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## Next Meeting

May 23, 2016

Social time – 11:30, Meeting – 12:00

Clearwater Main Library

100 N. Osceola Ave.

Clearwater, FL 33755

Lunch - \$5 Donation

## Toni Van Pelt



Toni is co-founder, president, and Congressional lobbyist for the Institute for Science and Human Values (ISHV). She launched and directs one of the first public policy offices of the Secular Humanist movement in Washington DC, which focuses on the importance of science, the use of empirical evidence as the basis for public policy, separation of church and state, secularism, and women's and LGBTQI rights.

She regularly presents on a variety of issues including proposed federal legislation and regulations, human rights, how to effectively participate in federal and state government, and how to lobby legislative bodies.

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Further, she educates on, and lobbies for the passage of, the United Nations Convention to Eliminate Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). As a secular humanist and feminist activist, she serves on the board of the Institute for Humanist Studies and on many of the boards and committees of the National Organization for Women.

CEDAW, formally known as the *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women*, is a landmark international agreement that affirms principles of fundamental human rights and equality for women and girls. Signed by President Jimmy Carter in 1979, it was among President Obama's top three treaty priorities when he was first elected to office. We learn about CEDAW and CEDAW for Cities.

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

by Donna Dennis

**This Saturday is your opportunity to help select the delegates who will choose the nominee for President of the United States. The list of voting locations is included in this newsletter. Take your voter registration card, check the number and gender you're entitled to vote for, and vote this Saturday.**

**Many thanks to the panel of Mary Lou Ambrose, Diane Lebedeff and Jeanne Crapeau for presenting a wonderful, informative panel discussion at our meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>. They covered who's running for office in Pinellas County, how to become a Precinct Committeeperson, and how to run for a local office. This information is vital for all of us as active Democrats. We will continue this in-house education of our members with information on the judicial and school board seats as well as the ballot amendments.**

Bring in those unused **hotel toiletries** you have collected and we will deliver them to the women at the Haven by RCS

Unwanted gift baskets needed for 2016 Convention Committee.



**DWCUP** dues are \$20.00 for the year.

PLATINUM – 3yrs. - \$50

SILVER – 6yrs - \$100

Gold – Forever Member - \$200

Checks, preferably, payable to:

**“DWCUP”**

Send to Kathy Murray, 1011 Woodside Ave. Clearwater, Florida 33756.

Hello District 64!

We are looking for an interested person/s to help the Joanne for School Board At Large District 1 campaign. To complete our county wide door knocking strategy we need a person/s in District 64 who can be the point person/s. This person would give out the materials for volunteers to pick up before they knock on doors and return when their shift is over. Interested in this or other ways to help?

Please contact  
joanne899@msn.com or 727 871-0971. Thank you  
Joanne Lentino

**OPEN POSITION:**

**Would you be willing to mail out a few newsletters each month? The Club pays for postage and printing. And send out greeting cards to any of our members who are ill or bereaved? And possibly offer some Words of Inspiration at each meeting?**

**Those are the duties of the DWCUP Corresponding Secretary. We are very grateful for the excellent job done by Nancy Hamilton, but she has had to resign due to family responsibilities.**

**Please call or email Donna if you would be willing to fill this position.**

**FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY COORDINATED CAMPAIGN**

If you're interested in getting involved with the Florida Democratic Party's Coordinated Campaign, please reach out to either of the Florida Democratic Party's organizers, Zach or Wyatt, via email or phone. We will be working to elect our next President as well as Democrats up and down the ticket in Pinellas County.

**Organizers:**

Zack Crockford: email: [zccrockford@gmail.com](mailto:zccrockford@gmail.com). Cell: 508-951-9096

