



Betty Ellen Bonscer

Betty was born into a Democratic family in Nashville, Tennessee. Betty was just 5 years old when she entered her first Democratic quarters. She campaigned vigorously for democratic candidates including Governor Al Gore, Sr. Betty eventually married a man in the military and spent much of the 1960s and 1970s traveling and living all over the world. She came to El Paso to stay in 1973. She was elected precinct chairman in 1976 and has been on the county Executive Committee ever since. In 1983 she won the Women's Political Caucus Tenacity Aware and was Dick Gephardt's campaign chairman in El Paso when he ran for president. Betty was instrumental in changing federal law, which now permits army wives to receive a portion of military retirement in the event of Divorce. Betty was an early supporter of Congressman Ron Coleman and Justice of the Peace Louie Lopez in Northeast El Paso. Betty has served in various administrative positions in the El Paso County Democratic Party, and at some points has single handedly kept the El Paso County Democratic quarters open.