

Sun City Democrats Newsletter

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September 2008



REMINDER!!

Passing School Zone—Take It Slow—Let Our Little—Shavers Grow. *Burma Shave*

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, September 6

Place: Ballroom

Program: **Boyd Richie**, Texas State Democratic Chair, will be our speaker. A life-long Democrat and Texas native with an extensive history of service to the party, he started his career in politics and government at a young age – joining his father and siblings block walking for Democratic U.S Senator from Texas, Ralph Yarborough. For more information, see http://www.txdemocrats.org/the_party/leadership/

Saturday, October 4

Place: Pavilion

Program: Continuing to spotlight the campaign and candidates: **Jaime Lynn**, candidate for Williamson County Attorney, and **Greg Windham**, candidate for Williamson County Commissioner - Precinct #3, will speak.



EARLY VOTING OCT. 20 – 31

Saturday, Nov. 1

Place: Atrium, Activities Center

Program: To Be Announced

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

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.

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.



Snopes.com - rumor checking headquarters

Did someone send you an email about an outrageous Barack Obama quote? Did your neighbor tell you a nasty rumor about Obama or other Democrats? Check it out and get the facts at www.snopes.com. Another web site to bookmark is www.factcheck.org. And see www.mediamatters.org, "a Web-based, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) progressive research and information center dedicated to comprehensively monitoring, analyzing, and correcting conservative misinformation in the U.S. media."

\$\$ 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

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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!

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.

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 George Garver (nonpartisan) 930-3651

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~Kay Walker

We will need people to do telephoning on the weekend between early voting and Election Day. We will have lists of who voted early and who didn't, so we will call those who did not. Contact your precinct chair person to offer your help. Jean Carlson (868-5346) and Kathy Murray (763-8477) are the contact persons for info and signs and bumper stickers for Obama.

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~Billie Reaney

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~Craig Whitney

Here is the corrected information for contacting Richard Torres' office: *Early voting starts Oct. 20th and ends Oct 31. We need election help in the early voting and in the general election to see that the election runs smoothly. If you can help, please call:*

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Richard Torres---512-671-8683 or
Karen Carter-----512-260-6965

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

RULES FOR RESIDENTIAL POLITICAL SIGNS

This information was provided by Carl Zimmerman, Community Standards Director, for an article in the March 2008 Sun Rays.

“Residents may also place political signs on residential property under the following restrictions:

Residents may display signs advertising for a political candidate or ballot item for an election from ninety days before an election to which the sign relates until ten days after that election date to which the sign relates. Residents are limited to no more than one sign for each candidate or each ballot item. Signs must be ground-mounted with either one or two stakes. Signs are limited to a maximum size of four feet by six feet. Residents are prohibited from displaying signs that:

- contains roofing material, siding, paving materials, flora, one or more balloons or lights, or any other similar building, landscaping, or nonstandard decorative component;
- is attached in any way to plant material, a traffic control device, a light, a trailer, a vehicle, or any other existing structure or object;
- includes the painting of architectural surfaces;
- threatens the public health or safety;
- violates a law;
- contains language, graphics, or any display that would be offensive to the ordinary person; or
- is accompanied by music or other sounds or by streamers or is otherwise distracting to motorists.

(Reference: State of Texas Property Code, Chapter 202, Construction and Enforcement of Restrictive Covenants § 202.009]. Regulation and Display of Political Sign. Effective June 18, 2005)

The new policy allows residents to install one ground-mounted sign for one candidate for each national, state, and local elected office as well as

one ground-mounted sign for each ballot item. The individual signs may be as large as four feet by six feet. The signs may be displayed from ninety days before the scheduled election until ten days after the election is completed. This policy will be strictly enforced. For the National Election Day on November 4th, 2008: Signs may be displayed from [August 6, 2008 until November 14, 2008](#).

Residents are encouraged to use good judgment when displaying political signs for either election. Please help all of us keep Sun City beautiful.

Sun City needs to be teeming with bumper stickers and yard signs promoting the Obama/Biden ticket and the Democratic Party.



129 Sunflower Street

My sign feels a little isolated and lonely on Sunflower Street. If you have a sign in your yard and would like to feature it in October's newsletter, please call me and I'll come take a picture of it. I'd like to use a whole page in the newsletter, just filled with Democratic signs.
Call Betty Dougherty at 864-1582. Please!

Wednesday night Joe Lieberman smeared the Democratic candidates and party while heaping praise on McCain/Palin.

However, two years ago, Joe Lieberman said this about Barack Obama: "He is a blessing to the United States Senate, to America and to our shared hopes for better, safer tomorrows for all our families. As his mentor, as his colleague, as his friend, I look forward to helping him reach to the stars and realize not just the dreams he has for himself, but the dreams we all have for him and his blessed country." — March 2006, as Obama visited Connecticut during Lieberman's re-election campaign.

I have been thinking that I would make a proposition to my Republican friends... that if they will stop telling lies about the Democrats, we will stop telling the truth about them.

— Adlai E. Stevenson

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