

# The Kings Point Democratic Voice



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## Our President's Notes from Julie Fishman



Recently my mother fell and broke her hip and had to have surgery for a partial hip replacement. The next step was of course for her to go to rehab.

I have to say that in the current climate with COVID-19 I had my concerns, especially since she lives in a very conservative area of Florida. Turns out she did end up getting COVID, even though she was vaccinated, spending time back in the hospital and is now back at the rehab center where she got infected in the first place! Oh, and because she is in the quarantine wing, she is not getting any therapy for going on 3 weeks!

So why am I telling you all of this? Because in this country, many of our leaders have once again played politics with our nation's health.

Florida's Governor has made it very clear that the economy is more important than stemming the tide of the pandemic and that he is quite willing to sacrifice the lives of people in the name of profits. Just look at the recent stand he has taken when certain local governments have had the nerve to look at putting face covering mandates back in place now that the infection rates are climbing again.

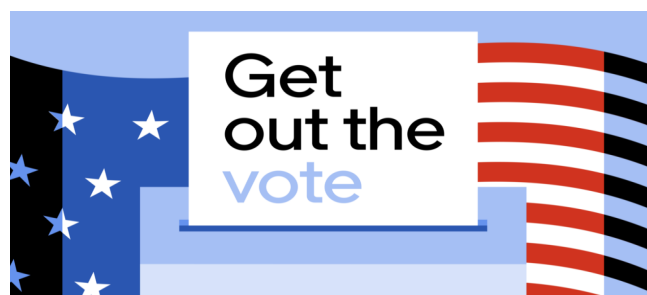
Instead of looking at the facts and keeping politics out of health care (I know, not the first time for that and why learn from history!) many in the Republican Party choose to treat this pandemic as a liberal scheme to close down the economy and take away their personal freedoms. How has something as simple as wearing a face covering to protect people's lives become so complicated?

Back when my mom first fell, I went to visit her. I made a trip to the local Walmart to pick up a few things and of course, I wore my mask into the store. I have never felt more conspicuous in my life! I was the only one in the store wearing a mask and I was getting dirty looks from many of the people around me. These same people would likely say that they didn't want anyone telling them they had to wear a mask, but apparently didn't like that I was.

We are once again looking at a possible emergency orders if the numbers keep climbing and what that will look like is uncertain. What is certain is the continued divide between those who believe that COVID-19 is a real threat to our country and those who are by their actions a different threat.

How we as Democrats combat those like Florida's Governor who refuse to face the facts is more important than ever. We must be ready to help Democratic candidates win their races. We must educate our friends and family members to do the same and we must do everything we can to get out the vote!

As always, my sincerest wishes for much happiness and great health, *Julie*



# RANDOM THOUGHTS - (FOR AUGUST)

by Geoff Grosky, Editor



## HERE ARE MY RANDOM THOUGHTS... WHAT ARE YOURS?

Let's share our problems and solutions, be they local, national or world. **Anyone responding to this article and bringing it in with you to our August 18th General Meeting, or emailing me your response, will be entered into a special drawing for a special "Random Thoughts prize."** LET'S SEE SOME REALLY GOOD RESPONSES!

My "Random Thoughts" topics are fairly simple this month, as they formatted into an inquiry into what YOU think is our most pressing problem in America, and a few sentences detailing a positive solution for that problem. I'd love to see not only our members and Board officers respond, but outside folks as well. Candidates and current seated officials are encouraged to share their thoughts as well. Although candidates are not eligible for our drawing, they can certainly get some free publicity as I will print up some of the response in next month's Democratic Voice.

I am sharing some of MY suggested topics below. Feel free to use any of my highlighted issues, or venture off on your own. TELL US OF REAL WORLD PROBLEMS AND VIABLE REMEDIES!

- ◆ POOR LEADERSHIP
- ◆ IMMIGRATION STRESS
- ◆ EDUCATION
- ◆ CIVILITY IN DISCOURSE
- ◆ GENDER INEQUALITY
- ◆ POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS
- ◆ HEALTH CARE/INSURANCE/MEDICINE COSTS
- ◆ BULLYING/DISCRIMINATION (AT ALL LEVELS)
- ◆ CIVIL RIGHTS AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
- ◆ PANDEMIC - VACCINATED v: NONVACCINATED



