

The Kings Point Democratic Voice FIDE

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Our President's Voice: February 2022 - Julie Fishman

As of the writing of this article, the Florida Legislature will be starting week 4 of the 2022 Legislative Session. There are many important issues facing our state such as:

Creating redistricting maps that meet all the legal requirements;

Mandatory building inspections for older condominiums in the wake of Surfside's tragedy; The current pandemic and its impact on our state's economy;

The backlog in our transportation needs across the state; And the staggering waiting lists for services for our most vulnerable residents: children, elderly and disabled residents.



Unfortunately, the majority party would rather focus on their traditional issues like eroding Roe v Wade with a Texas style bill based on a bill already headed to the Texas Supreme Court.

Or the language stuck in Senate Bill 145, Fetal and Infant Mortality Reduction requiring the Department of Health to contract with local healthy start coalitions for the creation of fetal and infant mortality review committees in all regions of this state (great idea) but prohibits a from performing a termination of pregnancy if the physician determines the gestational age of a fetus is more than a specified number of weeks.

They are also continuing the attack on the state's LGBTQ citizens with bills like Senate Bill 620 that would allow a business to sue the local or county government that enacts an ordinance protecting residents based on certain criteria including sexual identity if the business lost income because of the ordinance.

There are many more examples of the lack of focus on the real issues facing our state but the real point here is twofold.

First is the fact that Senate District 33 will have NO representation this Session because the Governor chose to hold off on the Special Election to replace Senator Thurston. Fortunately, that election will be finalized Tuesday, March 8th. Make sure to contact the Supervisor of Elections about your Vote-By-Mail ballot.

Second is that we need to make sure that we are paying attention to what is happening in Tallahassee. What happens between now and the end of Session on Friday, March 11th will affect us and those we know and love and could have devastating effects. Sign up to receive notices from Representative Dan Daley by emailing Sarah Pariseau, his Legislative Aide at Sarah.Pariseau@myfloridahouse.gov.

While it is uncertain as to whom was the first to say, "No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session," it is certain that these words are always true when it comes to the Republican dominated Florida Legislature!

All my best, now and always, Julie

If you get a chance, take a look at the latest Tamarac Talk, as it includes an article about the KPIT Democratic Club. One of their writers asked Julie and Geoff to submits answers to some of their question regarding 2022 Democratic politics, locally, statewide, and on the federal level. You can find the article in the January 25th edition, via: tamaractalk.com

Random Thoughts - by Geoffrey Grosky (Vice President, Newsletter Editor)

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ing, "F - - - Joe Biden." I say to them, "way to remain classy, Republican Club." NOT!

My manner of addressing this shameful, insulting, and vulgar verbiage is that I am writing out 4 different letters within this "RANDOM THOUGHTS" column in our Democratic Club Newsletter. One letter is for our overall KPIT Community. A second letter is to our own Club members. We will also have a correspondence being directed to the KPIT Republican Club. Lastly, one is going to the KPIT Board of Directors. Whether copies of these letters stay within our "Voice" Newsletter, or go directly to the addressees via mail or Email, will be a call for our own Club's Officers and Board to decide, in the near future.

From: Kings Point Democratic Club in Tamarac

1/31/2022

To: The Residents of Kings Point In Tamarac,

In The December 2021 Kings Point Life Newsletter, the Kings Point Republican Club, closed their newsletter notice with the words, "<u>LET'S GO BRANDON</u>." This is one more of those Republican "dog whistles phrases," that Republicans so often use to denigrate almost all minorities! Please accept in advance my apology for using raw language, in this case, the exact translation being, "<u>F - - - Joe Biden</u>."

As a Kings Point resident of a dozen years, (Granville neighborhood) I am personally shocked by this shameful, insulting, hateful, and vulgar verbiage. As Vice President of the Democratic Club, I am not surprised by the words and tone of the Republican Club's messenger. While not being surprised, I am nonetheless very upset and disappointed that ANYONE within KPIT would subject our community to such a disgusting display. I am really not sure who placed the "LIFE" notice... an anonymous writer within their club, or their KPIT Republican Club President. This same President Duva - who organized a busload and accompanied them to the January 6, 2021 Trump "Stop the Steal" Rally, which led to the now infamous, shameful, and criminal Insurrection Attack on our US Capitol, Capitol Police, and on our US Congress and their staffs.

This is not simply my objecting to Republican dogma. I would be just as angry (maybe more so) if this had come from my own Democratic Club colleagues. As a former US Army soldier, a middle school teacher, and an officer of our Democratic club, we all have standards to which we are expected to live up to. Please let YOUR feelings be known. Talk to the KPIT Board, Speak to your neighbors. Tell them all and tell the KPIT Republican Club that such sneaky tactics, with such vile language are NOT acceptable in our community.

