

Galveston Island Democrats
Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes
ILA Local 20 Union Hall
Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Call to Order - President Carol Derragon brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Recitation of the Preamble to the U. S. Constitution

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting accepted.

Financial Report: Loretta Davis, Treasurer, reported that Galveston Island Democrats (GID) started the month with \$19,571 and after donations and expenses ended at \$20,101. All donations are appreciated and needed for upcoming election activities.

Attendance Report: 49 people attended, 2 new members

Special Speaker: Lesley Somer, CEO, Access Care of Coast Texas, Inc (ACCT)

Key Topics:

- Formerly named AIDS Coalition of Coastal Texas.
- Mission: To prevent the spread of HIV and provide comprehensive services to those affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Values: Compassion, respect, autonomy, confidentiality, dedication, empowerment
- AIDS has transitioned from a death sentence to a managed disease, given the proper medication and care.
- AIDS stigma still exists
- ACCT provides financial, emotional, nutritional, and transport services.
- ACCT is always looking for volunteers.
- LGBTQ community is concerned about negative legislation at the local, state, and national levels.
- ACCT is funded via federal and government-mandated pharmaceutical programs but relies greatly on community support.
- Sunday, October 5, Annual Sea Walk event. See the information in the list below.

Committee Reports: Full reports published at <https://galvisledems.com/>

Book Club – Carol Hollaway: Completed *Condominium: A Novel*, by John D. MacDonald, Random House, 1977. Will start *The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet*, by Jeff Goodell, 2023: Little, Brown and Company, 400 pp.

Civic Affairs (Galveston Island) Liaison – Conni Rivers: Introduced two new Precinct Chairs for Dickinson, Jean Clearly, and Richard Davis. There will be a get-together, see the information in the list below.

Community Outreach - Lodie Massey: Attic Treasures Garage and Estate Sale, see the information in the list below.

Legislative Affairs (Texas) – Joe Willis: Special thanks for the help before the meeting. The postcards that the membership addressed will be stamped and mailed in the next 24 hours. Please look at the website for extensive details on the Texas Legislature Second Special Session.

Merchandise Sales – Sue Woodson: We have new “We the People” shirts (\$25) in “flo blue” and light grey; and new Carolina blue (matches original t-shirt) ball caps (\$20) with embroidered logo. All will be on sale at the meeting.

Social Events – Hector Arias / Randy Penn: See the information in the list below.

Old Business: none

New Business: GID is trying to follow the national calendar <https://www.fiftyfifty.one/events> for protest events when possible. Local events and summer heat have impacted our outdoor events.

Date	Day	Time	Place	Activity
9/5/2025	Friday	9 A – 10:30 A	Sugar Bean 11 Evia Main	Coffee Club
9/6/2025	Saturday	8:45 AM	Fort Crockett/Anguished Man	Human Chain photo on Seawall
9/9/25	Tuesday	6 PM – 8 PM	Gator's Bar and Grill 3535 Gulf Fwy, Dickinson, TX 77539	Dickinson Area Democrats initial get-together & introduce new precinct chairs
9/13/2025	Saturday	3:15 PM – 5:30 PM	Rosenberg Library, Wortham Auditorium	Movie: <i>Good Night, and Good Luck</i> , directed and screenplay co-written by George Clooney
9/16/2025	Tuesday	4:30 PM – 6 PM	Texas Tail Distillery, 2416 Post Office	Happy Hour
10/5/25	Sunday	10 AM to 2 PM	Menard Park 2222 28th St	ACCT Annual Sea Walk event. It is a 3K run/walk and health fair event
10/11/2025	Saturday	TBD	TBD	Mock Funeral – Death of Decency; Demise of Democracy
10/19/2025	Sunday	2:00 PM	Strand parade route	Third Coast PrideFest Parade

Door prizes were distributed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 30th at 7 PM.

Shelia Salinas
Secretary

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