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Next Meeting October 28, 2019

Clearwater East Library 2465 Drew St.
(corner of Drew & Old Coachman
on campus Of St Pete College), Clearwater
11:30-1:30 pm

Guest Speaker
David Jolly



Former U.S. Congressman David Jolly is a political analyst with NBC News & MSNBC. He is a regular contributor to the network's leading shows, including 11th Hour with Brian Williams, Deadline White House, All In with Chris Hayes, The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell, and Andrea Mitchell Reports. His editorial work can also be found in Time Magazine, the Washington Post, and USA Today, and he's appeared regularly with the likes of Larry King and Bill Maher.

David served in the United States Congress from 2014-2017, following nearly 20 years of work with the United States Congress in various staff and other political positions. David built a reputation in Congress for his counter-partisan streak on some of the nation's most pressing issues, including guns, climate, equality, and campaign finance reform. His effort to ban Members of Congress from directly soliciting campaign contributions was ultimately a feature profile on CBS 60 Minutes.

An attorney by training, David has practiced securities law at one of the nation's leading law firms, has owned and operated multiple businesses in law and finance, and today serves as Executive Vice President of Shumaker Advisors Florida, a national public affairs firm.

David and his wife, Laura, live in Belleair Bluffs with their six-month old daughter, Carolina Claire.

President's Message October 2019:

On the national front, we are now speaking about the possibility of impeaching the current occupant of the White House. There certainly appear to be grounds to charge this President, so I would advise you to stay tuned for developments. I know most of the activity is going on behind the scenes, although' hearing from the whistleblower would be intriguing. And I would ask you to note, that with all the tweets and blasts at the media, this President is not denying what has been stated and shown in the transcript of his call with the leader of Ukraine. I heard one talking head say that this series of developments has frozen the Democratic Presidential race in place, tho' I'm not so sure. We'll all want to hear from the candidates on their analysis of the situation as well as focusing on the other major issues of this election cycle. We do live in fascinating times! Yes, scary too!

We're planning to have a salad luncheon for our October 28th meeting. Are you willing to bring a salad or side? Please let me know. I have three volunteers and need at least six. With David Jolly as our speaker, I know we'll have a great turnout. Call or email me!

And let me be very clear: We're not trying to pass David Jolly off as a Democrat. We know he would still be a Republican if he didn't feel his party has left him. But if you've seen him on MSNBC or other media outlets, his analysis of the current political situation is perceptive and reasonable and worth listening to. Please join us at our next meeting and make up your own mind and ask your own questions.

During the coming month, you may be contacted by a member of our Nominating Committee. Those serving on that committee are Mary Ellen Lansburg, Margie Murphy and Meri Forte Namuj. Please take their call! This club has its biannual election at our November 25th meeting with new officers sworn in at our holiday party on December 9th. The elected offices are as follows: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd VP (Membership Chair), Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Representative. If you need more information on any position, call or email me or ask the person currently holding the position.

In addition, the club has several appointed positions. If any of these are of interest to you, let me know or again, any member of the nominating committee. Appointed offices include Legislative Liaison, Newsletter Chair, Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian, Publicity Chair, Phone Chair, Hospitality chair, Sergeant-at-arms, Website Chair, Financial Review Chair and Archivist. No one can do it all, but together, there's nothing we can't achieve!

Again, if you wish to speak with any member of our Nominating Committee, the contact information is as follows:

Mary Ellen Lansburg	mlansburg@tampabay.rr.com	443-7242
Margie Murphy	margie@purplepaw.net	281-2525
Meri Forte-Namuj	mfortenamuj@gmail.com	488-4197



Please join them for these upcoming events (details below):

- October 3rd: Basics of Canvassing Training
- October 6th: Canvas Kickoff
- October 6th: Solidarity Social
- October 15th: Presidential Watch Party
- November 1st: Meeting with the Pinellas Supervisor of Elections
- November 15th: Understanding Climate Change & Its Impact on Florida

Basics of Canvassing Training

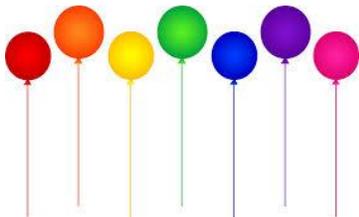
- Thursday, Oct 3rd, 6:30-8:30 PM at Allendale UMC

Canvass Kick-Off

- Sunday, Oct 6th, 12-4 PM at Allendale UMC (meet in parking lot)

Presidential Debate Watch Party!

