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Texas Democratic Convention

Thurs-Sat, July 14-16, 2022

Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center

Dallas, Texas

**Why I am Running**  *[Put on first page as a scroll down.]*

I was born a West Texas girl. My years of living outside West Texas have taught me that West Texas women really are different. We know how to work. If something needs doing, we just do it. Now, after decades of one-party rule, Texas has huge problems, ignored by our Legislature for years. We have sunk to the bottom rung of states in so many areas: health, education, child protection, infrastructure, the electric grid. We sure can't brag about being #1 in uninsured citizens.

It is time for a change! No more Good Ol' Boys falling in line like timid sheep. It's time for the Legislature to solve real problems for the hard-working people of Texas. It's time to send our West Texas *git-'er-done* spirit to Austin.

**About Linda** *[In its own section]*

Linda was born and raised in Abilene, attending College Heights and North Junior High. Her father, T.W. "Jack" Dean, was on the music faculty at Hardin-Simmons University. Her mother, Frances, had her hands full with four children and no clothes dryer.

Linda's most memorable 5th grade experience was being cast in *The Pied Piper* *of Hamlin*. Schoolchildren from all over the city were bussed to Fair Park Auditorium to see this play. In the 9th grade she moved to Fort Worth with her family and graduated from Paschal High School. Then - ahead of her time - she took a "Gap Year," working for six months as a Stewardess before going off to college.

At Baylor, Linda majored in Political Science and met Arthur Goolsbee, a former Marine returning to college on the GI bill. After their marriage she worked to put him through the University of Texas Law School. Eventually they moved to Los Angeles and lived there for 33 years, where Art was Director of Finance for Utility Trailer Manufacturing. Linda was actively involved in raising their son Austan and working for Pacific Bell as a manager in large business sales and installation, corporate course design, and customer training.

Regular visits to the Dean home near View gave their Waco-born son the chance to fish in the stock tank and experience the wide-open spaces of West Texas. Austan grew up to become a Professor at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and Chairman of the Economic Advisors in the first Obama Administration.

In 2004 Linda and Art retired to Abilene to be near her family and became deeply connected to West Texas through their church and other community groups until Art's passing in 2021. His new hometown-by-choice was blessed by his service as an ordained Episcopal Deacon, a United Way Board member, Associate Judge of the Abilene Municipal Court, and active participant in other community organizations. Linda feels called to continue his example of service.

**Business Experience**

All of Linda's varied business experience has included small companies and a huge Fortune 500 corporation. Each has taught her to *first* find out what her customer's needs are, and *then* work to meet those needs. She will continue this method with her constituents.

*[Maybe use my little bees as bullets?]*

* Central Airlines Stewardess
* Dub King Advertising - project assistant
* Gatesville High School - Latin, English, American History teacher
* General Tire & Rubber Manufacturing - accounting clerk
* Secretary [In the old days, women always started here before moving up.]
* Scarbroughs Department Store - clerk, personnel, sales training director
* Word Books & Records - advertising, copywriter, project coordinator
* Pacific Bell - manager, large business customer sales and installation, corporate course design, inhouse and customer training

**Abilene Boards & Organizations**

* Abilene Community Theatre
* Abilene Interfaith Council
* Abilene Reporter News Community Advisory Board
* Abilene Woman's Club
* American Association of University Women
* Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest

**Democratic Party**

* Big Country Chapter, Texas Democratic Women - President
* Taylor County Executive Committee
* State Democratic Executive Committeewoman
* 2012 Texas Delegate, Democratic National Convention

**Just for contrast, here is the bio I turned in for my luncheon presentation.**

AWC Bio for lunch program 3/4/22 - "Seduced by Dolls"

Linda Goolsbee was born in Hendrick Hospital.  She lived here through the 8th grade, until her family moved to Fort Worth. She went to Baylor, married a fellow student, and worked to put him through UT law school.  Their son Austan was born in Waco.  Then they lived in Los Angeles for 33 years, before retiring to Abilene in 2004 to be near her family.

Linda's work experience has been all over the map, including stewardess, high school teacher, retail sales, secretary, training director, and advertising copywriter.  In California she worked for Pacific Bell as a manager in large business sales and installation, corporate course design, and customer training.

Her favorite hobby was always theatre.  (Once she was in a play at USC with John Ritter.)  But dolls were a close second.