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President's Message

Messaging...

Maybe you've heard references to the other side "winning" the messaging game. We can't let that be true. In 2022, the North Pinellas Dems are dedicated to taking action with a focus on messaging.

We're hosting a series of events entitled "Kitchen Table Messaging", where you have the opportunity to learn techniques for how best to chat and share the good news of Democratic successes. At a time when some of our friends and media members focus on the negative (I'm looking at you, "inflation jibber jabberers"), we are dedicated to helping our members tell the positive side of the American story in 2022.

Our February Club meeting, a hybrid in-person plus virtual event, will feature guest speakers such as Maya Brown and Eunic Ortiz. We'll learn from their expertise in effectively communicating about our state's most pressing issues. We're excited to learn from subject-matter-experts how we can each lead messaging conversations to have an impact in our communities.

Speaking of positive messaging, we know President Biden's 1st year in office was the strongest for economic growth since 1984.



As reported by MSNBC, "in 2021 the U.S. economy experienced not only the strongest annual growth in 37 years, but it was also the second strongest year since 1966". That's really big when you compare to Trump's first three years which failed to reach 3 percent in any year.

How about unemployment and jobs? Unemployment is back to pre-pandemic levels thanks to higher wages and job creation under the first year of your Democratic President. And those higher wages are due, in no small part, to President Biden's Federal minimum wage hike to \$15/hour, along with a staggering record 6.4 million jobs created in 2021. By comparison, President Biden's first-year jobs numbers exceeded those of Trump in his first 3 years combined!

When it comes to the markets, you won't hear President Biden brag about it but the S&P 500 ended the year up 19%. So much for predictions that the markets would crash under a Biden presidency. Am I right?

Those are just some of the great talking points that will help bolster your conversations when chatting with friends and family around the subject of "why do you support this president?" Look for more announcements via email and Facebook about our Kitchen Table Messaging series.

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

Tom Topping
President, NPCDC



Attend the next Club meeting on Thursday, February 17

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

For those who prefer virtual we'll send Zoom details via email by Wednesday Feb. 16.

Volunteers Needed Now!

If you've been wondering how to get involved locally, look no further. We need you, now! More volunteers are needed each day at the **North Pinellas Democratic Outreach Center, 1402 North MLK Ave. Clearwater.** Help staff the office: we wear masks, no crowds, come learn the work. We need people to man the office so others can canvass the local precincts for upcoming municipal elections. Join us Mon. - Fri. 12-4, Sat. 10-12. Text Beth Davis at 727-742-3797 for more info.



We can all do something, here are some ideas:

1. Vote!
2. Encourage your friends and family to Vote
3. Talk to friends and family about the state of our democracy
4. Volunteer to help a Candidate you like
5. If you attend a meeting with a candidate, ask questions of interest to you

Check out the Volunteer section of our website for even more ways to get involved. There are opportunities to support Democratic efforts working from home, as well as in person events that need your support.

Volunteer Opportunities



February is Black History Month

During Black History Month we recognize and honor important people and events in the history of African-American history. The **Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum** in St. Petersburg, FL is named after the man who inspired Black History Month. Dr. Woodson first established Negro History week in 1926 to provide a theme to focus the attention of the public. The museum in St. Pete presents the historic voice of the community from the perspective of local, regional, and national history, culture, and community. The museum, located at 2240 9th Ave S, St. Petersburg, is open Tuesday - Friday from 12:00 - 5:00pm.

[Learn More](#)

Membership Update

As of this writing our Club has 20 Lifetime members, 71 Individual members, 7 Household members and 1 Honorary member for a total of 99. That's great momentum, with more joining every week.

Our (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](#)

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.

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.

[Democrats Deliver](#)



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. If we're going to retain the House and Senate we need YOU to vote in 2022.

Important reminders:

* Municipal elections will occur on **Tuesday, March 15 for Oldsmar, Clearwater and Tarpon Springs**. Polls will be open 7am - 7pm.

* Registration deadline for the March 15 election is **February 14**.

* There is no early voting for these elections. You can however Vote By Mail.

* Mail ballots will be sent **February 10**. Don't miss out, register today.

[Request to Vote By Mail](#)

Mark Your Calendars

We're so grateful to Mark Brandt for his longtime stewardship of our participation in Safety Harbor's 3rd Friday events. Thank you to the Heinkes who have taken over the coordination of our club's participation. Come on out to downtown Safety Harbor on **Friday February 18 from 6:00 - 10:00pm** to support our efforts as we remain an active Democratic presence in the community. You'll find our booth on Main Street.

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

* **6.4M+ jobs created**, the largest yearly job growth in U.S. history

* National **unemployment fell** to 3.9%, four years earlier than experts predicted

* **GDP growth** at 5.7%, the highest rate since 1984

Send your questions to NorthPinellasDems@Gmail.com.

[Club Calendar](#)

Editor's note:

Beginning with this issue our monthly newsletter will be distributed the 1st week of the month.

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