Thank you so much for allowing me to address this with you. I wish you all, and your loved ones, the best of health and happiness. With respect, your neighbor,

Geoffrey P. Grosky, Vice President, KPIT Democratic Club

As authorized by the Kings Point Democratic Club, Officers and Board of Directors

1/31/2022

To: Our Kings Point Democratic Club Brothers and Sisters

In The December 2021 Kings Point Life Newsletter, the Kings Point Republican Club, closed their newsletter notice with a cute and appearing to be innocent paragraph about NASCAR driver, Brandon Brown. In fact, they only told this little story so that they could end their column with the words, "LET'S GO BRANDON" - which turns out to be Republican code, with its exact translation being, "F - - - Joe Biden." We wonder whether the Republican Club is proud that it used a middle school level of sneakiness to fool the "KPIT Life" proofreaders."

As a Democrat, with a good moral compass, I am personally offended by this shameful, insulting, hateful, and vulgar verbiage. As Vice President of the Democratic Club, I guess that I'm not surprised by the words and tone of the Republican Club's messenger. I am really not sure who placed the notice. I don't know if it was an intentionally anonymous writer within their club, or their KPIT Republican Club President, Joe Duva. Mr. Duva is somewhat of a hero within their club, for helping organize a local contingency who went with Duva, to the January 6, 2021 Trump Washington, DC "Election Steal" Rally. Many within that rally, march to the now infamous and shameful, Insurrection Attack on our US Capitol, Capitol Police, and on our US Congress and their staffs. Whether any KPIT residents entered the Capitol is unknown. While not being surprised, I and your Board are nonetheless very upset and disappointed that ANYONE within KPIT would subject others to such a disgusting display, whether in a written notice in semi-hidden in childish code, or by the previously mentioned January 6th march.

This is not simply my objecting to Republican dogma. I would be just as angry (maybe more so) if this had come from our own Democratic Club colleagues. As a former US Army soldier, a middle school teacher, a teachers union officer/rep in Massachusetts, and an officer of our Democratic club, I know, I advocate for, and I demand that we all have high moral standards to which we are expected to and must live up to. There is a big difference in what you say to your friends, and the language you use to express your thoughts - political or otherwise... and what you try to cleverly, sneak by the Kings Point Life editors and Board. Being this message was included in the KPIT LIFE Newsletter, based on a, "hidden message of hate," I see this as the Republicans' newest "BIG LIE!"

I am personally, and on behalf of our entire Club, asking that you PLEASE LET YOUR FEELINGS BE KNOWN. Whether it's to, and within our own Club, or to the Republican Club, or your neighbors, or to the KPIT Board. Tell them that such sneaky tactics, with such vile and offensive language are NOT acceptable in our community. JELL THE KPIT BOARD TO DEMAND THAT THE REPUBLICAN DEMAND THAT DEMAND DEMAN

Thank you so much for allowing me to address this with you. I wish you all, and your loved ones, the best of health and happiness. With my utmost respect for a principled Kings Point.

Geoffrey P. Grosky, Vice President, and editor - KPIT Democratic Club

As authorized by the Kings Point Democratic Club, Officers and Board of Directors

1/31/2022

To the Board and Members of the KPIT Republican Club

In The December 2021 Kings Point Life Newsletter, your Republican Club, closed its newsletter notice with the words, "LET'S GO BRANDON." Those words, regardless whether hidden in a quasiclever, story about NASCAR'S Brandon Brown, are blatant Republican "dog whistles." The "code words," you chose to use, have an exact and well-publicized translation of - "F - - - Joe Biden."

This correspondence serves to advise that such verbiage is not only insulting, hateful, and crass, but further, that it is beneath what is acceptable from ANYONE (regardless of party). That you chose to highlight it in the Kings Point Life Newsletter that goes out to approximately 8,000 Kings Point seniors, is even more reprehensible.

A friend told me that this reminded him of when you had a sign at Tuesday Tables, a year or so ago - something to the affect of "Real Jew aren't Democrats," but now you had sunk even further.

A second friend, suggested that perhaps if you really wanted to talk to the KPIT community, that maybe, you could submit an article about your club's role and your President, Joe Duva's participation in the January 6, 2021 "Stop the Steal Rally" in Washington DC, which preceded the Insurrectionist Attack on the Capitol, its Capitol Police, and upon Congress and their staffs. Now there is an article worth writing (or reading)... Title it as: "Attack on the Capitol," or " Attack on the Constitution," or perhaps your adventure could best be titled as an "Attack on Democracy."

Your shameful words in the December "KPIT Life," require a statement of apology, (which should be done IN WRITING - to all of the KPIT community whom you offended, and to the KPIT Board and Staff of the KPIT Life, upon whom you perpetuated a real fraud, trying to pass off your semihidden, childish code, and its hateful message, as regular kind of general information found in KPIT Club columns. To a far, lesser degree, an apology is also due, the KPIT Democratic Club, who tries to register, & educate, KPIT residents, & present issues in a manner consistent with conventional mores, tied to moral and ethical standards. Your behavior wouldn't be acceptable as a child, in any school setting. It wouldn't be acceptable in any business environment, and would likely get the perpetrator fired. It is certainly NOT acceptable to the people of our KPIT community.

