

# The Kings Point Democratic Voice

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From the desk of  
*the President*

## "Mona M Malbranche's Message"

President's Words February/March 2021



**It has been a year since our, the American people's lives turned into turmoil. A virus known as *Covid-19* from the coronavirus family was raging havoc in China, Italy and Spain. We were told by President Trump that we only had one case in the US. Trump led us to believe that "we will be okay". One year later, over 500.000 Americans have lost their lives to this virus.**

**Good news! We elected a new president, Joe Biden. We worked diligently with the scientists who were hindered from doing their work under the Trump government. There had been conflicts of interest under the presidency of 2020 - not so under the new Biden administration.**

**We now have two vaccines that were approved by the Food and Drug Administration; the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine. They are currently being administered to the elderly population. A third vaccine, the (Johnson & Johnson) is being evaluated this week by the FDA. It should be approved for dispensation by the first week of March.**

**Most KPIT seniors have had the vaccine. CDC guidelines MUST continue (wear your mask outside & inside if in a gathering, social distance 6 feet+, wash your hands with semi-hot water for 20 seconds) It's time to begin venturing out. For those who ordered in all year, get out & get exercise. Start with short walks & gradually increase. Visit with families in outdoor settings, taking care. Eat well balanced meals to maintain a good immune system. Sleep a minimum 8 hours daily. If we follow all the above, we'll have defeated Covid-19 & return to a normal life.**

**This is not our nation's first pandemic ever; it will not be the last.**

**Be well, Democratic Club members! Be safe, my friends!**

*Mona M. Malbranche*

**Mona M. Malbranche, KPIT Democratic Club, President**



## **CRIMES(?) - LEGAL and ILLEGAL MISDEEDS of DONALD JOHN TRUMP**

I am so very hopeful, that perhaps, this will be my last major column on the worst President, this nation has ever had... Donald John Trump. After his US Senate acquittal, in January, of the Impeachment charges that House of Representatives had approved, I felt it necessary to counter any claims of “innocence” with one last look at his questionable actions, that could be debated as to their criminality potential. These actions by the former President, are all, in MY mind, deemed as treasonous, actually criminal, borderline illegal, or certainly of the most questionable intent. Whether they were impeachable actions, civil or criminal matters in federal or state courts, or simply acts of bad faith, that do not reach acceptable levels of behavior by those who should be setting examples for our grandchildren and great grandchildren are for you, our readers to decide... and for future students of history to debate.

Read through my modest list, and decide, are these actions - **CRIMINAL, BOREDERLINE ILLEGAL, or of QUESTIONABLE INTENT?**

- ⇒ **Trump’s January 6th speech, inciting the attack on our US Capitol**
- ⇒ **Calls to Ukraine President, regarding (Hunter Biden) Quid Pro Quo info**
- ⇒ **Sixty plus nuisance lawsuits that had NO chance of winning in the courts**
- ⇒ **Original involvement of Russia with Trump or campaign in 2016 election**
- ⇒ **Responsibility for some, or many of 500,000+ Covid-19 deaths in the U.S., due to his non-actions, as well as his politically motivated actions**
- ⇒ **Non-actions after it was revealed that Russia paid Taliban bounties for the killing of US servicemen**
- ⇒ **Pardons/commutations for politically connected friends who “kept quiet”**
- ⇒ **Jailing of children whose families sought asylum**
- ⇒ **Putting up questionable obstacles to immigration process, causing suffering and deaths of those who looked to America for help**
- ⇒ **Emolument Clause violations for his own interests, and those of his family, close friends, and political allies inside and outside of appointed positions**
- ⇒ **Spending hundreds of millions of dollars for travel and security for golfing**
- ⇒ **Doing little or no vetting of his White House staff, Cabinet, and advisers, resulting in more very questionable actions and actual criminal convictions, than any administration in history**
- ⇒ **Strong likelihood of breaking tax, banking, and campaign finance laws, be it for “Stormy Daniels-type” payments or lying about net worth to increase his ability to get loans and at the same time, decrease his tax liability**

