The Kings Point

Democratic Club

Good trouble happens here!

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Democratic Voice



Our President's Notes from Julie Fishman October 2021



As the young kids say, "OMG, OMG, OMG!!!" Another summer has passed by, and we are on to the "FALL" campaign.

Schools are more than in full swing, and appear to be flourishing with the norm again, being "in-person education."

Kings Point has been up and running with its clubs, games and activities, and its weekend shows. Its current "wear your mask" indoors policy is doing its part, in helping to protect our senior population, and thus helping protect our family, friends, and neighbors. Please inquire at the KPIT reception desk for "Covid Booster Shots" for October 9th and 10th.

With the 2021 Fall season, comes a most important primary election, that I'd like you all to focus on. November 2nd, is the date of the special primary election to pick the <u>Democratic Nominee</u>, who we want to fill the seat of the late Congressman Alcee Hastings. This is a seat that has been left vacant for too long by our Governor for his own Republican Party, political reasons, to the detriment of Floridians' interests.

Every week, I have a number of people asking me, "Who should I vote for?" All I can tell you is that there are about a dozen EXCELLENT Democratic candidates. We had most of them to a "Question/Answer Forum," here, at our July, KPIT Democratic Club meeting in the Cabaret Room. We also have literature from most of the candidates at our Tuesday Morning Tables from 9—11 in the Cabaret Room - and often have representatives of each campaign, visiting with us. Stop by!

My final words here are short, simple, & sweet:

VOTE! PLEASE, PLEASE VOTE!

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











"RANDOM THOUGHTS" - by Geoff Grosky, Editor











Without going through every Donald J Trump misstep or transgression of his campaign for, and tenure as the President and Commander of Chief of the United States of America, I am wondering whether our US Justice Department is making a grave error in not yet having brought criminal charges against him in the almost 9 months that he has been out of office.

Is it a political decision, of not wanting to set precedents of going after or seeking revenge against our former leaders? Is it a matter of due-diligence, and wanting to wait and insure every single piece of evidence has been uncovered, and that any case to be brought, is therefore "air-tight?" Is it a game of dominoes, that you can not knock over the number one domino, until all his associated and related dominoes have fallen? Is it even a matter of not wanting to further rile the opposition (whether that be Republican leaders, voters, far right commentators and assorted zealots, paramilitary groups, and assorted whitesupremacy thugs, or simply those Trumpers who look for any reason to cry "FOUL.")?

Many of you know me, as a retired middle school teacher, with my two specializations in English (language arts/composition/literature) and in the humanities (history/civics/geography). Toward that end, I always thought that my true mission in education was NOT grammar, spelling, and cursive writing. Nor was it historical dates, knowing country's gross national products, and supply side economics (or trickle down economics). Instead, I saw my goals more along the lines of helping children grow into good, honest, caring adults, who looked to do what is right, just, fair, and honorable., for themselves, their families, and for all of society - in our neighborhoods, across our country, and abroad... based on <u>need</u> and not on race, color, creed, etc., etc., etc..

As such, I think it is incumbent upon us to hold our leaders accountable of their actions - not only at the ballot box, but with the civil and criminal justice avenues available to us. We talk of responsibility and accountability at EVERY level of our country. We do not tolerate violence or assault (either verbal or physical) on our people or our institutions. We protect every class of people in this country (again regardless of race, sexual orientation, nationality, religion, etc.) from being harmed by "thugs" of all type. We hold common folks accountable. We hold teachers accountable. We also hold our clergy accountable. We hold police and our military accountable. We hold pop culture athletes, actors, singers, and "stars" accountable.

We do NOT hold people "legally accountable" for having a different mindset or view than you or I, on social issues, or those of religion, economics, or their thoughts on abortion, euthanasia, border protection, God, the flag, gun control, welfare, and a multitude of other important issues of importance to you, me, or the world. Instead, we let our justice system - our laws, our attorneys (prosecutors and defense), the courts (district, state, federal, and Supreme Court), and finally our jurors (our peers) make those decisions on our behalf. Our US Constitution, the basis for such activity, insures protection for both all peoples of our society under attack, and even for those accused of such attacks.



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THE US CONSTITUTION



US SUPREME COURT

I taught our children (at home and in school) that we are all responsible for our actions. We have an adage that "No man is above the law." We are ALL held... to ALL sorts of standards of behavior (on moral and legal levels) at home, in school, in our neighborhood, at our jobs, public and even private places. We expect the strictest adherence to our laws from our leaders, in education, religious institutions, industry, and most certainly from leadership within our own government.

And similar to its protections, the Constitution also demands accountability and ultimately, justice for those who abuse our legal trust and break from our "nation of laws." Please note that while I have my own personal beliefs as to the lawlessness of the Trump presidency, my demand of our system is not at this time, for a "guilty adjudication" - but for there to be charges brought in the appropriate judicial venues , and tried accordingly.

