



**WE'RE MEETING IN PERSON THIS MONTH!
 CLEARWATER EAST LIBRARY
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 CORNER OF OLD COACHMAN, CLEARWATER
 Monday, Nov. 22, 2021; 12 NOON TO 1:30 PM--
 ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD!**

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**Guest Speaker
 Maya Brown**

Maya Brown has spent almost 10 years electing progressive democrats to offices and running issue-based campaigns up and down the ballot in Florida. Her political experience is matched by her fundraising and public speaking skills. A known consensus-builder, she has collaborated with politicians, nonprofit leaders, and community advocates to help solve and effectively communicate some of our state's most pressing issues and help nonprofit organizations grow. Her legislative and public affairs experience in both Florida's Capitol and local government helped shape historic quality of life and criminal justice policy reforms.



President's Message Mary Freeman

I am thrilled that we will be meeting in person at the **Clearwater East Library** this month. It's been so long since we have seen each other. I will assume that everyone has had their vaccinations. We are Democrats and we do the right thing. That being said, until further notice, **please wear your mask**. Masks will be available at the meeting if needed.

In Pinellas County, 604,459 had received at least one dose of vaccine out of a population of 992,298, or 68%, the same percentage as last week. According to the county dashboard, 65.9% have received at least one shot, and 59% of residents are fully vaccinated, meaning they have received either one or two shots as required. But there are those who refuse to get the shots so we can't let our guard down.

There so many things coming up for us to get together—our Holiday Party (see flyer). Mini Tally Days will be February 8-10. and the DWCF Convention is April 29-May 1. For those of you who haven't attended the Convention, it is something you don't want to miss, with inspiring speakers and fantastic workshops. It will be held at the Orlando Rosen Center.



DWCF 66th Annual Convention
April 28 - May 1, 2022

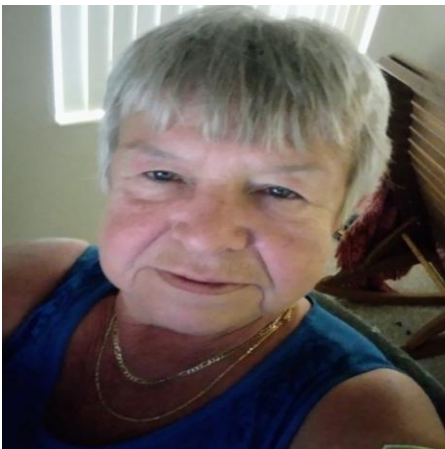
2022 Officer Election Nominees



Karen Mullins
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Donna Dennis
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Ruthann Richwine
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Diane Lebedeff
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Cora Kostka
Region VIII Representative



Karen Miracle
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There is excitement in the air. Our St. Petersburg candidates are making their final appeal for votes. I am excited to say that the St. Petersburg Democrats are ROCKING IT! We are out pacing Reps by 35% in Vote by Mail (VBM) returned to the Supervisor of Elections (SOE).

Our votes are important, so I am asking you to go to the Mobilize website/app to join online phonebanks or join a canvassing event. Just go to <https://www.mobilize.us/> and enter your ZIP code for events near you.

While in St. Petersburg for the *Bans Off Our Bodies - Tampa Bay*, our amazing Club treasurer, Donna Dennis and phenomenal Club member, Carol Zerbarini and I set up a table to greet attendees. Diane Lebedeff and Karen Miracle joined the Pinellas NOW table. Ruthann Richwine, Christy Spencer, and numerous friends stopped by. We were joined by Lucinda Johnston, Chair of the Pinellas Democratic Party.

This was a wonderful event. The weather couldn't have been better and the location breathtaking. We were able to register voters, get petitions signed for our candidates and talk with some of our future members. All this and we got to meet our current elected officials who support abortion.

On the stage, our elected were inspirational. There was Kathleen Becker, Clearwater City Councilmember, Jeff Gow. City of Dunedin Commissioner; Joanne "Cookie" Kennedy, Indian Rocks Beach, Mayor; Caprice Edmonds, Pinellas District School Board, Member; Michele Raynor, Florida House District 70 Representative, Ben Diamond, Florida House District 68 Representative; and Charlie Crist, US Congressional FL District 13 Representative.

