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## January 25 Guest Speaker

### DWCF President Patricia Farley

### 12-1:30



PATTY FARLEY

CANDIDATE FOR DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

*WITH A BACKGROUND IN DWCF AND LABOR I FEEL I AM UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO REPRESENT ALL DEMOCRATS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.*

**I AM CURRENTLY RE-ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF FLORIDA**  
We currently have 65 individual clubs throughout the state of Florida. Before becoming president of this organization, I also served as DWCF'S First Vice President, Convention Planner, Regional Chair, Labor Chair, Best Practices Chair, and President of my local organization and member of their campaign finance committee.

**I SERVE AS TREASURER OF THE DEMOCRATIC LABOR CAUCUS OF FLORIDA. MY HISTORY OF UNION WORK INCLUDES BEING CURRENT SPACECOAST LABOR COUNCIL SECRETARY.**

I previously served as representative for Brevard Federation of Teachers to the Central Labor Council and executive board member of Brevard Federation of Teachers and am a Lifetime member of Brevard Federation of Teachers, Florida Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, and the AFL-CIO.

**I AM A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR WITH 31 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN BREVARD AND HILLSBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Currently Represent DWCF on the Florida Democratic Party Central and Executive Committees. I am the Elected Precinct Captain and served as a State Leader in Women for Biden and Seniors for Biden and the Brevard County Team Lead for the Hillary Campaign. Also served as Credentials Chair of our local Democratic Executive Committee for 8 years. I have maintained membership in other caucuses, particularly the Disability and Progressive, and served in the capacity as local officers in them in previous years. I currently am a member of the state FDP Legislative Committee.

This will be a Zoom meeting. You will receive log in information prior to the meeting.



## **President's Message: Mary Freeman**

**Thank you for having trust in me to be your new President. I hope I live up to your expectations. My previous 6 years as President should help me.**

**We can all be relieved that 2020 is over and look forward to a calmer 2021. With Joe Biden and Kamala Harris in charge I know it will be a great improvement. January 20<sup>th</sup> can't come soon enough!**

**We will have our regularly-scheduled election this November and we will have a new Board elected, or if you like things the way they are we can keep the same Board. I personally will only be serving for one year. If anyone is interested in being President just take notes and pay attention to how the meetings are run. We currently need a Legislative Liaison. If you are interested please let me know.**

**It appears we will be having Zoom meetings for several more months. Not a lot of fun but at least you can see your sister members. It's not like being with them in person but it is gratifying to see them on your computer screen. Some of you, I know, are unable to do the video but there is a call-in number where you can call in and at least join in by phone.**

**Soon, I hope, we will all be together again. Until then, have a healthy and happy new year.**

# SHATTERING THE GLASS CEILING

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Madame Speaker of the House is Nancy

The first woman in that office high.

She is smart, sassy and dresses fancy

And she can even bake a pie.

Our House boasts 101 women strong

As they take their rightful place.

While the Senate has grown to twenty-six,

We must grow at a faster pace.

Ex-Secretary of State Hillary has tenacity

As she went where she was sent.

She has the charm, the brains and she is pretty,

We just wish she was the President.

Representative Val makes us proud.

She has that down-to-earth charm we love.

With all of our help she'll charm the crowd,

And become Florida's first female Gov!

As women move to the top of every position high,

THE DWCUP will encourage, fund and campaign,

Until we have 50/50 parity with every guy.

# Pinellas County to begin COVID-19 vaccine distribution to residents 65+

**PINELLAS COUNTY, Fla. (WFLA) – The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County announced its plan to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to residents 65 and older.**

**Health officials say starting Monday, Jan. 4, residents will be able to reserve an appointment via phone or email for a vaccination. The distribution of vaccines will begin Tuesday, Jan. 5.**

**According to Tom Iovino with the Florida Health Department in Pinellas County, they hope to distribute thousands of vaccines from at least three different locations, but they are still working out details of where those locations will be.**

**Iovino said county officials will release details of what the e-mail and phone number are to call and make appointments within the coming days.**

**He stressed the importance of wanting to distribute the vaccine in an organized fashion.**

**“We realize we are falling behind some of our sister counties, but we want to make sure, given the number of people who are in Pinellas, that we can do this in an orderly fashion where we can guarantee there is a vaccine waiting for you when you go to your location,” Iovino said.**

**According to a recent census, Pinellas County is the most densely populated county within the state, with about a million residents. Around 250,000 residents meet the 65+ criteria.**

**Iovino said they do expect the phone lines and e-mail server to be busy Monday.**

**“Given the amount of demand for the vaccine, there will be a lot of congestion on the phones, there will be a lot of people attempting to make reservations online. We understand there will be very few vaccines compared to the population of Pinellas County available. There will be situations, we believe, where we will run out of vaccine reservations,” said Iovino.**

