



Kendall County Area Democratic Women

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From the President

Greetings All!

This is my final letter as KCADW's president, so let me begin by thanking everyone for making my tenure so much fun! Though begun under a cloud, my service as your president has been far more rewarding – both personally and politically – than I anticipated. It's been absolutely wonderful getting to know so many of you so much better over these months and I look forward to seeing our friendships grow over the coming months and years.

It goes without saying that nobody does it alone, and that's certainly been the case for me. I consider myself extremely lucky to have had such a splendid group of women serving with me on KCADW's board. To say I couldn't have done it without them is a huge understatement. Indeed, I consider each and every board member, as well as each and every committee chair, to have been a far more important player than I in KCADW's many successes over the past 18 months. The club is very fortunate, very fortunate indeed, that so many have agreed to carry-on another year as leaders of KCADW. Huge thanks to each and every board member and committee chair for a remarkable run. You are awesome!!

Janice Shoemaker has agreed to take the reins of leadership this January, and at the risk of sounding redundant, let me be the first to say that

the club couldn't ask for a better president or a better friend than Janice. Her intelligence, her wit, her openness, and her easygoing disposition will, I predict, make the coming year a real joy for every single member of our club.

Finally, let me say how very much I appreciate the support I've received from so many members. Thank you all for sticking by me even though the easier course might have been to flee. KCADW is a great club with great members doing great things for Kendall County, and it's the membership that makes it so! You are a wonderful group of women and I consider each of you a true friend.

Happy New Year to all - let's make 2012 a great year to be a Democrat!!

Cheers,
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Mark Your Calendar:

Jan. 5, 7:00 p.m.: KCDC meeting, Patrick Heath Public Library. New officer election.

Jan. 12, 10:00 a.m.: KCADW membership meeting, Patrick Heath Public Library, Boerne. Program: installation of new officers; planning for 2012 club year.

Jan. 25, 10:00 a.m.: KCADW Board meeting. Location to be determined.

Apr. 3: Primary election.

June 7, 8, & 9: State Democratic Convention, Houston.

Are you receiving the ***Voice*** in the mail?
Since you signed up, have you gotten connected to the Internet so that you could receive it online? If so, consider switching over to the electronic version. You will save the club the cost of printing and mailing and save some trees, too. Call Cindy Offutt, 210-698-5009.

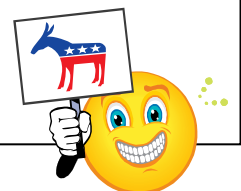


Looking Ahead

Mar. 23, approximately: Kendall Co. Democratic Convention.

Mar. 27: Planned Parenthood Luncheon with Diane Rehm. Mary Lowery is our member to contact. See article on Page 3.

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Annual Membership Renewal

January begins a new year for KCADW. Dues are \$20 and should be paid by each member except those who joined since August 2011. Members for whom the dues are a hardship may request a scholarship (free) membership. Please fill out the form below and send with your checks to:

Luster Culver
22 Waring Welfare Road
Boerne, TX 78006

2011-2012 Dues

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Request scholarship _____

January Meeting: 2012 Kickoff

Our January 12th membership meeting will be a very important one, so please try to attend if you possibly can. After our new officers are installed by County Chair John Weir, we will set aside our usual program time to look at our goals and priorities for the upcoming year. Please be considering what you would like to see the club do in this election year. Think about fund raising, programs, candidate support, the spring retreat, the summer field trip—everything we should plan for in 2012. We need input and participation from all our members, not just the officers and committee chairs.

Update on PP Luncheon with Diane Rehm

Planned Parenthood’s annual San Antonio luncheon will feature NPR’s Diane Rehm this year, so mark your calendar for March 27, 2012. KCADW is sponsoring tables for the event. We already have two tables filled and are working on the third, so if you haven’t made your reservation yet, you still have time.



One ticket is being donated, and it will be given away in a drawing to be held At the January meeting. Contact Mary Lowery, who is making arrangements for the club, if you wish to purchase a ticket for the luncheon or for the drawing.

If you made a reservation but have not talked to or emailed Mary since November 17, please confirm with her by either email or telephone. If you have paid, say whether it was by check or credit card. If you have not paid, she really needs to talk to you. She will arrange car pools much closer to the time of the luncheon. She needs your payment in December in order to trigger matching funds which will be donated to Planned Parenthood’s programs.

Milestones

At our annual Democrats' Holiday Party on December 8, we were pleased to recognize two of our members who recently reached their 90th birthdays. Happy birthday, and wishes for many more, to Helen Shinn and Margaret Vanderhider. Way to go, ladies!



And speaking of the party . . .

A crowd of happy Democrats enjoyed a festive evening at the home of Marilyn Harrington and Mike Smith. Lots of food from our wonderful cooks, and lots of fun and friendship. We should do this more often, and why must we wait for a holiday?

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