

# BOERNE AREA DEMOCRATS THE VOICE

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 6: **PRIMARY  
ELECTION – VOTE!**



Thursday, March 8: B.A.D.  
Meeting, Noon – 1:30 pm  
**The Friends' Bookshop** next  
to the Patrick Heath Public  
Library, Boerne

Wednesday, March 14:  
#NationalSchoolWalkout  
'Silent Protest' in Boerne  
10 am  
BISD, 235 Johns Rd, Boerne

Saturday, March 24: Kendall  
County Democratic  
Convention  
10 am – 1 pm  
Kronkosky Place, 17 Old San  
Antonio Rd., Boerne

Thursday, April 12: B.A.D.  
Meeting - Get Out the Vote  
Strategies and Tactic with  
Sharon Reed, Hays County  
GOTV Coordinator

April 20: Deadline for Civic  
Engagement Scholarship

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

For those of you that don't know, the Boerne Area Democrats club was originally named the Kendall County Area Democratic Women. Twenty years ago, several women in town joined together to form the first Democratic organization to promote "the increased political activity and influence of Democratic women in Texas politics and government." As March is "Women's History Month," this is a great time to reflect on where we came from and where we are headed.

Although our name changed last fall to reflect our inclusive membership, we owe the Kendall County Area Democratic Women a heartfelt "thank you" for their efforts to recognize and further the political aspirations of Democratic women. Tuesday, March 6, is the Primary Election Day. If you have not done so already, be sure to get out and vote and encourage your friends and neighbors to vote.

Statewide, Democrats turned out in huge numbers during early voting. Kendall County had a higher percentage of early voters – 15.23% - than the 15 top counties in Texas (averaging only 8.93% early voter turn-out). However, of the 4,548 people that voted early in Kendall County, only 544 (1.82%) voted in the Democratic Primary. This tells us that we have a lot of work to do before the November General Election.

This year's theme for the Women's History Month is "Nevertheless, She Persisted" so with that in mind, I encourage everyone to never give up and continue to fight for what we believe in.

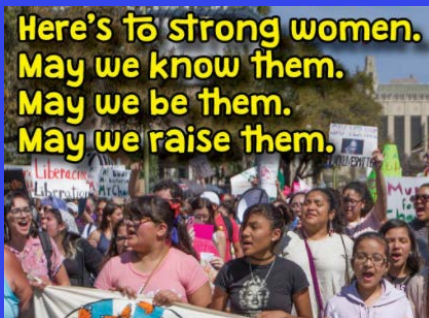
**We can do this!**



Susan Dollar



“National Women’s History Month is about recognizing the courage and contributions of women everywhere who are breaking down barriers, raising their voices, and fighting for what they believe in” – Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator



## WOMEN’S DAY, WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

March is a month to celebrate women! March 8 is [International Women’s Day](#), whose theme is “#PressforProgress.” The month of March is [Women’s History Month](#) in the U.S. with the theme “Nevertheless, She Persisted.”

Women’s History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed legislation which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as “Women’s History Week.” Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as “Women’s History Week.” In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women’s History Project, Congress passed additional legislation which designated the month of March 1987 as “Women’s History Month.” Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women’s History Month. Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as “Women’s History Month.” You can find much more information on the National Women’s History project web page at <http://www.nwhp.org/womens-history-month/womens-history-month-history/>. Here are links to other good reads:

- [American Women's History](#)
- [21 Books from The Last 5 Years That Every Woman Should Read](#)
- [14 Inspirational Books for Women](#)
- [The Best Feminist Books To Spark Your Awakening](#)
- [The Life-Changing Books Every Woman Should Read](#)
- [11 Essential Reads for Women’s History Month](#)
- [8 Nonfiction Books You Need to Read This Women's History Month](#)

## CELEBRATE, ENERGIZE AT THE B.A.D. MEETING MARCH 8

The monthly B.A.D. membership meeting will be held Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the **Friends’ Bookshop** next to the Patrick Heath Public Library in Boerne. The meeting begins at noon, with a light lunch available at 11:45. We will celebrate the primary election.

