

# BCDP NEWSLETTER

## BASTROP COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### March 3: Super Tuesday

##### Primary Election Day

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

See page 3 for polling locations.

#### March 8

##### Voter registration canvassing

BCDP office, 1009 Main St.,  
Bastrop, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

#### March 11

##### BCDP women's luncheon

Cedar's Mediterranean  
904 College St., Bastrop, 1 p.m.

#### March 11

##### BCDP community meeting

First National Bank,  
1312 US 290, Elgin  
Snacks at 6:30, meeting at 7 p.m.

#### March 14

##### BCDP cleanup for Keep Bastrop County Beautiful

Meet at BCDP office, 1009 Main  
Street, Bastrop, 9 a.m.

#### March 21

##### BCDP county convention

Smithville Recreation Center  
106 Gazley, Smithville, 9 a.m.

#### March 22

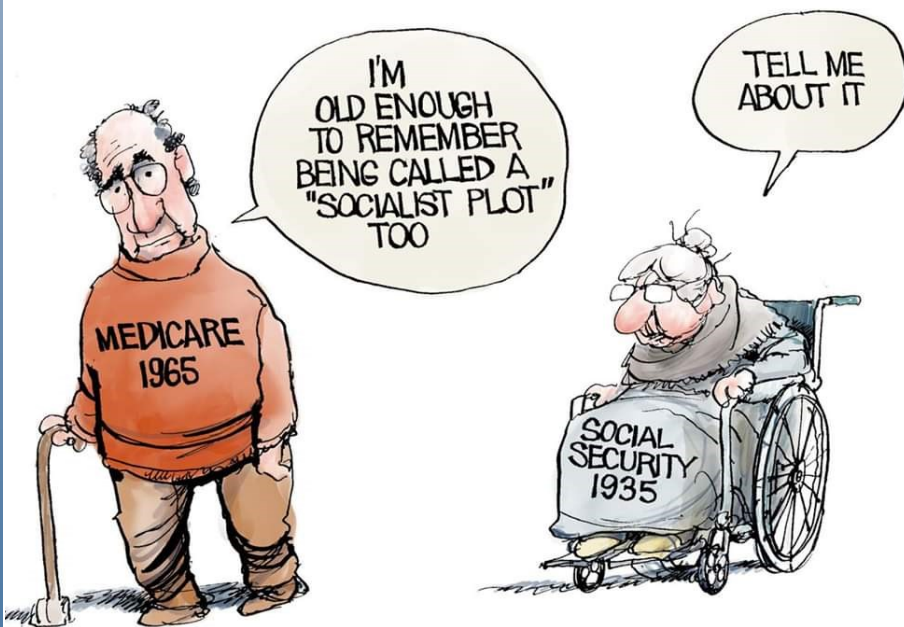
##### Bastrop County Stonewall Democrats cleanup for Keep Bastrop County Beautiful

Meet at soccer fields across from  
Buc-ee's on Hwy. 95, 4 p.m.

#### March 26

##### Bastrop County Stonewall Democrats meeting

Why Knot Party House  
353 Watersedge Terrace Dr.,  
Elgin, 6:30 p.m.



## Message from the chair

### Actions have consequences

*By Steve Chamberlain*

Just as actions have consequences, inaction can sometimes produce even more devastating results. How many times must we prove that our lack of responsibility to act is tantamount to the destruction of our rights and liberties?

By the time you read this, early voting will have ended, and in one or two days (on March 3) primary elections take place. Coincidentally, it is your latest opportunity to



affect the direction not only your political party takes but the direction our country takes. The inaction of several million Democrats in 2016 carried the consequence of putting Donald Trump in the White House. If your participation in the process doesn't matter, why have millions of dollars been spent to secure your vote? Why are countless polls taken reflecting the popularity of candidates all over the country?

High-dollar firms specialize in manipulating data to entice voters to support their candidate. Whether you believe you are gullible or not, it is a proven fact that we are all affected by what others think. As it should be, we listen to all sides and opinions then separate the fact from fiction to make our own decisions as to who can best serve our interest. Then we act on that knowledge.

So it is not just getting out to cast your vote. It also involves getting the word out to everyone else. It is about becoming a volunteer deputy registrar. It is about hosting voter registration events. It is about educating the public about voting rights. It is about asking every single person if they are registered to vote, and if they are not, making sure they get registered. The effort required is not a small thing, but the rewards can be substantial.

Primary voting will soon be over, but you have nine months before arguably the most important vote of your lifetime. We have only eight months to get everyone registered to vote. When you wake up on Nov. 4, will you mourn the consequences of your inaction or celebrate the rewards of your work to support democracy?

