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**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**  
**Monday, January 27, 2025 at 12pm**  
**Door opens/Social time 11:30**  
**Location: Clearwater East Library, 2465 Drew St.**



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Committee**[Pinellasdemocrats.com](http://Pinellasdemocrats.com)**DWCUP MEETING REPORT OCT. 2, 2024**

The October meeting of the DWCUP took place in the final week before the Election. We picked up our activities after the regional and in many cases personal traumas of two hurricanes.

The emphasis was on getting out the vote for our candidates and supporting the important amendments on the ballot at county and state levels.

Our speaker, Amy Weintraub, Reproductive Rights Program Director, Progress Florida, Tampa Bay region, spoke on the need to pass Amendment 4. She shared the exact language of the amendment, which includes parental consent. The current law in Florida is a near-total abortion ban. The governor spent taxpayer funds on the ads opposing Amendment 4. Amy recommended specific actions leading up to the election.

We had a pep talk from Andrea Evans-Dixon of the Harris-Walz campaign who reminded us we had invested in the entire slate of Democratic candidates and our final get out the vote efforts were essential.

Let us recall with pride all that we had been doing for months, and what we did in the early voting period and on Election Day.

Club members had been working tirelessly at the early voting polling places handing out slate cards and showing up with many others at the various sign-waving events. Members also worked on phone banking and auto-dialing, texting, canvassing, fund raising, and talking with others about the election. The club sent out regular email blasts to inform members on action to take and to distribute the slate card.

We left our October meeting excited and engaged. Our District Chairs led our efforts with unwavering dedication. We deployed in support of the different candidates as well as precinct voter engagement.

During early voting, we were met with visible support from voters and the public as well as the challenge of standing our ground amidst the rhetoric and harassment of supporters of the opposition.

Election Day was a long one at the different polling sites, for both keeping our visibility and our cool. Many of us gathered with Bryan Beckman or Whitney Fox that evening as the early returns came in.

Thank you, DWCUP members!

## DWCUP PRESIDENT'S REMARKS NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2024



How do we go on? How do we survive another Trump administration? I know that many of us are contemplating those questions right now.

We go on. We support each other, pick up the pieces, and figure out the next right thing to do.

We're grieving right now. Please be gentle with yourselves. Take time for self-care, other activities and pastimes you put off during the campaign. Find fun. Seek that which brings you joy. You have worked so hard and do not deserve the pain you now feel.

We're angry too, for good reason. A convicted sexual predator will be sworn in as the 47th President of the US. That alone is abhorrent and appalling. He is unworthy of the position for hundreds of reasons. We can't understand how a majority of voters could possibly vote for that man. We feel that America as we know it and hope it could be is gone.

We're depressed, but if we quit working for what we believe in, the other side not only wins today, but in the future. It's hard to think about the future now, but remember, THIS IS OUR COUNTRY TOO. Never cease to use your voice and work for what is right.

I will still choose Light over Darkness and Hope over Fear. I cannot live any other way.

I want to say thank you to all of you! You worked so hard and gave so much. I need to single out our District Chairs for the deepest, widest, most profound gratitude—Kathleen Keohane, Polly Kraus, and Ilene Heinke. These women gave their all to engage volunteers and voters alike. They took grief from all sides and overcame tremendous challenges to do the best for their districts. They helped focus the efforts of all the rest of us.

I wish them peace, healing, and time off. Thank you from the DWCUP! As an element of my gratitude, I invite them to the holiday party as my treat. This is a miniscule perk compared to all they contributed.

Please join us for the Holiday gathering on December 9th. We deserve to have some fun together. And believe me, our club knows how to throw a party!

## ANALYSIS TO RECONSIDER

We offered the links to these two articles in our June newsletter. Perhaps we read them again.

Nyayieka, Ivy. [More Florida voters switch to no party](#). Tampa Bay Times, May 5, 2024.

In Florida, both Republicans and Democrats have lost hundreds of thousands of voters who have decided to become unaffiliated with either party.

The majority of women who switched – some 149,000 voters – came from the Democratic Party.

Cohn, Nate. [The Shaky Foundation of Trump's Lead: Disengaged Voters](#). New York Times, May 25, 2024.

In the battleground states, Democratic-leaning irregular voters are far less likely to identify as liberal. They're much less likely to say abortion and democracy are the most important issues, and instead they're far likelier to cite the economy.



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