



Photo by Alicia Reddick Helton

Sen. Barack Obama brings his message of Hope to an overflow crowd at the Guadalupe Cultural Center in San Antonio in February 2008. When more than twice the expected number of people showed up to hear Sen. Obama, police closed Guadalupe Street for a block, and the Senator spoke first to the 3,000 to 4,000 gathered outside and then came in to speak to the 3,500 who had stood in line for three hours to get a closer view. Sen. Obama is the first presidential candidate ever to visit San Antonio's West Side.

Convention Watch Party Kicks Off Club Fall Campaign Calendar

More than 80 Democrats came from all over the county to meet at the Silver Center in Seguin and hear Barack Obama accept his party's nomination for President of the United States. The club sold about 100 buttons and gave away bumper stickers and information about Texas Democratic candidates. Mark Thompson, candidate for the Railroad Commission from Austin introduced himself and his campaign.

The convention watch party was the first in a series of events planned by the Guadalupe County Democratic Club to help turn Texas blue in November. The first weekend in September, most Democratic candidates for statewide office are set for the third annual Old-Time Democratic Rally at the McQueeney Lions Club, hosted by the Guadalupe County Democratic Party, chair Tony Bazan, and all the precinct chairs. (See **Calendar** on page 2 and more details on page 3.)

Club Calls for Nominations For Slate of New Officers

The Guadalupe County Democratic Club will elect new officers at the Nov. 20 meeting.

The Executive Committee of the club consists of the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Duties include meeting monthly between regular club meetings to plan programs and special events in support of the Democratic Party in the county. The current officers meet often by email and occasionally in person.

The treasurer is required by law to file quarterly reports, but the financial activities of the club are limited and the report form and filing can be done online.

Swearing in will take place at the club's holiday party Dec. 30. The next term for the new officers will run from January 2009 through December 2010.

Anyone who voted in the 2008 Democratic Primary is eligible to serve. Anyone who wants to nominate themselves or another can contact Alicia Helton, secretary, at 830-401-4231 or arhelton@satx.rr.com.



Turning Texas Blue: The Guadalupe County delegation to the Texas Democratic Convention in Austin June 5-7 look sharp in their matching blue T-shirts. Front row from left are Pct. 3 county commissioner candidate Tisha Fletcher, her mother Norma Frazier, Faye LeCesne, Faye Touve, and delegation chair Duane McCune. Second and third rows from left, include Reza Abbasian, Les Sutton, and local elector Mike Thelan in the white cap.



Chelsea comes to Texas: State convention delegates in Austin got a thrilling surprise when Chelsea Clinton appeared on stage to thank her mother's supporters and get the state convention off to a rousing start. Speakers' pictures were projected on a large screen so they could be seen in the back of the hall.

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Another highlight of the campaign season is the club's biennial fund-raising dinner. This year's fete will begin with a social hour featuring live music by Allegro Brass. The buffet menu includes prime rib or a vegetarian pasta entrée. Tickets are \$30 each or two for \$50.

Beginning on Sept. 13, the club will run a vendor booth in downtown Seguin on three Saturdays and in the Coliseum for the four days of the County Fair Trade Expo.

The occasion on Sept. 13 is Patrias Familias sponsored by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The last Saturdays of September and October are Trade Days run by the City of Seguin. At each outdoor event, the booth will be open from 9AM to 4PM.

The booth in the Coliseum during the County Fair will be open 3 – 8PM Thursday, Oct. 9; 11AM – 9PM Friday, Oct. 10; 9AM – 9PM Saturday, Oct. 11; and 11AM – 5PM Sunday, Oct. 12.

The booths are especially important this year to provide a simple way for people to ask questions about candidates and the election process, find ways to help get out the vote, and pick up campaign buttons, bumper stickers, and yard signs. Admission is free to all these events. (Details are on page 3.)