**“As we get more in, we’ll reopen the vaccine program to get more people registered. We’ll be working as quickly as possible to do this safely and make sure we can reach as many people as possible,” he said.**

**Pinellas was among the first two counties in the state to provide vaccines to those in skilled nursing facilities.**

**Pinellas County health officials say it reached the county’s 68 skilled nursing facilities within five days of the arrival of the Pfizer vaccine, allowing 6,700 staff and residents to be immunized.**

**Additionally, the county provided vaccines to EMS, fire rescue, and other healthcare personnel.**

**More than 12,300 people have been vaccinated in the county to date.**

**For the latest information, [visit the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County’s website.](#)**

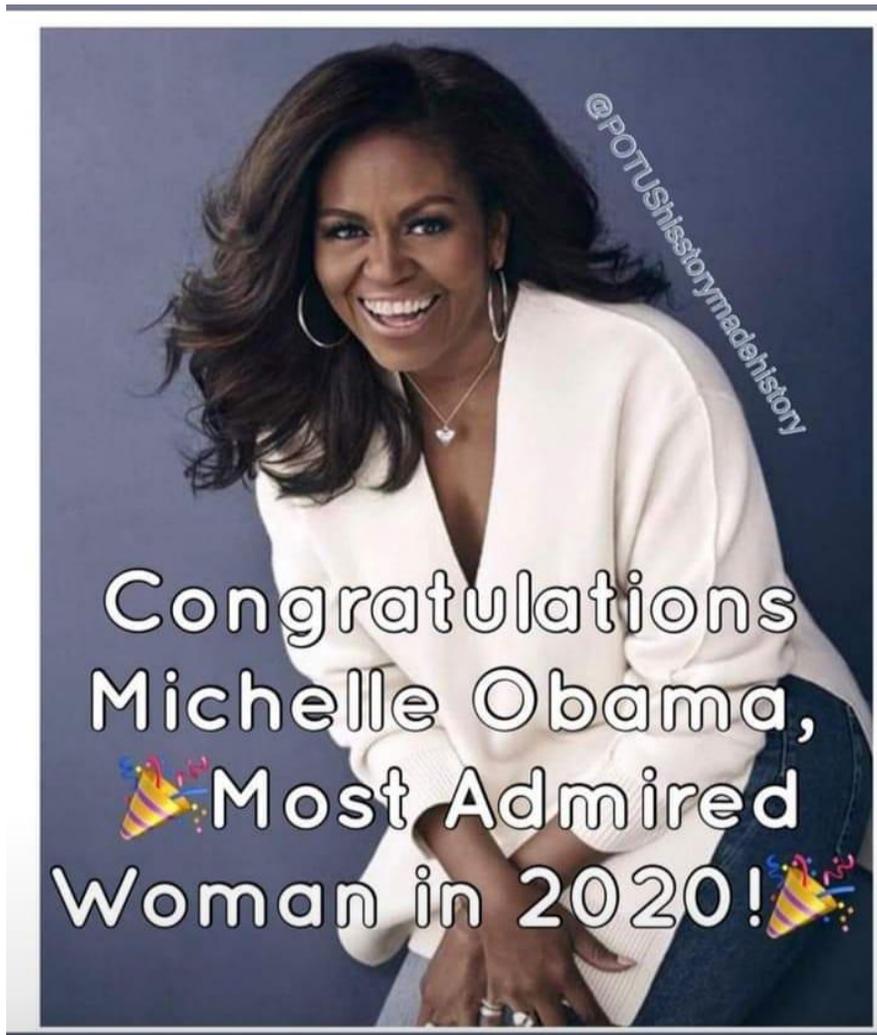
## Your 2021 Board

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## Current Chair Positions

<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>	<b>Jessie Forcan</b>
<b>Publicity Chair</b>	<b>Margie Murphy</b>
<b>Telephone Chair</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Hospitality Chair</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Social Media Chair</b>	<b>OPEN</b>

For information about any of the open chair positions, contact Mary Freeman, 727-415-6629 or [maryf1969@verizon.net](mailto:maryf1969@verizon.net).



## **HELP WANTED**

**The DWCUP needs a Legislative Liaison. This person attends state legislative phone calls/meetings and reports on current legislation to the club. If you're willing to work on this, please call President Mary Freeman, 727-415-6629.**

## OUR VALUES

“ Democrats believe that cooperation is better than conflict,  
unity is better than division, empowerment is better than  
resentment, and bridges are better than walls. ”



## Time to pay our annual dues!

**Annual Membership Dues \$20.00**

### TIERED MEMBERSHIP

**PLATINUM** - 3 years for \$50.00

**SILVER** - 6 years for \$100.00

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Next Meeting  
February 22, 2021  
Black History Month  
12:00 – 1:30pm

