



## President's Corner

As my term as President of GID comes to a close, I thank each of you for your support and contributions to not only our club, but to our communities. The work that each of us does to support others, to demonstrate our values of kindness, fairness--and the strength to stand up to the bullies of the world--is important. There is strength in numbers--and we are definitely growing! We are becoming more visible; and more vocal.

The executive officers, the committee chairs, and many people who I looked to for insight or advice this year have each helped make this a truly rewarding experience. I hope I have served you and our organization well. As new officers are elected this month, I look forward to wearing one less "hat"--although I will still be wearing my blue activist hat!

~ Carol Derragon

## JANUARY 27 – ELECTION OF GID OFFICERS

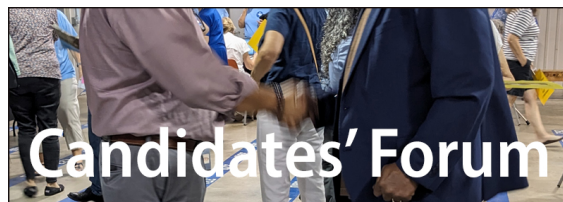
Our annual election of officers will be held at the January 27 meeting. This will be one of the first items on the agenda, before the Candidate Forum. Some excellent individuals have already self-nominated; and in accordance with our bylaws, nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Please plan to attend!



## [I.C.E. OUT FOR GOOD](#)

GID member Amylin Hicks led a small pop-up protest on January 8 at Stewart Rd. & 61<sup>st</sup> Street and a follow-up protest on Saturday, January 10 at the 1900 Storm Monument on Seawall Blvd. Approximately 100 people attended on Saturday, braving windy conditions to hold signs and wave at passersby. Motorists on Seawall were supportive, with lots of friendly honking and waves! Galveston Police Department once again provided support, demonstrating their motto, to Protect & Serve.

We are currently creating a “rapid-response” text group. If you are interested in receiving text notifications of pop-up protest / demonstration events, please text Carol Derragon at 214-505-8094 with your name and specify that you would like to be added to this group.



This is your opportunity to hear from the candidates that will appear on the Galveston County ballot running in the primary for US Senate and Congress, Texas State Offices, Texas Senate and House, Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals, State Board of Education, and County Offices, plus Galveston County Democratic Party Chair. It is a full slate with many candidates. The first candidate forum was held at the Galveston County

## Mark your calendars for:

### **JANUARY 27, 2026 (GID Monthly Meeting)**

#### **Hosted by Galveston Island Democrats**

ILA #20 Union Hall, 6501 Harborside Drive, Galveston

6:30 to 7:00 pm – social

7:15 pm to 8:30 pm – candidate presentations

8:30 pm to 9:00 pm – candidate/member follow-up

### **FEBRUARY 4, 2026**

#### **Hosted by Texas Democratic Women-Galveston County**

Hometown Heroes Recreation Center

1001 East League City Parkway, League City

6:30 to 7:00 pm – social

7:00 pm to 8:15 pm – candidate presentations

8:15 pm to 8:45 pm – candidate/member follow-up

### **FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

#### **Hosted by Galveston County Democratic Party and Dickinson Area Democrats**

IBEW #527 Union Hall, 2509 FM 2004, Texas City, Texas

6:30 to 7:00 pm – social

7:00 pm to 8:15 pm – candidate presentations

8:15 pm to 8:45 pm – candidate/member follow-up

## VOTING DATES

### **Tuesday Feb 2**

Last day to register to vote in the primary

### **Tuesday Feb 17**

Early voting begins

### **Tuesday March 3**

Primary elections



## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

On January 17th Galveston Island Democrats marched in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade to honor Dr. King's enduring legacy and to celebrate the rich civil rights history which lives in our island community. We joined the parade to stand with our neighbors, and uplift the values of equality, voting rights, and inclusion - values which guide GID's work year-round here on Galveston Island.

## **GID MEETINGS & EVENTS**

### **Galveston Island Democrats Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

**6:30-7:00 pm Social**

**7:00 pm Meeting**

**ILA Meeting Hall, 6501 Harborside Dr.**

<https://www.mobilize.us/gcdptx/event/610458>

**GID meets monthly on the last Tuesday.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The minutes from the last membership meeting and the current bylaws can be found at: [galvisledems.com](http://galvisledems.com) - Who We Are/ Bylaws, Minutes and Newsletters.

## **GID SOCIAL EVENTS**

**Friday, February 6, 2026**

- Beads, flags and music lend a hippie vibe to this family-owned American comfort food mainstay.
- The groovy cafe opens at 8:00 am with an array of specialty coffees and breakfast items with natural and organic recipes, all delectable!

### **Tuesday, February 17**

**GID 3rd Tuesday Drop-in Happy Hour - 4:30-6:00 pm**

**Sugar & Rye Coastal Kitchen & Cocktail Bar**

**2401 Church Street, Galveston**

- A beautiful setting in a lovely private room. Mixology cocktails, wines, prosecco, beers, & gourmet bites all at happy hour prices.
- Plus, it's Taco Tuesday — fish or shrimp tacos + elote + a shot of tequila = only \$18! Because nothing says “I've got my life together” like tacos and tequila on a Tuesday!
- Yes, this is also **Fat Tuesday** – and the 6:30 PM parade is just a block away!

## **GID BOOK CLUB**

The GID Book Club has been on hiatus during the holiday season. We will be reconvening soon to discuss our next steps forward. Anyone who would like to participate in the book club should contact Carol Hollaway at [precinct223chair@gmail.com](mailto:precinct223chair@gmail.com).

## **OTHER MEETINGS AND RESOURCES**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm**

**GISD School Board Meeting**

**Lovenberg Administration Building**

**3904 Avenue T**

**Galveston, TX77550**

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**Voter Information table 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Galveston's Own Farmer's Market**

**3304 Market, Galveston, TX 77550**

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