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# Issues of race and campaign strategy cause disagreement at Dallas Democratic Chair Forum

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With campaign season already underway, the three candidates for Dallas County Democratic Party (DCDP) Chair met at a forum hosted by the Dallas Stonewall Democrats and Dallas County Young Democrats (DCYD) at the CWA Hall Tuesday, Nov. 14. Current Chair Carol Donovan, elected in 2015, is in a fight against attorney Chris Hamilton and Lancaster-native Carolyn Ann Morris.

Issues discussed at the forum included the removal of the straight ticket option on election ballots (starting in the 2020 elections), how each candidate would deal with sexual assault and harassment within the party, opportunities for transgender Democrats, and the possibility of winning back the District Attorney's (DA) office.

"We have an African American female Republican DA," said Hamilton. "There are racial divisions in our party that need to be addressed. People are disillusioned in the African American community with the Democratic Party. They feel like we show up, ask for their vote, but not deliver."

Donovan, who before serving as



The three candidates for Dallas County Democratic Party Chair discussed a variety of issues at the Nov. 14 forum (Photo Credit: Joe Farkus/NDG)

Chair ran unsuccessfully for Texas House District 107 and served as a precinct chair, dismissed claims of racial divisions among Dallas Democrats, pointing to personality rather than racial differences and urging voters to vote straight-ticket Democrat in next year's election to secure a victory in the race for Dallas County DA.

"I live in the south of Dallas," Morris, the only African American candidate in the race, told the largely

white audience during a discussion about the need for diversity and tolerance in the party. "Some of you all probably have never went to the south of Dallas other than driving through to go to Waco."

Morris has served as a DCDP precinct chair and as a Lancaster ISD school board member. She also founded the Lancaster NAACP. She currently serves as the head of a non-

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## Rev. Jesse Jackson

By Stacy M. Brown  
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Reverend Jesse Jackson's Parkinson's disease diagnosis caught many by surprise, but those who know him said they're confident that he'll overcome the life-threatening challenge before him.

"He's in the rumble of his life, but he's rumbled some big foes before," said Vincent Hughes, a Democratic state senator from Pennsylvania who campaigned for Jackson in 1984 and again in 1988. Hughes said that



Jackson's campaigns were birthed in the Black empowerment movement that followed the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. "I'm one of those African Americans, who took office

and was a part of that issue of 'protest to power' and Rev. Jackson was, in many respects, our leader and he still is."

More than anyone else, Jackson opened the door for the election of Barack Obama, the first African American President of the United States, said Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). Chavis was one of Jackson's contemporaries during the Civil Rights Movement. "Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., is a living, global civil rights icon. As a colleague in the Civil Rights

Movement dating back to the 1960s and under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I have personally witnessed the selfless sacrifice and dedication of Rev. Jackson."

Chavis continued: "For all who have cried out for freedom justice and equality, the news of his Parkinson's disease should only serve to re-dedicate a movement now for healthcare equality for all, not only as a civil right, but as a human right."

On Friday, November 17, Jackson, 76, issued a statement informing the world of his illness.

In the statement, Jackson recalled his foray into activism, being arrested on July 17, 1960 with seven other college students who advocated for the right to use a public library in his hometown of Greenville, S.C.

He said he resisted interrupting his work to visit a doctor, but his daily physical struggles intensified and he could no longer ignore his symptoms.

"After a battery of tests, my physicians identified the issue as Parkinson's disease, a disease that bested my father," Jackson said.

Even though Parkinson's disease is a chronic neuro-

logical condition, it is very treatable, said Dr. Nabila Dahodwala, an associate professor of neurology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

"A diagnosis of Parkinson's disease does not necessarily mean that you must make drastic changes, but every individual is different in how they are affected, how they respond to treatment and how they choose to spend their time," Dahodwala said.

Ihtsham ul Haq, an expert in neurology at the Wake Forest School of Medicine, said he believes Jackson will do well.

## Melissa M. Young

Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT), the 10th largest minority arts organization in America, congratulates Associate Artistic Director Melissa M. Young for winning the Shining Star Award. Bestowed by the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD), Young will receive the award Nov. 30, 2017 during the organization's 94th annual convention at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

"The Shining Star Award recognizes a community



member who has provided significant contributions to the dance industry in Texas and beyond. Melissa M. Young was chosen for special recognition due to her years of service in the field of

dance and her impressive career performing, teaching and directing," said TAHPERD Vice President for Dance Carisa Armstrong.

Young, who started working with DBDT as a dancer 24 years ago, is honored to be chosen for the award. "My personal mission is to nurture and to navigate dancers toward reaching their full artistic and creative potential. I take pride in knowing they entrust me to lead them far beyond their own expectations," she said.

A graduate of The Ailey School in New York City, Young has restaged more than 70 DBDT ballets. Fur-

thermore, the dance veteran has been an adjunct instructor (Horton Technique) at Southern Methodist University, Texas Woman's University and Abilene Christian University.

The TAHPERD conference runs Nov. 29-Dec. 2, 2017. DBDT will perform at the convention and facilitate a Horton Technique master class. DBDT has a strong commitment to sharing dance in the community, seeks to positively impact lives and bridge cultures through the transformative power of dance, from the African American perspective. In addition to its

seven performance series in the Dallas Arts District, DBDT performs in venues and leads educational programs for community organizations across the country and while touring abroad.

Founded in 1976 by Ann Williams, Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) is the 10th largest minority arts organization in America, the fourth largest black dance company in the nation and the oldest continuously operating professional dance company in the city of Dallas.

The mission of Dallas Black Dance Theatre is to create and produce contem-

porary modern dance at its highest level of artistic excellence through performances and educational programs that bridge cultures and reach diverse communities. In its 41-year history, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, the nationally and internationally recognized modern dance company, has performed on five continents, in 15 countries and 31 states, including two Olympic Cultural events. During that time, more than 4 million arts patrons and 2.6 million students, grades K-12, have experienced the dance company's performances and educational outreach programs.

## NDG Readers Sound Off...



### Texas in Paris Winners!

Thank you *North Dallas Gazette* for the opportunity to go see *Texas in Paris*! I took my son with me and we enjoyed the play. He'll be 17 on Thanksgiving, so this was a nice gift — at Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts.

-- Stefanie Ann  
via Facebook

### Thanksgiving Food & Family Memories

Cornbread dressing with giblet gravy!

-- Earnestine

*Williams*  
via Facebook

### Baby2Baby network teams up with Drybar for Hope Supply Co.

Hope Supply Co. is in the news! Thank you *North Dallas Gazette* Newspaper for sharing how we are helping homeless children this holiday season with our Drybar drive in partnership with Baby2Baby!

-- Hope Supply Co.  
via Facebook

### Favorite Winter Beverage

NDG Readers share

their favorite winter beverage for a chance to win tickets to see *Frosty & Friends* at the Dallas Children's Theatre, NDG Readers were invited to share what beverage they enjoy in the colder season. They all fall into one of two camps:

- *Hot Cocoa*: Glenda Walker, Janet Morris,
- *Eggnog*: Shelly Rollins, Danyea Williams, Jennifer Jackson

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