

Dallas County Young Democrats

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Upcoming Events:

June General Meeting

June 12 • 7:00 PM
Zubar • 2012 Greenville Ave
Dallas, TX 75206
Complimentary valet and access
to parking lot behind Zubar

2007 Dallas Municipal Run-off Elections

Early voting ends June 12
Election Day: Saturday, June 16
Visit www.dalcoelections.org for
polling locations and times

YDA Dallas Convention Volunteer Training

June 16 • 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Adams Mark Hotel
400 North Olive Street in Dallas
For more information, please
contact Amber Goodwin at
ambergoodwin@gmail.com

Jane's Due Process Fundraiser

June 21st • 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Monica's Aca y Alla
2914 Main St. in Dallas
www.janesdueprocess.org

YDA National Convention - Dallas

July 18 - 21
Adams Mark Hotel
400 North Olive Street in Dallas
To register, visit: ydadallas.org

Representative Marc Veasey to Give Texas Legislative Update at June 12 Meeting

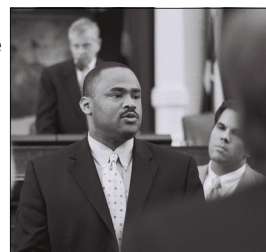
By Elaine Sanchez

Make plans to attend the next DCYD general meeting, as Rep. Marc Veasey presents a wrap-up of the 80th Texas Legislature.

Representative Marc Veasey was born and raised in Tarrant County where he was elected to represent the 95th District for the first time in 2004. He is an alumnus of Texas Wesleyan University where he studied Mass Communications. Prior to holding elected office, Marc worked on the staff of Democratic Congressman Martin Frost where he served as the one of the congressman's key aides in Fort Worth. Marc also currently works as a health care consultant, providing outreach services to individuals who are HIV/AIDS positive in Tarrant County, and as an account executive for a document retrieval company.

He has worked at Polytechnic High School,

as a part-time sports writer for the *Star-Telegram* and for Source Media's IT Network. In the 80th Legislative session Rep Veasey authored HB 2612 asking for a study of the James Byrd Hate Crimes Act and how to make it more effective.



Representative Mark Veasey

In addition, we will also have an update on the 2007 YDA National Convention to be held Dallas, July 18-21. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday June 12, 2007 @ Zubar (2012 Greenville Ave) at 7:00pm.

Come early and stay late – this is our last meeting before we host the Young Democrats of America national convention in July and we need your help!

Dallas Municipal Election Run-off Elections Scheduled for June 16

By Sam Templeton

It's down to two in the race to become the next mayor of Dallas. DCYD-endorsed candidate Ed Oakley and Tom Leppert are headed for a runoff as the top two vote-getters out of an 11-candidate field. Leppert led all with 27% of the May 12 vote and Oakley ended with 21%. The runoff election is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th. Turnout was only 13% for the May 12th election and is anticipated to be even lower for the runoff, so every vote counts.

Make sure to mark your calendar and vote for Ed Oakley on June 16th and the other DCYD candidates facing run-offs:

DCYD Endorsed Candidates:

Dallas Mayor -Ed Oakley
City Council Place 3 - Joseph Hernandez (runoff with Dave Neumann)
City Council Place 5 -Vonciel Hill (runoff with Betty Culbreath)
City Council Place 7 - Don Parish (runoff with Billy Ratcliff)

Donate to DCYD - Become a Sustaining Member Today

Membership in the Dallas County Young Democrats is free, but we rely on the generosity of our Sustaining Members to support our operations. We offer four levels of Sustaining Membership, starting with as little as \$10 per month. If you enjoy the events and activities we host, we hope you will consider supporting DCYD as a Sustaining Member. Please visit our donation page at:

www.dallasyoungdemocrats.org/donate.aspx



Volunteers Needed for YDA Dallas Convention in July

By Amber Goodwin

DCYD is in need of volunteers for our upcoming YDA National Convention to be held in Dallas, July 18th - 21st. We need energetic people to help make this a great experience for the hundreds of young people coming to Dallas. Whether you can commit to volunteer for a couple of hours, or the entire week, we would love to have you!

Join us on June 16th for volunteer training at the Adams Mark Hotel. Be at the forefront of one of the most exciting conventions for young progressives in the history of Texas!

Come get a sneak peak at what this convention is all about! For more information, please contact Amber Goodwin at ambergoodwin@gmail.com.

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June 16, 2007 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
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400 North Olive Street
Dallas, TX 75201

Jane's Due Process Fundraiser at Monica's

by Trisha Raines

Respect for a woman's reproductive choice is one of the biggest issues that defines us as Democrats. With states chipping away at these rights, Jane's Due Process is working to protect the reproductive rights of minors from parental involvement legislation.

JDP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization ensuring legal representation for pregnant minors in Texas.

Win a Free Night at the YDA Conference Hotel

Register Online for the YDA 2007 Dallas National Convention by Friday June 16, and your name will be entered to win one of two free nights at the Adams Mark Hotel!

Go to the YDA Dallas 2007 Website and click on "Register Now" to be entered into the drawing. You could Win a free night at the Adams Mark for the YDA Convention, July 18-21, 2007 (\$125 value).

Don't miss out on this great opportunity!!!

Register Online at:

www.ydadallas2007.org

The organization relies on a network of attorneys who provide representation without cost to pregnant minors. On June 21st, activists will gather at Monica's Aca y Alla in Deep Ellum, as they raise money for Jane's Due Process. With salsa dancing, music and good food and company, the organizers of the event are hoping to raise \$15,000 for the non-profit organization. Tickets start at \$100 and \$20 for students with valid ID; half-price tickets are available if purchased before June 14th.

For more information, please contact Ruth Rodriguez at 214.720.3890 or ruthr@exportimportlaw.com. Visit JDP at www.janesdueprocess.org

DCYD New Member Spotlight

Join us in welcoming one of our new members, Gabriel Beltran. Take a look below to see Gabriel's thoughts on our club. Hopefully, it will remind you of why you joined DCYD or inspire you to invite a friend to our next event.

1) Name: Gabriel Beltran

(2) How did you hear about DCYD? The first mention of the DCYD to me was from a fellow co-worker...Marie Benton

(3) What did you think of your first meeting? The first meeting I attended included the debate between City Council member Angela Hunt and former City Council member Craig Holcomb on the TrinityVote project. It was informative, thought provoking, and very enjoyable.

(4) Had you ever been active in the Young Democrats before this meeting? No, however on a funny note, I did sign up for the Young Communist Party at a Rage Against the Machine concert in high school. My parents still receive mail-out flyers for events occasionally!

(5) What would you say to someone considering joining the group or coming to a meeting? I would strongly encourage it. There is an overall friendliness and welcoming attitude from everyone I met. I would also say that the group is active and visible in the community.

About the Dallas County Young Democrats

Membership in the Dallas County Young Democrats is open to all Dallas County Democrats between the ages of 14 and 40. DCYD is one of the largest Democratic activist organizations in Dallas County, and one of the largest Young Democrats groups in the nation. Our activities include monthly meetings, happy hours, volunteering in the community, voter registration drives, a speaker series and volunteering for Democratic campaigns. For more information on our organization and a complete list of upcoming events, please visit our website at www.dallasyoungdemocrats.org