

# Sun City Democrats Club

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**SPECIAL NOTE: See our web site – [www.suncitydems.org](http://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, 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

**Speaker:** Lulu Flores, President of the National Women's Political Caucus [www.nwpc.org](http://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

**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. Details to be announced later.

## **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.

### **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.

### **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).

### **\$\$ 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 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.

### 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](mailto:mkatpie@aol.com), and she will pass the message on to the chair.

### 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**.

### SUN CITY DEMOCRATS CLUB OFFICERS

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

## PRECINCT 381 NEWS

~Kay Walker

October 6th - Last day to register to vote.

October 20-31 - Early voting in the Sun City Ballroom Lobby (Hours are 7:00-7:00 except for Sunday, which is 12:00-6:00).

October 28 - Last day for County Clerk to receive application for ballot by mail. (This is cutting it too close. Order yours now. I have applications.)

November 4 - General Election Day.

Jean Carlson (868-5346) and Kathy Murray (763-8477) are the contact persons for info and signs and bumper stickers for Obama.

## PRECINCT 396 NEWS

~Billie Reaney

### Amazing advances for Democrats in Sun City.

Sun City, long a bastion of Republican voters, demonstrated in the 2008 March Primary Election that "the times, they are a'changin'." In three of the four precincts, almost half of the ballots cast were cast by Democratic voters. Democrats accounted for 2,705 ballots, while 2,954 voted Republican. In only one of the four Sun City precincts were the Democrats significantly outnumbered by Republicans, 44% to 56%.

### Primary Election Results in Sun City in March 2008.

Precinct	381	394	399	396	Total
Registered					
Voters	3,705	16	1,749	3,262	8,732
# Primary					
Voters	2,411	8	1,217	2,023	5,659
# Dem					
voters	1,086	6	601	1012	2,705
%Dem					
voters	44%	75%	49%	50%	48%

### Comparison of 2008 Primary with 2004 Primary

#### 2008

**Summary:** 48% of all ballots cast in Primary Election were Democratic. In 2004, only 501 of 3219 ballots, or 16% of the votes cast in the Primary Election were Democratic ballots.

Sun City precinct 381 was divided into 6 precincts in 2008. To compare the advances made in 2008 to the data from 2004, the two precincts that were split off because they are outside Sun City, have to be added back in to the totals.

Precinct 395 - 650 registered voters; 258 ballots cast in 2008 primary; 133 Dem voters or 52% of the total.

Precinct 392 - 853 registered voters, 383 ballots cast in 2008 primary; 216 Dem voters or 56% of the total.

Add all 6 precincts for 2008 total: 10,235 registered voters.

6,300 voters in the 2008 March Primary  
3,054 Democratic ballots cast **or 48%**.

**2004**

**Summary:** 16% of all ballots cast in Primary Election were Democratic  
Precinct 381 (combined) \_\_\_\_\_ registered voters.

3,219 voters in the March Primary  
501 Democratic ballots cast

The 2004 Primary election was not particularly interesting, which may account for the low turnout. A more telling number is the Williamson County results in the Nov. 2 General Election, in which the Republican candidate, Bush, got 65% of the vote, with 35% going to Kerry. The numbers for Sun City are not available online, but here Bush got a higher percentage.

### **Get Out Our Vote**

Only two weeks until early voting and we need you to be ready to help put Democrats in the winning column. There were 2,705 Democratic votes from Sun City in the Primary Election in March, out of a total of 5,659 votes cast. In other words, 48% of the votes cast in Sun City went to a Democrat. Now we need to make sure that every one of those 2,705 votes again in the General Election.

Here is our plan to make sure we Get Out Our Vote. Each precinct chair has a list of the people from their precinct who voted in the Primary Election. These chairpersons will get a list each day during early voting with the names of people who have voted that day. Using that list, we can cross off names from the list of our Democratic Primary voters. What remains will be a short list of our Democrats who have not yet voted in the general election. We will need to call those Democrats to make sure that every one of them casts their vote before the polls close on this historic election.

This is where **we need you** to help. First, volunteer to make some of the phone calls, and then, Vote Early. That way your name can be removed from the list of those we need to call. Let your precinct chair know, today, that you want to help phone your fellow Democrats in our Get Out Our Vote effort.

### **Fun Facts**

There is a reason there are no signs for Democratic candidates on the billboard at the junction of Del Webb Blvd. and Williams Drive. The billboard is on a bit of property leased to our former Republican County Commissioner. No Democratic candidates' signs are allowed. *(Editor's note: I consider the billboard to be useful in that it reminds me who to never ever vote for!)*

## **PRECINCT 399 NEWS**

~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:*

*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](http://www.barackobama.com)

### **National Candidates**

- **Rick Noriega** for U.S. Senate  
P.O. Box 231163, Houston, TX 77223-1163  
[www.ricknoriega.com](http://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](mailto:info@judgejimjordan.com)  
[www.judgejimjordan.com](http://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](mailto:sam@samhoustonforjustice.com)  
[www.samhoustonforjustice.com](http://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](http://www.lindayanez.com)

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- **Woodie Jones** for Chief Justice, Texas Court of Appeals  
[www.woodiejones.com](http://www.woodiejones.com)  
**Phone:** (512) 482-9302 –  
**Email:** [woodie@woodiejones.com](mailto:woodie@woodiejones.com)
- **Mark Thompson** for Texas Railroad Commissioner  
P.O. Box 283 Hamilton, TX 76531  
[www.markfortexas.com](http://www.markfortexas.com)  
**Email:** [markthompsonaustin@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:jaime@vote4lynn.com)
- **Gregory Windham** for County Commissioner Precinct 3  
[www.windhamforwilco.com](http://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)*

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. Individual signs may be as large as four feet by six feet. For National Election Day on November 4<sup>th</sup>, signs may be displayed from **August 6, 2008 until November 14, 2008.**

Obama/Biden signs will be available at the meeting on Saturday, October 4. After the meeting, remaining signs will be available through Mary K. (864-9909), Jodi (864-2812), or Carol (864-3544). Donations are appreciated, and any amount collected over the cost of the signs will be given to IMPACT.

Here are some examples of Democratic signs planted in Democratic lawns. There are a lot more Democratic signs sprouting around Sun City as Democrats and liberals rear up on their hind legs and say, “I’m loud, I’m proud, I’m a Democrat!”



115 Sandpiper



116 Whispering Wind



117 Dan Moody



211 Scurry Pass



**New Members in September** photo George Flynn  
Front from the left: Roger and Karen Welcome, Linda Hudson, Fran Turner, Barbara Spieker and Vivian Davis. Back from the left: Ron and Sherrie Johnson, Karen Roysdon, Lloyd Davis, and Keith King.

If you missed the September meeting, then you missed our special guest, Boyd Richie, Chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, who delivered a vigorous and informative speech.



Boyd Richie

photo George Flynn

*For additions and corrections to information in the newsletter, contact Betty Dougherty at 864-1582 or [bettydou@suddenlink.net](mailto:bettydou@suddenlink.net).*

### (NOT SO) FUN FACT

With no fanfare and little notice, the national debt has grown by more than \$4 trillion during George W. Bush's presidency.

It's the biggest increase under any president in U.S. history.

On the day President Bush took office, the national debt stood at \$5.727 trillion. The latest number from the Treasury Department shows the national debt now stands at more than \$9.849 trillion. That's a 71.9 percent increase on Mr. Bush's watch.

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