Delegation Co-chair and Obama Elector. From left, Seguin delegates Alicia Helton representing Precincts 113, 104, and 211; Ruth Scott from Pct. 202; co-chair of the county delegation Michael Godeck of Seguin, and delegate Michael Thelan of McQueeney smile during a break on the floor of the state convention. During the convention Michael Thelan was elected as an Obama Elector for the 2008 Presidential election.



2008 Fall Club Calendar



September

- 6:** Noon – 3 PM 3rd Annual Old-Time Democratic Rally, McQueeney Lions Club, 3211 FM 78 between McQueeney and Seguin
- 13:** 9 AM – 4 PM Booth at Fiestas Patrias, Central Park, Seguin
- 25:** 7 PM Regular club meeting, 607 Jefferson, two blocks west of South Guadalupe Street in Seguin, parking and entrance in rear
- 27:** 9 AM – 4 PM Booth at Trade Days, Central Park, Seguin

October

- 1:** 6:30 PM Turning Texas Blue Banquet, Hein Hall, on the Texas Lutheran University campus, Seguin
- 4:** 1 PM Ride in County Fair Parade
- 6:** **Last day to register to vote on Nov. 4**
- 9:** 3–8:30 PM Booth at Guadalupe County Fair Trade Show & Expo, Coliseum, Seguin
- 10:** 11 AM–9 PM County Fair Booth, Coliseum, Seguin
- 11:** 9 AM–9 PM County Fair Booth, Coliseum, Seguin
- 12:** 11 AM–5 PM County Fair Booth, Coliseum, Seguin

October (continued)

- 20:** **Early voting begins**
- 23:** 7 PM Regular club meeting, 607 Jefferson, two blocks west of South Guadalupe Street in Seguin, parking and entrance in rear
- 25:** 9 AM – 4 PM Booth at Trade Days, Central Park, Seguin
- 31:** **Early voting ends**

November

- 4:** **Election Day**
Election Returns Party, after polls close at 7PM, Los Sombreros Restaurant, 301 N. Austin St. (in Aumont Hotel at Mountain), Seguin
- 6:** 11 AM–1 PM Serving luncheon at Moore House, 801 Johnson, Seguin
- 20:** 7 PM Club meeting with Election of Officers, 607 Jefferson, two blocks west of South Guadalupe Street in Seguin, parking and entrance in rear

December

- 30:** 6 PM Holiday Potluck and Party, Ezell Room, Silver Center, 510 E. Court St., Seguin

Guadalupe County Voting Locations

Precinct One

- 101:** McQueeney Lions Club, 3211 SH78, McQueeney
- 102, 111, 112:** Mosaic Community Church, 1201 W. Court St., Seguin
- 103, 110:** Argent Court, 953 S. SH123 Bypass, Seguin
- 104, 113:** Library, 707 E. College, Seguin
- 105:** Forest Hills Baptist Church, 8251 FM1117
- 106:** Pct. 1 JP Court, 2405 E. US90
- 107:** Kingsbury Fire Station, FM1104 (south of US90, Kingsbury)
- 108:** Staples Community Center, FM621, Staples
- 109:** Maranatha Fellowship Hall, 2356 S. SH80 (south of IH10, west side of SH80)

Precinct Two

- 201, 210:** Knights of Columbus Hall, 1015 S. Austin St., Seguin
- 202:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 409 W. Krezdorn, Seguin
- 203:** Community Council of S. Central Texas, 740 W. Kingsbury St. (old El Apache Restaurant), Seguin
- 204:** American Legion Post, 618 E. Kingsbury St., Seguin
- 205:** Geronimo VFW, 6808 N. SH123 North, Geronimo
- 207, 211:** Silver Center, 510 E. Court St., Seguin
- 208, 209:** Westside Baptist Church, 1208 N. Vaughn, Seguin

Precinct Three

- 301:** Knights of Columbus Hall, 509 Schertz Pkwy., Schertz
- 302:** Cibolo City Hall, 200 S. Main St., Cibolo

