

Kendall County Area Democratic Women

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From the President

Happy New Year!

As this copy of the *Voice* arrives in your mail box, I am still enjoying our joyous Holiday Party, but you are busy thinking of the new year and planning your calendar. As one of our members said at the Holiday Party, we have a lot to celebrate this year and that spirit of joy and celebration will certainly build as we head to Inauguration Day and beyond. President-elect Obama is continuing his campaign tradition of asking via the web for input and review of his major issues. In December two separate meetings were organized by club members to discuss health care and give feedback to Health Secretary Tom Daschle. Claire Gluck has continued writing Progressive Point of View articles for the *Boerne Star*. One of her articles in December discussed the need for an inclusive healthcare plan. There are **LOTS** of interesting activities planned for January, so bring your calendar and newsletter together and mark these dates so you don't miss anything. Your input and participation in local politics and club events continue to be important.

To help you plan your life, I will put my notes in chronological order. So let me start at the top by saying THANK YOU to KCDC and the Lowerys for kicking off our holidays with a great party. As promised, the rum punch was loaded and the poinsettia tables groaned with all the great food offerings. Next came the KCADW party which included lots of husbands I had not met before. Of

course, without husbands we could not accomplish all that we do, so let's give a shout out to them: THANKS VERY MUCH. What a great time we had that day and always when more than two of us gather.

The next most important thing on the agenda is the January 8th meeting at El Rio (note the time change to 11:30). You have only days left to make your lunch selection and reservation with Carol Carpenter, so look elsewhere in the *Voice* for all the information you need. This is another great time to bring Mr. KCADW along. Carol Carpenter's program will feature a review of all our hard work and accomplishments over the years, so leave the lunchtime duties and bring your date to El Rio.

Of course, I don't need to remind you of January 20th. I don't know of anyone lucky enough to be attending this historical day, but I know of at least one Inaugural Ball planned right here in San Antonio for that evening. It is a fundraiser, so ticket prices are high. If you're interested, the website is www.2009texasball.com, or give me a call.

In my last note I announced a brainstorming meeting in my home on January 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and discuss/advise me on ways to raise funds. Over the ten years the club has been organized, we have done several different fundraisers. I am asking members to give me feedback on how these have gone and what we

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January Program

Our special program for January will be the Founders Day luncheon at El Rio—see the full information on Page 6. **Please plan to arrive at 11:00, with lunch to be served at 11:30.**

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Mark Your Calendar:

January 3: Deadline for reserving your spot and meal for the Founders' Day luncheon. Choose your menu and send a check for \$10.15 per person to Carol Carpenter.

January 8, 11:30 a.m.: KCADW Founders' Luncheon, El Rio Restaurant on South Main Street, Boerne. Join us to honor the six women who started the KCADW ten years ago!

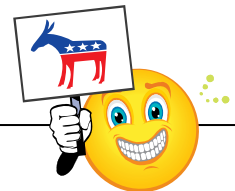
January 15, 7:00 p.m.: Kendall County Democratic Club, BISS Administration office on Johns Rd. Guest speaker will be Tommy Mathews from Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District to speak on water use and conservation. Everyone is welcome.

January 20: Inauguration Day, the end of an error and the beginning of the first Democratic Presidency in this century!

January 22, 10:00 a.m.: KCADW Brainstorming Committee to discuss future ER Dinners and fundraising in general, at Jean Robitaille's home.

March 26: Planned Parenthood fundraising luncheon, PP Trust of San Antonio and South Texas annual fundraising luncheon, Grand Hyatt Hotel in downtown San Antonio. KCADW is sponsoring at least one table for this fundraiser – and possibly two if there is sufficient interest among our members.

This newsletter is intended to reach people interested in the work of the Democratic Party in general and of Kendall County Area Democratic Women specifically. To be removed from this mailing list, please contact the editor at clairegluck@gvtc.com or 210-426-7749.



Do you recognize the three women at the top of Page 1? They will all be in Barack Obama's cabinet soon: Janet Napolitano, Homeland Security Director; Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State; Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor.

