



BOERNE AREA DEMOCRATS THE VOICE

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, February 8: B.A.D. Membership Meeting, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, with U.S. District 21 (TX21) candidate **Mary Wilson** and Texas House District 73 candidate **Stephanie Phillips**, Patrick Heath Public Library, Boerne

Monday, February 12: **Beto O'Rourke's** Boerne Town Hall Opens at 1:00 pm - Starts at 1:30 pm, Patrick Heath Public Library, Boerne

February 11 and 25: Canvassing for Beto at 1:00 pm, 122 Plant Ave., Boerne

February 20 – March 2: EARLY VOTING

Saturday, March 3: Heal the Soul Run for KC Women's Shelter, 8:00 am / 8:30 am The Plaza, Boerne

March 6: **PRIMARY ELECTION**

Thursday, March 8: B.A.D. Meeting with **Pete Gallego**, on getting out the vote!

HAPPY FEBRUARY!

Happy February! We're headed into the last critical days before the Primary Election on March 6. We have a lot to do between now and then. All members can participate in something – voter registration, block-walking for candidates, working at early voting and the polls, making phone calls, writing letters and postcards, simply talking to your friends and neighbors. Below is one of my favorite “stories”:

That's Not My Job

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

So, members and friends, please join in and help us take back Texas!



Susan Dollar

MEET CANDIDATES AT THE B.A.D. MEETING FEB. 8

The monthly B.A.D membership meeting will be held **Thursday, February 8, 2018 at the Patrick Heath Public Library in Boerne**. The meeting begins at noon, with a light lunch available at 11:45. You'll hear from Mary Wilson, running for U.S. Congress in Texas District 21, and Stephanie Phillips, running for Texas Representative in HD 73, currently held by Kyle Biedermann.

CANVASS FOR BETO

Here's a Boerne opportunity to get out the vote for Beto O'Rourke. Meet at the Wolosin residence:

FEB. 11 & FEB. 25
1:00 pm at 122 N. Plant Ave,
Boerne



BETO COMES TO BOERNE FOR TOWN HALL FEB. 12

Join us at Boerne's Patrick Heath Public Library February 12 at 1:30 pm. for a first-ever Beto Town Hall in Boerne. Seating is limited so arrive early; the door opens at 1:00 pm. Sign up at <https://www.facebook.com/pg/betoorourke/events/>.

TOWN HALL WITH BETO O'ROURKE IN BOERNE

Congressman Beto O'Rourke wants to hear from you. He is running for U.S. Senate and welcomes all to join him for this event to talk about how we can keep Texas moving forward.

TIME:
Monday, February 12, 2018
1:30PM CST

PLACE:
Boerne Public Library
451 N Main St,
Boerne, TX 78006

SIGN UP:
<https://www.facebook.com/betoorourke/events/>

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KENDALL COUNTY WOMEN'S SHELTER 8TH ANNUAL 'HEAL THE SOUL' FUN WALK AND 5K RUN

8th Annual Heal the Soul

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS FEBRUARY 20TH!

BOERNE PLAZA - MAIN STREET
SAT. MARCH 3, 2018
8:00 A.M. - 1 MILE FUN RUN
8:30 A.M. - 5K * 10K

REGISTER AT [KCWSTEXAS.ORG](http://www.kcwstexas.org)

Learn more and register at <http://www.kcwstexas.org/heal-the-soul.html> and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/315325188961404/>.

B.A.D. MEMBERS JOIN MLK MARCH IN BOERNE



The Martin Luther King March was led by B.A.D. member Richard Caldwell! Several club members also attended the March on January 15.

*“If I cannot do great things,
I can do small things in a great way” – Martin Luther King Jr.*

AND THE WOMEN’S MARCH 2018 IN AUSTIN



OVER 80 ATTEND B.A.D.'S DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FORUM



Pictured above, from left to right: candidates Derrick Crowe, Joseph Kopser, Elliott McFadden, Mary Wilson, and moderator Terry Casparis.

Last Saturday, the Boerne Area Democrats hosted the four Democratic candidates running in the March 6 primary for the 21st Congressional District (Rep. Lamar Smith retires at the end of this term). Derrick Crowe, Joseph Kopser, Elliott McFadden, and Mary Wilson shared their vision for representing the district with over 80 enthusiastic attendees at the Patrick Heath Public Library. Terry Casparis, incoming chair of the Blanco County Democratic Party, moderated the discussion.

Crowe said, “I’m tired of seeing Congress thinking that people don’t matter. I want our country to work for everybody, not just the rich.” Others echoed the importance of caring for the least among us. “We have an opportunity to elect someone who is authentically Progressive with a voice that will stand up for all,” said McFadden. Wilson stressed her careers in education and as a pastor. “Because of my two careers, I bring a lot of humanity. I know how to build bridges.”

Kopser emphasized his 20-year career in the Army and his small business skills. After he retired, he “founded two groups that brought together business leaders and academics to work to reduce fossil fuel consumption and traffic congestion. Pres. Obama recognized me as a White House ‘Champion of Change’ for one of those efforts.”