- 303:** Crosspoint Fellowship Church (formerly Parkway Baptist), 2600 Roy Richard Dr. (FM3009), Schertz
- 304:** Schertz Community Center, 1400 Schertz Pkwy., Schertz
- 305:** Schertz Baptist Church, 600 Aero Avenue, Schertz
- 306:** Schertz United Methodist Church, 3460 Roy Richards Dr. (FM3009), Schertz
- 307:** Northcliffe Fire Station, 3501 Morning Dr., Northcliffe

Precinct Four

- 401:** Santa Clara City Hall, 1653 N. Santa Clara Rd.
- 402:** Hilltop Country Church, 2719 FM 725, New Braunfels
- 403:** New Braunfels Municipal Airport, 2333 FM758, New Braunfels
- 404:** McQueeney VFW, 275 Gallagher Rd. (Lake McQueeney Estates)
- 405:** St. John's Lutheran Church, 606 S. Center St. (FM465), Marion
- 406:** New Berlin Community Center, 8815 FM775, New Berlin
- 407:** Sweet Home Activity Center, 3202 Sweet Home Rd.



Obama makes it personal in San Antonio speech.

Early Voting Locations

The Guadalupe County Elections Office is continuing polling sites in outlying locations and also Saturday hours to make early voting even easier:

Seguin Elections Office, 307 W. Court St.

Monday, Oct. 20 – Friday, Oct. 24, 8AM to 5PM

Saturday, Oct. 25, 10AM to 4PM

Monday, Oct. 27 – Friday, Oct. 31, 7AM to 7PM

Schertz Elections Office, 1101 Elbel Rd., Ste. 7

Monday, Oct. 20 – Friday, Oct. 24, 8AM to 5PM

Saturday, Oct. 25, 10AM to 4PM

Monday, Oct. 27 – Friday, Oct. 31, 7AM to 7PM

St. Joseph's Mission, 5093 Redwood Rd., San

Marcos, Monday, Oct. 20, 8AM to 5PM

Monday, Oct. 27, 7AM to 7PM

Kingsbury Fire Station, 1060 FM 1104, Kingsbury

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 8AM to 5PM

Saturday, Oct. 25, 10AM to 4PM

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7AM to 7PM

Forest Hills Church, 8251 FM 1117, Seguin

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 8AM to 5PM

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7AM to 7PM

Hilltop Country Church, 2719 FM 725 at Klein

Rd., New Braunfels, Thursday, Oct. 23, 8AM to 5PM

Saturday, Oct. 25, 10AM to 4PM

Thursday, Oct. 30, 7AM to 7PM

New Berlin Community Center, 8815 FM 775

Friday, Oct. 24, 8AM to 5PM

Friday, Oct. 31, 7AM to 7PM

Turning Texas Blue Dinner



6:30 PM Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008

Hein Hall, Texas Lutheran University

Social Hour on the terrace: wine and cheese,
music by Allegro Brass

Buffet dinner: prime rib or vegetarian entrée, garden salad,
new potatoes, fresh green beans,
chocolate mousse with strawberries

Door prizes. Guest speakers to be announced.

Tickets \$30 each, two for \$50 from Barbara Effenberger, 601 E. Weinert
St., Seguin, TX 78155 or call 830-379-5290 for more information



From left, Barbara Gay and Barbara Effenberger help Janey and Mel Turney sign in for the Aug. 28 convention watch party at the Silver Center while candidate Mark Thompson looks on.



Tony Weisman, left, sells buttons and bumper stickers to new member Rhonda Westerfield at the Silver Center.



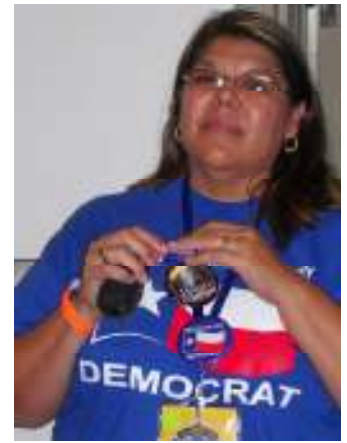
Club members and guests waved their flags and cheered as they watched Barack Obama speak before thousands in Denver on the last night of the national convention.