- ⇒ **Firing of James Comey, to try to obstruct investigation of Russian collusion**
- ⇒ **Trying to use Department of Justice to investigate or jail political opponents - Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, etc. etc.**
- ⇒ **Disrespect of John McCain, Gold Star parents, former aides (McMaster, Sessions, Bolton, etc.), & anyone whose loyalty was not deemed to be, absolute**
- ⇒ **Use of “temporary appointments” to bypass Congressional approvals/disapprovals of his candidates of choice - many gravely lacking credentials**
- ⇒ **Cozying up to, & garnering support of the Ku Klux Klan, Proud Boys, Oath Keepers, Boogaloo Bois (Boys) and their Last Sons of Liberty, as well as the now-defunct Rise Above Movement, and other White Supremacist groups**
- ⇒ **Lying to the American people - estimated to be 30,573 times per the Washington Times - with almost 1/2 of those lies coming in his last year in office**
- ⇒ **Encouraging White House staff, Cabinet, and various US Governmental agencies to not cooperate, testify, or produce requested documents/evidence, in direct defiance of Congressional inquiries and legal subpoenas**
- ⇒ **Involvement/friendship with Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell**
- ⇒ **Secret, non-recorded meetings with Russian President Putin, and likely similar private communiques, with North Korea, Saudi Arabia**
- ⇒ **Interjecting his own non-scientific and dangerous opinions into discussions of science in emergency-type issues with a Sharpie or Bleach “solution”**
- ⇒ **Outing, reassignment, and even demotion or firing of “whistle-blowers”**
- ⇒ **Taking stands against LGBTQT community on military, job, and other discriminatory societal issues**
- ⇒ **Use of national military personnel for political considerations in attacking, assumed to be, liberal protestors, exercising their 1st Amendment rights**
- ⇒ **“Proud Boys, Stand down and stand by” order during Presidential Debate**
- ⇒ **Not holding Saudi Crown Prince responsible for Jmail Khashoggi’s murder**
- ⇒ **Inviting friend, Kanye West into Presidential race via fraudulent intentions, and having political friends help organize and finance West’s campaign**
- ⇒ **Alienating historic US Allies across the world**

**LET’S PRAY HARD & WORK EVEN HARDER - THAT WE NEVER HAVE CANDIDATE DONALD TRUMP IN OUR ELECTION CYCLE EVER AGAIN!**

**NEVER AGAIN IN OUR LIFETIMES... OR THOSE OF OUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND EVEN OUR GREAT - GRANDCHILDREN!**



**OUR EXECUTIVE BRANCH, US SENATE, AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ARE ALL BLUE. LET’S REALLY WORK TO KEEP IT THAT WAY IN 2022!**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### The Die is Cast for 45

by Joe Morguess



The political acquittal of Donald Trump on the charge of Insurrection in the second Impeachment trial was not a surprise, considering the loyalty to the bully-in-chief of 43 cowardly Republican members of the “jury”.

Nevertheless, the shameful video tapes and detailed evidence of inspiring and emboldening his supporters to commit an assault on the Capitol are part of the permanent record.

Trump’s psychopathic misdeeds and criminal disregard of America’s principles and its laws have been revealed to the world of today and of the future in a most comprehensive manner by the brilliant Impeachment Managers of our Democratic party. Their presentation has put in perspective his entire failed presidency, where for 4 years he promoted divisiveness and never once demonstrated the capacity for empathy, humility, and respect for all Americans.

The former President is shamed now and forever, conviction or not - as well as the careers of many of those who enabled him with their silence or passive approval.

Thankfully, the worst role model for children in American Presidential history is silenced for now, while President Biden and our Democrat Party pave the way for an America that values Honesty, Decency, Tolerance, and Equality.

Written and Submitted, Feb 2021

*Joseph Morguess*

Joseph Morguess, Kings Point Democratic Party



**MARCH 2021 - QUIZ**

(answers on page 11)

Each answer starts with the last letter of the preceding answer. For example, the 1st answer is Zachary TAYLOR. The 2nd answer will begin with the last letter of Taylor’s name, the letter, “R.”

T A Y L O R

1. The 12th US President, Zachary

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2. The Rough Rider

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3. Female abolitionist, born into slavery

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4. Two-word state that’s home to Chuck Schumer

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5. Home state of former VP, Bob Dole

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6. 1st name of Maryland US Congressman Hoyer

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7. US Air Force pilot , the 1st to fly faster than sound... Chuck:

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8. Son of Ron Paul is: Dr. \_ \_ \_ \_ Paul:

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9. Removal of controversial Statues of Confederate President Jefferson:

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10 Middle Initial of Nation Anthem author Francis \_ \_ \_ \_ Key:

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11. Senators Cornyn and Cruz hail from:

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12. Former Illinois politician, Adlai - - - - - III:

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## DEMOCRATIC CLUB INFORMATION

**Big News About 2021 Membership Bargains:** As an appreciation of loyalty during this difficult period, all Club members paid through 2020 will have their membership extended until 12/31/2021 WITH NO ADDITIONAL DUES, for this year.