I close this letter, as we close the month of January, and our honoring of Martin Luther King. I close by quoting Dr King: "Darkness can not drive out darkness. Only light can do that. Hate can not drive out hate. Only love can do that." Republican Club, please guide yourselves accordingly.

Geoffrey P. Grosky,

Vice President, KPIT Democratic Club, Editor Democratic Club "Voice" Newsletter
As authorized by the Kings Point Democratic Club, Officers and Board of Directors

To: The Kings Point In Tamarac Board of Directors

January 31, 2022

<u>Rich Bobker</u> - President, <u>Mort Sher</u> - Vice President, <u>Leslie Schuster</u> - Secretary, <u>Mike Stern</u> - Treasurer Dear KPIT Board of Directors,

As you are all now aware, the KPIT Republican Club, in its ad/column in the December "KPIT LIFE" Newsletter, closed with the words, "LET'S GO BRANDON" - a well-known, and well-publicized Republican "dog whistle, or code word phrase," with an exact translation being, "F - - - Joe Biden." I hope your board is repulsed by this.

The fact that the Republican Club chose to use a clever little ruse, to embed these words in a little NASCAR story, is evidence that they were intentionally trying to get past the editorial control of KPIT Life. As such, I really think a fraud was perpetuated by the Republicans on the KPIT staff and Board.

Due to this being sort of a double whammy (the vile/hateful language hidden in their words <u>and</u> the intentional deceit) I, speaking for our Democratic Club Board and membership, call for some level of sanctions being put upon the Republican Club. I can <u>not</u> speak for all of the KPIT community, but can speak as a Kings Point resident of 12 years in stating that I personally, find their action to be insulting and totally reprehensible. This is not simply my objecting to Republican dogma. I would be just as angry (maybe more so) if this had come from our own Democratic Club colleagues. My colleagues have reminded me that this isn't a "first offense" - with this Club, using incendiary and unacceptable verbiage to make their beyond insensitive points here at the Clubhouse. Their Tuesday Table cardboard sign, prior to the 2020 Presidential campaign, that read something to the effect of, "Good Jews Don't Vote Democratic" was their 1st foray into being offensive to our KPIT residents.

We would not accept this behavior from a middle school student. We would not accept it in a business setting. In the past year, many business employees have been "fired" for such an outrageous lack of civility/decorum. Pure and simple, we can not accept that here in Kings Point. We can not have you accept or excuse it!

<u>UPDATE</u>: I have spoken with Rich Bobker in person, and understand that he (on Board's behalf) is aware of this matter, is in agreement that the above message and the manner in which it was delivered was and is unacceptable, and has spoken with the Republican Club President. His solution was to tell the Republican Club that they were wrong, and to now personally proofread all Republican Club notices in the future. Rich further stated, that to be fair, he would proofread the Democratic Club's as well. Rich agrees that the Democratic Club <u>has done nothing</u> to warrant this proofing, but that he is trying to insure that this does not become a spitting contest.

While I do fully understand Rich's position, I am <u>not</u> satisfied with his very limited solution. I advised that he (KPIT) should advise the Republican Club in writing of the Board's utter dissatisfaction with their behavior. Further I am looking for a written apology from the Republican Club, not to the Democratic Club, but to your Board and to our Kings Point residents. Until such time that they do so, our Club's position in that they not be allowed to have written information in the KPIT LIFE Newsletter. By the way, please note that the two incidents highlighted here are tantamount to "2 strikes." What is the penalty for a future 3rd strike? Keeping with baseball lingo, I'd say, "You're out of here!" I hope, expect, and with due respect, DEMAND further sanctions be brought.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am available to discuss further at your convenience. I close with my respect for you all, & appreciation for the difficult jobs you all do. I wish you all well, in these difficult times.

Geoffrey P Grosky - Democratic Club Vice President (written with authorization of our Officers and Board) Geoffrey P. Grosky - 7774 Granville Drive, (508) 284-2561, (954) 366-1791



Come join us!

Kings Point Democratic Club in Tamarac

2022 General Meetings Schedule



NEXT MEETINGS:

Wednesday February 16, 2022, 12:00 - 3:00

Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 6:30 - 9:30

Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 12:00 - 3:00

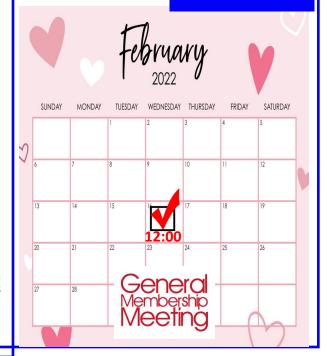
Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 6:30 - 9:30

Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 12:00 - 3:00

All meetings are in the KPIT Cabaret Room

Light Lunches or Dinners and Dessert, Coffee. Tea, etc. served

WE ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING TO SPEND SOME FUN SOCIAL TIME AND SOME SERIOUS, EDUCATIONAL POLITICAL TIME WITH YOU.