**GLOBAL PROBLEMS - 2021**

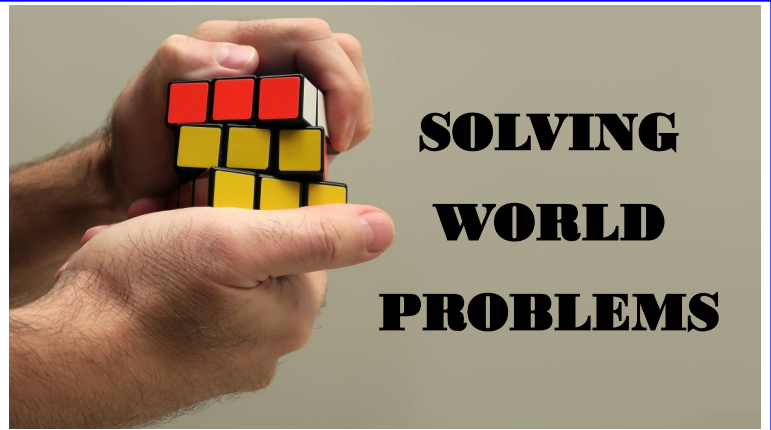


**FIX THE WORLD**

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- ◆ LACK OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
- ◆ SAFETY/SECURITY WELL BEING
- ◆ CLIMATE CHANGE
- ◆ GUN CONTROL/VIOLENCE
- ◆ RELIGIOUS CONFLICTS ACROSS THE WORLD
- ◆ GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY/TRANSPARENCY/CORRUPTION
- ◆ LARGE SCALE CONFLICT/TERRORISM - INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC



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**WHAT IS THE MOST PRESSING ISSUE IN YOUR OPINION?**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK IS A REALISTIC SOLUTION?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you email your response, please send it to Geoff at: [cruznclass@aol.com](mailto:cruznclass@aol.com)





**Kings Point Democratic Club in Tamarac**  
**2021 General Meetings Schedule**



**August 18, 2021 (6:30-9:30) - Special Topic: “LEGISLATIVE OUTLOOK”**

**September No Meeting**

**October 20, 2021 (12:00 - 3:00)**

**November 17, 2021 (6:30 - 9:30)**

**December 15, 2021 (12:00 - 3pm)**

**General  
Membership  
Meeting**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**AUGUST 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	<b>✓</b>	19	20	21
22	23	<b>AUGUST 18</b>		27	28	
29	30	31				

Printable Calendars From 123Calendars.Com

**PLEASE MARK THIS WINTER'S COMING EVENT IN YOUR CALENDAR**

**“KPIT DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE GALA EVENT”**

**December 3, 2021, 5:30-8 pm**

**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, AND INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATED.

TO CAUSE A LITTLE (OR SOMETIMES, A LOT) OF GOOD “DEMOCRATIC” TROUBLE!

PLEASE JOIN US.... PLEASE BRING A FRIEND OR TWO!

We do try to alternate our meeting times between afternoons and evenings to make it easier on the different schedules of our Kings Point community.



Light lunches or dinners, with coffee, tea, and snacks provided. Work up an appetite and thirst for knowledge and helping our community, state, and nation!

**Kings Point Democratic Club in Tamarac**

**2021 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule**

**Board Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, from 1:00PM to 3:30 PM, in the KPIT Islamorada Room as follows:**

**August 5, 2021**

**October 7, 2021**

**December 2, 2021**



**September 2, 2021**

**November 4, 2021**

# CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES FORUM



**Candidates  
declared for the  
Congressional  
District 20,  
Democratic Prima-  
ry this fall include:**

- Matt Boswell**
- Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick**
- Elvin Dowling**
- Bobby DuBose**
- Omari Hardy**
- Dale Holness**
- Krystal Jordan**
- Emmanuel Morel**
- Barbara Sharief**
- Priscilla Ann Taylor**
- Perry Thurston**
- and Pradel Vilme**



**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. Do your part... and MORE!



# Are you an informed voter?

**GET INFORMED!** Attend our monthly KPIT Democratic Club meetings. Find out about area events that can help our cause in electing Democrats!

**I ❤️ DEMOCRATS**



Today, and for the coming tomorrows, our prayers, thoughts, and love go out to our brothers and sisters whose lives were affected by the recent Surfside, Florida tragedy. We mourn with you, and offer you, all of our support in any possible way we can. God bless you all.