Anybody not currently on our roster, who wishes to become a member will be able to join with a payment of only \$7.50 (half charge) New members should make out checks for \$7.50, (half of our regular price) payable to "KP Democratic Club" and mail them in care of: Mona Malbranche at 7742 Trent Drive, Tamarac, FL 33321. PLEASE invite your friends, who are not current members, to join us, in the Kings Point Democratic Club, at this GREATLY reduced membership cost!

### \* Kings Point in Tamarac Democratic Club \*

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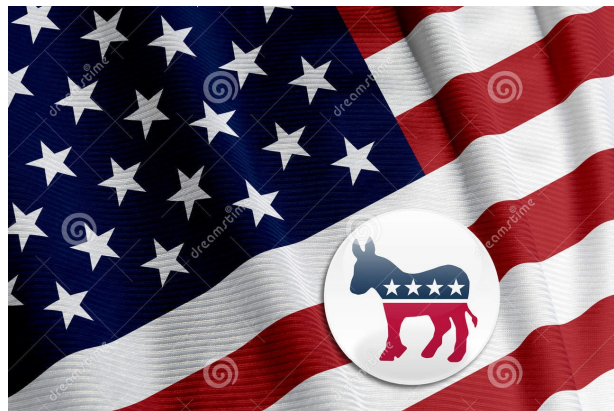
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CONGRATULATIONS  
FELLOW DEMOCRATS!  
WHAT A GREAT JOB  
YOU DID, LEADING UP  
TO THE 2020 ELEC-  
TIONS! DEMS HAVE  
THE WHITE HOUSE,  
THE US SENATE AND  
OUR US HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES!



**FL DEMS**  
Florida Democratic Party

BUT... BEFORE WE  
REST ON OUR COL-  
LECTIVE LAURELS,  
THERE'S STILL SO  
MUCH WORK TO DO.  
WE NEED TO TURN  
FLORIDA FROM RED  
TO PURPLE TO BLUE!  
WE DO HAVE FLORIDA  
GUBERNATORIAL and  
US SENATE RACES  
COMING UP IN 2022.



## **The Hastings Monthly Report - February 2021**

Dear Friends,

We enter the new 117<sup>th</sup> Congress welcoming a new administration. President Biden and Vice President Harris will unite the country and build it back better for all Americans. They will work to aggressively combat the COVID-19 pandemic and help our economy recover, advancing justice for all and ensure that no one is left behind. This February we commemorate Black History Month, honoring the history of Black Americans. From emancipation to the Civil Rights Movement, the journey of the Black community exemplifies perseverance and triumph. However, the fight for equality and justice is far from over. Sadly, disparities in employment, wealth, and education still exist among communities of color across our nation, which has only been exasperated with the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. I applaud President Biden and his administration on taking action for advancing racial equality for those who have been underserved and left behind. As we celebrate this Black History Month and throughout the year, we must continue this fight together for racial equality and justice.

### **Legislation in Focus: Ensuring House Membership Mirrors the Citizens it Represents**

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, I introduced the *Congress Commission Act of 2021*, which would establish a bipartisan Congressional Commission to Strengthen Representative Democracy. My legislation will mandate such a commission to solemnly examine representation in the people's House and offer recommendations to report any shortcomings. We have not addressed House membership in over a century, despite a growing population and an overwhelming amount of evidence illustrating the need for reform of the House of Representatives. This past year, Americans from coast to coast demanded change and turned out at the polls in record numbers. It is high time we examine representation to ensure the people's House truly reflects those we serve.

In January, I reintroduced with my esteemed colleague, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), H.R.469, the *Comprehensive Breast Reconstruction Act of 2021*. While advances in medicine and patient care have perfected breast reconstruction, many post-mastectomy patients' access to these procedures are determined on a case by case basis or are guided by a patchwork of differing policies, restrictions, and guidelines. This can be an unfair burden for patients and their families. Patients shouldn't have to fight for the care they deserve. This legislation builds on advancements to fix the loopholes in the current patchwork of care available to survivors after a medically-necessary mastectomy, expanding covered procedures and allowing survivors access to the care they need to heal. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress on this legislation and hope that it will be acted upon swiftly on the House floor.

