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Next Meeting November 25, 2019

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



Malanda Schmitz

After a successful career in news media, she began volunteering in political campaigns with Obama For America in 2008. She enjoys being a volunteer asset during campaigns who remains on the ground to organize progressives post election. As OFA's Florida State Lead, she empowered citizens across Tampa Bay and the state, developed voter registration training for Florida's A.M.E. Church and hosted over 170 issue/political events since 2017. After 2018's election she joined the Pinellas County Executive Committee, was elected as PCP of 612, District 64 Chair. Appointed as Pinellas County Democratic Party Training Coordinator and member of the PCDEC Field Strategy development team. Developed the Pinellas Democrats Field Strategy Manual and Support Program and library of training resources.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS for November 2019

Our October meeting was the best of the year! Former Congressman David Jolly spoke to us about the current political climate in this country. First of all, he made the case for Impeachment of the current occupant of the White House. He has committed high crimes and misdemeanors and is guilty of perfidy. These acts include working with foreign governments against US citizens and profiting financially from the Presidency. But next year's election will not be about changing the minds of Trump supporters, but about getting out our vote and showing the NPAs that they truly have a reasonable choice. Frame our ideas in ways that bring others in. If we do this, we win. Our nation will be a better place when this president is gone.

In another critical development, a motion was made and approved to retain the current board of the DWCUP for another year by suspending our bylaws. The feeling is that we need to maintain our current leadership to take on the challenge of the 2020 campaign. I have agreed to continue as President of the Club for one more year and will do my utmost to unseat the current US President and elect Democrats up and down the ticket. I urge you to join me in this effort. Part of that will be adding board members in roles include Legislative Liaison, Regional Representative, Publicity Chair, Parliamentarian and Archivist. Please contact me if you would be willing to discuss any of these roles.

Now for the fun news: We are going as a group to see the musical *South Pacific* together at the Francis Wilson Playhouse in Clearwater on Thursday, November 14th at 8 pm. Tickets are \$25 and supplies are limited. Our dear friend and frequent entertainer, Dale Badway, is singing the lead. He is a Broadway performer and producer. This will be an evening of pure pleasure. Contact me immediately if you wish to join us!

Then, we have our Holiday Party planned. Rather than charge, we'll have a potluck and bring holiday donations for The Haven or another designated charity. We'll have more details on it soon, but save the date, Monday, December 9th from 11:30-1:30 at the Community Center at 223 Island Way, Clearwater. Let's celebrate the holiday season together!

Our Matinees Are **SOLD OUT**

But We Invite You To Spend
Some Enchanted Evening

at

RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S

SOUTH PACIFIC



**Broadway's
Dale Badway**
as Emile de Becque



**FWP Favorite
Rebekah Stevenson**
as Nellie Forbush

Featuring an **AMAZING** Cast of
Bay Area Favorites Including
**Jo Greene, Ed McNally, Wil Toro,
Rick Kistner, and 20 more performers!**

We have blocked a section but tickets are limited. November 14 Matinee. Tickets are \$25 and can be reserved at our November meeting or mail check made out to DWCUP,
Shelby Freeman
960 Starkey Rd. #1404
Largo, Florida 33771
Call Donna Dennis to reserve
727-447-7380.



Pinellas County Precincts

- In Pinellas County, we have seven (7) districts.
- Our districts include:
 - District 64 has 12 precincts
 - District 65 has 45 precincts
 - District 66 has 56 precincts
 - District 67 has 52 precincts
 - District 68 has 48 precincts
 - District 69 has 63 precincts
 - District 70 has 30 precincts

The precinct is where the voters are—it's where it's happening! It is the base unit of organization for the Democratic Party. A precinct may contain several blocks in an urban area or consist of a group of houses near one another in a more rural setting. Both the geographical and population size of precincts in Pinellas can vary. There are 306 precincts in Pinellas County, most of which have registered voters.

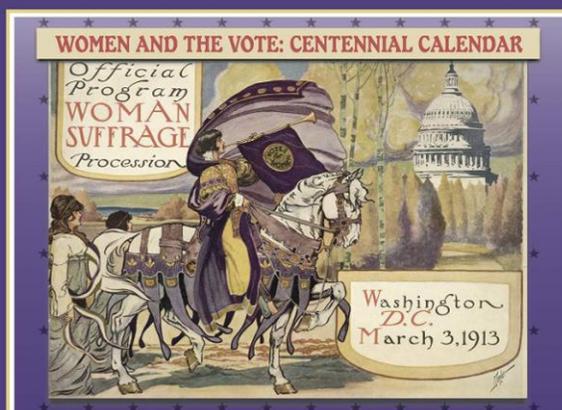
The average number of registered voters in a precinct in Pinellas is around 2,200. Some precincts have fewer voters, some have more. Precinct size limits, area, and numbering or naming systems are set by the County Supervisor of Elections and the County Government.