Our speaker this month is Pete Gallego, former U.S. Representative in Texas District 23. Pete is not running for office but is out energizing Democrats and Progressives across the state. Pete will talk about what

he has learned from life as a State Representative and District 23 Congressman. He will help us understand what it means to be a Democrat in Texas and how we are **making the Democratic Party relevant again.**

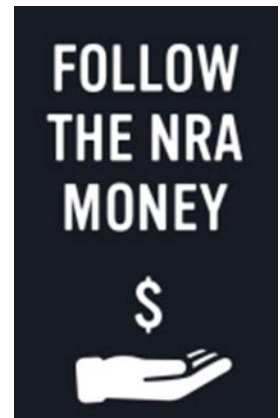
## RALLYING CRY: PROTECT KIDS, NOT GUNS



### #NATIONALSCHOOLWALKOUT – MARCH 14

Wednesday, March 14 at 10 am, Boerne Area Democrats will honor the 17 dead from the Feb. 14 high school shooting in Parkland, Florida in a peaceful protest with 17 minutes of silence. While Boerne schools are on spring break at this time, we want to support the movement, spurred by student survivors of the school shooting asking for stricter gun laws. Please join us in front of the Boerne Independent School District Administration Center at 235 Johns Rd. in Boerne.

(Click 'Follow the NRA Money' to see which of your congressional representatives receive money, and how much, from the NRA.)



### MARCH FOR OUR LIVES – MARCH 24

Locally, events are planned to support students and protest gun violence. The San Antonio March for Our Lives protest starts at 12 pm at either [100 Military Plaza](#) or [Alamo Plaza](#) downtown (conflicting events at time of publishing). The [Austin March for Our Lives](#) protest starts at 12 pm at Austin City Hall, 301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

### ELECT KENDALL COUNTY DELEGATES TO TEXAS DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION – MARCH 24

Do you want to be a delegate to the Texas Democratic Convention? Come to the Kendall County convention, held March 24 at 10 am – 1 pm at Kronkosky Place, 17 Old San Antonio Rd., Boerne. There you can debate resolutions on policies and issues, which if passed at the county level, are added to the agenda at the state convention. You can also run to be a delegate from Kendall County to the Texas Democratic Convention, where you'll elect party leadership, write and adopt the state party platform, pass resolutions and update party rules. This year's state convention is June 21-23 in Fort Worth.

## BOERNE WELCOMES BETO AT TOWN HALL



Close to 300 people joined us Feb. 12 at Boerne's first-ever Beto Town Hall. When RSVPs reached over 200, the event was moved from the community room in the library outside to the amphitheater. While the weather had been cold and rainy, a sunny sky, light winds and not-too-cold temperatures greeted Beto and Boerne.



## B.A.D. SPONSORED BOOTH AT KENDALL COUNTY WOMEN'S SHELTER 8TH ANNUAL 'HEAL THE SOUL' FUN WALK AND 5K RUN



B.A.D. Booth at Heal the Soul Walk/Run for the Kendall County Women's Shelter



Sandy Laurel (right) and friends participate in the walk



Alison Beam, Amy Lambiase and Kevin Henning at the booth with interested people

## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY – DEADLINE APRIL 20

B.A.D. gives a \$1000 scholarship annually to a Kendall County public high school senior who writes the winning essay on civil engagement. The essayist is asked to consider the numerous challenges facing our country today and pick an issue that is critical, explain its importance/implications, and describe how best to address the challenge.

Eligibility criteria and applications are available from high school counselors or can be downloaded at <http://www.boerne-area-democrats.com/civic-engagement-scholarship/>. Applications must be postmarked by April 20, 2018. To be eligible, the essayist must be a graduating senior from a public high school in Kendall County (Boerne High School, Boerne Champion High School, or Comfort High School) and planning to attend an accredited college or university in the fall of 2018.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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



[America can prevent shootings. But it has to come to grips with the problem.](#)



[Animals struggling to cope with the US-Mexico border wall](#)



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



[Justice Breyer's Dire Warning](#)



[Roe v. Wade and the Right to Abortion](#)

## 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](#)

[Boerne Area Democrats](#)



*"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

### **Boerne Area Democrats B.A.D. Board**

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## **MOMS DEMAND ACTION IN THE HILL COUNTRY**

Since Moms Demand Action came to Kerrville last fall, **Joyce Humble** has been looking for volunteers to start a Hill Country chapter. In the past weeks, two people in Kerrville and one person in Johnson City have stepped up. So we're thrilled that **Toni Serena** agreed to become Boerne's representative on the Hill Country chapter of Moms Demand Action. Way to go Toni!

## **BOERNE AREA DEMOCRATS' BOOK GIVE-AWAY**

### **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. This year we thank **Sarah Gonzales** who will coordinate.



She'll be starting the book drive for the early June event, so start collecting your books. This is a great way to encourage the love of reading and support the children in our community.

## **ELEANOR ROOSEVELT DINNER**

It's never too early to start planning for the 20th Anniversary of the Eleanor Roosevelt Dinner. If you would like to serve on the planning committee, please let any B.A.D. board member know. We need folks that would like to help with the venue/menu selection, decorations, silent auction, and logistics, so raise your hand and let's make this dinner the best ever!



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