Notice: This month's meeting, Wednesday, February 16th, at 12:00 will feature a Democratic candidate for Governor, as our Guest Speaker.

Join our KPIT Democratic Club to greet, listen to, and ask questions of

Charlie Crist! THIS IS A MEETING YOU CAN'T MISS!

This month being Black History Month, we looked to tie in an African American Democrat, with a today Hot Topic: "VOTING RIGHTS" What better person could we find to best speak on this subject?

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Voting rights are the most basic tenet of our democracy, and the bare minimum one should expect from the government. Our presidents can send our neighbors to war. Local elected officials decide the mundane questions of trash pickup and the weightier issues of hospital closures. At every level of our lives in this republic, we choose men and women to speak for us, yes, but also to determine



the direction of our daily lives. And all it takes is a teachers' strike or a government shutdown to remind us how vital elections can be to the daily rhythms of life." - "... any voter denied a say in democracy has been harmed, and a remedy is in order regardless of the effect on an electoral outcome."

STACEY ABRAMS: 2022 Democratic candidate for Georgia Governor - Voting Rights Advocate



GET INVOLVED...

PLEASE



Happens Here!

OUR KPIT DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETINGS REALLY DO HAVE A NUMBER OF GOOD PURPOSES:

SOCIAL INTERACTION, SEEING OLD FRIENDS, MAKING NEW FRIENDS. A CHANCE TO MAKE THE WORLD BETTER FOR OUR KIDS & GRANDKIDS. TO KEEP US (AS SENIORS) INFORMED, INVOLVED, CHALLENGED, AND INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATED.AS AN EXTRA BONUS IS THAT WE GET TO CAUSE A LITTLE (OR SOMETIMES, A LOT) OF GOOD "DEMOCRATIC" TROUBLE! AND AS A MAJOR PLUS, WE ALWAYS HAVE FOOD AND DRINK!

PLEASE NOTE: We alternate our meeting times between afternoon and evenings to allow for the different lifestyle schedules for those of us retired and those who are still working. We do generally provide a light meal/snack and dessert to again accommodate everyone's often hectic schedules.

PLEASE JOIN OUR MEETINGS & OUR COMMITTEES. PLEASE BRING A FRIEND OR 2 (or 3 or 4)!

Over the next couple of months, we are going to have our Board of Directors meet for a "STRATEGY PLANNING MEETING, where we are going to toss ideas around of what our Club short, medium, and long-term goals are, and how we go about programing events, speakers, and activities to help reach those goals. In conjunction with that Strategic Planning, we will be looking for volunteers from our non-board members to serve on a brand new committee - a "MEMBERS ADVISORY PANEL" who will meet to talk about what they feel are our strengths, and come up with fresh ideas on how we can improve the Club's programming. We are looking to remain a real force within the Clubhouse, throughout Kings Point and into Tamarac, and even across the County. In order to accomplish that and to better provide education, information, and awareness for our membership, we need a few people who can meet in an informal setting, throw ideas against the wall, & see what sticks.

THIS IS YOUR CLUB! LET'S BUILD ON OUR PREVIOUS AND CURRENT SUCCESSES AND MAKE THE COMING YEARS REALLY SPECIAL FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP AND FOR ELECTING DEMOCRATSIN BROWARD
AND ACROSS THE STATE. AS YOU'VE HEARD OFTEN FROM US, "LET'S KEEP SOUTHERN FLORIDA AS A
STRONG DEMOCRATIC THRESHOLD - AND LET'S WORK TO TURN THE REST OF FLORIDA A CANVASS
WITH THE RICHEST DEMOCRATIC BLUE! YOU ARE THE ONES WHO CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT.

We need your help in making us even better and even stronger.

<u>Please volunteer!</u> I am guessing that some Board members may try to volunteer you. Please say yes, if asked to join this committee!

FEBRUARY 2022 - PRESIDENTS DAY QUIZ - PRESIDENTIAL FIRSTS

WITH THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOUT THESE PRESIDENTS, SEE IF YOU CAN DETERMINE WHOSE PRESIDENTIAL FIRSTS ARE DESCRIBED IN EACH QUIZ QUESTION. CIRCLE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

