

December 2021 Newsletter from the NPCDC

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President's Message

2022...Come on down!

If you close your eyes, you can almost hear Johnny Olsen, the former voice of The Price is Right, announcing that a new year is upon us. But before we jump into the new year, I thought it would be nice to take a quick look back to review some of the accomplishments and milestones we've achieved as a Club in 2021:

- Year-over-year Club membership grew 125%, with momentum continuing into 2022
- Our monthly meetings have averaged fifty or more participants
- Our post card mailing initiative delivered thousands of post cards across north Pinellas, extolling to voters the attributes and benefits of being a Democrat
- Our yard sign initiative generated proceeds that directly benefitted the newly established North Pinellas County Outreach Center
- We launched an initiative that encouraged political leaders across the county to sign the Fair Districting Pledge
- The NPCDC Board met for an all-day strategic retreat resulting in defined goals for 2021 and beyond
- We secured a new location for in-person meetings at the Scottish American Society of Dunedin
- We've hosted a myriad of diverse political leaders from across all Democratic spectrums at our Club meetings
- We are a visible presence in the community, sharing the good news of being a Democrat at parades in Safety Harbor and Dunedin as well as the monthly "Third Friday" event in Safety Harbor
- We've registered voters, facilitated signatures on candidate petitions, and rallied for causes like reducing gun violence
- We've improved our overall communications with you, our members, through our targeted emails, membership surveys, an updated website, and most recently a monthly newsletter
- We ended the year with a sold-out picnic in Dunedin that offered our members an opportunity for fellowship and fun

And that's just a sampling of the work we've been doing as a Board and as a Club.

One of my favorite sayings is, "With change comes opportunity." While a new year generates thoughts of hope and renewal, 2022 will undoubtedly present the NPCDC with new opportunities and challenges. We look forward to embracing them enthusiastically and strategically with you, our NPCDC family.

Join us for our next Club meeting on January 20, one more time via Zoom.

Thank you for your support of the NPCDC and Let's Go Blue!

Tom Topping
President, NPCDC



Join a Text Party for Vote By Mail

We're hosting a "text party" on **Monday January 3 from 12:00 - 4:00pm at the North Pinellas Democratic Outreach Center, 1402 North MLK Ave. in Clearwater.** Bring your phones and bring a friend. Join with fellow Democrats as we get to work and encourage people to VOTE BY MAIL. This is especially timely for the municipal elections on March 15 in Clearwater, Oldsmar and Tarpon Springs. There is no early voting for these municipal races, making Vote By Mail that much more important.

The Outreach Center in Clearwater is a critical presence for Democrats in our local community. It is the hub of our efforts to get Democrats to vote in the North County area. We need your help to do more for the Center so that it can do more. What do we mean? We need more people to sign-up to staff the center. It is currently open 12 - 4pm, Monday - Friday only, which limits the ability for people otherwise employed during the day to visit the facility or help. With more volunteers to staff the center we can expand the hours to include evenings and weekends, and most importantly, reach more voters. Text Beth Davis at 727-742-3797 for more info.

The Democrat's Scoreboard: Good news, positive changes

Keep spreading the word about the many positive changes Democrats are delivering:

- \$3 trillion delivered for COVID relief and infrastructure investments
- 40 federal judges confirmed so far
- Over 500 million COVID shots delivered
- Child poverty cut in half
- 6 million jobs added
- Unemployment at just 4.2%, down from 20 million+ one year ago to under 2 million today

Among the last 50 years of presidencies, President Biden's first year ranks:
#1 in GDP growth
#1 in profit growth
#2 in jobs created
#2 in productivity growth
#2 in stock market global performance
#2 in dollar appreciation



Kitchen Table Messaging: January 29

Our Club is hosting a community conversation and training session on **January 29 from 12:30 - 2:30pm at the Clearwater East Community Library @ St. Pete College, 2945 Drew St. in Clearwater**. We will focus on (1) the meaning of "kitchen table messaging" including how to talk with non-Dems in a way which goes beyond saying negative things about Trump, and (2) ways club members can get involved such as getting the word out about Vote By Mail and other volunteer opportunities.

Watch for reminders via email and our club's Facebook page.



Your NPCDC has been active in the community! Did we see you at one of these events?

Dec. 4, Safety Harbor Holiday Parade



Dec. 11, NPCDC Holiday Picnic at Hammock Park, Dunedin



Dec. 11, Dunedin Holiday Parade



Membership Update

If you're already a member of the NPCDC, thanks! If you joined or renewed since October 2021 you are already a member for 2022. Otherwise, now is a good time

Register to Vote By Mail

Did you know that in the 2020 General Election, newly registered Democrats had an 84% turnout if they had signed up for Vote By Mail. If they had not signed up for Vote By Mail, *only 42% actually voted.*

to renew. And if you're not a member yet we look forward to having you join us.

We offer three (3) membership types:

* **Individual Member - \$25** for one (1) year

* **Household Member - \$15** for one (1) year. This is a person from the same address who joins at the same time as an Individual Member

* **Lifetime Member - \$250** for lifetime membership rights

Please remember that you must reside in Pinellas County and be registered to vote as a Democrat to join our club.

Become a Member

Volunteer Opportunity - MINIVAN

It's quick, it's easy, and it's done with an app on your phone. Help us record into our database the contacts we make with voters by updating details via an app known as MINIVAN. You can partner with someone who is doing canvassing or "lit drops", or collect notes from volunteers who make phone calls or write post cards. Once you learn how to use MINIVAN you can complete the work from home, reporting back to your team leader about your progress. This effort improves our accuracy for campaign work. Contact Lacy Hollings, D65 District chair, at 213-610-2830, or text Beth Davis at 727-742-3797, for a list number and task.

Support a Democratic Candidate of Your Choice

The bylaws of the North Pinellas County Democratic Club prohibit us from financially or otherwise showing support for any one Democratic candidate where this is more than one Democratic candidate in the same race. This is for instance why we cannot today provide support to particular candidates in the races for Florida Governor, U.S. Senate, etc. until after primaries for those races have concluded. Once a single Democratic candidate remains in a race (usually after the August 2022 primaries) the Club will fully support each of our Democratic candidates.

That difference can mean winning or losing an election. Even Democrats who vote in almost every election had a *25% higher turnout* if they were signed up for Vote By Mail than those who did not sign up for Vote By Mail.

For maximum impact we highly recommend you register to **Vote By Mail**.

- Never miss an election; you will receive your ballot 2-3 weeks ahead of any relevant election day
- You can mail in, or drop off your ballot at designated locations
- Especially important when there is otherwise no early voting, such as the March 2022 municipal elections in Clearwater, Oldsmar and Tarpon Springs
- You can still decide to vote in person if you change your mind

Easy to follow links from the home page for the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections enable you to: Register to vote or Update your registration; Check your registration status; Request a mail ballot. Do it today!

Request to Vote By Mail

Safety Harbor 3rd Fridays

Thank you to the Heinkes who have volunteered to coordinate our continued participation in the monthly Safety Harbor street celebrations. Come on out on **Friday January 21 from 6:00 - 10:00pm** to support our efforts to remain an active Democratic presence in the community.

In the meantime, please consider providing your personal financial and physical support to Democratic candidates. They rely upon your generosity and enthusiasm to keep them campaigning for the things all Democrats believe in.

Next Club Meeting on January 20 via Zoom

While we had hoped to see you in person in January, due to a scheduling conflict we will meet once again via Zoom. Watch for an email from the Club with details and Zoom link.



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