As the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress turns its attention to these and other issues, I will continue to advocate for a more open process that benefits all Americans. For more information on the various issues that I am working on, please visit my official website at [www.alceehastings.house.gov](http://www.alceehastings.house.gov). With warm personal regards, I remain,

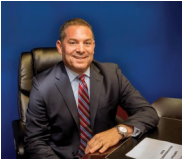
Alcee L. Hastings, Member of Congress, 20th District of Florida

## **BIDEN CABINET and CABINET-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS**

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## **BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION December 2020 NOTES**

Broward is anything but boring as we investigate the future. As your County Commissioner and the Vice-Mayor of Broward County, I am focused on policies that will create future growth for our county. These solutions will make everyday life better for residents. In February I met with Elon Musk's Boring Company about potentially creating a tunnel under the New River. We also discussed potential solutions that would help decrease the commute for residents of District 3. The Boring Company believes that they can create tunnel systems at a fraction of the cost of traditional government actors. I look forward to working with The Boring Company, local municipalities, and Broward County as we explore these exciting possibilities that make for a limitless future. In addition, as Vice-Mayor I will continue to showcase and hold meetings with companies that see the potential of our region, and support our local businesses that already call Broward home. From creating a talent pipeline from our universities, to a better quality of life for Broward residents, our leadership is ready to welcome companies that support all facets of the local economy.

Businesses, Broward wants to invest in you! Broward continues to upgrade its procurement code. The revised process will provide for a more accessible format that is inclusive of all Broward businesses. We will do this by further streamlining the participation process for local businesses while increasing publicity of all contracts big and small to the local community. The only way to take part is to get certified. Check out the certification process and fill out an application online at [broward.org/EconDev](http://broward.org/EconDev). Contact the Office of Economic and Small Business Development today with any questions, because Broward County wants to #BuyBroward!

Kings Point is reopening the Palace Theatre, & the Coral Spring Performing Arts Center is re-opening as well. Of course, county guidelines for safety will be followed during all events. These include limited attendance, masks, and social distancing policies. It will be great to have different shows and artists at these venues. I look forward to attending in the future and wish both venues successful seasons. I would also like to wish everyone a fun Saint Patrick's Day, and a relaxing spring break. If you are traveling please remember to follow all local COVID-19 guidelines, or if you plan to stay home, remember to support local restaurants and businesses. Please remember to be responsible, have a safe holiday, and wear green.

The top priority for my staff and I is staying connected with the residents of District. 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 - *Michael Udine*, City Commissioner, Vice-Mayor



**TO NO ONE'S SURPRISE, THE MARCH DEMOCRATIC CLUB (IN-PERSON) GENERAL MEETING HAS AGAIN BEEN CHANGED TO A VIRTUAL/PHONE MEETING, WITH ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS. LOOK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE CLUB. AS REGARDS IN-PERSON MEETINGS... WHEN KPIT REOPENS THE CLUBHOUSE, AND IT'S DEEMED SAFE TO DO SO, WE WILL ADVISE ACCORDINGLY. IN THE MEANTIME, WE URGE YOU ALL TO INVOLVE YOURSELF IN THE COMING THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB'S MARCH ELECTIONS. PLEASE BE SAFE AND WE WISH YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES, THE VERY BEST OF HEALTH.**

**FOR OUR MARCH GENERAL MEETING, on the EVENING of WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th, WE WILL BE HOLDING ELECTIONS for KPIT DEMOCRATIC CLUB OFFICERS and BOARD of DIRECTORS, VIA EMAIL, PHONE, and ZOOM.**

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**ALL MEMBERS WILL RECIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE CLUB'S SLATE OF CANDIDATES AND THE DIFFERENT MANNERS IN WHICH EVERYONE WILL BE AFFORED AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.**

**You are most cordially invited to join the Democratic Club's**

**"ZOOM" Executive Board Meeting: Thursday , March 4, 2021 at 1:00pm**

**(FURTHER DIRECTIONS WILL BE SENT TO EVERYONE VIA A SEPARATE EMAIL)**

**For additional information, contact: Mona Malbranche, President, (954)638-6883**



## QUIZ TIME

1. Taylor
2. Roosevelt
3. Tubman
4. New York
5. Kansas
6. Steny
7. Yeager
8. Rand
9. Davis
10. Scott
11. Texas
12. Stevenson

## ANSWERS

**DON'T FORGET:**  
**KPIT DEMOCRATIC CLUB**  
**ELECTIONS**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021**



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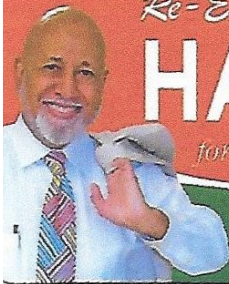
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