Membership Report

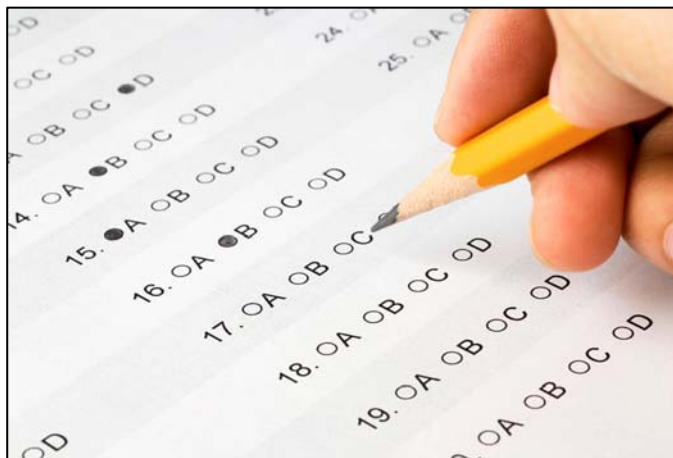
Welcome to new members:

Janet Grigsby
Fair Oaks Ranch

Dr. Virginia L. Thomas
Boerne

Women and Politics: Take a Quiz!

Just to get us in a frame of mind to celebrate **Founders' Day** (*be sure to reserve your seat for our luncheon!*), here's a fun quiz about our club, women's rights, and women in politics in Texas and the nation. Answers are on p. 7.



Fill in the Blank

1. The Kendall County Area Democratic Women's club was founded by ____ women, ____ years ago.
2. Two KCADW members have run for office. Name them.
3. Emily's list was founded in 1984. What does the acronym EMILY stand for?

Multiple Choice

4. The first Women's Rights Convention, in Seneca Falls, NY, called for an end to laws and customs that kept women subordinate to men. In what year was that convention?
(a) 1905 (b) 1884 (c) 1848 (d) 1776
5. American women gained the right to vote when which Amendment to the Constitution was adopted?
(a) 18th (b) 19th (c) 20th (d) American women cannot vote
6. Swiss women got the right to vote in:
(a) 1568 (b) 1852 (c) 1971 (d) Swiss women cannot vote
7. Susan B. Anthony campaigned for:
(a) Women's suffrage
(b) Abolition of slavery
(c) Temperance
(d) All of the above

8. Who was Elizabeth Cady Stanton?
 - (a) A leading opponent to women's suffrage
 - (b) Leading feminist philosopher in the mid-1800s
 - (c) Campaigner for the Equal Rights Amendment
 - (d) Fashion designer for Katherine Long

9. Who was the first woman whose name was put in nomination for President of the United States?
 - (a) Margaret Chase Smith
 - (b) Hillary Clinton
 - (c) Victoria Woodhall
 - (d) Alice Braly

10. In what year did Margaret Sanger found the American Birth Control League, the precursor to Planned Parenthood?
 - (a) 1921
 - (b) 1942
 - (c) 1961
 - (d) 1984

11. Who founded the National Organization of Women in 1966?
 - (a) Gloria Steinem
 - (b) Phyllis Schlafly
 - (c) Betty Friedan
 - (d) Julie Fisher

12. Barbara Jordan became the first African-American elected to the Texas Legislature (Senate) since reconstruction in what year?
 - (a) 1962
 - (b) 1966
 - (c) 1972
 - (d) 1980

13. How many states have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)?
 - (a) 43
 - (b) 35
 - (c) 29
 - (d) all but Utah

14. Who was the first woman elected Governor of Texas?
 - (a) Ima Hogg
 - (b) Luster Culver
 - (c) Ann Richards
 - (d) "Ma" Ferguson

15. The first woman elected to the Texas Legislature (lower house) was:
 - (a) Carol Keeton Strayhorn
 - (b) Lila Cockrell
 - (c) Edith Wilmans
 - (d) LaVerne Peterson

16. The first woman elected to the Texas Senate was:
 - (a) Margie Neal
 - (b) Edith Wilmans
 - (c) Nellie Ross
 - (d) Gwen King

True/False

17. When the Statue of Liberty arrived in the U.S., American women could vote. T / F

18. Texas ratified the ERA. T / F

19. Kay Bailey Hutchison is the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate from Texas. T / F

20. *Griswold v. Connecticut* was the Supreme Court case that established that the Constitution guarantees a right to privacy even though it is not explicitly mentioned. T / F



Brainstorming Committee

KCADW is looking for a few interested members to discuss and brainstorm future ER Dinners and how, what, when we want to fundraise.

