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Guest Speaker, Nancy Hurlbert, Political Committee Chair



Funding the 2021 – 2022 Election July 28 12:00 -2:00 ZOOM

- ✓ Nancy Hurlbert currently holds or has held several positions with the Democratic Party in La DWCF Political Committee Chair, 2014-pesent
- ✓ Immediate Past Chair of the Democratic Executive Committee of Lake County (LCDEC), January 2017 to January 2021and previously from January 2009 2012
- ✓ **DWCF VAN Administrator**, 2014 to present
- 2021-2024 Advocacy Chair, Lake County DEC
- ✓ Member of FDP Chair's Club
- ✓ DPCF (Democratic Progressive Caucus of FL) Former PAC Treasurer, February 2018 to November 2020
- ✓ **Legislative Chair** of the **Golden Triangle Democratic Club** (encompassing Mt. Dora, Tavares and Eustis area) from January 2012-2017 and 2021-2022
- ✓ Won a \$5,000 Challenge Grant from FDP for LCDEC in 2017 to register voters and GOTV. LCDEC Black Caucus also won a \$2,500 Challenge Grant to pursue Restoration of Voting Rights petitions.
- ✓ President of the Democratic Women's Club of Lake County 2008 2017, interrupted for 3 years as the DWC's Legislative Chair.
- ✓ DWCF 1st Vice President 2013-2015
- ✓ **Delegate to the 2012 Democratic National Convention** in 2012 in Charlotte
- ✓ Won the FDP "Golden Gavel" award in 2011 for "A Legacy of Leadership"
- ✓ Lake County "coordinator" of the Hillary Clinton campaign in 2008.
- ✓ In 2006, Lake County Coordinator of the Jim Davis gubernatorial campaign.
- ✓ Worked on the **Bill McBride gubernatorial campaign** in 2002 in Broward County.

Ms. Hurlbert is a past National President (2004-2005) of Business & Professional Women/USA (www.bpwusa.org). During her tenure, she represented BPW/USA at both the 2004 Democratic and Republican National Conventions; at a convening of the US Women's Chamber of Commerce; a White House Project debriefing; as a delegate to the UN during the U.S. Commission on the Status of Women's Beijing +10 Conference; and, as a panelist to the Democratic Women's Caucus Committee Hearing on Social Security.

As if her duties with the local Democratic Party and BPW on the national, state and local levels do not keep her busy enough, in March 2004 Ms. Hurlbert concluded a 4-year term as **President of the Florida Women's Consortium (FWC)**, a statewide organization of more than 30 women's organizations throughout the state of Florida, representing some 250,000 members. Nancy has been **FWC's PAC Chair** for five years and was instrumental in FWC's PAC endorsement of Alex Sink in 2006 for Governor.



President's Message Mary Freeman

Chris Beaty, David McAtee, Patrick Underwood, Darian Merrell, John Lennon, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr and John F. Kennedy. What do all of these people have in common? They were all killed by someone with a gun. All for no known reason.

Turn on your local news each night and listen to the newscasters telling us about the latest shootings. It could be one person or it could be a mass murder. Something that was extremely rare in the past but is now nearly a weekly occurrence.

2021 is on pace to be America's deadliest year of <u>gun violence</u> in the last two decades. According to the <u>Gun Violence Archive</u>, there have been 296 mass shootings in the United States this year. A mass shooting is defined as a shooting that results in the killing of 4 or more people. President Biden <u>announced</u> a new strategy to combat it. It includes a "zero tolerance" policy for gun dealers who break federal law, deploying strike teams to cities to crack down on illegal gun trafficking, and encouraging communities to use federal pandemic relief funds for policing and crime prevention.

But will anything work? All we can do is pray that someday it will stop.

GVA - SIX YEAR REVIEW	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Deaths - Willful, Malicious, Accidental	12,418	13,537	15,112	15,679	14,789	15,208
Suicides by Gun	21,386	22,018	22,938	23,854	24,432	PENDING
Injuries - Willful, Malicious, Accidental	22,779	27,033	30,666	31,265	28,233	29,501
Children [age 0-11] Killed or Injured	603	695	671	733	670	692
Teens [aged 12-17] Killed or Injured	2,318	2,695	3,140	3,256	2869	3,068
Mass Shooting	269	335	382	346	337	417
Murder-Suicides	624	530	549	608	621	614
Defensive Use [DGU]	1,531	1,393	2,001	2,107	1888	1,547
Unintentional Shootings	1,605	1,969	2,202	2,039	1662	1,837

Number of Deaths, Injuries, Children, Teens killed/injured [actual numbers]

Mass Shooting, Murder-suicides, Defensive Use, Unintentional Shooting [number of incidents]

Suicide numbers supplied by CDC End of Year Report [actual numbers]

@gundeaths

www.gunviolencearchive.org

www.facebook.com/gunviolencearchive







Legislative Assistant Job Description

- Assist Senator in matters of appropriations
- Travel to Tallahassee during times of official business
- Utilize Leagis, Session Organizer, Bill Drafting and other programs to prepare and monitor appropriations requests
- Write talking points as needed
- Organize folders and other materials for legislative business
- Assist constituents in resolving their various issues
- Attend meetings when appropriate
- Assist with scheduling
- Answer the office phone line and review voice messages
- Coordinate with lobbyists and stakeholders for pertinent information
- Coordinate with legislative affairs and other legislative assistants
- Coordinate with professional staff
- · Assist in composing newsletter
- Assist with office duties
- Research background information on policy and legislation

If interested, please email your resume to Florida Senator Darryl Rouson Rouson.darryl@flsenate.gov or call 727 822 6828.