Our candidates in the crowd were: Charlie Crist, Florida Governor; Kimberly Walker, US Congressional Florida District 12; Michele Raynor and Ben Diamond, US Congressional FL District 13; Ken Welch, St. Petersburg Mayor; Caprice Edmonds, Pinellas District School Board; Richie Floyd, St Petersburg City Council.

As we go forward through the end of the year, (2022 is coming up quick!) I am urging you to check with Mobilize and key into some of the events in our area to get folks registered to vote, make calls, and knock on doors or wave signs.

See you in person soon,
Karen Mullins
1st Vice President



**NOW YOU CAN USE YOUR CREDIT CARD
TO PAY YOUR DUES, SIGN UP FOR EVENTS,
OR CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE
*DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF UPPER PINELLAS!***

ActBlue

As a nonprofit organization, our mission is to build tech and infrastructure for Democratic campaigns, progressive-aligned causes, and people trying to make an impact in order to fuel long-term, people-powered change. We take care of building the digital fundraising tools and processing contributions for the groups that use our platform.

Your donation goes straight to your chosen candidate or organization. This means campaigns and organizations can spend less time depositing individual checks mailed in from lots of donors.

How does ActBlue work?

ActBlue is a nonprofit tech organization that builds digital fundraising tools for Democratic candidates and committees, progressive organizations, and other nonprofits. These groups use ActBlue's fundraising platform to create online contribution forms, securely process donations, and track their contributions from grassroots supporters.

Here's how it works:

1. A candidate or organization creates a contribution form on ActBlue.
2. That candidate or organization asks supporters to make a contribution on the form (through a fundraising email, an ask on their website, at an in-person event, etc).
3. The supporter makes a contribution on the form.
4. We process the contribution and send it straight to that candidate or organization.
5. We report the contribution to the relevant reporting body (like the FEC, IRS, or your secretary of state).

It's helpful to remember that when you're donating to a candidate or organization, you give *through* ActBlue, not *to* ActBlue!

<https://secure.actblue.com/about>

Democratic women's club of upper pinellas donations

<https://dwcup.com/donate>



We believe that every single person who rallied for abortion justice on October 2 should see this.

These are the seven corporations who each funneled over \$100,000 in donations to the extreme-right, anti-choice politicians who either sponsored or cosponsored SB 8, Texas's draconian abortion ban:¹

- AT&T
- Charter Communications
- Berkshire Hathaway
- Exelon
- UnitedHealth Group
- Union Pacific
- Chevron

We're sounding the alarm because this is unacceptable. We simply cannot let these giant corporations get away with funding the *exact GOP politicians* who are trampling on our right to an abortion and putting our lives and health in danger.

The Rally For Abortion Justice wasn't just a one day thing. It was only the beginning of our renewed fight we're waging in all 50 states to make abortion legal, accessible, and free for everyone who needs one.

Now, it's on all of us to continue taking urgent action to defend abortion access nationwide.

That will require as many people as possible on this team to speak up and add their name to directly respond to corporate threats like this one. Under no circumstances will we allow huge corporations to threaten our access to abortion rights. *That's why we need your help today:*

Tell AT&T, Chevron, Exelon, Charter Communications, and every funder of the anti-choice politicians that sponsored SB 8: Immediately cease ALL political support for the anti-choice politicians who's bill functionally ended abortion access in Texas. Because women are watching.





Holiday Celebration!

The Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas

Tuesday December 14, 2021

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Dunedin Golf Club

1050 Palm Blvd, Dunedin, FL 34698

Holiday Luncheon

Choice of Chicken Marsala or
Stuffed Shells (vegetarian) Entrée

Attire

Dressy

Entertainment

Live Entertainment

More information:

Donna Dennis 313-443-2587

Or Mary Freeman 727-415-6629

RSVP by November 30, 2021

Tickets are \$50.00 per person and are limited.

We accept payments through **ActBlue**.

<https://dwcup.com/donate>



Annual Membership Dues \$20.00

TIERED MEMBERSHIP

PLATINUM - 3 years for \$50.00

SILVER - 6 years for \$100.00

GOLD MEMBER - Member for Life \$200.00

Must be paid by February 1, 2022



December Holiday Party
Dunedin Country Club
December 14, 2021
11:30 – 1:30