This BRAIN event will be Thursday January 22, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at Jean Robitaille's place. Put on your best thoughts and come on down. Refreshments will be served.

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should be doing in the coming year to refill our treasury. So between now and the 22nd put on your thinking cap and bring your ideas of how we can accomplish this important task. If you're unable to attend but have a GREAT suggestion, please call me at 830-981-4971—my goal is to get lots of input—YOUR ideas count.

Let me lend my support to another announcement you have seen and will see repeated in this issue. On March 26th, 2009, Planned Parenthood is hosting its major fundraiser of the year. Tickets are expensive, but we must see that this important women's service continues to be available in South Central Texas. For many women and families, this is their only source for routine GYN care. Please call Cindy Offutt if you would like more information about the event and benefits of attending at this level.

As one administration draws speedily to a close, we look forward to the Obama administration with even more eagerness and glee. Not only will WE have a decider president, but one that seeks out the common Joe's opinion while leading the world in a more peaceful direction. May your God bless each of you and keep you safe and happy in the New Year.

Jean – LOOKING FORWARD

Doris Kearns Goodwin to Headline Planned Parenthood Fundraiser

The Planned Parenthood Trust of San Antonio and South Texas is holding its annual fundraising luncheon at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in downtown San Antonio on Thursday, March 26, 2009. In addition, the Trust will be honoring the valiant women who served on their early boards of directors. World-renowned historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Doris Kearns Goodwin, will be the guest speaker. Doris Kearns Goodwin is the author of *Team of Rivals* and *No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt*. She is also a media commentator for NBC and a consultant for PBS.

KCADW is sponsoring at least one table for this fundraiser—and possibly two if there is sufficient interest among our members. If we can fill two tables, tickets will be \$125 each. If we fill only one table, tickets are \$150 each. Approximately \$40 per person will be tax deductible. All proceeds benefit the Planned Parenthood Trust.

Please contact either Gwen or Cindy by phone or email if you would like to join us!

**KCADW FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION
Luncheon, Program and Brief Announcements**

January 8, 2009 11:00 a.m.

Lunch to be served at 11:30

El Rio Restaurant 1361 S. Main Street

All members and their guests are cordially invited to attend
a celebration to honor the founders of the KCADW:

*Alice Braly, Luster Culver, Julie Fisher,
Gwen King, Katherine Long, and LaVerne Peterson*

Ten years ago, in September of 1998, a group of six women met and formed our club. The KCADW has become a welcoming island of Democratic sisterhood in the middle of a sea of Republicanism. It is time for all of us to thank these women for their foresight, courage and dedication to this successful adventure. Please come "with bells on" to help us host them to an enjoyable and memorable luncheon.

Cost is \$10.15, including tax, tip, and drink (adult beverages not included)
Make your choice from the following menu:

Tortilla Soup Combo

Served with one beef taco and
one chalupa with cheese, sour
cream, and avocado

Crispy Taco Plate

Two crispy beef or chicken tacos
with cheese, served with Spanish
rice and refried beans

Enchiladas Plate

Two beef, chicken or cheese enchiladas
topped with chili con carne, served with
Spanish rice and refried beans

Jalapeno Chicken Enchiladas

Two chicken enchiladas topped
with a mild jalapeno cream sauce,
served with Spanish rice and beans