- Tuesday, October 15, 8 PM – 11 PM at the Iberian Rooster



**Solidarity Social
for activists and their friends**

Sunday Oct 6, 4-7pm

Join them for Potluck and chillin' together at the St Petersburg home of Karen Slovin Berman.

RSVP required to Karensocialjustice@gmail.com. Address provided after RSVP.

They are taking time to be social for improved mental health! Join them in there effort to bond in community to foster life-balance and sanity restoration, and fun and networking too. Many of them have been consumed with doing the work for change for the past 3 (long!) years...

Bring what you want to drink and a dish to share. Please keep the food simple and easy, Indivisible Florida 13 is happy to be sponsoring this multi-group effort. Thanks to Karen Slovin Berman of Fired Up Pinellas for graciously volunteering to host this first Solidarity Social.

Thanks to Common Ground, Fired Up Pinellas and For Our Future for joining Indivisible Florida 13 in supporting and promoting this event. Questions, comments or want to volunteer to host the next one?

Contact: Meryl Blackman at Meryl4change@gmail.com.

DWCUP words of inspiration

Today, we hear about the ocean and its health. Our words of inspiration today are from Sylvia Earle, Oceanographer

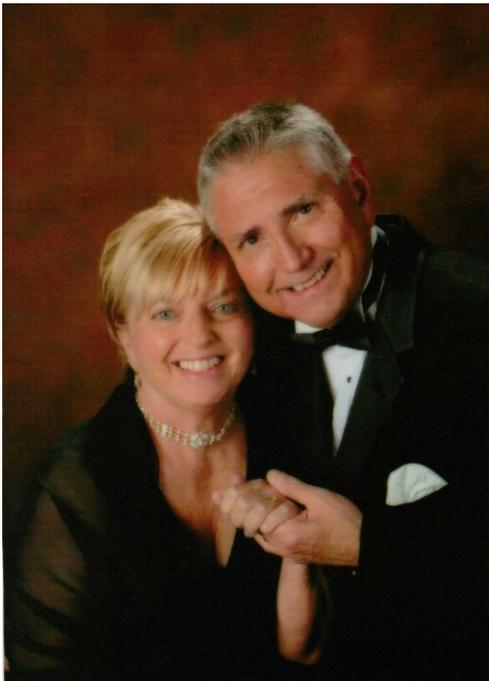
We know the matter of the health of the ocean is urgent and that "Our past, our present, and whatever remains of our future, absolutely depend on what we do now."

Our environmental policy makers must act in a way which "evidence[s] that there is intelligent life among humans on this planet" as we address environmental issues.

As Democratic women, we know that we must launch into action. Although we "ask what can I, as one person, do ... history shows us that everything good and bad starts because somebody does something or does not do something."

Nothing less than preserving our world is our task.

Diane Lebedeff, DWCUP Corresponding Secretary



Congratulations Shelby & Mary Freeman
On their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
October 4th

Greater Pinellas Club

Our October meeting bulletin is attached.

Returning for her second time, the speaker at our **Thursday, October 10, 2019** meeting is **MONA VISHIN MANGAT, MD**, a local physician who will be speaking about the **Affordable Health Care Act**.

Our October meeting will be held at Banquet Masters, 13355 49th St N (One block south of Ulmerton). Social Hour is at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner (\$18) at 6:30PM. Please **RSVP ASAP** by calling

Betty Morgenstein at 727-360-3971

Email GPDemocraticClub@aol.com.

Here's what's included in the attached October bulletin.

