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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monday, July 25, 2022

St Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus Library

GUEST SPEAKER



Our guest speaker: Representative Ben Diamond

The Representative is here to discuss the movement, that may include litigation, to challenge the redistricted maps.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This past 45 days have been a whirlwind. The dismantling of a women's autonomy by the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has plunged the country in to the dark ages. There is NO outcome with this decision, where women are considered a whole human being. In addition, ALL Federal acts, executive

orders, laws are at the scrutiny of a maniacal court. This means that SCOTUS can reverse LGBTQ+ federal protections and even nullify the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

I personally cannot stay idle and let this continue. I am a warrior and with all of my being, I will fight to reverse this transgression.

Here is my statement I made on the day of SCOTUS' decision to reverse Roe:

IN A PERFECT WORLD

- In a perfect world, we would have gardens with white picket fences.
- In a perfect world, we would have a partner who loved us.
- In a perfect world, we would have happy children.

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- In a perfect world, we would have money to pay for our healthcare, groceries, and a house. In a perfect world, we would not lose the ones we love.
- In a perfect world, we would have the luxury of time to process our never-ending needs and wants.
- In a perfect world, we would have the children of Sandy Hook, Columbine, Uvalde and Parkland with us now.
- In a perfect world, we would not have war. In a perfect world, we would all love each other.

We are not living in a perfect world. And for those who believe in God, God created this world, not perfect and usually cruel.

The decision today from the Supreme Court to overturn the Constitutional right to an abortion. This will not only effect women, but men as well.

This decision was made by a **PRIVILEGED** women and **PRIVILEGED** men.

- Privileged because none of them have ever had to choose between soap or food at a Dollar Tree.
- Privileged because none of them have ever had to choose between work and childcare.
- Privileged because none of them have ever had to choose between a home or childcare.
- Privileged because none of them have ever had to look at their hungry waling baby and not be able to provide food.
- Privileged because none of them have ever had to face jail because to get 'that job,' they had to leave their children in the car.
- Privileged because none of them have ever had to live in a falling apart mobile home with no heat and cold children.

The real world is brutal. The real world is vicious. Do you doubt me? Just look at January 6, 2021. People showed their true selves that day. **Anarchy** is the norm as most leaders understand. A working democratic government is an anomaly that we are *squandering away*. We did not protect democracy in Florida in 2016, 2018 and 2020 and this is what we are left with: a limping republic. This 'perfect world' ideology that SCOTUS has mandated on all of us is appalling and a facade. This will certainly lead to the **LBGTQ+** folks to be placed in the crosshairs of the fascist Republican party.

Be angry, be mad, feel anguish, feel betrayed because today we have been **BETRAYED**.

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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January 31, 2023.

DWCUP Words of Inspiration

“The key to life is accepting challenges. Once someone stops doing this, (s)he’s dead.”

—**Bette Davis**

EVENTS:

- **Florida Democratic Party 2022 Leadership Blue**
 - **July 15-17, 2022**
 - **JW Marriott Tampa Water Street**
510 Water St.
Tampa, FL 33602
 - <https://leadershipblue.com/>
- **DWCUP Executive Board Meeting**
 - **July 19, 2022**
 - 11 am
 - Contact Karen at DWCUP727@gmail.com for location

- **DWCUP Membership Meeting**
 - **July 25, 2022**
 - St Petersburg College, Clearwater Campus Library
 - Zoom
 - 12 pm
- **DWCUP Night Out**
 - October 5, 2022
 - TBA (Looking for a venue in Seminole or Pinellas Park)
- **Democratic Women's Club of Florida, 67th Convention**
 - April 27-30, 2023
 - The Rosen Center, Orlando, FL
- **MORE EVENTS:**
 - Click Here: <https://www.mobilize.us/pinellascountydec>

What 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.

Biden [signed](#) the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, providing over \$1.2 trillion in infrastructure spending in every state in the country

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

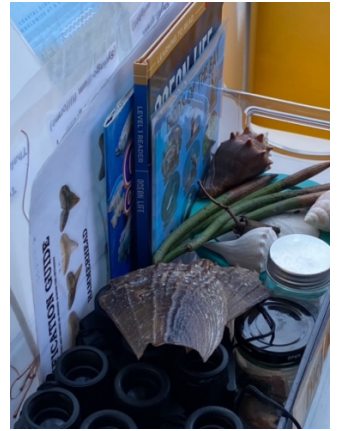
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/>

DWCUP Fun Day-ECO-Tour

So, some of us had some fun out on Tampa Bay in June. Here are a few photos:







DWCUP Night Out July 6th

We had an intimate DWCUP Night Out on July 6th at Sage West Bay Bistro.
Our next Night Out will be on October 5th.



Next Meeting

Monday, July 25, 2022

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