



# Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas

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## Membership Meeting

Monday, November 28, 2022

St Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus Library  
12 pm

**No Lunch Available**

## GUEST SPEAKER

**Our guest speaker:**  
Dr. Susan A.  
MacManus



Dr. MacManus is a University of South Florida Distinguished University Professor Emerita (Department Government and International Affairs, School of Interdisciplinary

Global Studies). Since 2016, she has been the political analyst for ABC Action News (Tampa's ABC affiliate). She is a featured columnist on sayfiereview.com, a widely read Florida-based political website, and has appeared on every major broadcast and cable television and radio network. Dr. MacManus is Florida's most-quoted political scientist. She is not affiliated with any political party.

Dr. MacManus has authored or co-authored numerous publications on Florida politics, including *Florida's Minority Trailblazers: The Men and Women Who Changed the Face of Florida Government*, *Politics in Florida*, *Young v. Old: Generational Combat in the 21st Century?* and *Targeting Senior Voters*. She and her mother, Elizabeth, also authored two local Florida history books: *Citrus, Sawmills, Critters & Crackers: Early Life in Lutz and Central Pasco County* and *Going, Going, Almost Gone: Lutz-Land O' Lakes Pioneers Share Their Precious Memories*.

Dr. MacManus received her M.A. from the University of Michigan and Ph.D. from Florida State University.

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Fladems.com

**Pinellas County Democratic Executive Committee**  
[Pinellasdemocrats.com](http://Pinellasdemocrats.com)

## The President's Message

### Dear Women Warriors,

We are headed to the end of a very tumultuous election cycle. If this cycle has taught me anything, it was to be patient and ready.

We have all made phone calls, sent postcards and texts. We have made sure that our family and friends have voted and asked them to ask others about their plans to vote.

DWCUP has so many wonderful volunteers. Our very own Jessie Forcan, DWCUP Sergeant at Arms, bravely works for the Supervisor of Elections as a poll worker.

As we gear up for the after parties, please reach out to your family and friends once more to be sure all votes are cast.

Here is our slate:

Governor ~ [Charlie Crist](#)  
Senator ~ [Val Demings](#)  
Congress, D13 ~ [Eric Lynn](#)  
Congress, D14 ~ [Kathy Castor](#)  
Attorney General ~ [Aramis Ayala](#)  
Commissioner of Agriculture ~ [Naomi Ester Blemur](#)  
Chief Financial Officer ~ [Adam Hattersley](#)  
Senate D16- [Amaro Lionheart](#)  
Senate D18 ~ [Eunic Ortiz](#)  
Senate D19~ [Darryl Rouson](#)  
House D58 ~ [Bernie Fensterwald](#)  
House D59~ [Dawn Douglas](#)  
House D60 ~ [Lindsay Cross](#)  
House D61 ~ [Janet Varnell Warwick](#)  
House D62 ~ [Michele Rayner](#)  
State Attorney, Pasco/Pinellas ~ [Allison Miller](#)  
Commission ~ [Pat Gerard](#)  
School Board ~ [Keesha Benson](#)  
School Board ~ [Brian Martin](#)

**We have doors to knock and people to reach.**

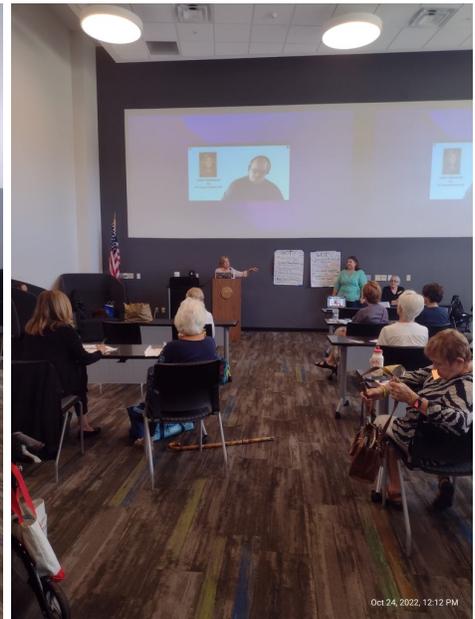
**NOW LET'S GET TO WORK!**



**Karen Mullins**  
**(She/Her/Ella)**

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

## October DWCUP Meeting



## DWCUP Words of Inspiration

**November, 2022**

In November, we give thanks.

Thank you to our officers, past, present and future, who are so dedicated to advancing democracy and sound Democratic principles.

And, we each give thanks for our individual moments of personal good fortune in our personal histories which separate each of us from those in need. To use old phrases, we are grateful for our blessings.

Finally, thank you to each of you for your support of our club and its goals.

And ... when we turn the page to December, start planning your party gear for our December 12th gala luncheon at the Chapel By The Sea Hall.

As we used to note in the 60s -- it is only moments of good fortune in our personal histories which separate each of us from those in need.

