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Next Meeting

Monday, June 25, 2018
 Countryside Library
 2642 Sabal Springs Dr,
 Clearwater
 11:30-1:30 pm



Guest Speaker

Pinellas County Commissioner Janet Long

Commissioner Long is no stranger to public service. Her career in government began as a Legislative Aide working in the Old Capitol. The year was 1975 – before word processing, computers, copy machines, fax machines and electronic communication. It was a time when the legislative process was all done by hand.

Janet Long was elected countywide to a seat on the Pinellas County Commission in 2012 and again in 2016. Commissioner Long serves as Chair of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. She also serves on Forward Pinellas, Business Technology Services Board, County Attorney Oversight Committee, American Manufacturing Skills Initiative Board (AMSkills), and the Election Canvassing Board. In addition to her Pinellas County Board of County Commissioner appointments; she also on the Largo Medical Center Board of Trustees and the Clearwater Central Catholic Advisory Board.

In 2002, Commissioner Long was elected to the Seminole City Council and elected again in 2004 without opposition. In 2006, she was elected as a Democrat to the Florida House of Representatives from District 51 and served through 2010. In her first year of office, she managed to pass five out of her six bills. She has created an electronic newsletter which keeps her constituents abreast of her activities and those of the legislature. In an effort to ensure that her constituents have a voice, she has held various town hall meetings in her district and around Pinellas County on property taxes, the Lealman fire district and the Pinellas Park Water Management District.

President's Message

by Donna Dennis

First of all, best wishes to all of the NOW members at their conference in Tampa this weekend. Many of our members are also NOW members and the line-up of speakers and workshops they've planned is outstanding. Great job! A special recognition goes to Diane Lebedeff and Linda Varonich who are co-chairing this event.

I want to make sure you know that **our June and July meetings will be in a new location for our club—the Clearwater Countryside Library**. This is located at 2642 Sabal Springs Dr just off of 580 and Countryside Blvd. The meeting dates and times remain the same: 4th Monday from 11:30-1:30. There is a summer program going on in our usual room in the Main Library; hence the move. It should actually be more convenient for many of our members.

Our June meeting will be packed with candidates introducing themselves to you, as well as an update on the Pinellas County Commission from the inimitable Janet Long. She always has an entertaining and informative update for us. Please come! And wear **RED, WHITE and BLUE!** (See note from Carrie!)

And SAVE THE DATE for the July meeting! It's July 23rd and we're having an incredible Candidate Forum with outstanding local candidates for a variety of offices in Pinellas County. You will want to hear these candidates answer a wide range of questions on important issues and discuss their qualifications for office. All of these Democratic candidates are excellent and need our support to make the **BLUE WAVE** a reality!

Our Club is also participating this month in the St Pete Gay Pride Festival on June 23-24th. Our booth will be in Section C8 near the Old Key West Bar & Grill (2451 Central Ave, St Pete). We plan to have a dazzling rainbow display and celebrate our increasingly diverse culture. We are all just fine the way we are! Isn't that a revolutionary idea? Please come by and enjoy this amazing Festival! Time to party!

And remember to review your hurricane kits and supplies and evacuation plans. It is the beginning of hurricane season! We want all of you safe and voting in the August primary and November election!

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

DWCUP dues are \$20.00 for the year. **All who haven't paid were removed from our membership list June 1.**

PLATINUM – 3yrs. - \$50

SILVER – 6yrs - \$100

Gold – Forever Member - \$200

Checks, preferably, payable to:

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Do I have an assignment for you this month? I sure do!

At the end of May we have a RED, WHITE and BLUE Holiday, Memorial Day. We think of the American Flag and what it represents--freedom, bravery, and a time to honor the fallen members of our armed forces. We have parades, decorate grave sites and hang extra flags and bunting from our porches.

At the beginning of July, we have another RED, WHITE AND BLUE Holiday, Independence Day. Again, we think of the American Flag and what it represents--our constitution, the fight for our independence, and the establishment of a democracy unlike any the world had known before. We have picnics with family and friends waiting for the sun to set for the glorious fireworks that get bigger and better every year no matter our age.

At our next meeting, June 25th, we are going to celebrate another RED, WHITE and BLUE Holiday, Democratic Women's Club of Upper Pinellas Day. We have worked hard this past year and our work is not done. Your assignment is to dress in your Red, White and Blue. The best dressed will be voted on and the winner receives a prize. We, the women of DWCUP, represent the hard-working volunteers for candidates, the voter registrations and getting Democrats elected.

