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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, April 25, 2022
St. Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus Library
2465 Drew St, Clearwater, FL
\$5 Pizza at 11:30 am

GUEST SPEAKERS



Eric Lynn, Candidate for Florida US Congressional District 13.



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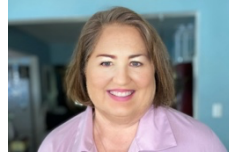
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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Prestigious Democrats,

There is so much to discuss, so much movement in the Party. President Biden is waging a tightrope with the War in Ukraine. So far, he is doing a stellar job. We are experiencing some of the backlash of the sanctions on Russian fossil fuels. Gas prices have been steady but will climb in the next 2 months as folks start their summer vacations.

The Club is following the national events *at a glance*, while focusing on the campaigns here in Florida and Pinellas. As you are going to hear from Commissioner Flowers, the far-reaching Florida Legislature has gripped local politics with an unprecedented Republican grab for Commissioner Seel's seat and, they thought, a bonus of a forceful election for a well-established Democratic seat, currently held by Commissioner Flowers. The Commissioner will be running a full campaign for a seat that she should have held until 2024. Local politics are at our forefront. With that said:

Campaign Finances: The best way to help candidates is to fill out, sign and return **candidate petitions**. These petitions, for the most part, are in lieu of campaign fees, so in essence, you are contributing to the campaigns with your completed candidate petition. You can find their petitions here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DWCUP/files>. You may also find them at **North Pinellas Democratic Outreach Center**, 1402 North MLK Ave. Clearwater Open Mon-Fri 12-4pm Sat 10am-12pm.

For the social media training, we are still working the details out. It will more than likely be on *Zoom*.

We are happy to announce that **federal judge issued a ruling on SB 90** struck down 5 provisions of the Anti-Voting law that was the Governor's pet project of 2021. We are cautiously optimistic that this may stick, however, it will be appealed by the Governor.

The DWCF Convention starts on April 28th and will continue through the weekend in Orlando. You are welcome to join us. Donna, Cora, Mary, and I will be representing the Club, but we would love it if you would come and join us.

Our June meeting will be a field trip. If you have any suggestions, please contact Donna Dennis: Donnis33@hotmail.com.

NOW LET'S GET TO WORK!

Karen Mullins
(She/Her/Ella)

~You are the change. You are the government. You are the power.

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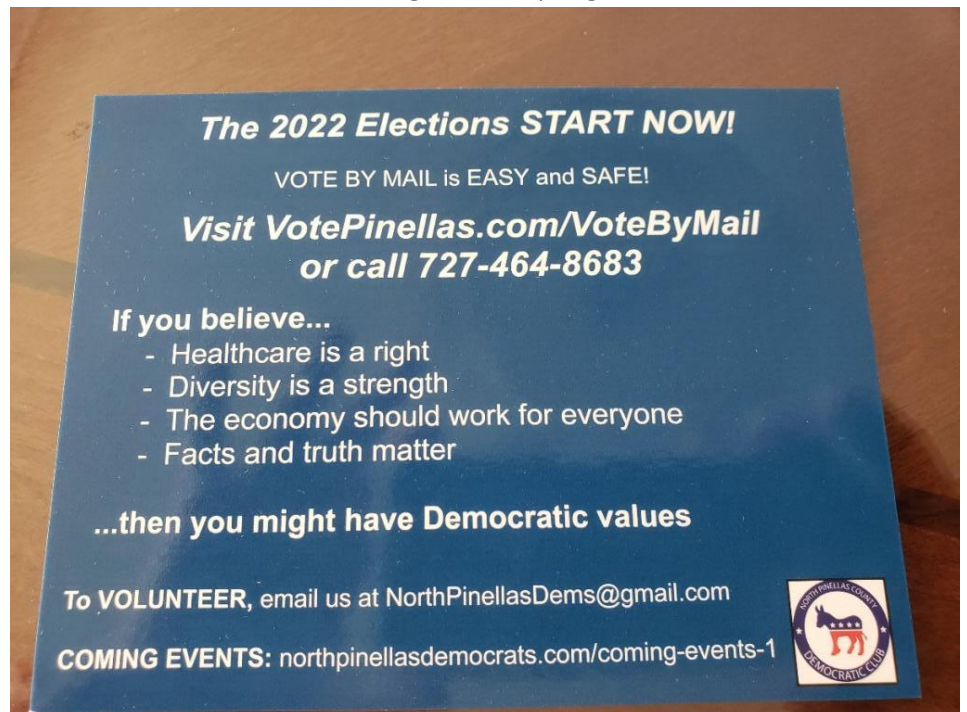
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Your membership is valid through January 31st.

