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Next Meeting

August 27, 2018

11:30-1:30 pm

Clearwater North Greenwood
Library, 905 N. Martin Luther
King Jr Ave., Clearwater 33755



Jan Shelly—Women in Prison in FL

Jan Shelly is a retired trial attorney. She graduated from St. Louis University Law School in 1991. Her first job was as a law clerk at the United States Court of Appeal for the Eighth Circuit where she reviewed cases in which prisoners complained of unconstitutionally cruel treatment in prisons within the court's jurisdiction. She then represented indigent clients as a Public Defender for the state of Missouri for seven years. She was often concerned at the racism, brutality and dishonesty of the state's prosecution of drug crimes, noting that the great majority of those cases were filed against black youth.

Jan recently retired from the position of Senior Trial Attorney for the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission where she prosecuted cases of employment discrimination. She became active in advocacy for incarcerated women after learning of the inhumane conditions these women faced in America's largest female prison, Lowell Correctional Institute in Ocala, Florida. She started the group Advocates for Incarcerated Women with Kathy Jo Carlin and Farah Tavakoli just over a year ago.

President's Message

by Donna Dennis

Happy August to you! I want to thank the DWCUP Board members who stepped up last Monday and helped to make the Candidate Forum a great success. It's especially timely as the mail-in ballots have now dropped and we are finally able to make our selections. I know you're facing some tough choices with five great candidates for FL governor as well as multiple candidates in numerous local races. Our organization does not endorse before the Primary, but we will endorse, support and work for the nominees of the Democratic party. They're all terrific and will be far better for our state than those of the other party.

Please note that our August 27th meeting will be at a new location for us—the Clearwater North Greenwood Library at 905 N. MLK Jr Ave. We're going to have an exceptional program on women in prison in Florida. Did you know the largest women's prison in the country is here in Florida? And the treatment of those incarcerated is abysmal? It's an area we have not examined closely before and we're proud to have a local activist and member enlighten us on these issues.

It's also last call for any of you interested in participating in the Democratic Women's Club of Florida state convention, Sept. 13-16th in Lake Mary near Orlando. Please contact me directly by August 7th if you're interested in going. There's a whole page of information about it in this newsletter and at our state website, dwcf.org. The Club pays the registration of all delegates.

I also want to take a moment to talk about the recent use of the Stand Your Ground law here in Pinellas County. This law has become an excuse for a new kind of vigilantism. A man named Michael Drejka complained about a car parked in a handicap-reserved spot. The dispute escalated and led to Drejka shooting Markeis McGlockton, an unarmed civilian. The Pinellas County Sheriff said Drejka's claim of fearing for his life was sufficient defense for using deadly force. This is an obscene use of this law and further compels us to fight for the [Blue Wave](#) in Florida. Only by changing the Florida legislature can we force this law to be changed or repealed. In the meantime, continue contacting your legislators to voice your outrage at this shooting. I'm including a list of some of our local representatives for you to contact:

Rep. Chris Sprowls (R), District 65
Rep. Larry Ahern (R), District 66
Rep. Chris Latvala (R), District 67
Rep. Ben Diamond (D), District 68
Rep. Kathleen Peters (R), District 69
Rep. Wengay Newton (D), District 70
Sen. Daryl Rouson (D), District 19
Sen. Jeff Brandes (R), District 24

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St Petersburg office: 727-822-6828
St Petersburg office: 727-563-2100

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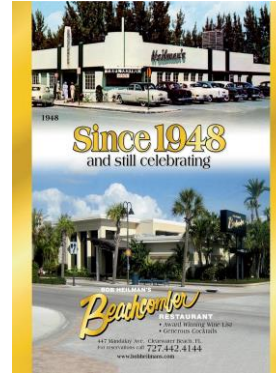


billy eichner ✓
@billyeichner

We are now living with the horrible consequences of people out there who chose not to vote in 2016. You didn't "love" Hillary, u sat out in protest, u wanted Bernie, u assumed she'd win, u just couldn't get to the polls that day. Don't blame Trump voters - they voted. The point of this is not to relitigate for the millionth time what happened in 2016. The point is obviously to say - DON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN.