Precincts are grouped into districts of many types, municipal, county, state legislature, and federal. The Pinellas County Democrats are organized by State House Districts. As of 2019, there are between 12 (HD64) and 63 (HD69) precincts in each of the 7 State House Districts in Pinellas, with between 35,000 and 108,000 registered voters in each. The districts are drawn by population, not registered voters, so voter registration in "red" and "purple" districts is a priority along with outreach to make sure that voters hear from Democrats.

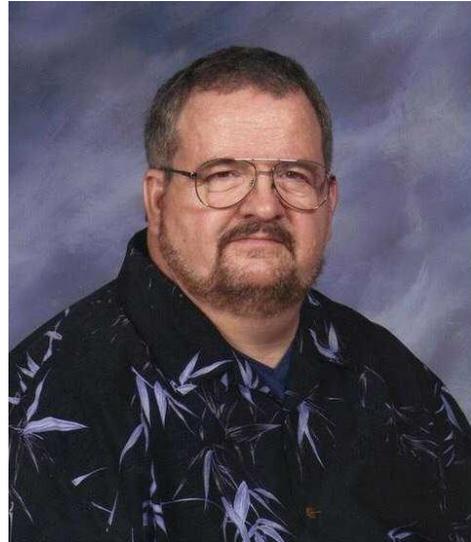
Each State House District has one State Representative and one State Senator as part of the Florida State Legislature. Each of Pinellas County's two Congressional Districts has one congressperson in the United States House of Representatives. Our state is also represented by two Senators in the United States Senate.

What are House District Organizations (HDs) and the Democratic Executive Committee (DEC)?

There are 120 State House Districts and 67 Counties in Florida. In Pinellas, we have 7 State House Districts, each of these is represented by a House District Democratic Organization and our County Democratic Executive Committee.



Suffragette Calendars available at
our November Meeting. \$15.00



Elijah E. Cummings, a Democratic congressman from Maryland who gained national attention for his principled stands on politically charged issues in the House, his calming effect on anti-police riots in Baltimore, and his forceful opposition to the presidency of Donald Trump, died Oct. 17 at a hospice center in Baltimore. He was 68.

**Charlie Tucker
Graveside Service**

November 26, 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

SYLVAN ABBEY MEMORIAL PARK

2860 Sunset Point Road

Clearwater, FL 33759

Member of Largo Mid-Pinellas Club and known as a dedicated servant of the Democratic Party. Charlie worked on all Presidential, State and local Campaigns. He will be missed sorely. He is survived by his wife Peggy.

Words of Wisdom:

In these difficult times, we should take heart with the world's former congresswoman Barbara Jordan wrote in 1974:

“My faith in the Constitution is whole; it is complete; it is total. And I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, [or] the destruction of the Constitution. I hope and trust that all Americans feel — and will do — the same.”

Democratic women share that same spirit and belief.

Diane Lebedeff

2019 Sumter County Democrats GALA
Our neighboring county's Democratic Gala features **Lilly Ledbetter** as the keynote speaker and Terrie Rizzo, FDP Chair, as the guest speaker. This is a fundraising event for the Sumter County Democratic party. Tickets are \$100 and may be purchased at www.sumterFLdemocrats.com.
Harbor Hills Country Club
6538 Lake Griffin Road
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Upcoming Events



Pinellas Democrats' Big Tent Event

November 9, 2019 at 12:00 PM
Democratic Party of Pinellas
Democratic Party of Pinellas - 2250 1st
Avenue North - St. Petersburg, FL
33713

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

November Speaker – Jessica Ehrlich

North Pinellas Democratic Club

Dunedin Scottish Arts Foundation

1134 N Douglas Ave, Dunedin

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

6:00 pm Social half hour / 6:30 pm Meeting

The Club welcomes *Dr. Susan A. MacManus* a distinguished University Professor at USF in the Department of Government and International Affairs. She directs the annual USF-Nielsen Sunshine State Survey—the state's most extensive annual public policy survey of adult Floridians (sunshinestatesurvey.org).

Dr. MacManus is here to discuss what to expect in 2020. Come early and grab a seat because this is one of Florida's most popular experts on political trends.

Understanding Climate Change and its Impact on Florida

NOV15, 7:30 PM

Temple Beth El

400 Pasadena S. St Petersburg

Michael Mann, PhD, will speak on climate change and its impact on Florida. Mann is an American climatologist and geophysicist, currently the Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science and Meteorology at Penn State University and the Director of the Earth System Science Center at Penn State. He has contributed to the scientific understanding of historic climate change based on the temperature record of the past thousand years.



2019 Holiday
Party
December 9
223 Island Way
Clearwater

