



# Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas

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## Membership Meeting

Monday, October 24, 2022

St Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus Library  
12 pm  
**No Lunch Available**

## GUEST SPEAKER

### Our guest speaker: Barry Edwards

Barry is a political consultant and political strategist, located in St Petersburg, FL. Barry is a former Finance and Trustee Director of the Florida Democratic Party. He is also a veteran of several high profile statewide races working for both the House and Senate Victory Caucus, Education Commissioner Betty Castor, Cong. Dan Mica, Cong. Lois Frankel and the Clinton 96 re-election campaign.



## The President's Message

### Dear Women Warriors,

September brought the focus of August primary to the forefront. We have amazing candidates and we have been reaching out to votes by knocking on doors, texting or mailing reminder postcards.

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[Pinellasdemocrats.com](http://Pinellasdemocrats.com)

There are so many things that you can be doing with your help. Please plug into the various opportunities at <https://www.mobilize.us/>.

This month's message is short:

**If you want change and our candidates to win, knocking on doors is the tried and most effective way to get our message out.**

Please reachout to our candidates to volunteer today:

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 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](#)

On a personal note, there have been major obstacles set up before my family. My husband has been diagnosed with ALS. We are fighting this disease with all our might and we are hopeful for a comfortable outcome.

With this said, I would like to thank our DWCUP board for stepping up and filling in the gaps that I leave as my attention has been taken away from the Democratic Party to care for my husband.

I cannot understate the grit and fortitude that this board has given.

The board needs your help. I need your help. After the November election, I am going to ask you to step up and help us run this wonderful organization. We really **DO** need you.

**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.**

### September DWCUP Meeting



**Clearwater Councilmember Kathleen Beckman; Florida Senate District 18 Candidate, Eunic Ortiz; DWCUP First Vice President, Donna Dennis**

## DWCUP Words of Inspiration

### October, 2022

As November's Election Day draws near, we look back on this election season and can be proud that Democrats have candidates who represent every part of our society and who stood up for our values knowing there is so much at stake. We realize just what fundamental rights we, as women, could possibly lose. Reach inside and pull out your inner feminist as you vote and realize just how far we've come and just how much further we need to go. (Adapted from Amanda Chatel, Bustle, Oct 20 2016.)

Our votes are the emblem of women's equality and of the political freedom of all Americans. Our votes are a power, a weapon of offense and defense, a prayer. Use it intelligently, conscientiously, and powerfully. (Adapted from Carrie Chapman Catt, founder of The League of Women Voters.)

As we head toward **November's Election Day**, let us know that each of us have done our part to Bring It Home!

~Diane Lebedeff, Recording Secretary

## Charlie Crist on The View



**Representative and Gubernatorial Candidate Charlie Crist was interviewed on ABC's The View. Donna Dennis, 1st Vice President, hosted a spontaneous party to celebrate.**

## EVENTS

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

- **October 19th**
- 11 am
- Contact Karen at [DWCUP727@gmail.com](mailto:DWCUP727@gmail.com) for location

### ★ **DWCUP Membership Meeting**

- **October 24, 2022**
- St Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus Library
- Zoom
- 12 pm

### ★ **2022 GENERAL ELECTION**

- **NOVEMBER 8, 2022**
  - **Voter Registration Deadline:**
    - October 11, 2022
  - **Ballot Mailing Schedule:**
    - Military & Overseas Voters: September 24, 2022
    - Domestic voters: October 6, 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**

- **Wed. Oct 5 Scale To Win Texting Training RSVP**  
<https://www.mobilize.us/pinellascountydec/event/473010/>

- Friday, Oct 7 Scale To Win: VBM Text Banks Launch

RSVP <https://www.mobilize.us/pinellascountydec/event/508814/>

- Thursday, Oct 7 Ballot Chase Phone banks (Type in your Zip Code)

RSVP <https://www.mobilize.us/pinellascountydec/event/523011/>

*“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 Protecting Access to Reproductive Healthcare Services:

**President Joe Biden** has signed an executive order to protect access to abortion and reproductive health services in the U.S.

### Student Loan Debt Relief Plan A Proclamation on Women’s Equality Day, 2022

Biden **enacted** an action plan to alleviate supply chain problems

at ports and waterways

Biden **ordered** the EPA and the Department of Transportation to rollout increased fuel emission standards that will lead to 40-50 percent of US cars being electric by 2030

Biden **allocated** \$5 billion from FEMA for communities affected by climate-related disasters

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

## Your Slate

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 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

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

**Get the best deals here:**

### **TIERED MEMBERSHIPS:**

- PLATINUM Member:**  
3 years for \$70.00 ✓
- SILVER Member:**  
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Member for Life  
\$250.00 ✓

**Make your dues payment here:**

**<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, October 24, 2022**

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

**Meeting after Next:  
Monday, November 28, 2022  
Dr. Susan MacManus**