**#SURFSIDESTRONG**



**FROM**



**ALPHABETICAL ORDER - POLITICAL QUIZ**

- A - Current US Secretary of State ———- Blinken \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- B - Last Democratic VP before Kamala Harris \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- C - Republican on House 1/6 Committee \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- D - New Pandemic Variant \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- E - Withdrew as McGovern’s 1972 running mate \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- F - Robert F Kennedy, the F stands for \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- G - Slimy Florida Republican Rep being investigated \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- H - Tripe H of Minnesota politics (3 words) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- I - Senator Barak Obama served in what state? \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- J - 2 Word name of US Republican Rep from Ohio \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- K - 2nd Republican Rep serving on 1/6 Committee \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- L - New Mexico Jr Senator, Ben Ray \_\_\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- M - Sen Angus King, (Independent) hails from \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- N - Ben Sasse is a US Republican Senator from \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- O - City in California where VP Harris was born \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- P - Geographic description of cap city - Tallahassee FL \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Q - Middle Name of 6th President of U.S. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- R - Nicknames for GOPs who are Republican enough \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- S - 4 score and how many years ago? \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- T - Beat Jeff Sessions in Alabama primary (2 words) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ / \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- U - Mo and Stewart were part of what political family \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- V - Shipping/Railroad magnate Cornelius \_\_\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- W - George, Racist 1968 Presidential Candidate \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- X - Dem Francis X Bellotti of MA. X stands for \_\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Y - Sen Schumer and Gillabrand of New \_\_\_\_\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- Z - \_\_\_\_\_ Taylor, our 12th US President \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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|---|----------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|-------------------|
| A | Anthony  | B | Biden      | C | Cheney    | D | Delta             |
| E | Eagleton | F | Francis    | G | Gaetz     | H | Hubert H Humphrey |
| I | Illinois | J | Jim Jordan | K | Kinzinger | L | Lujan             |
| M | Maine    | N | Nebraska   | O | Oakland   | P | Panhandle         |
| Q | Quincy   | R | RINO       | S | Seven     | T | Tommy Tuberville  |
| U | Udall    | V | Vanderbilt | W | Wallace   | X | Xavier            |
| Y | York     | Z | Zachary    |   |           |   |                   |

# COVID 19 DELTA VARIANT



The DELTA VARIANT- a new and virulent strain of Covid - 19 has been identified, and is a very real threat to Southern Florida. Covid is again on the rise, and is again, accounting for a huge increase in both numbers of cases, and actual hospitalizations in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. Please take the utmost care in protecting yourself, your loved ones, neighbors, and all those you come across. AS always, the Democratic Club wishes you all good health!



## Our New 2021/2022 Kings Point in Tamarac Democratic Club Officers and Board

### Officers

**President** Julie Fishman  
**1st Vice President** John Donnelly  
**2nd Vice President** Lurow Hall  
**Secretary** Annie Latimer-Beeks  
**Treasurer** Joe Kientzy  
**Past President** Mona M Malbranche



### Board of Directors

**Norman Bykofsky**  
**Judy Camel**  
**Geoffrey Grosky**  
**Gerald Heller**  
**Helen Stoddard**  
**Burt Scholl**  
**Dyanna Skolnick**  
**Monique Sajous**  
**Gerry Streete**

## KPIT Democratic Club

### Committees and Chairpersons - 2021



## COMMITTEE

## ASSIGNMENTS

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

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

### Budget/Finance – All things financial

**Joe Kientzy – Committee Chair**  
**Sid Prine Mona Malbranche**

### Bylaws – Go over current Bylaws and come back with any needed changes.

**Mona Malbranche – Committee Chair**  
**Gerald Heller Joe Kientzy**  
**Burt Scholl**

### Candidate/Legislative – Work on candidate forums and put together information on candidates to share with the Club. Also, look at issues impacting us at the local state and national level.

**Julie Fishman – Committee Chair**  
**Gerald Heller Geoffrey Grosky**  
**Mona Malbranche Burt Scholl**  
**Norman Bykofsky**

**Newsletter – Create, publish, & distribute monthly Democratic Voice Newsletter.**

**Geoffrey Grosky – Committee Chair**  
**Lurow Hall                      Gerald Heller**  
**Gerry Streete**

**Phone Banking – Work to get out the vote.**

**Monique Sajous – Committee Chair**

**Food and Greeting – Set up, clean up and pass out food at monthly meeting.**

**Greeting members in the meeting.**

**Judy Camel –                      Committee Chair**  
**Jack Donnelly                      Monique Sajous**  
**Dyanna Skolnick**

**Cruise – Plan annual cruise**

**Geoffrey Grosky – Committee Chair**  
**Roberta Kranz                      Norman Bykofsy**  
**Donna Grosky**

**Fundraising – 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 would 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! We really want an active club membership!**