I'm guess I am not a full 100% sure whether then President Trump's dealings with Russia before the election, in financial/real estate dealings, PLUS campaign assistance/interference are actual illegal, prosecutable activities.

I'm also not a full 100% sure that his financial dealings with government entities here and abroad are again, actual criminal violations of the emoluments clauses of our laws.

Trumps uses of playing footloose with his personal taxes and corporate loans (for which he has) personal responsibility - may or may not violate New York and Federal criminal codes. (How many of us remember why Al Capone was imprisoned?)

Trump's use of undue pressure on the Ukraine government to influence the 2020 election, was serious enough to cause him to be impeached a 2nd time, for the only time in our nation's history. Was it enough to rise to the level of a triable crime? That's not up to me... or you, but for a grand jury and court process to determine.

Trump's payoff of a porn star (and potentially others) may certainly be criminal in nature. If any of dozens of women are to be believed, Trump may certainly be criminally chargeable under sexual predator type laws.

Trump's authorization for his company(s) to pay employees and even their families though unreported tax means (apartment rents, cars, and other illegal bogus, bonus incentives) could result in criminal consequences.

Perhaps the single most blatant violation of law and trust for this former President was his egregious behavior on January 6, 2021, leading to the violent attack on the US Congress. His speech of January 6th, and the many weeks of him falsely claiming a fraudulent election, led to this horrific attack on not only the institution, but an attack on American citizens - our Capitol Police, resulting in never before seen mayhem and more than one death. There are those who call this actual treason, in inciting a such an attack on our country. It has been said that this action was but a small piece of a Trump-led coup d'état - designed to ILLEGALLY hang on to political power, even after LEGITIMATELY being defeated in the November 2020 Presidential election.

Let's do what's right. Let's determine and as necessary, bring charges in a more timely manner, regardless who the accused is, or what his position was. Let's have our Constitutionally protected laws and our Judicial branch judge if any of the above (or countless other incidents) are breaches of law, and who is or is not responsible.

We owe this to nation; we owe it to all the children and young people who must believe in and learn from our system of justice, so that they may lead our nation's future. We owe this to our Capitol Police; we owe this to ALL AMERICANS - everyone who voted in the last election... as well as to those who freely elected not to vote. We owe this to our Constitution and to our American Democracy. As our own Pledge of Allegiance concludes,

"with ... justice for all."



Kings Point Democratic Club in Tamarac

2021 General Meetings Schedule



October 20, 2021: 12:00 - 3:00



November 17, 2021: 6:30 - 9:30

PLEASE MARK THIS WINTER'S BIG AND EXCITING, COMING EVENT IN YOUR CALENDAR

"KPIT DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE GALA EVENT"

DECEMBER 3, 2021, 5:30 - 8:00 PM Lots of details in the coming few months!



NEXT MEETING:

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!

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.

VERY IMPORTANT

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

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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:

> October 7, 2021 November 4, 2021 December 2, 2021



In our today, United States, we have serious concern with the integrity, transparency, motives and absolute lack of "<u>LEADERSHIP</u>" of far too many of our elected politicians. The following quotes are observations from political, literary, and philosophy luminaries across the world. What are your thoughts on the attributes of what a good leader should be?

"We, the people, are the boss, and we will get the kind of political leadership, be it good or bad, that we demand and deserve." - John F Kennedy

"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers."

- Ralph Nader

"It is not power that corrupts ,but fear." <u>Aung San Suu Kyi</u> Burmese politician/ Nobel Prize winner

"We have moved from an age in which government leaders sought to do what was best for the people to one in which the political leadership is convinced it knows what is best for the people, whether they like it or not." <u>Ralph Peters</u> Retired military/author

"We need political leadership that will move the world away from war into solving its problems through dialogue and negotiation, to build friendship with people, which is not what we've had with this war on terror." <u>Mairead Corrigan</u> - Northern Ireland peace activist/Nobel Prize winner

"Whether for good or evil, it is sadly inevitable that all political leadership requires the artifices of theatrical illusion. In the politics of a democracy, the shortest distance between two points is often a crooked line." Arthur Miller Playwright/essayist

"It is not a sensible or intelligent response for us in Europe to ridicule American arguments and parody their political leadership." Tony Blair - former UK Prime Minister

"In some countries we have had the right to vote for less than 100 years, so the entry of women into political leadership has caused a tsunami." Iveta Radicova - Slovakian 1st woman Prime Minister

"We had a mílítary and polítical leadership at that period which was genuínely deluded." Neil Sheehan - Historian/author/soldier

AMERICA'S LEADERSHIP WITH INTEGRITY



George Washington



Abraham Lincoln



Franklin Delano Roosevelt



Ronald Reagan



Barack Obama



The Kennedys - Bobby, Ted, and Jack



Martin Luther King Jr



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi



Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Senate Maj Leader Chuck Shumer



General Colin Powell



President Joe Biden - VP Kamala Harris

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!