At the request of El Rio, reservations must be made by January 3, 2009

Call Carol at 830-336-3767 or email carol3@gvtc.com

Mail your checks to Carol Carpenter at

500 Dresden Wood Dr. Boerne, TX 78006

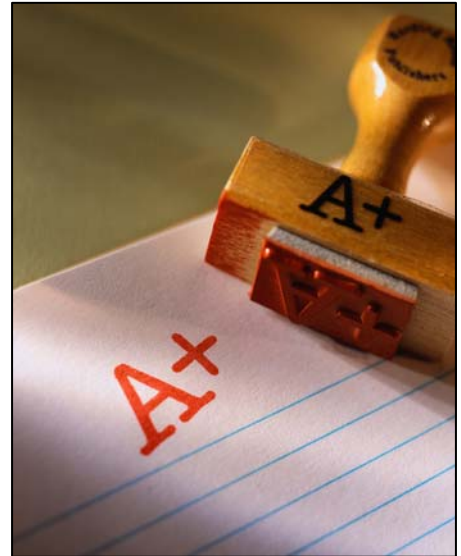
Make Checks Payable to: El Rio Restaurant

Additional Luncheon Information

The El Rio Restaurant is not charging us for their private dining room, but they make the request that all attending order a lunch. The sixty seats will be filled on a first come/first served basis, so make your reservations as early as possible. A call or email, with your menu choice, will place you on the list; your check for \$10.15 will assure you have a seat at the table. If your plans change and you cannot attend, let Carol know by January 3, and your check will be returned. If you have not sent her a check by that time, your seat may be given to someone on the waiting list.

Answers to Quiz

1. KCADW was founded by 6 women (Alice Braly, Luster Culver, Julie Fisher, Gwen King, Katherine Long, and LaVerne Peterson), ten years ago.
2. Jean Robitaille ran for County Commissioner of Kendall County in 2002 and Gwen King ran for Tax Assessor/Collector of Kendall County in 2008.
3. Early Money Is Like Yeast, meaning that early money contributed to a political candidate is more valuable because it makes raising additional money easier. The candidate looks more credible, having raised some funds and can use the early funds for fundraising activities.
4. (c) 1848
5. (b) The 19th Amendment, ratified in 1920 gave American Women the vote.
6. (c) The last cantons to approve women's suffrage in Switzerland did so in 1971.
7. (d) All of the above.
8. (b) Elizabeth Cady Stanton inspired Susan B. Anthony and other suffragettes.
9. (c) Woodhall was the nominee of the National Radical Reformers in 1872. Margaret Chase Smith's name was put into nomination at the 1964 Republican Convention and Hillary Clinton's name was put in nomination at the 2008 Democratic Convention.
10. (a) 1921. It became Planned Parenthood in 1942.
11. (c) Betty Friedan founded NOW. Gloria Steinem founded Ms. Magazine in 1972.
12. (b) 1966. Jordan ran for the Texas Legislature in 1962 and 1964 but lost. In 1972 she won her first election to the U.S. House of Representatives, where she became famous for her oratory during Nixon's impeachment hearings. She left Congress in 1979 and became a professor at the L.B. J. School of Public Affairs at UT Austin. She died in 1996.
13. (b) 35 states ratified the ERA. 38 are required to amend the Constitution.
14. (d) Miriam A. ("Ma") Ferguson was the first woman to be elected governor of Texas, but the second woman to be sworn in as a governor in the U.S. She and Nellie Ross, who became governor of Wyoming, were both elected on Nov. 4, 1924, but Ross was sworn in two weeks before Ferguson.
15. (c) Edith Wilmans was elected to the Texas House in 1922.
16. (a) Margie Neal was elected to the Texas Senate in 1926.
17. False: Lady Liberty was dedicated in 1886 and American women got the vote in 1920.
18. True.
19. True
20. True: The Court ruled in *Griswold* (1965) that Connecticut's ban on contraception violated a right of privacy, which it found was implied in the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th and 14th Amendments of the Constitution. *Roe v. Wade* (1972) drew on that "right to privacy."





KCADW Library

KCADW has an excellent library of political (and not-so-political) books donated by members. Helen Burstein keeps the library, and these books are available for checkout. Please see our website, www.kcadw.com, for a list of titles and let Helen know if you would like to read anything.

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