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**2020 PRIMARY ELECTION**

**-ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS-**

**7am - 7 pm**

**TUESDAY, March 3, 2020**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON ELECTION DAY A VOTER MUST VOTE AT THE POLLING LOCATION ASSIGNED TO THEIR VOTING PRECINCT.

- 1001 Bastrop Fire Department Station 2 (Tahitian), 120 Corporate Dr., Bastrop **\*NEW LOCATION\***
- 1002 First Baptist Church, 1201 Water St., Bastrop
- 1003 River Valley Christian Fellowship, 1224 Hwy 71 W., Bastrop **\*NEW LOCATION\***
- 1004 Bastrop County Pct. 1 Road Barn, 601 Cool Water Dr., Bastrop
- 1022 Bastrop Church of Christ, 287 Hwy 20, Bastrop **\*NEW LOCATION\***
- 2005 Smithville City Hall, 317 Main St., Smithville
- 2006 Lake Thunderbird Community Center, 104 Thunderbird Dr., Smithville
- 2007 Rosanky Community Center, 135 Main St., Rosanky
- 2008 Heart of the Pines VFD, 109 Green Acres Loop, Smithville
- 2009 Calvary Baptist Church, 3001 Loop 150 E., Bastrop
- 2010 Paige Community Center, 107 S. Main St. (off Hwy 290), Paige
- 2011 Bastrop Fire Department Station #3 (Circle D), 926 FM 1441, Bastrop
- 3012 Hills Prairie Baptist Church, 1338 Hwy 304, Bastrop
- 3013 Red Rock Community Center, 114 Red Rock Rd., Red Rock
- 3014 Bastrop County ESD #1 Station 5, 1525 FM 812, Cedar Creek **\*NEW LOCATION\***
- 3015 Cedar Creek United Methodist Church, 5630 FM 535, Cedar Creek
- 3016 Wyldwood Baptist Church, 398 Union Chapel Rd., Cedar Creek
- 4017 Elgin Public Library-Civic Center, 404 N. Main St., Elgin
- 4018 Lost Pines Cowboy Church, 334 Roemer Rd., Elgin **\*NEW LOCATION\***
- 4019 Family Worship Center, 2425 FM 1704, Elgin
- 4020 New Life Baptist Fellowship, 175 Hwy 95 S., Elgin
- 4021 Faith Lutheran Church, 230 Waco St., McDade



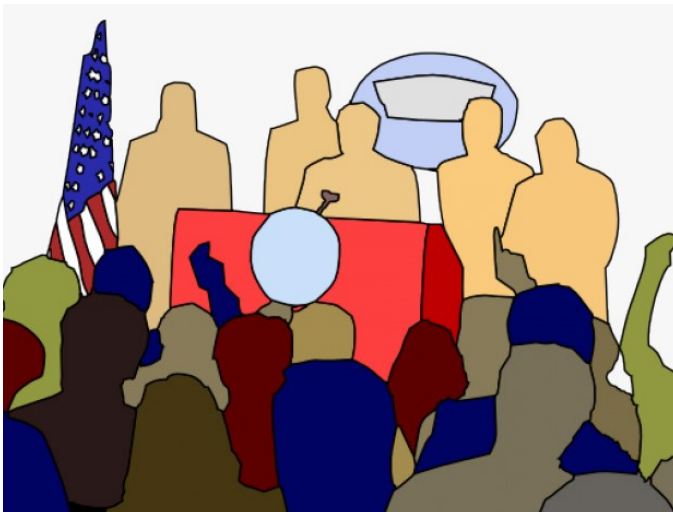
## It's county convention time

Mark your calendars, Bastrop County Democrats. On Saturday, March 21, we will gather in Smithville for our 2020 county convention. Attendees of the county convention on March 21 will sit together with neighbors from their precincts, allowing them to meet their fellow Democrats. The most important function of the county convention is to elect delegates who will represent their precincts at the Texas Democratic Party convention in June. We will also vote upon resolutions, which will determine the party's priorities for 2020.

Details about the county convention are as follows:

- Date: March 21, 2020
- Time: Sign-in begins at 9:00 a.m. The opening gavel will be at 10:00 a.m.
- Location: Smithville Recreation Center, 106 Gazley St, Smithville TX 78957

There will be food trucks in the parking lot for convention attendees to buy lunch.



At the convention, we are giving local and state candidates the opportunity to speak, and are inviting other potential speakers who have not yet been confirmed.

During the convention, we will host a silent auction fundraiser for the Anne Beck Memorial Scholarship Fund. If you have anything that can be donated to be bid upon, please contact Shanda at [joshanda\\_bastrop@yahoo.com](mailto:joshanda_bastrop@yahoo.com). See page 5 for more information.