All candidates stressed the importance of being a voice for those who don’t have one. “I’m an advocate for people who need somebody who will stand with them and for them and give them a platform where they can be heard,” said Wilson. Medicare-for-all was a common theme, as was passing a clean Dream Act.

McFadden helped to pass an affordable housing bond program in Austin, and Crowe worked to get more funding in Austin for testing of rape kits. Kopser created an incubator to teach small business skills to returning veterans. All stressed the need for responsible and sensible gun control measures, such as closing the “gun show loophole,” and strong stances on women’s rights.

“This is what democracy looks like, showing up here today,” said McFadden. Crowe echoed, “It’s important that we Democrats get out and vote for Democrats.” Wilson wants the party to contest every race in the future. “We



have to stand up for truth.” Kopser alluded to the rash of Republican representatives “running for the doors; they see the wave that is coming.”

All candidates committed to opening a Hill Country regional office and staffing it with someone knowledgeable about the Hill Country and who will be responsive to its issues.

In closing, BAD President Susan Dollar encouraged everyone to get involved, join the club, and get friends and neighbors “out to vote!”



VOTE, VOTE, VOTE

See who is running in your county/district:

<https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/candidate-filing/cf-report.aspx>

Register for the Kendall County Democratic Convention! <http://texasdemocraticconvention.com/>

Keep up with the 2018 elections around the country: [2018 Election Calendar and Results](#)

KEEP ENGAGED

Many Facebook groups post events and other activities where you can engage.

[Texas Indivisible](#)

[TX 21 Indivisible](#)

[TX 23 Indivisible](#)

[Indivisible TX Senate District 25](#)

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE



[Messaging this Moment: A Handbook for Progressive Communicators](#)



[A Year Ago, They Marched. Now a Record Number of Women Are Running for Office](#)



[Record Number of Women Running for Office in '18](#)



[A Texan's Political Guide to Resisting Donald Trump](#)



[A Catholic Nun on What It Really Means to Be Pro-Life](#)



[This is How Democracies Die](#)

Can a Sexagenarian Yellow Dog Learn New Tricks?

by a first-time block walker

I know I am capable of learning; last year I learned two new words: sexagenarian and cisgender – interesting words that describe aspects of who I am. I am also a Democrat, though for the first 20 years of my voting life I called myself an Independent. Sometime in the 1990's, I decided to declare myself a Democrat. I realized in all those years I had voted only once for a Republican (a feminist running for Judge as a Republican in Dallas during the Reagan-era's red wave). Since then, I've been happy to vote the straight Democratic ticket (or Green party if there are no Dems running). I think that makes me a yellow dog, too.

But, in the almost five decades of being a feminist, an avid reader of political news and ideology, a NOW and NARAL member, a (modest) donator to candidates and organizations, a protester, a button-wearer and a voter, I never once walked a block or made a phone call for a candidate. It's just not my thing.

That is, until last week when I did my first 'block walk' (also known as [canvassing](#)). The campaign organizer made it easy. The objective is to get out the Democratic vote (GOTV), not get in a conversation with a Republican. Viewing my 'turf' sheets and the distances, I recruited my husband to help. In addition to moral support, he drove me block to block and I visited the 3 or so houses on each block. Many did not answer the door and I left the candidate's brochure. Some did, and I followed the short script provided. People were very nice; some were excited. I really felt that I was making a difference.

I've been told making phone calls is easy too. Same approach: calling on people who have voted for a Democrat and using a script. I may even make calls. So yes, this old yellow dog can learn new tricks. Can you?

(Do you have a story about how you made a difference? Send it to bad@boerne-area-democrats.com)



"This is the year to stand up and be proud to be a Democrat. No more hiding and keeping quiet. Our voices need to be heard."

– Susan Dollar

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STEP UP - VOLUNTEER FOR B.A.D. ACTIVITIES

Coordinate the Children's Book Give Away



During B.A.D.'s first-ever "Summer Reading Book Give Away", more than 1,000 books were distributed to area youth in June 2017. We want to continue this program that encourages literacy and helps area youth have fun through reading. It's a great way to spread the love.

B.A.D. is looking for a coordinator to manage the children's book drive that will be held in May. This involves requesting donations, gathering/storing/sorting the books as well as managing the logistics of the give-away that will be held at the Patrick Heath Public Library. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Pettyjohn or send an email to BAD@boerne-area-democrats.com.



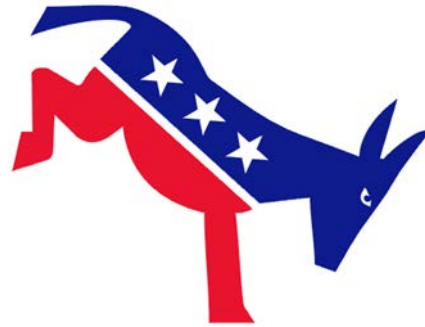
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