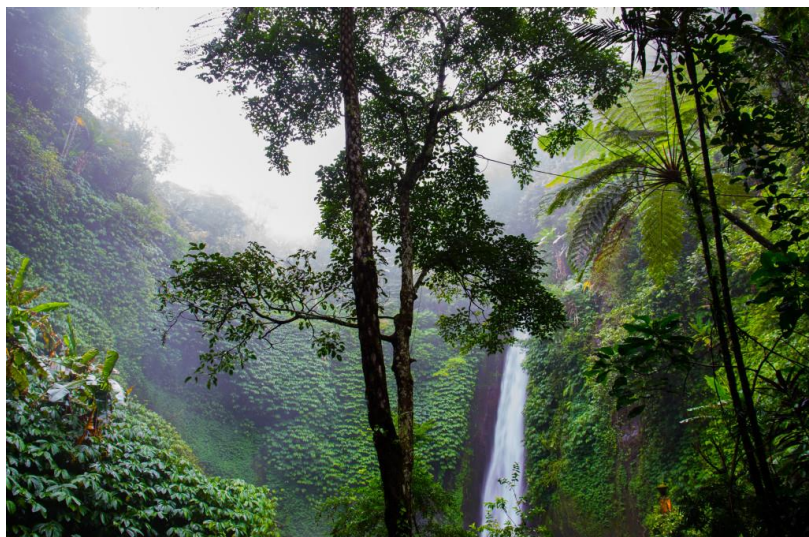
Wyatt Doss: email: [Wdoss@flvictory2016.org](mailto:Wdoss@flvictory2016.org). Cell: 561-758-5540

If you can help out by volunteering, lending resources, or providing a room for a staff member or intern to stay for a short term or long term period, please contact us!

It would also be helpful to know if anyone is a Professor or faculty member at a local college. We are hoping to have more youth engagement as we are offering a summer Fellowship program. However, this program is not age-restricted.

--Sandra Shelly, Florida Democratic Party  
Coordinated Campaign

## Meatless Monday



Join with all of us on Meatless Monday and watch our food choices change the future. **Can going meatless once a week change the course of our rainforests?**

Let's look at what, why, and how. Today, the raising of livestock uses [30 percent](#) of the earth's total land surface. And every hour, rainforest the size of [4,000 football fields](#) is being destroyed, most of it for beef production. Plus, the raising of cattle further damages the soil – about [20 percent of pastures](#) (and even higher for dry lands) are degraded through overgrazing and erosion. [We simply can't afford to lose our rainforests](#). They produce our clean air, balance the climate, and protect water cycles. Our rainforests are also home to thousands of valuable medicinal plants, many of which are used in modern medicine today. Truly priceless is the culture and wisdom of native peoples who have lived in the rainforests for thousands of years. Livestock displaces them.

Simple truth: As the world population explodes and the demand for meat grows, more and more rainforest will be destroyed. But it's not out of our hands. You can take one very important step. Just go meatless one day a week.

Why? Because for each hamburger you exchange for a delicious meat-free dish like our [Pasta Primavera](#), you [save 55 square feet of tropical rainforest](#).

Peggy Neu, President of the Monday Campaigns, reminds us that [Meatless Monday has its roots](#) in World War I and II, when Americans were asked to help conserve key staples to aid the war effort. Today, our "cut out meat one day a week" program is active in 40 countries and growing! Activists like actor Mark Ruffalo, Sir Paul McCartney, Sir Richard Branson, and many international cooking stars like Giada De Laurentiis and Mario Batali have jumped on board. **Jasmina Forcan – Environmental Chair**

# May 7 Delegate Candidates Voting Locations The Delegates we vote on Saturday will end up as part of the Delegation that selects Florida's vote for President of the United States.

## Congressional District 12

Location 1

**United School Employees of Pasco**

21322 Lake Patience Rd.  
Land O'Lakes FL, 34638  
Point of Contact  
**Nola Branche**  
(727) 808-5181  
cbranche@earthlink.net

Location 2

**Fairfield Inn and Suites**

3060 US Highway 19  
Holiday, FL 34691  
Point of Contact  
**Ken Savich**  
(727) 808-6254  
kdsavich@verizon.net

Location 3

**West Tampa Branch Library**

2312 W. Union St.  
Tampa, FL 33607-3423  
Point of Contact  
**Alan Clendenin**  
(813) 495-7751  
aclendenin@hotmail.com

## Congressional District 13

Location 1

**NALC Branch 1477**

5369 Park Blvd N.  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781  
Point of Contact  
**Wanda Schwerer**  
(727) 637-7314  
wschwerer@gmail.com

## Congressional District 14

Location 1

**West Tampa Branch Library**

2312 W. Union St.  
Tampa, FL 33607-3423  
Point of Contact  
**Alan Clendenin**  
(813) 495-7751  
aclendenin@hotmail.com

Location 2

**Pinellas County Democratic Office**

2250 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.  
St. Petersburg, FL 33713  
Point of Contact  
Susan McGrath  
727-278-9062  
Skmcgr1@aol.com

## **Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas**

LL Report for 4/25/16

The club must make their choice for the DWCF Legislative Advocacy Leader of the year by May 15, 2016 and sent to the DWCF awards leader. Final vote will be on June 5, 2016 at the quarterly meeting in Ocala.

