

March 2022 Newsletter



President's Message

I watched President Biden's first State of the Union address, and all I can say is, "Wow!" We were reminded what it is like to have a president who is a uniter and not a divider. A president who cares about everyone, not just his rich friends. A president who can handle the spotlight on the world stage like a pro. A president who is implementing a progressive agenda that is working. A president who has been in front of a foreign aggressor every step of the way.

We were reminded last night that the positive impact of a once-in-a-generation infrastructure package is on its way. One that provides much needed improvements and good paying jobs. We were reminded that we are at or near the end of a pandemic that President Biden took on with courage. We were reminded that a SCOTUS pick can be historic, honorable, qualified, and free from controversy...not to mention someone educated in public schools in Florida!

While Republicans are busy promoting their empty plans for culture wars, disinformation, and tax breaks for the rich, President Biden laid out an agenda for the future of ALL Americans. One where there are increased wages, lower costs, and protections across the board.

It is important to remember that Trump still has a strangle hold on the GOP and is its leading candidate for president in 2024. Therefore, the GOP is still Trump. And we know they have no plan for affordable housing. No plan to help businesses manage necessary wage increases. No plan to help save the environment, ensure that women control their own bodies, reduce gun violence, protect the sanctity of our elections, reduce inflation, or help everyday Americans recover from the health and economic impacts of COVID 19.

Thankfully, in this moment, Joe Biden is our leader. He spoke to and is acting upon the needs and aspirations of the American people. Simply, he is getting the job done in the manner that we have come to expect from a respected President of the United States. I appreciate his strong leadership here at home and throughout the rest of the world.

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

Tom Topping,
President, NPCDC

Support for the people of Ukraine



There are many organizations seeking to provide relief to the everyday people, including children, impacted by the conflict in Ukraine. If you'd like to get involved and make a financial contribution we've provided links to a few:

- UNICEF
 - Doctors Without Borders
 - International Committee of the Red Cross
 - Save The Children
 - UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)
 - CARE
 - International Medical Corps
 - World Central Kitchen
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Attend the next Club meeting on Thursday, March 17

Social time begins at 6:30pm, business meeting from 7:00 - 8:30pm. We meet **in person** at the Scottish Cultural Center, 917 Loudon Ave. in Dunedin.

Can't be there in person? We'll send Zoom details via email on Wednesday March 16.

Note: Parking could be a challenge due to Dunedin's St. Patrick's Day event. We recommend you carpool or perhaps use a ride service on this date.

Municipal Elections March 15

Municipal elections occur on **Tuesday, March 15 for Clearwater, Oldsmar, and Tarpon Springs**. Polls will be open 7am - 7pm. There is no early voting for these elections. You can still Vote By



Mail if you request a mail ballot by **March 5**.
Otherwise you will of course cast your vote in person.

All our Democratic candidates need our money, time, and help. We've provided a handy list of candidate info, please give whatever you can to help them win.

Clearwater City Council

- Seat 4 **Maranda Douglas** maranda4clearwater.com
- Seat 5 **Jonathan Wade** jonathanrwadesrcampaigncitycouncilseat5.com

Oldsmar City Council

- **Jarrold Buchman** jarroldforoldsmar.com

Tarpon Springs

- City Commission Seat 4 **Jacki Turner** turner4tarpon.com
- Mayor **Robin Saenger** robinsaenger.com

Note: Because municipal elections are considered "non-partisan" you will not see a "D" or the word Democrat next to these names on your ballot. Yet another reason why voter education is so important. We encourage you to share this message with your own contacts. Act now so together we succeed in our mission to elect more Democrats at all levels of government. Your vote is your voice.

Postcard Campaign

Join our project to mail postcards to registered voters in Pinellas County. We're using this campaign to both communicate our values and encourage Vote By Mail.

- All newly-registered Democrats in the North County will receive a postcard encouraging them to take the next step and sign-up for Vote By Mail. Studies show that Vote By Mail leads to increased voter participation.
- Selected voters in targeted precincts will receive a postcard listing our Democratic values. We want people to realize that our values may be their values too.

The project's biggest expense is the 40 cent postage stamp for each card. Your support for this project will mean a lot. Can you contribute money to the Club to be used for the purchase of stamps?



[Donate for Stamps](#)

Volunteers Are Always Needed!



More volunteers are needed each day at the **North Pinellas Democratic Outreach Center, 1402 North MLK Ave. Clearwater.** There are many ways you can help to staff the office, make and receive phone calls, write and send postcards. We can also use your help to canvass local precincts for the March 15 city elections in Clearwater, Oldsmar and Tarpon Springs. Join fellow Democrats from Mon. - Fri. 12-4pm, Sat. 10am-12pm. Text Beth Davis at 727-742-3797 for more info.

Volunteer Opportunities

Show Democratic Pride

Wear your pride for our Democratic values, or display on your lawn. We're taking orders now for a new batch of t-shirts and yard signs, each for \$20. Pay when you pick up at a future club meeting.

Place your order, with t-shirt size (these are men's shirts for all). We will place the order for delivery in April.



Order Signs/T-Shirts

Membership Update

As of this writing our Club has 21 Lifetime members, 88 Individual members, 9 Household members and 1 Honorary member for a total of 119. If you've not yet renewed for 2022 don't delay. We need you!



Your vote is your voice! Take a few minutes right now to check your voter registration status, your current mailing address, and request to **Vote By Mail**. Studies show that people who vote by mail are much more likely to actually cast their ballot. Democrats can retain the U.S. House and Senate with your vote in 2022.

Request to Vote By Mail

Mark Your Calendars



Join us in downtown Safety Harbor on **Friday March 18 from 6:00 -**

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

You must reside in Pinellas County and be registered to vote as a Democrat to join our club.

[Become a Member](#)

10:00pm to support our active Democratic presence in the community. You'll find our booth on Main Street between 5th & 6th.

Check out our Club's website for up to date information about this and all current events.

Send your questions to NorthPinellasDems@Gmail.com.

[Club Calendar](#)

Support Democratic Candidates

The bylaws of the North Pinellas County Democratic Club prohibit us from financially or otherwise providing support for any single Democratic candidate while there is more than one Democratic candidate in the same race. Once single Democratic candidates remain in a race (usually after the August 2022 primaries) the Club will fully support each of our Democratic candidates for Florida Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, as well as other state and local offices.

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



Editor's note:

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