LET'S HEAR FROM 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 THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY! IT'S SO VERY `IMPORTANT THAT WE HEAR FROM YOU!

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 HallSecretaryAnnie Latimer-Beeks

Treasurer Joe Kientzy

Past President

Joe Kientzy

esident 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







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

Julie Fishman –Committee ChairAnnie Latimer-BeeksNorman BykofskyJack DonnellyGeoffrey Grosky

Budget/Finance – 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

<u>Candidate/Legislative</u> – 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	

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Monique Sajous -	Committee Chair		
<u>Food and Greeting</u> - Se	t up, clean up and pa	ss out food at monthly meeting.	
Greeting members in	n the meeting.		
Judy Camel –	Committee Chair		
Jack Donnelly	Monique Sajous	Dyanna Skolnick	
<u>Cruise – Plan annual cr</u>	uise		
Geoffrey Grosky -	- Committee Chair		
Roberta Kranz	Norman Bykofsy	Donna Grosky	
<u>Membership</u> – Help increase the membership of the Club. Gerry Streete – Committee Chair Annie Latimer-Beeks Norman Bykofsky			
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Please come visit us in the Cabaret Room at our Democratic Club Tables every <u>Tuesday morning, 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! Take advantage of our INCREDIBLY low Democratic Club membership rate, of just \$7.50 for the rest of 2021!



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CONGRESSMEN & WOMEN



UNSCRAMBLE THE NAMES OF THESE FOLKS FROM CAPITOL HILL

1. Republican Sen. ZURC of Texas				
2. Gym Coach Rep. ANJROD of Ohio				
3. Sen. LUPA of Kentucky, son of Ron				
4. Late Sen. DEYKNEN of Mass, called the Lion				
5. Late Rep. LINEOL of Mass(Tip of the iceberg)				
6. Former Sen. RASHIR from California known to kids as "Momala"				
7. Luau Sen NORHOI of Hawaii				
8. OURIB and TOCTS are our 2 Florida Senators and				
9. CHINNAM is our most conservative Democratic Senator				
10. Senator SSOFFO, a Jewish lawmaker from Georgia				
11. Rev. RAWCONK is a 2nd Georgia Senator				
12. Rep. SAWNAMERS / CLUTZHS is a Florida favorites				
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U.S. CAPITOL BUILDING, WASHINGTON DC				

THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB, AS ALWAYS - OFFERS OUR WORDS OF PRAYERS, ADVICE, AND ANY POSSIBLE ACCESS TO KNOWN CONTACTS, FOR THE BEST COVID INFOR-MATION, WE CAN PASS ON TO YOU ON HOW BEST TO BE SAFE AND HEALTHY. PLEASE CONTACT OUR BOARD, OR THE NEWSLETTER, FOR FURTHER DIRECTION. *** 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. ***



IMPORTANT VOTING NOTICE:

Voted



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. The sooner you insure that you are up to date with county requirements, the better. Please remember there is an important election on November 2nd to elect a Democratic candidate to run in a January General Election to fill the US House seat, formerly held by the late, Congressman Alcee Hastings. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lurow, or our Club President, Julie Fishman, or even to direct your questions to the Newsletter or our website.

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. Cruz
- 2. Jordan
- 3. Paul
- 4. Kennedy
- 5. O'Neill
- 6. Harris
- 7. Hirono
- 8. Rubio & Scott
- 9. Manchin
- 10. Ossoff
- 11. Warnock
- 12. Wasserman-Schultz



National Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month is the period from September 15th to October 15th in the United States, where we recognize the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

The 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month theme is "Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope." This theme reflects on all the contributions Hispanics have made in the past and will continue to make in the future.

September is also Hunger Action Month. In Broward County there are more than 220,000 people who face food instability and sadly nearly 67,000 of them are children. In addition, 63% of senior households are forced to chose between food and medical care.

Please consider making a food donation at a collection box nearest you. Canned food, boxes of macaroni and cheese, pasta, granola bars and peanut butter are some of the most needed items. Visit <u>www.broward.org/</u> <u>fooddrive</u> to learn more.

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Our thanks to Dale Holness for this important reminder!

TO ELECT DEMOCRATS, ESPECIALLY HERE IN FLORIDA, WE NEED TO ALL WORK AS A UNITED TEAM - AND TO REALLY, REALLY WORK!



BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION OCTOBER 2021 NOTES Michael Udine - City Commissioner, Vice Mayor -

The County Commission has reviewed and passed the upcoming year's county budget. In the new budget, Broward County stood firm on its commitment to keep tax rates low and did not increase any taxes on residents. As your County Commissioner my focus is making

sure that we continue to emphasize the best technology upgrades for our emergency services system, funding for programing at libraries and parks, supporting our Cultural Division and public art, Emergency Rental Assistance Programs, and assisting our cities with projects in Northwest Broward. Broward must continue to focus on these areas while being fiscally responsible. I will continue to make sure that this budget is implemented in the best way to serve all in our community.

Fall is in the air! From Octoberfest celebrations to Halloween festivities there is something for everyone. As the weather cools down take advantage of exploring all the parks and natural wonders our community offers. For information on events happening throughout October at Broward County Libraries, Parks, and even Animal Care and Adoption, visit Broward.org today.

Water Matters Day is back and better than ever! On October 16th come out to Tree Tops Parks and check out all the resources on water conservation, native landscapes, and sustainability. Be sure to pick up a free tree at the event to plant at your own home. Broward County values protecting the environment and creating an environmentally sustainable future for our community. Visit Broward.org/WaterResources for all information regarding the event. See you there!

Broward Parks is hosting thrills and chills at parks throughout the county. For the little ones, events include arts and crafts or an early evening nature exploration tour. Older kids will have the opportunity to learn about animals and insects like bats and spiders. In the evening they will host events for adults interested in checking out the "spooky" trails in our parks and nature centers. Visit Broward.org/Parks to learn more about these spooky (and educational) events!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. 12.9% of women will develop breast cancer during their life, and it also can affect men as well. Everyone knows someone in their life that has been affected. Early detection could save your life and is imperative to receiving treatment as soon as possible. Discuss the best preventative care possible with your physician or health care provider.

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 <u>MUdine@Broward.org</u> 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: As always, 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!





Dear Kings Point Democratic Club, Questions About Your 2021 Property Assessment or Exemptions?

Our office recently mailed over 776,000 TRIM (proposed tax) Notices to Broward County property owners. Florida law requires the property appraiser to assess every parcel of real and tangible personal property in Broward County as of January 1, 2021. The 2021 just values are based on the 2020 market data. The TRIM Notice you received shows your 2021 just value, exemptions you are receiving, and the proposed tax amounts as set by the various taxing authorities listed on the notice. It is important to remember the Property Appraiser's Office does not set or collect taxes.

If you believe you are entitled to a Homestead Exemption or any other exemptions not shown on your TRIM Notice, you may still late file for any 2021 exemption until September 20, 2021. For a list of all the available tax-saving exemptions and to apply for exemptions online, please visit our website at <u>https://web.bcpa.net/bcpaclient/#/Homestead</u> or call us at 954-357-6830. If you have any questions regarding your property's just value or exemptions, please contact my office directly at the following numbers:

Property Tax Exemptions & General Questions 954-357-6830

Residential Property 954-357-6831

Condo, Co-op & Timeshare Property 954-357-6832

Commercial Real Property/Duplexes 954-357-6835

Tangible (Commercial) Personal Property 954-357-6836

Agricultural Property/Classifications 954-357-6822

Report Homestead Fraud 954-357-6900

If you have questions or concerns about any of the proposed tax rates or non-ad valorem fees, including fire assessments, please contact the taxing authority listed on the TRIM Notice.

The ABSOLUTE deadline to file an application for any 2021 exemption or appeal your property's just value is September 20, 2021.

Value Adjustment Board

The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) is an independent quasi-judicial review board. If you believe your property assessment is not what a buyer would have reasonably paid for your property on January 1, 2021, you should first contact our office. If after speaking with one of our appraisers, you still do not agree, you can file an appeal with the Broward County Value Adjustment Board. If you were denied an exemption, you may also file an appeal with the Value Adjustment Board challenging this denial. The absolute filing deadline for Value Adjustment Board petitions is September 20, 2021. If you would like to file a petition online, please visit the VAB website at https://bcvab.broward.org/axiaweb2021 Should you have any questions for the Value Adjustment Board, they can be reached at vab@broward.org 954-357-7205.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at: martykiar@bcpa.net

Take care,

Marty

Marty Kiar Broward County Property Appraiser

Editor's Note: Thank you Mr. Kiar - for your timely and informative monthly letters to our membership, as well as for your continued support of our Democratic Club, here at Kings Point in Tamarac. It really is appreciated!





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Dale V.C. Holness

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In 2010, Holness was elected to represent District 9 in Broward County and also served as Mayor of that county from November 2019 to November 2020 — a year that brought unique challenges and required smart decisions due to the global coronavirus pandemic.

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