1. Details about the October 10, 2019 meeting & speaker, Dr Mona Mangat
2. Club Board & Program Details
3. Info about The BIG TENT Event on Saturday, November 9.
4. Club meeting dates for the year
5. Link to other Pinellas County Democratic Clubs and Caucuses

DWCUP NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTION

On the odd-numbered years, our club, the Democratic Women of Upper Pinellas, holds its election. Terms of offices are two years with a maximum of two consecutive terms held by one person in one office. The Nominating Committee members will be reaching out to members during September and October, and the slate will be presented to the membership at the meeting of Monday, October 28th. The election will be held on Monday, November 25th. At that time, nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Officers will be sworn in at the Holiday Party on Monday, December 9th.

The offices up for election are as follows:

President: This person chairs the meetings and serves as ex-officio member of all committees.

First Vice-President: Acts in the stead of the president and is in charge of planning membership meetings.

Second Vice-President: In charge of membership

Recording Secretary: Takes minutes at board and membership meetings and distributes them to board members.

Treasurer: Manages the finances of the organization and is subject to yearly financial review.

Full descriptions of each position are found in club by-laws. Email donnis33@hotmail.com for copy of by-laws.

Regional Representative: Attends all Region Meetings and reports back to their Club of Region news.

In addition, there are several appointed positions including any or all of the following:

Parliamentarian	Legislative Liaison
Corresponding Secretary	Publicity Chair
Phone Chair	Hospitality Chair
Sergeant-at-Arms	Website Chair
Financial Review Chair	Archivist
Newsletter Chair	

Details of those positions available at email above.

The members of the Nominating Committee are

Chair: Mary Ellen Lansburg	mllnsburg@tampabay.rr.com
Marjorie Murphy	margie@purplepaw.net
Meri Forte-Namuj	mfortenamuj@gmail.com

Please notify any of these members if you would be interested in running for any of these offices—or simply want more information before you decide. We are also looking for committee members to work with these chairs. With the upcoming elections of 2020, we need all hands on deck. Can you help? The more who are willing to get involved and lead, the more we can accomplish. Let's turn Florida and the USA **blue!**



Women's Activism Bracelets
Purchase at DWCUP Meetings
\$5.00

PROMOTE DIVERSITY!

Attend a Benefit Fundraiser for the MLK Neighborhood Center, 1201 Douglas Ave., Clearwater 33755! This will be held Saturday, Nov. 2nd from 6-9 pm. The keynote speaker is **Dr. Tonjua Williams**, President of St Petersburg College. She is a phenomenal speaker! The cost is \$50. Call 443-5437 for information.

2019 DWCF Convention



Jill Wine-Banks
Watergate Prosecutor



Mary Freeman & Anna Roosevelt Fierst, great granddaughter of Eleanor Roosevelt.



Legislator of the Year – Amy Mercado
Rising Star – Daniel Sohn

Upcoming Events

City of Clearwater elections

Phone banks are going on every Thursday morning from 10-12.

Call to RSVP, 710-6847.

For more local campaign activities, contact Beth Davis, 742-3797 or go to Mobilize.us/pinellascountynec to find events.

Largo Mid-Pinellas Club

6:30—8:45 pm

Come at 6:30 to socialize and order dinner. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Acropol Family Restaurant

1170 Starkey Rd
Largo, Florida 33771

North Pinellas Democratic Club.

Meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Dunedin Scottish Arts Foundation

1134 Douglas Ave
Dunedin, Florida 34698



The
**GREATER TARPON SPRINGS
DEMOCRATIC CLUB**
presents the
**CREATING A BETTER TOMORROW
ELECTION FUNDRAISER DINNER**
Saturday, October 5th, 2019
Social: 5:00 PM - Meal 5:30 PM - Program 6:15 PM
Elk's Lodge #1719 at 237 S Pinellas Ave.
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Program:
Live Music,
Democratic Officials
& Candidates,
Comedic Musician,
and Trivia!

Dinner Catered by:
Bread & Butter
Gourmet Deli
CASH BAR

Tickets are \$45 each or two for \$80 and may be purchased online at tarponspringdemocrats.com or via check mailed to TSDPC, 606 Cypress Street, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689



Next Meeting
November 25, 2019
11:30-1:30 pm
Clearwater East
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2465 Drew St
ELECTION!