- 1. (1829 1837) This President was the 1st Democrat to be elected President. He was the first President from the state of Tennessee. He was the first to be born in a log cabin. He was the first President to kill someone in a duel. (Was it John Tyler, James Polk, or Andrew Jackson?)
- 2. (1797-1801) This president was the first to live in the White House. He was the first to NOT be a slaveowner. He was the first to be a lawyer and the first to not serve in the military, and the first to be defeated for a 2nd term. (Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, or James Monroe?)
- 3. (1853-1857) First President to keep his original cabinet for all 4 years. First President from New Hampshire. 1st President to ever not win his party's nomination in a reelection effort. Had first Christmas tree in White House. (Franklin Pierce, Millard Fillmore, James Monroe?)
- 4. (1865-1869) First to ascend to Presidency, due to an assassination of his predecessor. First President to serve in US Senate AFTER his Presidency. 1st person to have members of his own party vote for his impeachment. (Chester A Arthur, Benjamin Harrison, Andrew Johnson?)
- 5. (1901-1909) first President born in New York City. 1st President AND 1st American to win the Nobel Prize. First President to ride in an airplane and 1st to ride in a submarine. 1st President to designate National Wildlife Preserve. (Teddy Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Herbert Hoover)
- 6. (1933-1945) First President to appear 5 times on a National ticket. 1st to appear on TV. 1st President to serve more than 2 terms. (Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman?)
- 7. (1953-1961) First President to serve in WW II. First President to serve in both World Wars. 1st President with a Pilot's License. First President to appear on color tv. 1st President to receive Army Distinguished Service Medal. (Dwight Eisenhauer, Lyndon Johnson, Harry Truman?
- 8. (1960–1963) First Catholic President, 1st President to have been a boy scout. First President to have received Navy and Marine Corps Medal (for heroism). 1st President to win a Pulitzer Prize. 1st President awarded a Purple Heart. (Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, John F Kennedy?)
- 9. (1977-1981) 1st President to graduate the US Naval Academy. 1t President to use his "nickname" in his official capacity, and signed official documents with that nickname. First President to host a White House papal visit. (Jimmy Carter, Gerry Ford, Lyndon Johnson?)
- 10. (1969-1974) First non-incumbent VP to be elected President. 1st President to attend an NFL game while in office. 1st President to name a non-elected Vice President. 1st Republican to appear in TV debate. (Richard Nixon, Gerry Ford, Ronald Reagan)

 ANSWERS ON PAGE 9

GET INVOLVED!

Get your family, friends, and neighbors involved. Bring a registered Democrat to our meetings. Bring a guest to our "Tuesday Tables and get him or her registered and to take part.

GET INFORMED!

Attend our monthly KPIT Democratic Club meetings. Read our newsletter. Find out about area events that can help our cause in electing Democrats! Do your part and MORE!

The opinions expressed in this newsletter are solely those of the individual authors. They do not necessarily express those of Kings Point in Tamarac Democratic Club, or its membership, officers, or directors. Please address any concerns to the editor, Geoff Grosky @ cruznclass@aol.com.

Kings Point Democratic Club, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

2022 Board Meetings are (tentatively) scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month: 11:30—1:30, in the KPIT Clubhouse, Islamorada Room as follows:

February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 8

(With Covid requirements, & people's scheduling, check this box each month for updates)

PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU - OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP!



SHARE YOUR OPINIONS WITH US. KNOWING HOW YOU FEEL, HELPS US TO BETTER PLAN ON HOW TO SERVE ALL OF YOU - AND OUR KPIT, BROWARD, FLORIDA, AND NATIONAL DEMO-



CRATIC PARTY! IT REALLY IS SO VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HEAR FROM YOU, OUR KINGS
POINT DEMOCRATIC CLUB CONSTITUENCY!

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. Andrew Jackson
- 2. John Adams
- 3. Franklin Pierce
- 4. Andrew Johnson
- 5. Teddy Roosevelt



- 6. Franklin D Roosevelt
- 7. Dwight D Eisenhauer
- 8. John F Kennedy
- 9 Jimmy Carter
- 10. Richard Nixon





PRESIDENTIAL FIRSTS





Our 2022 Kings Point in Tamarac Democratic Club Executive Officers & Board

KPIT Democratic Club Officers

President Julie Fishman

1st Vice President Geoffrey Grosky

2nd Vice President Lurow Hall

Secretary Annie Latimer-Beeks

Treasurer Joe Kientzy

Past President Mona M Malbranche

Parliamentarian: Judy Mager



<u>Democratic Club</u> Board of Directors

Norman Bykofsky
Judy Camel
Gerald Heller
Helen Stoddard
Burt Scholl
Dyanna Skolnick
Monique Sajous
Gerry Streete
Joseph Morguess

CONGRATULATIONS TO <u>JOE MORGUESS</u> FOR HIS ELECTION AS OUR DEMOCRATIC CLUB'S NEW BOARD MEMBER. PLEASE JOIN US IN WISHING JOE GREAT SUCCESS IN HIS NEW ROLE.





KPIT Democratic Club Committees - 2022

Marketing & Communications – Work on branding and communication for the Club.

Julie Fishman – Committee Chair Annie Latimer-Beeks Norman Bykofsky Jack Donnelly Geoffrey Grosky

<u>Budget/Finance</u> – All things financial

Joe Kientzy – Committee Chair Sid Prine Mona Malbranche

<u>Bylaws</u> – Go over current Bylaws and come back with any needed changes.