**STEP  
UP  
DEMOCRATS!**





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## CONGRATULATIONS MONA M. MALBRANCHE

Our sincerest congratulations go out to our immediate Past President, as Mona M Malbranche was honored by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Democratic Club, as their  
**“DEMOCRAT OF THE YEAR - 2021.”**

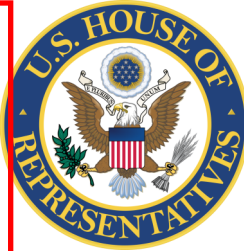
The Kings Point Democratic Club in Tamarac not only joins in congratulating Mona, but thanks her, for all she has accomplished. Mona’s great efforts help the cause for which the Democratic Party works so tirelessly - to bring people of all our many melting pot communities, under its umbrella... here in Southern Florida and across the nation.



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: CRUNCLASS@AOL.COM, BY 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 ACCOMODATE YOUR REQUEST. - "Geoff"



Alcee Hastings was a champion of "equal Justice and equal opportunity in Sothern Florida and Washington, DC.



In January, 2022, we need to elect a Democrat, to continue Alcee's work and legacy. That job begins NOW!



## Quote of the Month



**“If a political party does not have its foundation in the determination to advance a cause that is right and that is moral, then it is not a political party; it is merely a conspiracy to seize power.”**

**Dwight D Eisenhower**

**34th President of the United States**

**Eisenhower, was a two-term, Republican President, serving from 1953 - 1961. In 1959, IKE spoke these words, which some 60+ years later, should be conveyed to the Republican Party of 2021.**

Come visit us in the Cabaret Room at our Democratic Club Tables every Tuesday morning, from 9:00 - 11:00. 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! Take advantage of our special, INCREDIBLY low Democratic Club membership rate, of just \$7.50 for the rest of

**KPIT DEMOCRATIC CLUB**



**COME VISIT OUR TABLE**



## **BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION AUGUST 2021 NOTES**

**Michael Udine - City Commissioner, Vice Mayor -**

Our community has come a long way from last year to now. This summer featured a return of fireworks shows, outdoor concerts, and gatherings that had been missing from our lives. Kids have enjoyed camps throughout the community, Broward Park’s splash pads have kept many cool, and things are getting back to normal. We have come through so much together, and we are reaching the light at the end of the tunnel. I look forward to seeing everyone as we move forward into the future.

August means students are gearing up to go back to school. Make sure to get your school supplies during the tax-free week running from July 31<sup>st</sup>- August 9<sup>th</sup>. Take advantage and save on items such as pencils, composition books, computers and more. If you can, consider donating supplies to those less fortunate in our community. Several community organizations work to distribute supplies to children who need them. I am wishing all our students, teachers, and staff a fantastic start to the school year!

The Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport is expanding their flight options and airport offerings even more. Recently, the brand-new Delta Airlines lounge opened for travelers. This area is designed with the very best amenities. With comfy seating, food and beverage options, and a relaxing atmosphere, this is a great place to spend time before jetting off. In addition, FLL has added new destinations domestically such as Louisville, Kentucky, and Des Moines, Iowa. Wherever your travels take you by air, sea, or land, Broward is ready to serve you!

In August I will be touring the petroleum facilities at Port Everglades to get a firsthand look at how fuel gets to consumers. Supplying fuel is a necessary part of daily life, and crucial during an emergency such as a hurricane. Our region receives almost all its fuel via Port Everglades. It is important that we maintain full operations to keep all our communities supplied and safe.

As Floridians we know that August is when hurricane season really kicks into gear. Staying prepared and vigilant is key. Make sure you and your family (including pets) have all the necessary food, supplies, and medications needed if a storm comes our way. If you are a resident at-risk, now is the time to make sure you are registered for Broward County’s Vulnerable Population Registry or Special Needs Shelters. All residents should sign up for Broward’s emergency notification system, Alert-Broward, in addition to your city’s community alert system. Visit [Broward.org/Hurricane](http://Broward.org/Hurricane) to register and find all the info you need to be Storm Ready.

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](mailto: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!

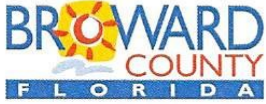
Sincerely, *Michael Udine*, City Commissioner, Vice-Mayor



*Editor’s Note: Thank you Vice 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!***



**Important**



**Beth Talabisco**  
Director of Community Outreach

**Michael Udine**  
County Commissioner

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