Resolutions are being accepted now and may be submitted up until 11 a.m. on convention day, but we would prefer earlier submittal so they can be checked for formatting by the resolutions committee. For more information about how to format resolutions, please contact the chair of the resolutions committee, Cheryl Reese, at [cheryl.reese@yahoo.com](mailto:cheryl.reese@yahoo.com).

The Bastrop County Democrats are hard at work planning our county convention, and we would love to see you there. The next planning meeting is Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the BCDP office.

To pre-register for the convention, visit [2020.texasdemocrats.org/](https://2020.texasdemocrats.org/)

## Silent auction to benefit Anne Beck Memorial Scholarship

The BCDP Scholarship Committee will be holding a silent auction at our March 21 county convention (see page 4). If you have items you would like to donate to the silent auction, please drop them off at the BCDP office or contact Shanda Hernandez ([joshanda\\_bastrop@yahoo.com](mailto:joshanda_bastrop@yahoo.com)). Some of the items we have collected so far are pictured below. If you have something of value that you wouldn't mind parting with, please consider donating it to the silent auction.



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The scholarship committee will also be selling soft drinks and water during the convention for \$1.00. If you would like to donate soft drinks or waters, please drop them off at the BCDP office. All donations are greatly appreciated.



### Judge Duggan swears in new precinct chairs

At the Feb. 13 BCDP County Executive Committee meeting, we were glad to have Judge Chris Duggan officiate the swearing-in of four new precinct chairs who will be working to help us **Turn Bastrop County Blue.**



Left to right: Dana Gibbs, Pct. 1002; Allyson Jones, Pct. 4020; Joette Pelliccia, Pct. 4019; Annie Brooks, Pct. 1001

## Team building for the win

By Robin Rieck

On a recent Saturday morning our Main Street office filled with a diverse group of local Democrats ready and eager to learn how they could help bring new voters to the polls in what most folks believe will be the most important election in modern history. Some were familiar faces who entered the office smiling and offering up a round of warm hugs. Others came in a bit more quietly, not knowing anyone in the room or what to expect. They had answered the call for volunteers and were met with a warm welcome full of enthusiasm that soon put them at ease.

After a quick round of introductions, Madi Eden, candidate for TX House District 17, and her campaign manager, Aimee Cook, conducted a brief training for the group. They covered the basics of the user-friendly Map the Vote phone app and outlined the day's mission: to register new voters in advance of the upcoming deadline [now



passed] for the March 3 primary election. Tips were offered for speaking with contacts, and then our new friends were paired up with veteran voter registrars. Once the targeted area had been divided up among the teams, it was time to hit the streets on that beautiful day.

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A couple of hours later the teams began to gather back at the office after knocking on their assigned doors. Everyone shared stories of their adventures, and at that point it was apparent that far more than the original mission had been accomplished. Not only were new voters registered, but new alliances and new friendships had been built. Each of the new volunteers had become a part of a team of activists on that day and they left with a sense of accomplishment and empowerment. They will return again to help register voters and to help get them to the polls in this most important election.

It can be intimidating for many to step out of their comfort zone to join with new faces and knock on unfamiliar doors but answering that call for volunteers can provide a rewarding opportunity to join a team of activists that will be key in electing a new generation of public servants. Your help is needed and we encourage you to join us.

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## We've got cookies!

*Thursday, Feb. 27*—The BCDP office bustled today as volunteers showed up with cookies...lots of cookies. We are once again participating in the Bastrop Emergency Food Pantry's annual Empty Bowl Project on Saturday, Feb. 29. Many thanks to Annie Marris for her organizing efforts.

Showing off their fabulous treats, here are some of our donors.



**Sharon and Steve Chamberlain**



**Annie Marris**



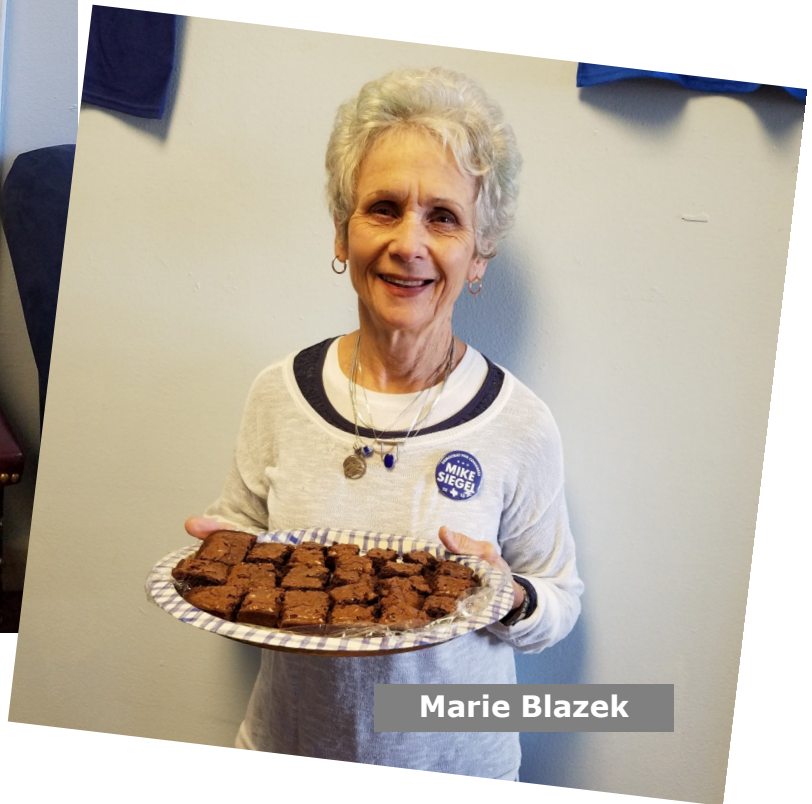
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**Karen Farrier**