The Fair Elections for Democracy Amendments offer a common-sense approach to safeguarding our elections, putting voters first, and removing barriers for working families.

By making voting more accessible, our democracy will better serve all Floridians and our laws will better reflect the will of the people. Every eligible Floridian deserves to have their vote counted.

A Voter Registration Method for Eligible Floridians

This amendment would keep voter rolls up to date by registering eligible citizens to vote when doing business with the Department of Motor Vehicles, unless they opt-out, as 18 states and the District of Columbia already do.

Register and Vote

This amendment would modernize our elections and do what 21 states and D.C. already do by allowing voters to register to vote before an election and on Election Day.

Voter Eligibility Restoration

This amendment would ensure that restoration of voting eligibility shall not be denied.

This week, several of us discussed the focus on converting all voters to Vote By Mail. I took the time to check the website; currently, you are unable to request VBM on line. You have to call:

This service is temporarily unavailable. We apologize for the inconvenience.

If you would like to make a mail ballot request, please call (727) 464-VOTE (8683).

This phone number is being answered. With a FL Driver's license number or Florida ID and the last 4 digits of your social security number, they will request your ballot request and process.

The vendor is re-tooling the website to match the law. ETA, unknown.

There is not a post card being planned as of vet.

The old postcard is not valid. If you use it, you must include your Florida Drivers License # and last four of your social for it to be processed under the new Florida law. The old card does not ask for that.

You can also check your VBM status.

They want you to call. They want to give excellent customer Service.

Currently, lawyers are studying what's next for the SOE strategy.

There are 355,000 VBM voters in our county. With another 350,000 not enrolled.

The SOE office is committed to enroll everyone.

They want to "allay people's fears", and continue to insure our voting process remains excellent.

I thought you might be able to use this information as we all work to get very smart about insuring a most excellent vote in every election.

Beth Davis

727 742 3797 (text is best)



HELP IS HERE: THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN DELIVERS MAJOR TAX RELIEF FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

The Child Tax Credit, part of the American Rescue Plan, is here to help families raising children make ends meet. Experts estimate the new Child Tax Credit has the potential to cut child poverty in half.

To learn more, visit ChildTaxCredit.gov

Major tax relief for Nearly All Working Families

\$3,000 TO \$3,600 PER CHILD FOR NEARLY ALL WORKING FAMILIES

Major expansion: the Child Tax Credit in the American Rescue Plan provides the largest child tax credit ever and historic relief to the most working families ever

- \$3,000 per child 6-17 years old
- \$3,600 per child under 6 years old
- All working families will get the full credit if they make up to \$150,000 for a couple or \$112,500 for a family with a single parent (also called head of household)

AUTOMATIC MONTHLY PAYMENTS FOR NEARLY ALL WORKING FAMILIES

If you've filed tax returns for 2019 or 2020, or if you signed up to receive a stimulus check from the Internal Revenue Service, you will get this tax relief automatically. You do not need to sign up or take any action.

Advancing your tax relief: Normally, tax relief for the year only comes the following year when you file your taxes, no matter how much you need it now. This year, you'll start getting the money in July.

Monthly payments starting in July: For the first time, people will receive the Child Tax Credit in monthly payments. For every child 6-17 years old, families will get \$250 each month, and for every child under 6 years old, families will get \$300 each month.

- The 80% who get their refunds from the IRS through direct deposit will get these payments in their bank account on the 15th of every month until the end of 2021.
- People who don't use direct deposit will receive their payment by mail around the same time.

President Biden's American Families Plan calls for extending this tax relief for years and years

The new Child Tax Credit enacted in the American Rescue Plan is only for 2021. That is why President Biden strongly believes that we should extend the new Child Tax Credit for years and years to come. That's what he proposes in his American Families Plan.



CELEBRATING 81 YEARS!

The Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas

Wednesday September 29, 2021 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Dunedin Golf Club 1050 Palm Blvd, Dunedin, FL 34698

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

Tickets are \$50.00 per person and are limited.

RSVP by mail, including this form:				
Name and Phone Number:				
Ticket Quantity:				
Meal Choice:				
Your Occupation:				
Please make out your check to DWCUP:	DWCUP C/O Donna Dennis 223 Island Way, #4B Clearwater 33767			

Donna Dennis - donnis33@hotmail.com

2021 Nominating Committee

This is an election year for the DWCUP and the DWCF. The Chair of our Committee is Donna Dennis, donnis33@hotmail.com.

Positions for the election are as follows:

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Treasurer

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary/Publicity Chair

Region Representative

Please contact Donna Dennis if you are interested in running for office.



Next Meeting
Via Zoom
August 23
12 Noon – 1:30