Mona Malbranche – Committee Chair

Gerald Heller Joe Kientzy
Burt Scholl Geoff Grosky



Julie Fishman – Committee Chair Gerald Heller Geoffrey Grosky

Mona Malbranche Burt Scholl Norman Bykofsky



<u>Newsletter</u> – Create, publish, & distribute monthly Democratic Voice Newsletter.

Geoffrey Grosky – Committee Chair

Lurow Hall Gerald Heller Gerry Streete Joe Morguess

Phone Banking - Work to get out the vote. Monique Sajous - Committee Chair

<u>Food and Greeting</u> – Greeting members in the meeting. Organize, order, set up, pass out/clean up & other activities at monthly meeting & other Club events.

Lurow Hall Committee Chair

Judy Camel Jack Donnelly Monique Sajous Dyanna Skolnick

Cruise - Plan annual cruise

Geoffrey Grosky - Committee Chair

Roberta Kranz Norman Bykofsy Donna Grosky

<u>Fundraising</u> – Work on annual fundraising events and 50/50 ticket sales during monthly meetings. Create new opportunities to Fundraise.

Julie Fishman – Committee Chair

Membership - Help increase the membership of the Club.

Gerry Streete – Committee Chair Annie Latimer-Beeks Norman Bykofsky Lurow Hall Monique Sajous

**** If you'd like to volunteer to serve on one of these committees, please contact the Committee Chairperson, or let Julie Fishman know, or even send an email or text to Geoff. These are important committees; Your joining one of them is not only an act of service to the Democratic community, but should be a fun endeavor. LET'S ALL STEP UP AND HELP!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR COMMENTS REGARDING THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE ADDRESS THEM TO GEOFFREY GROSKY, DEMOCRATIC VOICE NEWSLETTER EDITOR, EITHER THROUGH THE KPIT DEMOCRATIC CLUB, DIRECTLY TO GEOFF VIA EMAIL: CRUZNCLASS@AOL.COM, PHONE: (954) 366-1791, OR BY TEXT: (508) 284-2561. WE'D LOVE TO HAVE ARTICLES OR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP. ANY MATERIAL SUBMITTED MUST INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT NUMBER FOR EDITORIAL PURPOSES. SHOULD YOU THEN WISH TO NOT HAVE YOUR NAME INCLUDED, WE CAN ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUEST. - "Geoff"

Please come visit us in the Cabaret Room at our Democratic Club Tables every <u>Tuesday morning</u>, <u>from 9:00 - 11:00</u>. Stop by and chat with our Club Officers and the Board. Give us your thoughts on today's world of local, state, and national politics and the direction, you'd like to see our Democratic Club and Party go. Bring a friend and sign them up with our KPIT Democratic Club for only \$15 for an entire year. <u>WE DO WEAR MASKS AT OUR TUESDAY DEMOCRATIC CLUB TABLE AND AT OUR 3rd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB MEETINGS!</u>

TRUE, BLUE DEMOCRATS

TRUE & BLUE... THROUGH & THROUGH



COME VISIT OUR DEMOCRATIC
CLUB TABLE EVERY TUESDAY IN
THE CABARET ROOM!

STATUS, MONEY, and CELEBRITY versus THE UNITED STATES CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM



Over our nations tenure, we have had a history of celebrities and financially successful people being treated differently by our US Justice system. Money and power have too, too often given those with a celebrity status, an unfair advantage in being investigated/arrested/charged, being tried, being found innocent or guilty, and the terms of punishment if applicable. Are the times a changing?





The above was the start of a column in last month's newsletter

This month's follow up, is a topic that came up at dinner a few nights ago, when I asked my wife, Donna, if she thought Donald Trump, would ever end up indicted... if she thought any Trump cases would actually go to trial... and if found guilty, would he go to prison? How about any of the Trump children? How about any of his office staff, cabinet members, attorneys, Congressional foot soldiers, or advisers?

What do you think? Will anyone be indicted? Tried? Found guilty? Go to jail?

Drop me a note with just a few sentences answering the above. Send it to Geoffrey Grosky, via Email at: CRUZNCLASS@AOL.COM - scratch it out on a sheet of paper and give to a Board member at Tuesday Tables or at our February 16th Club Meeting. A couple of people who submit answers will win a lovely prize, such as a free cruise, or a 60 inch television, Super Bowl tickets, or "something else"...a gift deemed to be appropriate, by your newsletter editor!