**I WILL
VOTE**

Beachcomber Restaurant, Clearwater



CLEARWATER BEACH — It began two years ago when Bob Heilman's Beachcomber restaurant stopped using plastic foam cups and realized what a waste they had been all along.

The 70-year-old family business then started serving straws only upon request. Customers barely noticed.

Next to go were plastic bags. Now every temperature stick poked into a steak is recyclable wood, not plastic. The coasters under every beer and margarita are plant-based. Not only are all to-go boxes biodegradable, so is the restaurant's toilet paper.

And now The Beachcomber's owners are spearheading an environmental task force which will hold its first meeting on Thursday, August 15th at 2pm at Bobby's Bistro. One or more of our board members will attend and report back.

Tell Your Senators: **REJECT** Kavanaugh's Supreme Court Nomination

Judge Brett Kavanaugh is unfit to serve on the Supreme Court. His track record of anti-reproductive rights extremism seriously puts our constitutional right to abortion at risk — and we won't stand by.

Send a message to your senators and demand they reject Kavanaugh's nomination and any nominee who will threaten our reproductive rights.



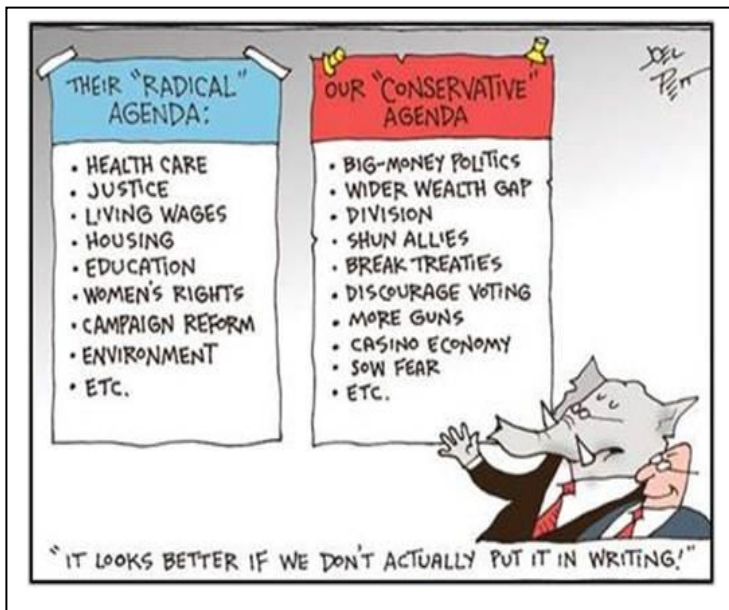
"Four high school students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland and four high school students from We the Students, a Pinellas County-based student nonprofit, had come to talk about gun violence, gun control and voting. While the students fielded a wide array of questions from audience members who fanned themselves with foam plates left over from the free pizza supplied by organizers, their message could be summed up in six words: It all comes down to voting."

Senator Bill Nelson
Tampa Phone: 813-225-7040

Senator Marco Rubio
Tampa Phone: (813) 287-5035

Rep. Charlie Crist - 13th District
St. Petersburg Phone: (727) 318-6770

Rep. Kathy Castor - 14th District
St. Petersburg Phone: (727) 873-2817



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Deadline to request a ballot to be mailed:

5:00 p.m. August 22, 2018

Early Voting Dates:

Saturday, August 18 – Sunday, August 26

Monday-Friday: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Voter Registration Deadline & Deadline to Change Political Party Affiliation:

July 30, 2018

Primary Election

August 28, 2018

General Election

November 6, 2018

July 23 Candidate Forum



Participants in the forum L to R: Alex Heeren, Candidate for House District 66; Amy Kedron, Candidate for Pinellas County Commission, District 6; Jeff Larsen, Candidate for Pinellas County School Board, District 2; Nicole Carr, Candidate for Pinellas County School Board, District 3; Lorena Grizzle, Candidate for Pinellas County School Board, District 6; Jennifer Webb, Candidate for Florida House District 69; Amanda Murphy, Candidate for Florida State Senate District 16.