Club members (from left) Barbara Gay, George Combs, Wanda Parker, Betsy Martin, Floyd Parker, Marvel Maddox, Ruth Scott, William and Barbra Kaberle, and Rhea Forester hear a report on the state convention at the regular June meeting of the club.



Guadalupe County Delegation Chair Duane McCune of Cibolo confers with neighboring counties in the Senate District 25 caucus in the June in Austin.



Cynthia Polanco-Rosas from Seguin wears her gold delegate's badge over her Guadalupe County T-shirt at the state Democratic convention in Austin.



George and Urai Combs, left, wait with guests Lucia and Jesse Ayala for Obama's speech in Denver to begin.



Barbra and William Kaberle, left, Reza Abbasian (back), and guest and Gloria Sasser watch the nat'l convention on a big screen at the Seguin Silver Center.

Democrats on Ballot for Local, State Races

Locally one Democrat is running unopposed while two others face Republican incumbents.

Steve Garcia has no Republican opposition for Constable in Pct. 2, but Jack Sample is running against Bobby Jahns for Constable in Pct. 1. Sample, founder and executive director of South-West Pride in Seguin, has a Master of Arts degree in counseling from the University of Texas at San Antonio, peace officer training, and experience in criminal rehabilitation, medical case management, psychometric clinical supervision, contract management, and crisis intervention.

Tisha Fletcher of Schertz faces incumbent Jim Wolverton for County Commissioner in Pct. 3. Ms. Fletcher is a retired bank officer, cancer survivor, wife of a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, mother of two girls attending Schertz public schools, and daughter of Norma and Arthur Frazier of Marion.



Rick Noriega

State Rep. Rick Noriega of Houston is the Democratic challenger for John Cornyn's seat in the U.S. Senate. He is a Texas National Guard lieutenant

colonel who spent 14 months in Afghanistan and has served five terms in the Texas House.

Linda Yañez of Brownsville, teacher, attorney, judge, mother, and grandmother, is running for Place 8 on the state highest court. She has also served as a justice on

the Texas 13th Court of Appeals, is a member of the American Law Institute and the faculty of the National Judicial College.



Jim Jordan

Jim Jordan of Dallas, veteran civil defense attorney, judge of the 160th District Court, and former judge of the 44th District Court, is a candidate for Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court.

Sam Houston of Houston, a practicing attorney for over 20 years and board certified in civil trial advocacy and personal injury trial law, is the Democratic candidate for Place 7 on the Texas Supreme Court.

Susan Strawn of Houston, candidate for Place 3 on the Texas Court of Appeals, spent 17 years with the federal government before coming home to Houston in 2006. She was the Justice Dept. Resident Legal Advisor in Kosovo and later the Treasury Dept. Resident Advisor to West Africa for Financial Crimes Enforcement.



Susan Strawn

J.R. Molina of Fort Worth, a USAF veteran and attorney board certified in criminal law, is running for Place 4 on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. He has prosecuted and defended multiple death penalty cases and

scores of appellate cases for the State of Texas and for defendants.



Mark Thompson

Mark Thompson of Austin, a disabilities rights advocate, therapist for blind children and adults, and police officer, is running for a spot on the Railroad Commission. He spoke to the club on Aug. 28 at the Silver Center.

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- Yes! I want to renew my regular membership at \$10 for 2008.
- Yes! I want to become a sustaining member at \$ _____ per year or \$ _____ per month.
- Yes! I want to make an additional contribution of \$ _____.
- Add me to Jack Linden's e-mail list for his weekly column.
- Add me to the club's e-mail list for announcements, news, and action alerts.

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Guadalupe County Democratic Club

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Seguin, TX 78155

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