~Diane Lebedeff, Recording Secretary

## EVENTS

### ★ **DWCUP Executive Board Meeting**

- **November 16th**
- 11 am
- Contact Karen at [DWCUP727@gmail.com](mailto:DWCUP727@gmail.com) for location

### ★ **DWCUP Membership Meeting**

- **November 28, 2022**
- St Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus Library
- Zoom
- 12 pm

### ★ **2022 GENERAL ELECTION**

#### ○ **NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

##### ■ **Request a Mail Ballot:**

- [MailBallot@VotePinellas.gov](mailto:MailBallot@VotePinellas.gov) (727) 464-VOTE (8683)

##### ■ **Deadline to request a ballot to be mailed:**

- 5:00 p.m., October 29, 2022

##### ■ **Early Voting:**

- October 24, 2022 - November 6, 2022 (7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

##### ■ **Polling Places:**

- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Election Day

### ★ **Democratic Women's Club of Florida, 67<sup>th</sup> Convention**

- April 27-30, 2023
- The Rosen Center, Orlando, FL

### ★ **MORE EVENTS:**

- **Click Here:** <https://www.mobilize.us/>

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**Here Are Ways You Can Help Turn Out The Vote via  
texting and phone calls**

*"It is within our power. It's in our hands, yours and mine, to stop the assault on American democracy"* **President Biden**

## What President Biden Has Accomplished



[Executive Order on Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for Americans](#)

[National Security Memorandum on Countering Biological Threats, Enhancing Pandemic Preparedness, and Achieving Global Health Security](#)

[A Proclamation on the 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act](#)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/>

### Slate of Nominees

Governor ~ Charlie Crist  
Senator ~ Val Demings  
Congress, District 13 ~ Eric Lynn  
Congress, District 14 ~ Kathy Castor  
Attorney General ~ Aramis Ayala  
Commissioner of Agriculture ~ Naomi Ester Blemur  
Chief Financial Officer ~ Adam Hattersley  
Senate District 16- Amaro Lionheart  
Senate District 18 ~ Eunic Ortiz  
Senate District 19~Darryl Rouson  
House District 58 ~ Bernie Fensterwald  
House District 59 ~ Dawn Douglas  
House District 60 ~ Lindsay Cross  
House District 61 ~ Janet Varnell Warwick  
House District 62 ~ Michele Rayner  
State Attorney ~ Allison Miller  
Commission ~ Pat Gerard  
School Board ~ Keesha Benson  
School Board ~ Brian Martin



## ***DWCUP Holiday Luncheon!***

**Monday, December 12, 2022  
11:30 to 1:30 pm  
Chapel By The Sea Hall  
54 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater Beach  
\$50/person**

***Buffet featuring Chicken Marsala and Ziti  
Salad, Dessert, Beverages***

**Guest Speakers  
Incredible raffle prizes  
Live Entertainment**

**Pay on website,  
[dwcup.com/donate](http://dwcup.com/donate)  
or mail check to:  
Karen Miracle,  
1961 Trent Ct  
Clearwater, FL 33763**





# The Future Is Now Show Up For Democracy VOTE!

## Make A Plan To Vote!

Use This List To Find  
Democratic Candidates On Your Ballot!

Election Day Is Tuesday, November 8, 2022  
Polls Are Open From 7AM until 7PM

## Support Our Democratic Candidates

- ✓ Register To Vote
  - ✓ Check Your Voting Status
  - ✓ Request A Mail Ballot
  - ✓ Find Your Precinct
- [www.VotePinellas.com](http://www.VotePinellas.com)

### Governor & Lt Governor

Charlie Crist  
Karla Hernandez

### Attorney General

Aramis Ayala

### U.S. Senate

Val Demings

### Commissioner of Agriculture

Naomi Esther Blemur

### U.S. Congress District 13

Eric Lynn

### Chief Financial Officer

Adam Hattersley

### U.S. Congress District 14

Kathy Castor



## Three Ways To Vote!

**VOTE BY MAIL - BEST!**  
The Easiest and Safest Way To Vote

Mail your ballot by October 31 OR Drop Your Ballot,  
at a Ballot Drop Off Location OR a  
Supervisor Of Elections Office during business hours.

Find Ballot Drop Locations At [PinellasDemocrats.org](http://PinellasDemocrats.org)

Don't Forget To  
**Sign / Date the back of the envelope.**

### How To Request a Mail Ballot:

Go to [VotePinellas.com](http://VotePinellas.com) by the Deadline, October 29.  
**DON'T WAIT!** Request your mail ballot **TODAY!**

## Pinellas County Races

## Early Voting - Better!

Monday, October 24 thru Sunday, November 6  
7AM - 7PM

Check [VotePinellas.com](http://VotePinellas.com) for locations.

## Vote In Person On Election Day - Good!

Tuesday, November 8: 7AM - 7PM

To find your polling place, visit [VotePinellas.com](http://VotePinellas.com) and  
select Find Precinct. **This is your last chance to vote.**

### State Senate District 16

Darryl Rouson

### State Attorney

Allison Miller

### State Senate District 18

Eunic Ortiz

### Pinellas County Commission District 2

At Large  
Pat Gerard

### State Senate District 21

Amaro Lionheart

### School Board District 3

At Large  
Keesha Benson

### State House District 58

Bernie Fensterwald

### State House District 59

Dawn Douglas

### School Board District 6

Brian Martin

### State House District 60

Lindsay Cross

### State House District 61

Janet Varnell Warwick

### State House District 62

Michele Rayner



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**DWCUP Annual Membership Dues:  
\$25.00**

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- PLATINUM Member:**  
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<https://dwcup.com/donate>

**Your membership is valid through **January 31, 2024.****

**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

**Toiletries:** DWCUP collects  
unused toiletries at each in person  
meeting for local charities. Please  
look for the PINK basket to drop off  
your donations.

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**Household Batteries:**

DWCUP's Jessie Forcan takes  
household batteries (not  
rechargeable) to recycle in Pasco  
County.



**Next Meeting**

**Monday, November 28, 2022**

**St Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus Library**  
12pm-1:30pm

**Meeting after Next:**

**DWCUP Holiday Fundraiser**

**December 12, 2022**

11:30 AM-1:45 PM

**Chapel By-the Sea, 54 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater Beach, FL USA**