In the latest report on the bills that the DWCF Legislative Liaison leaders have been tracking, HB 1411 – the 24 hr. waiting period was signed into law by the governor and should have taken effect on July 1, 2016. The Gainesville abortion clinic, Bread and Roses Women's Health Center, and the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida sued the state, claiming the law violates broad privacy protections under the Florida Constitution. A Tallahassee circuit court still hasn't ruled on the question. The fight has so far focused on an injunction that has stopped the law from initially going into effect. The law was in effect before a judge issued the injunction, Then on 2/26, a three-judge panel of the 1<sup>st</sup> District Court of Appeal ruled in the state's favor, allowing the waiting period to become state law while the lawsuit moved forward.

The Supreme Court's 5-2 ruling on Friday, however, puts the law's implementation back on hold while the state's highest justices decide whether to accept the case.

The DWCF was also given the permission by the NFDW to endorse a Presidential candidate because the Florida Primary has already taken place. The DWCF had endorsed Hillary Clinton.

Respectfully submitted,  
Legislative Liaison Leader  
Janet L Goen

**JUNE MEETING—SPECIAL PRESENTATION  
HOW TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Monday, June 27, 2016, 11:30-1:30**

**Bring your laptop, tablet, cell phone and learn more about using Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and other forms of modern media.**

**We'll be led by our Media Chair,  
Michelle Mazuros.**

**Meet in the Clearwater Main Library  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
(not the usual meeting room)**

“We're not going to have the America that we want until we elect leaders who are going to tell the truth –not most days, but every day.”

*Ann Richards*

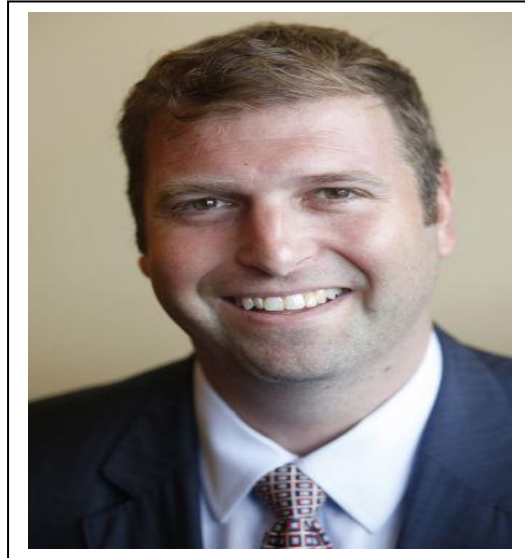


**Next Meeting**

**June 27, 2016  
Clearwater Main  
Library  
100 N. Osceola Ave.  
Clearwater, FL  
33755**



# Breaking News!!!!



Eric Lynn is dropping his bid to succeed U.S. Rep. David Jolly and instead will run for state House in the Democratic-leaning district to be vacated by Dwight Dudley, D-St. Petersburg.

The sudden shakeup in Tampa Bay politics is good news for Charlie Crist, who now appears likely to win a congressional seat with only token opposition, but not so good news for Democrats who will see a potentially expensive and bruising primary for state House. St. Petersburg attorney Ben Diamond, 37, had already announced his candidacy to succeed Dudley and received a string of high-profile Democratic endorsements.

"After Rep. Dwight Dudley's surprise decision not to seek re-election in my home district, many community members asked me to run for State House District 68 to carry on the legacy of great Pinellas leaders like Speaker Peter Wallace, Commissioner Charlie Justice and Rep. Dudley," Lynn, 37, said in a statement.

He said he was "proud of the excellent campaign we ran for Congressional District 13 here in Pinellas County, which is projected to elect our first Democratic Congressman in over 50 years. With my decision to run for state House, Charlie Crist and I will forego spending almost a million dollars each against each other in a Democratic primary."