



DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Of Upper Pinellas



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Next Meeting

July 25, 2016

At the home of President
Donna Dennis



Bring a dish to share!



July Speaker
Bob Dillinger
Public Defender
6th Judicial Circuit
Court, Florida

Nourish to Flourish, a subsidiary of the Beth Dillinger Foundation. Pack-A-Snack now has 36 providers feeding 4,000 children in 65 schools, with the Dillinger foundation responsible for about a quarter of the load. The children are not tracked down through fiscal reports or bureaucratic calculations. They're not screened, and there are no complex qualifications that must be met. Instead, teachers look for students who seem sluggish and slow on Monday mornings. Guidance counselors and administrators are also asked to watch for telltale signs. "We ask them to look for kids who rush to the front of the line," said Pinellas County schools social worker Jennifer Mazur. "Kids who might be going through the trash looking for food, or who are stuffing it in their pockets to bring home to siblings." The simple — and devastating — goal is to find children in need. The students who might qualify for free lunch at school during the week, but who go without substantial meals every weekend. The children starving for nourishment right in front of us.

President's Message:

What a month it's been! The violence at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando shocked, saddened and angered us. The silver lining was the terrific turnout for St Pete Pride and wide support for the victims. We must do better to prevent these occurrences!

Gun violence continues to plague our nation. Join us on Tuesday evening, July 26th at 6 pm at the Clearwater Main Library for a free showing of "Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA." Afterward, we'll discuss what we can do to make a difference.

On a lighter note, our monthly meeting will be something a bit different: You're all invited to my place for a potluck. Join me at Island Way Towers, 223 Island Way, Clearwater Beach, on Monday, July 25th at 11:30 am. Bring a dish to share and there will be no charge. If you don't want to bring something, the fee will be \$5. We'll meet in the Community Center, which is at the north end of the second floor. Go through the doors at the end of the hall, and you'll be there!

And a big Thank You to Michelle Mazuros, Media Chair, for leading our workshop on social media—Twitter and Facebook, specifically. Over 20 of us worked with her and each other to improve our ability to communicate in the 21st Century. We'll keep at it!

Bring in those unused **hotel toiletries** you have collected and we will deliver them to the women at the Haven by RCS

Unwanted gift baskets needed for 2016 Convention Committee.



DWCUP dues are \$20.00 for the year.

PLATINUM – 3yrs. - \$50

SILVER – 6yrs - \$100

Gold – Forever Member - \$200

Checks, preferably, payable to:

“DWCUP”

Send to Kathy Murray, 1011 Woodside Ave. Clearwater, Florida 33756.

If your 2016 Dues have not been paid you have been removed from the DWCUP Membership List.

MAKING A KILLING

"GUNS, GREED, AND THE NRA"



Tuesday July 26, 6-8 PM

Clearwater Main Library

100 N. Osceola Ave.

Clearwater, FL 33755

Refreshments available

To purchase

Get together with your Democratic Friends for a viewing of this movie **Making a Killing:**

Guns, Greed, and The NRA

"Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA" is a 2016 documentary film by director Robert Greenwald and Brave New Films. The film tells the stories of tragic shootings through the eyes of survivors and family members. It connects these deaths and injuries directly to the laws the National Rifle Association (NRA) has lobbied for or against on behalf of the gun manufacturers who pay their bills and set their agenda.

**Discussion will follow the film! The Public is invited.
Bring family and friends!**



"A Bridge to the Future"

*Democratic Women's Club of Florida
September 15 - 18, 2016
Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront
St. Petersburg, Florida*

2016 DWCF State Convention

It's never too early to start thinking about the Convention. You can order your meals and make your room reservation. Go the website below for all information needed.

http://www.dwcf.org/convention_2016/

If you have any questions at all please call me at 727-415-6629

Mary Freeman, Convention Chair

Upcoming Event

Largo Mid-Pinellas Democratic Club. Monday, July 18th, 7:15 pm, Acropol Restaurant, 1170 Starkey Rd., Largo.

Guest speaker: Pam Keith, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate. She has an amazing story and is exciting to hear. Please come!

History



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INVITES YOU TO meet the democratic
candidates
and elected officials of Pinellas
County

**The Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas
Invites you to attend a luncheon for
Pinellas County Democratic Elected Officials
And Candidates for Office
DEMOCRACY IN ACTION!
Saturday, August 27, 2016
Royal Palms of Largo, 200 Lake Ave NE, Largo, FL
11:30am – 2pm
\$30 per person—includes luncheon and Meet and Greet
With the Candidates and Elected Officials!**

**Checks made payable to DWCUP
Mail to: Kathy Murray
1011 Woodside Ave.
Clearwater, Florida 33756
*Seating is limited
*Note if vegetarian
Attire: Business/Dressy**

Donna Dennis, President, 727-447-7380

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

(Condensed from reports from Millie Krause, DWCF Legislative Chair)

- We applaud U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle who issued a preliminary injunction late Thursday—one day before HB 1411 was to take effect. Three key elements of it were overruled. Judge Hinkle referred to the Texas HB 2 Supreme Court Ruling when he struck down these elements as unconstitutional. In essence, this reverses the Texas defunding of Planned Parenthood.
- The threat to Florida's environment and aquifer, specifically, are growing. Certainly we are concerned about the toxic algae bloom on several beaches on the Atlantic Coast. In fact, a state of emergency has been declared to deal with the problem. In addition, the anti-fracking efforts must continue as the Sabal Trail natural gas pipeline needs to be stopped. Twenty-nine more counties could be affected by this 500+ mile pipeline.
- Democrats in Tallahassee are pushing for a Special Session on Gun Control Legislation in light of the Orlando Massacre. The DWCF Gun Control Issue Leader Elli Million, would like members to send letters to both Senators Nelson and Rubio as well as local State Senators and State Reps. For specific information, go to <http://www.gainesville.com/news/20160628/democrats-force-legislative-poll-on-post-pulse-special-session>.



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