marketing and advertising world, and allowing me to get extensive knowledge in my field. I recently modeled in a photo shoot for a designer which has been one of my favorite experiences up to date. I am so lucky to be in one of the best cities in the world, constantly getting new paths and opportunities to take. Thank you!

Want to meet other like minded people?

Lunch with the Democrats  
Every Wednesday @ noon  
El Chico

Join TDW Today!

Go to [hood.tdw.org](http://hood.tdw.org) and scroll down **Join TDW** box  
ActBlue opens and you can join online

Want to join with cash or a check?  
You can pay in person at our monthly meetings

# JUNETEENTH ESSAY CONTEST CASH PRIZES!

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"None of us are free until we're  
all free."

Opal Lee, the Grandmother of  
Juneteenth



**APPLICATION  
AND ESSAY DUE  
MAY 1ST, 2023**

Email to  
[sam@hcnews.com](mailto:sam@hcnews.com)

Students in middle school and  
high school are eligible and  
will write about the  
importance of Juneteenth.  
The essay topic this year is  
"What Juneteenth Means to All  
Americans"

Cash prizes!

High School: \$100 First Place, \$75 Second Place and \$50 Third Place  
Middle School: \$75 First Place, \$50 Second Place, and \$25 Third Place

For more information and to  
download the application, visit  
our website at  
[www.hood.tdw.org/scholarships](http://www.hood.tdw.org/scholarships)

**JUNETEENTH ESSAYS ARE DUE MAY 1.**

Be sure to attach a cover letter that includes the student's Name, School, Grade, Phone  
Number, Email address, Mailing address, and Parent's name.  
You can use the attachment on our website: [hood.tdw.org/scholarships](http://hood.tdw.org/scholarships)