Postcard Writing

On March 7th, Donna Dennis, Robert Farr, Marleen Salo,

and Eileen Wright wrote postcards for Vote by Mail and the Maranda Douglas campaign.



EVENTS:

- **DWCUP's Night Out**
 - April 6th
 - 6:30pm
 - Cricketers British Pub & Restaurant Dunedin, 2634 Bayshore Blvd, Dunedin, FL
- **"An Hour of Darkness in Clearwater," switch off lights at home for an hour.**
 - **April 15,**
 - **9 to 10 p.m.**
 - Go dark for an hour to conserve electricity. Individual actions, such as turning off lights for an hour at home, seem like small actions to take. When everyone practices conscious energy-saving habits, it reduces overall greenhouse gas emissions as a city and lessens the negative impacts we have on our environment. For ideas to spend the hour, visit EarthHour.org/take-part/spend-the-hour.
- **DWCUP Executive Board Meeting**
 - April 20th
 - 11 am
 - Email for Location. DWCUP727@gmail.com
- **DWCUP Membership Meeting**
 - April 25th
 - 12 pm
 - Eric Lynn
 - Commissioner Pat Gerard
 - St. Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus Library
- **Democratic Women's Club of Florida, 66th Convention**
 - April 28-May 1, 2022
 - The Rosen Center, Orlando, FL
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- **Shred-A-Thon & Medicine Take-Back,**
 - April 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Countryside Mall, 27001 U.S. Hwy 19 N.
- **MORE EVENTS:**
 - Click Here: <https://www.mobilize.us/pinellascountydec>

What President Biden Has Accomplished:

- Biden [signed](#) the **Emmett Till Antilynching Act** is a United States federal law which makes lynching a federal hate crime.
 - Biden [approved](#) a second booster for people 50 and over with the Covid19 vaccine.
 - Biden [ordered](#) sanctions against the Russian Dictator.
 - Biden nominated Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court.
 - Biden [authorized](#) the release of 1 million barrels per day for the next six months — over 180 million barrels — for the Strategic — from the — from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.
- <https://oliverwillis.com/joe-biden-accomplishments-the-full-list/>

DWCUP Words of Inspiration for April 2022

This month we will celebrate Earth Day.

Today, let us recollect one of America's two of America's most important and surprisingly unsung environmental leaders – First Ladies Lady Bird Johnson and Michelle Obama.

Lady Bird Johnson's hallmark effort was Beautify America, a true environmental success which has been regarded as the most impactful First Lady project by changing America's treatment of its roadways, public spaces and parks. As she said: "Though the word beautification makes the concept sound ... cosmetic, it involves much more: clean water, clean air, clean roadsides, safe waste disposal and preservation of valued old landmarks as well as great parks and wilderness areas"

First Lady Michelle Obama launched the White House Garden for many reasons bearing on environmental concerns. As she stated, it "set an example about what food can mean [and began] a broader conversation about how we're feeding our kids, what they know about the food that they eat, how they're taking care of themselves" and then led naturally to her "get moving" program to encourage physical activities for all.

Earth Day is an excellent time to recall the contributions of Lady Bird Johnson and Michelle Obama – two amazing Democratic First Ladies – and be inspired to defend the health of our land and its citizens.

~**Diane Lebedeff, author**

DWCUP Corresponding Secretary

DWCUP TUESDAYS

@ North Pinellas Democratic Outreach Center

Sign Up to Join Us @

1402 North MLK Ave. Clearwater
Come in and volunteer!

Open Mon-Fri

12-4pm

Sat

10am-12pm.

Info:

Office@pinellasdemocrats.com

727-327-2796

At Your Local Library, are you willing to ask visitors to sign candidate petitions this weekend from 10a-12noon?

Vote Chase:

NAACP Clearwater/Upper Pinellas

with **League of Women Voters North Pinellas, West Pinellas NOW, Indivisible Safety Harbor,**

are working together with support from **Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas,**

to reach out to voters who did not vote during the last election. This will be the 1st time that there will be a consortium between these epic non-profits.

There will be a focus on canvassing including voter registration and VBM initiative built into the drive. Contact

Karen Mullins, dunedin7@gmail.com
for more information.

Please contact Nancy Armitage:

edit4food@verizon.net

We deserve the freedom to be
healthy, prosperous, and safe.

S  **VE THE DATE!**



DWCF 66th Annual Convention
April 28 - May 1, 2022



Next Meeting

St. Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus Library
2465 Drew St, Clearwater, FL

April 25

12pm-1:30pm