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Guest Speakers

**Mary Lou Woods and Marie Garnes,
DWCF Grassroots Campaign Chairs,
Via ZOOM, Mon. June 28th @ Noon!**

Charge of Committee:

**To increase DWCF voter registration, GOTV,
phone banking and canvassing. To create
and implement a model for effective
electioneering by DWCF.**

**Overall Goal: Build a Democratic Bench and
Turn Florida Blue**

**Each Committee member will serve as
recruiter and conduit for information
regarding quick response need regarding
electioneering efforts across the state.
More than one person can represent the
region. The more who are engaged, the
better.**

**See this terrific presentation and get FIRED
UP for the coming year's campaign!**

REMEMBER:

**YOU ARE THE GRASSROOTS OF THIS
ORGANIZATION! LET'S LEARN HOW TO
CAMPAIGN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS
POSSIBLE!**



President's Message Mary Freeman

Why are we not meeting in person you ask, well, why rush it? I know it feels like we should, but if you just wait, it will be worth it. We will come back in September with a bang. We will be celebrating with a Reunion at the Dunedin Country Club on September 29, 2021. Then in October, we'll resume meeting at the Clearwater East Library.

I am asking you all to put Sept 29th on your calendar and join us for a wonderful reunion celebration. Yes, we made it through the pandemic and we deserve to celebrate that fact!

Now I know that this past year has been frustrating with not being able to meet in person--no live rallies, no sign-waving and no live Tally Days. Well, get off the couch and start exercising because we need to be ready for next year. Next year could be the most important election year since 2016 and the one most important thing is getting rid of Ron DeSantis. It may seem unimaginable but there could be a Trump – DeSantis ticket in the near future.

So everyone start helping our organization now by working on getting Democrats elected, especially women, inviting friends to join our club so that we can reach that 100-member mark I'm hoping for.

Lastly, I want to remind you that this is an election year for the DWCF and that means for our club also. Please give it some thought. We need you to think about running for an office. We will need a new President, First Vice-President and Treasurer. Being a Board member will bring pride to you and new faces and energy to our leadership.



Can you help?

To ensure accurate accounting and security, our Treasurer would like to ask for assistance, especially if you have any accounting or bookkeeping or IT experience. If so, call Donna Dennis, 313-443-2587, donnis33@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU!

As you know, Governor DeSantis is running around the state bragging about the \$1000 bonus checks that "he" is giving to first-responders, teachers, and principals. He is omitting the fact that the bonuses were only made possible by the \$10.2 billion sent to Florida from the American Rescue Plan (ARP)--the plan that Democrats passed without one single Republican vote!

It is past time that we all send letters-to-the-editors of our local newspapers to remind bonus recipients and the public that it is President Biden and Democrats in Congress we should thank, not the Governor. After all, it was DeSantis who told reporters on March 8, 2021 (WCJB, Tallahassee) that the ARP was designed to "basically bail out the poorly governed states." Yet he accepted the money and now turns around and takes credit for helping those who stood strong during the pandemic. It is so typical of his deceptive and nontransparent style of governing. Don't let him get away with it.

Thank you,
Jean Siebenaler
DWCF Legislative Chair





St Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman
Speaking at the Greater Pinellas Club
on his Farewell Tour.



Val Demings plans to challenge Republican Sen. Marco Rubio in 2022, according to a national Democrat with knowledge of the party's strategy on the Senate seat

"Val is an impressive and formidable candidate whose potential entrance would make the race against Rubio highly competitive," the Democrat said. Demings had hinted at entering the Senate race, telling MSNBC anchor Jonathan Capehart in April that she was seriously considering a run. "I have received calls and texts and messages from people all over the state asking me to run because they feel that they are not represented and their voices are not heard," she said.

"I want to go to the position where I can do the most good. And be the most effective and do the most work. My home state of Florida deserves that."

**ANNOUNCING
THE NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE FOR
THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF
UPPER PINELLAS:
DWCUP.COM**

***Thank you to Marleen Salo, Webmaster,
For her incredible work in making this possible.***

This site is secure for your use!

NOW OPEN:
**THE NORTH PINELLAS DEMOCRATIC
OUTREACH CENTER**

It's been a long-time wish of Pinellas Democrats to open a facility in the northern half of Pinellas County. The new President of the Pinellas County DEC, Lucinda Johnston, has been working in concert with Bryan Beckman, Mike Fox and many other dedicated Pinellas Democrats to locate, secure, fund and open this center.

It's located at **1402 North MLK Jr Ave.** in **Clearwater**. It's north of Drew St and past the North Greenwood branch of the Clearwater Library. As of June 1, 2021, it's open Monday-Friday from Noon to 4 pm. Please stop in and say hello. There's much work to be done, supplies needed, staffing arranged, and much more. Call Bryan at 224-430-3990 for more information.

This will be the place where we can gather and work to support Democratic candidates in our area. Come meet new friends and get involved!



Bryan Beckman at the new North Pinellas Outreach Center

TALLAHASSEE OPEN After nearly 14 months of being closed to the public, the Florida Capitol will reopen this week ahead of a special legislative session on gambling.

Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, made the announcement Monday, but it's not clear if other parts of state government will follow a public-health advisory by Florida Surgeon General Scott Rivkees to open back up as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

Simpson's office sent out a memo that said the Capitol will be open to the public Friday, one week after lawmakers finished the regular 60-day legislative session.

That means members of the public can enter the building without first getting tested for COVID-19 or showing proof of vaccination. The special session on a proposed gambling deal, known as a "compact," between the state and the Seminole Tribe of Florida is scheduled to be held the week of May 17.

Public access to government buildings and properties remains limited.

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

GOLD MEMBER - Member for Life \$200.00

Make checks out to DWCU or
Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas.

Mail to Donna Dennis

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Members who have not paid their dues by June 1 will be removed from our Membership list (NO PENALTY FOR DUES PAID BY 6/28/21).



Next Meeting
Via Zoom
July 26
12 Noon – 1:30
Speaker: Nancy Hurlbert
**DWCF POLITICAL
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