TO OUR DEMOCRATIC CLUB FAMILY OF FRIENDS, THEIR LOVED ONES, TO OUR MANY KPIT NEIGHBORS, ACROSS BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ALL POINTS IN EVERY DIRECTION, WE WISH YOU A MOST FANTASTIC FEBRUARY, AND ALL OF 2022. WE WISH YOU FIRST AND FOREMOST, A HAPPY AND HEALTHY YEAR. WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND SERENE COMING YEAR. WE WISH YOU THE STRENGTH AND ENERGY OF YOUTH, TOGETHER WITH THE EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM OF AGE. WE WISH OUR GOVERNMENT THE REEMERGENCE OF BIPARTISANSHIP, TOGETHER WITH AN HONORABLE



CALL OF SERVICE. WE WISH AND PRAY THAT OUR GOLDEN YEARS ALLOW US TO ALWAYS SEE THE BEAUTH AND MAGIC OF THE WORLD AROUND US. LASTLY, AS A NEW YEAR BEGINS, WE LOOK FOR AND PRAY THAT OUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND ALL GENERATIONS AFTER US, WHO WILL INHERIT OUR WORLD, WILL KNOW OF NOTHING, BUT GOODNESS. JOIN HANDS WITH THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB, AND MAKE THIS WORLD OF OURS A LITTLE BETTER THAN WE FOUND IT, SO MANY YEARS AGO.



BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION OCTOBER 2021 NOTES

Michael Udine - City Commissioner, Mayor, Broward County

Ready to focus on your health and wellness? The Parks Foundation of Broward County and will be hosting three new yoga and meditation classes at Long Key Natural Area, Quiet Waters Park, and T.Y. (Topeekeegee Yugnee) Park. The

best part? The classes are FREE to Broward residents. If you would like more information on the schedule and how to join and find your moment of Zen, please visit broward.org/Parks!

In January, I attended Broward County Cultural Division's event Ignite Broward. This event is in its 2nd year and features interactive video and light displays by artists throughout our community. Events like this showcase to the public the world-class talent and creativity found throughout our community. Broward County is committed to public art displays and investing in artists. For more information and opportunities to participate in events please visit broward.org/Arts.

Broward's Powerhouse Port is on a roll! Port Everglades continues to set new records for cargo offloads and is expanding its offerings for cruises. The increase in cargo is due to the new Super Post-Panamax gantry cranes, and upcoming dredging that will further increase capacity by allowing larger vessels to call on our port. Cruises are also on the upswing even with the current environment. With offerings from all the major cruise lines, and the addition of Disney Cruise Lines, Port Everglades is ready to sail into this year and make its mark.

Broward County is working towards making sure every resident that needs a COVID-19 test can get one. In partnership with the State of Florida, and Florida Department of Health, Broward County stands ready to increase capacity as needed. Broward has the sites ready to increase capacity as resources are provided. I look forward to working with municipalities throughout the county to provide these vital resources to protect public health. Please remember to only get a test when one is needed, and that the best way to protect yourself is to vaccinate today.

February 14th marks the 4th anniversary when our community experienced the horrific tragedy of the shooting at MSD. We continue and will always be available to support those affected. It is difficult to put into words the feelings I have from that day and the collective pain our community has endured. I will do everything in my power to support better mental health services, and the best resources that can be provided.

The top priority for my staff and I is staying connected with the residents of District 3. We are available by phone, email, and social media. Reach me at MUdine@Broward.org or at my office at (954) 357-7003. Follow on social media @CommissionerMichaelUdine on Facebook and @MichaelUdine on Twitter or Instagram to receive important updates and see what is happening in our community. Let's connect!

Sincerely, <u>Michael Udine</u>: - Mayor, Broward County, County Commissioner



Editor's Note: As always, Thank you Mayor Udine - for your informative monthly letters to our membership, as well as for your continued support of our Democratic Club, here at Kings Point in Tamarac.

IT'S MUCH APPRECIATED!





"MORE OR LESS" - A New Monthly Column

From our Newest Board Member: Joe Morguess

"Joe"



Thus far we've had little success in passing "Build Back Better" and the "Freedom To Vote" Act. Perhaps we'll get there in - modified form, federal voting rights especially, to counter GOP state legislatures' efforts to limit voting opportunities for minorities including in Florida. And protections are essential to head off more forged electoral college list schemes to switch slates of electors in the future that may be submitted to Secretaries of States in 2024. This occurred in the recent cycle where attempts were made after the Nov. 2020 election to submit slates of Trump electors in place of Biden electors in 7 states where Biden won, all this before Jan 6. Federal prosecutors are already investigating.

There's been remarkable progress throughout January in the 1/6 select committee's efforts to get to the bottom of who was complicit and/or had prior knowledge of the attack on our Capitol and the planned coup to prevent a democratic transition of power. Thanks to hundreds of culpable texts and Emails obtained from Trump's staff, cooperative testimony from some, and Archive documents just released at the bequest of SCOTUS already in the committee's possession, it has become clear that those complicit actors were at the top levels of government, including in the White House and in Congress, as well as family members of the former President. Many of the above have already been issued subpoenas or requests to voluntarily come forward, including Ivanka Trump, Eric, Don Jr.; the list is long, and includes Rudy Giuliani.

