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Please join us for are Holiday Party/Reunion December 14, 2021 Delicious Food Fabulous Auction Items Entertainment Installation of Officers. Check out page 6 For further information.



# President Message Mary Freeman

Twenty Two months and we are finally back together. Our December 14 Holiday Party is a reunion for us all. I hope to see as many of our members as possible. This will be my last day as President and it will mean a lot to me to see you all there. Your new President will be Karen Mullins and she will be fabulous. I, of course, will still be

Involved as Past President and I have been appointed on the State Board as Elder Affairs/Social Security Chair.

Many of us have been affected by the Covid Virus. Maybe not you personally, but someone in your family or a friend. I hope it is over and doesn't return. We all need to still wear our masks in crowds and be careful wherever we go. Even if you have completed all of your shots you could always become a victim of a new variance.

I want to thank my Board Members for their dedication and work they have done. Karen Mullins, my First Vice President and your soon to be President, Maryann Stickels, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, Diane Lebedeff, Treasurer, Donna Dennis, Regional Representative, Cora Kostka, Legislative Liaison, Karen Mullins, Parliamentarian, BJ Star and Publicity Chair, Margie Murphy.

I look forward to the coming year as we will be meeting together and doing the work that needs to be done in an election year. We must work hard to turn Florida Blue.



Newly elected Board Members

# **Democratic Candidates for Governor**

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## **The candidates**

Here are the three leading candidates vying to win the Democratic spot for Florida governor in 2022.

#### **Nikki Fried:**



Fried

#### **Annette Taddeo:**



Taddeo

### **Charlie Crist:**



Crist

- Current office: Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, elected 2018
- Age: 43

• Resume: Attorney with Holland & Knight in Jacksonville, Assistant Public Defender for Florida's 8th Judicial Circuit, lobbyist

• Campaign cash on hand: \$3,263,204

• Quote: "Floridians are looking for something new in this election: new leadership, new ideas, and new energy."

- Current Office: state senator for Senate District 40, elected 2017
- Age: 54

• Resume: Founder of Language Speak translation service, chair of the Miami-Dade Democratic Executive Committee 2012-14

• Campaign cash on hand: \$626,996

• Quote: "Medicaid expansion is something I've been trying to do since I got here, and once I have the veto pen I know we can get it done."

- Current Office: Congressman for District 13, first elected in 2016
- Age: 65

• Resume: state senator 1992-98, state education commissioner 2000-02, attorney general 2002-06, governor 2006-10

• Campaign cash on hand: \$3,178,265

• Quote: "The most important issue facing our state comes down to one thing: Who can beat Ron DeSantis and bring a sense of normalcy and compassion back to the helm of the Sunshine State?"



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Our 2022 Legislative Session Hotel of Choice: The Holiday Inn E. Capitol/Universities 2003 Apalachee Parkway Tallahassee, FL 32301 is ready to take your calls!!

## For Reservations Please Call: Penny Walters, Sales Manager, 850-792-8300.

Share requests with Penny at the time of booking including; bathtub, low floor, king-size or two double beds, accessible accommodations, rollaway bed... Penny is managing our DWCF Room Block. Book with Penny to ensure a smooth process.

- The DWCF Block is Monday Thursday (3 nights) from Jan. 10, 2022, thru March 10, 2022, for \$169/nt.
- Book reservations no less than 1 week prior to the date of arrival.
- A credit card is required at the time of booking, however, no charges are incurred until check-in.
- Find a few hotel details here
- 3 miles/6 minute drive to State Capitol Building
- Lots of private and group common spaces.

We are excited about these accommodations. Not only are they brand new, modern, and thoughtfully prepared, the staff is wonderful!

## Please contact <u>Jean Siebenaler</u> with questions.

# 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*. <u>https://dwcup.com/donate</u>



## 2021 FDP LEADERSHIP BLUE DECEMBER 3-5, 2021 ROSEN PLAZA RESORT, ORLANDO FL

We hope you are able to attend Leadership Blue 2021 to enjoy meetings, workshops, and networking opportunities with Democrats from every corner of the state. Please take a moment to view the COVID-19 Protocol and Mandatory Requirements, Meeting, and Workshop opportunities for the weekend.

- Register for Leadership Blue meeting/workshop
- HERE
- Negative Test -OR- Proof of Vaccine Requirements <u>LISTED</u>
  HERE \*\*MUST READ\*\*
- (2) LEADERSHIP BLUE GALA SEATS REMAIN UNSOLD FOR \$214/EA. <u>CLICK HERE</u> TO REQUEST MORE INFORMATION

We have a number of phenomenal Legislators joining us at our Caucus Meeting on Saturday morning 12/4 @ 10:00am ET. If you are unable to attend, please view the event on the DWCF Facebook page via FB Live.





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PLATINUM - 3 years for \$50.00 SILVER - 6 years for \$100.00 GOLD MEMBER - Member for Life \$200.00 Must be paid by <u>February 1</u>, 2022



Next Meeting January, 24 11:30-1:30 pm Clearwater East Library 2465 Drew St

