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Next Meeting

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February 27, 2017

Clearwater Main Library

100 N. Osceola Ave.

Clearwater

11:30-1:30 pm

Speaker **Rob Lorei, The Media Now**



Rob Lorei is the Managing Editor of *Florida This Week* on WEDU-TV and is News/Public Affairs Director at WMNF-88.5 FM Tampa. He moderates weekly programs that present local leaders and issues.

He has spoken to our Club several times as his insights are priceless. He chaired a session at our DWCF Convention last year on running for office at the local, state and national level.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

by Donna Dennis

Be Vocal, Be Visible, Be Vigilant. That's become my motto now that we're living in this new regime. All of our beliefs are at stake.

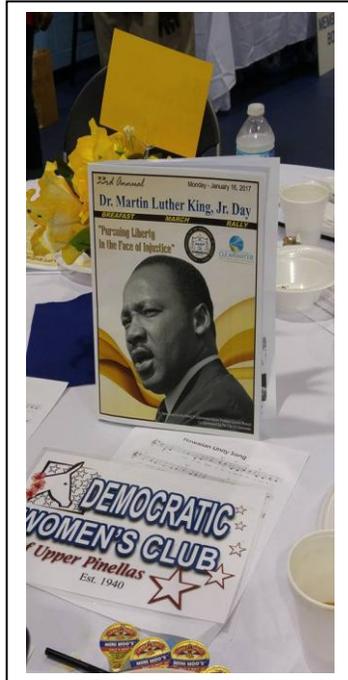
Our January triple-header was a good example of this. During our anti-Inaguration event, we enjoyed good food and camaradie while we recharged our batteries for the days ahead.

Saturday, January 21st was incredibly exciting and energizing for all the marchers in Washington, DC, St Pete, or around the world, including Antarctica! Many of us were in St Pete for the largest march ever held there. I'm also very proud to state that it was the cleanest event as well; the participants left the park in pristine condition. We value Mother Earth and will do our best to preserve her, as well as the rights of her inhabitants!

Our first membership meeting of the year was Jan. 23rd and I'm proud to report that we had many new attendees, some of whom we met and signed up at Saturday's march. Barry Edwards reminded us that we must look at the data and be very pragmatic in campaigns. "The biggest thing isn't creating a just society. It's winning elections. Then you can create a just society." And we will focus on two big elections in '18: The Florida governorship and the senate race which will probably pit Sen. Bill Nelson against current governor, Rick Scott. Kudos also to Carrie Wadlinger for leading us in letter writing in defense of the ACA during our meeting. Much more action to come!

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

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.



Photos from the Martin Luther King Jr Breakfast at the North Greenwood Center in Clearwater, Monday, Jan. 16, 2017. That's Clearwater Mayor George Cretekos with Jessie Forcan & Donna Dennis.

Call Senator Bill Nelson at (202) 224-5274. Tell them to oppose and filibuster Trump's Supreme Court nominee.

Sample script:

Hi, I'm (say your name) from (say from where you're calling). Donald Trump plans to nominate a right-wing extremist to the Supreme Court. I am one of the many grassroots supporters that stands opposed to Trump's spiteful, mean-spirited agenda. Democrats cannot allow him to shape this country's policy for the next few decades. Can I count on you to publicly oppose and filibuster any Trump nominee?

Please contact your Republican Senator(s) from Florida by calling Call Senator Marco Rubio at (202) 224-3041. and leave the following message with their offices:

Hi, I'm (say your name) from (say from where you're calling). Donald Trump has no respect for our judiciary. You may be a Republican, but you represent my state—and I am urging you to oppose any Supreme Court nominee that Donald Trump nominates.

Let the Record Show - JOHN PAVLOVITZ -

JANUARY 19, 2017 – Must read!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19fjG3fw-cVHdXHS05CiPhH9MUytEnQWZjIS3t8Tlo4I/edit?usp=sharing>

Since there have been some questions, here's the scoop!

Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas

Relationship to the Florida Democratic Party

The Florida Democratic Party believes that all people have the right to be heard and to participate in the system. The FDP has developed statewide Caucuses where people of like minds and beliefs can join together to organize their communities within the Democratic Party. A caucus is an organization that has chartered with the State Democratic Party to operate as an official branch, and to recruit and operate county-level organizations. **Caucuses are different from clubs because clubs are governed by local county DEC's and do not have statewide relationships.**

Democratic Women's Club of Florida

While DWCF is not a chartered caucus under FDP, DWCF is recognized as the women's "caucus" of the Florida Democratic Party because of DWCF's full membership in the National Federation of Democratic Women since the early 1980's. NFDW has three seats on the Democratic National Committee. The DWCF was formed to bring together all Democratic Women's Clubs in Florida to provide a forum for discussion of public matters, to provide organized support to qualified candidates for public office, and to encourage qualified Democratic women to seek elected office. The DWCF Campaign Resource Committee provides access to information vital to those seeking office. The DWCF Political Committee helps fund candidates endorsed by DWCF, Inc. The DWCF Legislative Committee serves as the hub of activities during the Legislative Session as members monitor and lobby for or against legislation that has a dramatic impact on the lives of Floridians. As a part of DWCF's legislative activism, DWCF holds an annual "Tally Days", when members gather in force to advocate to legislators in Florida's state capitol. DWCF holds annual conventions, educational Town Hall teleconferences, and many other statewide and local club activities for DWCF members. To join one of our many active clubs throughout the state or to help start a local club in your area, contact President Maureen McKenna, at momcken@yahoo.com or 863-214-4680.

Women's March on
Washington



The Women's Solidarity
March St. Pete,



More than 20,000 people took part in the largest protest in the history of St. Petersburg on January 21st. The Women's March, one of hundreds of similar events that took place around the world, saw both men and women sending the message to President Donald Trump that they won't let his agenda go unchallenged!

DEFEAT
brings a **LESSON**,
it gives a chance to
REBUILD, a chance to
START AGAIN, with the
KNOWLEDGE of what
DOES NOT WORK
-LEON BROWN
WWW.LIVELIFEHAPPY.COM

**“It is horrifying that
we have to fight our own
government to save the
environment.”**

Ansel Adams
1902-1984

**“We need a
leader, not a
tweeter.”**

**AND YOU THOUGHT I WAS
NASTY BEFORE?
BUCKLE UP, BUTTERCUP!**

Legislative Liaison Report

By Carrie Wadlinger

In January, the DWCUP was asked to submit five issues we would like to focus on during 2017 selecting from a list of issues submitted from clubs statewide. The result of all the clubs submitting their picks the statewide focus (DWCUP submitted the same five issues) will be on the following:

- # 1 Environment (Fracking, Climate, Sea Level Rising, Solar, Water Pollution, DEP Standards, etc.)
- # 2 Guns - Common Sense Control/Safety
- # 3 Medicare – Medicaid (Health Insurance)
- # 4 ERA Ratification – Equal Rights Amendment for Women and Men
- # 5 **Tie:** Education (Vouchers, Charter Schools, Teacher Salaries)
Reproductive Health Care Rights

DWCUP will be taking a more active role in the Legislative process by sending letters to our legislators whether it is Federal or State. Since it is much more **F U N** to work together we will be writing our letters at our monthly meetings. In January, we wrote about the Affordable Care Act and how important it is to continue the health care coverage for all. We sent out 39 letters to Congressman Gus Bilirakis.

Each month I will bring to the meetings the address and topic (with sample letters) for us to complete. For February, we will be sending letters to our Florida Senators so I ask each of you (if you can) to bring two pieces of paper, two envelopes, two stamps and a pen. We will supply these to those of you who need them.



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