As one example, the following excerpt from the committee's subpoenas to Giuliani and 3 other attorneys makes it seem hopeful that it all may finally come home to roost for these traitors and their cult leader: "The four individuals we've subpoenaed today advanced unsupported theories about election fraud, pushed efforts to overturn the election results, or were in direct contact with the former President about attempts to stop the counting of electoral votes". Chairman Benny Thompson and Vice Chair Cheney have an entire investigative team dedicated to examining efforts by Trump and his allies to pressure Department of Justice officials, as well as those at the state level, to overturn the results of the election.

Referring to the Jan 6 committee's upcoming OPEN PUBLIC hearings in early Spring or sooner, committee member Rep Jaimie Ruskin recently said: "they are going to blow the roof off the house in terms of explaining to America what actually happened in the attack on our democracy.... It will lead to a report that will be a game changer in terms of American history."

At the same time the NY AG's investigation of Trump's Ny business is characterizing it as a possible criminal enterprise. And in Georgia a grand jury is set to hear the case for indictment involving the sore loser former President's blatant attempts to shake down that state's Secretary of State to "find "11780 votes in his favor.

Don't expect the Trump electorate to be aghast at any of this. When they open their ears and eyes if ever and tune in to any of this, the truth is all quickly countered and distorted by misinformation from the extreme right media at Fox, Newsmax, OAN, Tucker Carlson etc., further enabled by the silence of those in Congress without integrity who are beholden to Trump. In order to remain faithful in their own (empty) hearts and (gas lit) minds, the Trump base must remain blind to the truth and loyal to the "big lie" and its master, a typical dynamic in how cults function.

THE TRUTH OF THE TRUMP PRESIDENCY, AND ITS AFTERMATH IS COM-ING OUT, IN DRIPS AND DRABS. IT WILL ALL BE REVEALED, IN TIME.

<u>Dan Daley</u> - <u>Florida House of Representatives</u> - <u>District 97</u>

(Previously served as City Commissioner, Vice Mayor of Coral Springs)

Hello Friends and Neighbors!

We completed our first week of the 2022 Legislative Session! Last week the Governor delivered the annual State of the State Address to a joint session of the Legislature; we held many constituent and advocacy meetings and passed our House Memorial through its first committee stop.



For more information on my committee assignments and to view my filed bills, please <u>click here</u>. Like and follow our office social media pages for additional news and up-

dates: <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u>. As always, thank you again for your continued support; it is an honor to serve District 97.

Tallahassee Talk

The Capitol is back open this year, and our office had the opportunity to meet with many constituents and advocacy groups such as FICPA Young CPA, Leadership Academy, the Florida Engineering Society, & the American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida.

Sponsored Legislation

HM 505 Florida National Guard

I am pleased to report that <u>House Memorial 505</u>, Florida National Guard made it through the Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; which is it's first committee stop. This bi-partisan Memorial urges Congress and the United States National Guard Bureau to increase the force structure allocation of the Florida National Guard.

The Florida National Guard needs proper troop numbers based on the size of our state and propensity for natural disasters. Florida is the third-most populous state, and yet it ranks 53rd out of the 54 states and territories in the Guardsmen-to-Citizen ratio. The Florida National Guard has been meeting its mission goals with just over 12,000 troops. However, this has meant several activations for the same soldiers again and again. Ultimately leading to excessive fatigue and issues with retention and readiness. We must provide our citizen-soldiers the adequate relief and support they require to continue meeting their mission goals.

If you have any questions or concerns, our office can be reached by phone at 850-717-5097 or by emailing Dan.Daley@myfloridahouse.gov or my Legislative Aide Sarah at Sarah.Pariseau@myfloridahouse.gov.

For additional news and updates please like and follow our social media pages: <u>Facebook, Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

Thank you!

Best,

Dan Daley

Editor's note: Thanks Dan. As always, we appreciate you sharing Tallahassee's latest NEWS and your own sage words.

IMPORTANT VOTING NOTICE: Anyone who

needs to update his or her registration, request a mail-in ballot, or update their signature (which Broward County may or may not have), should come to the KPIT Democratic Club table on Tuesday mornings between 9:00 and 11:00, and see Lurow Hall. This should be an every two-year process, but we are learning that EVERY year the lists are being purged, and to insure you haven't been dropped, you MUST check your registration/mail-in status. You can also insure personally that you are registered and due to receive a mail-in ballot by contacting the Supervisor of Elections by phone or via online registration. NOTE:



MAKE SURE
THAT YOU'RE
REGISTERED TO
VOTE IN 2022

The direct phone call to them is really a very easy and quick process. Broward Supervisor of Elections Phone: (954) 357-VOTE (8683). Their online site is via: browardvotes.gov. The closest branch, if you wish to go there, is: Supervisor of Elections at Lauderhill Mall 1501 NW 40th Avenue, in Lauderhill (Entrance is in the back of the Mall.)

The sooner you insure that you are up to date with county requirements, the better. Please remember there are important elections in 2022 at local, state, and federal levels. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lurow Hall, or our Club President, Julie Fishman, or even to direct your questions to the Newsletter or our website.





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