**Sue Robertson**



**Marie Blazek**

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The following people donated cookies but are not pictured:

- Karen Sterling
- Melanie Hunt
- Clara Maynard
- Libby Pulley
- Marie Drummond
- Dayna Beck
- Sonja Eagle

Thanks to all!





## HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

There is much to do at all levels as we strive to thwart the Republican agenda and turn Bastrop County, the State of Texas, and America BLUE. Here are some possibilities for your consideration:

### ACTIVIST GROUPS

- **Bastrop County Indivisible**  
Contact Ginger Redden [bcitx10@gmail.com](mailto:bcitx10@gmail.com) or Robin Rieck [rriek@austin.rr.com](mailto:rriek@austin.rr.com)
- **Hogeye Huddle**  
Contact Michelle Ryan [hogeyehuddle@gmail.com](mailto:hogeyehuddle@gmail.com)
- **Stonewall Democrats of Bastrop County**  
Contact Madi Eden [mk@aifx.net](mailto:mk@aifx.net) or Dayna Beck [aspenrox@gmail.com](mailto:aspenrox@gmail.com)

### LIVELY DISCUSSION GROUPS

- **Bastrop County Democratic Women's Monthly Luncheon**  
Contact Mary Liz Singleton [marylizsingleton@gmail.com](mailto:marylizsingleton@gmail.com)
- **Liberals Dining & Drinking (LDD)**  
Contact Marsha Correia [marshac1017@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marshac1017@sbcglobal.net)
- **Uppity Women Monthly Caucus**  
Contact Carole Marmell [cmarmell@hotmail.com](mailto:cmarmell@hotmail.com)

### VOTER REGISTRATION

**Become a Volunteer Deputy Registrar**

Contact Dayna Beck [aspenrox@gmail.com](mailto:aspenrox@gmail.com)

### BCDP LEADERSHIP ROLE

**Precinct Chair • Volunteer Coordinator**

Contact Steve Chamberlain [bcdp16@gmail.com](mailto:bcdp16@gmail.com)

### CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE AT THE LOCAL OR COUNTY LEVEL

Contact Steve Chamberlain [bcdp16@gmail.com](mailto:bcdp16@gmail.com)

### COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

**Writers to contribute articles/letters to the editor to local newspapers and for this newsletter**

Contact Bill McCann [bmccann42@gmail.com](mailto:bmccann42@gmail.com)

### SUPPORT STAFF ROLE

**Volunteer in the BCDP Office**

Contact Dayna Beck [aspenrox@gmail.com](mailto:aspenrox@gmail.com)

### VOTER OUTREACH

**Block Walking • Canvassing**

Contact James Denny [jedenny@comcast.net](mailto:jedenny@comcast.net)

### CONTRIBUTE TO THE BASTROP COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

[secure.actblue.com/donate/bastrop-county-democratic-party-1](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/bastrop-county-democratic-party-1)

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## Who Represents Me?

### U.S. Senate

- John Cornyn: 202-224-2934 (DC); 512-469-6034 (ATX)
- Ted Cruz: 202-224-5922 (DC); 512-916-5834 (ATX)

### U.S. House of Representatives

- Michael McCaul, District 10: 202-225-2401 (DC); 512-473-2357 (Austin)
- Bill Flores, District 17: 202-225-6105 (DC); 512-373-3378 (Austin)
- Michael Cloud, District 27: 202-255-7742 (DC); 361-884-2222 (Corpus Christi); 361-894-6446 (Victoria)

### Texas State Senator

- Kirk Watson: 512-463-0114

### Texas State Representative

- John Cyrier: 512-463-0682

Visit [www.bastropvotes.org](http://www.bastropvotes.org) to find out your district and precinct. Additional contact information can also be found at this link.

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