Start your wardrobe planning and let's make this a get Red, White and Blue



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September 13-16, 2018 Hosted by Regions VI and VII
 CUT-OFF DATE: Aug. 22, 2018 RATE: \$115.00 Plus Tax (currently 12%) King or 2 Doubles Make Reservations Now Book your group rate for Democratic Women's Club of Florida 2018 State Convention Call Central: 800-380-7724 Hotel: 407-995-7032 (Sara) Handicap Room with roll-in shower are available. Please ask your attendees to request the group rate for the Democratic Women's Club of Florida



Democratic women get fired up at national rally in DeLand



"The Goens" Gerald & Janet

There are no words to explain our loss of the Goens who are moving to Ft. Myers. What they have done for Pinellas County is immeasurable. Their presence in Pinellas County will be missed. Janet will forever be a member of the DWCF.ORG



**Presented by the Democratic Women's Club of
Upper Pinellas**

CANDIDATE FORUM

Monday, July 23, 2018

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Clearwater Countryside Library

2642 Sabal Springs Drive, Clearwater, FL 33761

Featuring:

Nicole Carr, Candidate for Pinellas County School Board

Alex Heeren, Candidate for Florida House, District 66

Chris Hunter, Candidate for U.S. Congress, District 12

**Amy Kedron, Candidate for Pinellas County Commission,
Dist. 6**

Jeff Larsen, Candidate for Pinellas County School Board

Amanda Murphy, Candidate for FL State Senate, District 16

Jennifer Webb, Candidate for Florida House, District 69

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Light lunch served for \$5.

For more information, call 727-447-7380.

Meet the Candidates! Be an Informed Voter!

June is Lesbian and Gay Pride Month

Gay pride or LGBT pride refers to a worldwide movement and philosophy asserting that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals should be proud of their sexual orientation and gender identity. Gay pride advocates work for equal “rights and benefits” for LGBT people. The movement has three main premises: that people should be proud of their sexual orientation and gender identity, that sexual diversity is a gift, and that sexual orientation and gender identity are inherent and cannot be intentionally altered.

In June of 2000, Bill Clinton deemed the month of June, “Gay and Lesbian Pride Month.” The month was chosen to remember a riot in 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan that is thought to be the beginning of the gay liberation movement in the United States. June is now the month of acceptance and the month to welcome diversity in communities regardless of sexual orientation. Gay and lesbian groups celebrate this special time with pride parades, picnics, parties, memorials for those lost from HIV and AIDS, and other group gathering events that attract thousands upon thousands of individuals. This month is meant to recognize the impact Gay, Lesbian and Transgender individuals have had on the world.

The Invisibility of Lesbians in American History

To Believe in Women, by Lillian Faderman, is a landmark book about lesbian history in the late nineteenth and twentieth century. Unfortunately, it is no longer available from our distributors, but it is offered through Amazon.

To address the issue of the invisibility of lesbians in history books, we quote an excerpt from *Living with History/Making Social Change*, by Gerda Lerner, historian, author, and pioneer in the field of women’s history:

“Researchers in women’s history often have to depend on autobiographical writing – diaries, letters, memoirs, and fiction – to piece together the life stories of women of the past. . . . Self-descriptive narratives of women abound in omission and disguises. . . . A subset of autobiographies and biographies concerns women who had special friendships with other women prior to the period when lesbian relationships were defined. Carroll Smith-Rosenberg’s essay, “The Female World of Love and Ritual: Relations between Women in Nineteenth Century America,” had long defined the discourse and also limited it (footnote omitted). Smith-Rosenberg had argued that single- sex friendships among women were accepted by society in the nineteenth century and were not considered marks of deviance. Were modern historians justified in defining such friendships as lesbian relationships? Were they reading modern interpretations into the past record? The subject was mostly discussed and written about by lesbian historians, while heterosexual historians, coming upon ample evidence of such special friendships, gingerly danced around them. Among the many prominent nineteenth-century women who had lifelong stable relationships with other women, which involved shared home-making, shared finances, and often shared organizational responsibilities, were Jane Addams, Frances Willard, and M. Carey Thomas. What kind of “evidence” did one need to define the relationship as lesbian? Were such relationships lesbian if one could not prove sexual aspects? Heterosexual authors often chose to ignore such relationships or to refer to them simply as “friendships,” allowing the reader to draw her/his own conclusions.

I urged historians to report honestly on what their sources told them about these relationships, without necessarily being able to report on how the participants or their contemporaries defined such relationships.”

From *Living with History/Making Social Change*, by Gerda Lerner (2009)



Florida Democratic Gubernatorial Debate

Saturday, June 9, 2018, 6:30-8:00pm (Doors open - 5:45pm. No one admitted after 6:40pm).
Pinellas Park High School Auditorium, 6305 118th Ave N, Largo

Four candidates have committed to participate - Andrew Gillum, Gwen Graham, Philip Levine and Chris King. The event is one of four Democratic gubernatorial primary debates scheduled for the summer; the others will be in Miramar, Fort Myers and Miami.

Moderators will be Adam Smith of the Tampa Bay Times as well as Tammy Fields and Holly Gregory of Spectrum News. Some of the questions will be asked by students from Florida high schools.

FREE to the public, but tickets will be necessary for admittance. So, please click REGISTER and RSVP.

Sponsors are three local grassroots organizations - Indivisible FL- 13, Fired Up Pinellas and Women's March FL - Pinellas/St. Pete.

The event will be televised live and without commercial breaks by Spectrum News.

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