Democratic Women's Club of Florida 2018 Annual Convention

Thursday Sept 13 Activities

- At hotel: "Women and Bees: Their Hold on Society". Includes history, biology, and research of honeybees. Also, women and honeybees are revamping the world's economy in 3rd world nations.
- SunRail train trip to Winter Park; costs
- Boat ride through lakes to see homes and Rollins College
- Tiffany Glass Museum
- Shopping and restaurants

Convention Sessions...so far....subject to change

- Climate change
- ERA: It's Time
- Club Presidents: Responsibilities and Resources
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Explanation of Ballot Amendments
- How to influence legislators
- Basic computer introduction

How to Sign up for the Convention*

Registration of delegates and attendees is done by club president who completes one registration form for all.

Reservation for rooms is done through hotel. Go to www.DWCF.org. Click on Annual Convention and click on 2018 Convention. Click on Room Reservation Flyer and click on purple link to follow process or call 800 380-7724. Meal forms are also on DWCF.org. You can choose and pay on line or download a form and send in a check.

Any questions? Contact convention chair Barbara Grimm at 386 717-3407 or email at barbaragrimm@briighthouse.com.

Legislative Liaison Report
Carrie Wadlinger

Your mail-in ballots are in your mail box. Most of you have already filled them out and either sent them back or you are waiting for your final decision on one or more candidates.

Here's a couple of things you want to know and perhaps share with friends who are asking questions.

Primary Election: You can still register to vote until 7/30/2018.

8/28/18 On Line go to Pinellas County Supervisor of Election.com or Votepinellas.com.

Don't forget to sign your name on the back of your return envelope. Don't forget to check the box to continue to vote by mail. Mail-in ballots can be mailed or dropped off at the many sites provided and listed on your ballot.

General Election: You can still register to vote until 8/22/2018.

11/6/2018 On Line go to Pinellas County Supervisor of Election.com or Votepinellas.com.

Florida Amendments 2018

There are going to be 13 amendments on the ballot in November. The Tuesday Morning Game Changers are dedicated to providing you with as much information as possible related to these amendments and how they will affect Floridians. Our goal is to provide you with the opinions of the respected groups that share our progressive values. These groups are still working through creating opinions on these policies and once those opinions are available we will begin sharing them with you.

For now, here is a brief introduction to the 13 amendments that you will see in November.

1. *Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption*
2. *Limitations on Property Tax Assessments*
3. *Voter Control of Gambling in Florida*
4. *Voting Restoration Amendment*
5. *Super-majority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize, or Raise State Taxes or Fees*
6. *Rights of Crime Victims; Judges*
7. *First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities*
8. *School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools*
9. *Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces*
10. *State and Local Government Structure and Operation*
11. *Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes*
12. *Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers*
13. *Ends Dog Racing*

In light of the importance of these amendments to all Floridians, our September meeting will be devoted to presentations and discussions on these amendments and their implications.

We are currently gathering analyses from a variety of left-leaning groups in this state for their evaluation and assessment of the impact of these amendments.

We urge you to join us in studying them and not just voting all of them up or down!

Carpooling

Anyone who is not attending a meeting because of lack of transportation, please call Membership Chair, Maryann Stickels at 727-724-0234.

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: Shelby Freeman

960 Starkey Rd. #1404 Largo, FL 33771

#RallyToProtectOurCare
US Congressmen Charlie Crist and Joe Kennedy, III

Tuesday, August 7th
Noon- 1pm
Williams Park
350 2nd Ave N., St. Pete, 33701

The Congressmen will be joined by local residents and healthcare advocates to call on elected officials to protect the Affordable Care Act and Floridians' access to affordable healthcare -- fighting attempts to undermine protections for those with pre-existing conditions, holding "Big Pharma" accountable for rising prescription drug prices, and calling on Florida to expand Medicaid.



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Next Meeting
September 24, 2018
11:30-1:30 pm
Clearwater Main Library,
100 N. Osceola Ave.,
Clearwater

