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*Of Upper Pinellas*



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## No Meeting this Month

Please join us for our Yearly Fun Day.

Please Join Us

# Afternoon Tea

05/23/19

## Wm. Dean Chocolatier

2790 W. Bay Dr.  
Belleair Bluffs  
2pm

RSVP by 05/13 Donna Dennis 727-447-7380

PosterMyWall.com

Cost \$25 Payable to DWCUP.

Send to: Shelby Freeman

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Space is limited.

Must pay in advance.

President's Message:

Donna Dennis

What a terrific meeting we had in April! We celebrated Earth Day and learned so much about recycling and solid waste disposal. What was surprising to many was how recycling has changed over the years. Our speaker, Jan H. Tracy, went over the Recycling Guide and made several important points. In Pinellas County, power for over 45,000 homes is provided daily by the burning of our garbage. Our waste is reduced by over 93% before it goes in our landfill. We were given new Recycling Guides and reusable water bottles so that we may all become part of the solution instead of being part of the problem!

I'm in the midst of packing for the PerSisters Rally in DeLand this weekend. I always get my batteries recharged after listening to great Democratic leaders from around the state. I'm honored to announce that our own Barbara Scott, PCDEC Chair, will be one of the speakers. She'll rock the park! And all of us will enjoy the entertainment, barbecue, and camaraderie of the Democratic Women of Florida!

The Florida Legislature continues to meet in Tallahassee. They're doing their worst to preempt local rights, deny women the health coverage they need, and assault our public schools. We simply must vote out the Republican majority. The damage they are doing to our state will take generations to overcome. Kudos to Rep. Anna V. Eskamani for being featured on the front page of Sunday's *Tampa Bay Times* for her hard work at preserving a women's right to choose. She stays incredibly optimistic as she copes with overwhelming opposition from right wingers.

Kudos also to new Tampa mayor Jane Castor. She has garnered much positive nationwide attention, and we wish her all the best as she continues to make a great contribution to the reputation of Tampa Bay as an inclusionary, progressive place to live.

One more thing: Please call me and join us at the Annual Fun Day, which is High Tea at Wm Dean Chocolates. It's a way for us to laugh together, support each other, and have a good time. There are still openings! The event is \$25 and you can send your check to Treasurer Shelby Freeman.

*Have a great month!*

Nearly 65% of Florida voters supported rights restoration because they believe in Second Chances and creating a more inclusive democracy.



Call your Florida state representative by dialing **1-844-236-2373** and tell them to **protect voting rights and vote NO** on HB 7089 and SB 7086.



We can do it!

### A Tribute to Bill Nelson

**Let's honor our former senator for his outstanding service to Florida!**



Join us **Friday, May 17**  
From 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM  
at the Fenway Hotel  
453 Edgewater Drive, Dunedin, FL 34698

Tickets: \$95

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## DWCUP Words of Inspiration April, 2019

The April-long celebration of Earth Day, now expanded to Earth Month, is both a call to reflect and to take action.

The need for both is captured by the words of Jane Goodall: “You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” That thought applies even to our small daily choices for, as we were reminded by Frances Moore Lappé, author of *Diet for a Small Planet*, “Every aspect of our lives is, in a sense, a vote for the kind of world we want to live in.”

With the dangers posed by climate change and threats to our environment, Democratic women are a vital part of the struggle to preserve the glories and balance of our natural world in ways big and small, in both politics and our daily lives.

And, in closing, let us remember Heidi Ellsworth Thompson – long time Democratic activist, Organizing for America stalwart, voter registration leader, and friend to many – who passed away recently surrounded by family in her Dunedin home. There will be no local memorial and I ask for a moment of silence.

**Diane Lebedeff**  
**DWCUP Corresponding Secretary**

**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: Shelby Freeman  
960 Starkey Rd. #1404 Largo, FL 33771  
Members not paid by June 1 will be  
purged from the membership list.

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

# Mother's Day



## Quiz: Mother's Day began

- A. In 1858, when Ann Jarvis, a young Appalachian homemaker, organized "Mother's Work Days" to improve the sanitation and avert deaths from disease-bearing insects and seepage of polluted water.
- B. In 1872, when Boston poet, pacifist and women's suffragist Julia Ward Howe established a special day for mothers –and for peace– not long after the bloody Franco-Prussian War.
- C. In 1905, when Ann Jarvis died. Her daughter, Anna, decided to memorialize her mother's lifelong activism, and began a campaign that culminated in 1914 when Congress passed a Mother's Day resolution.

### **The correct answer: All of the above.**

Each woman and all of these events have contributed to the present occasion now celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

The cause of world peace was the impetus for Julia Ward Howe's establishment, over a century ago, of a special day for mothers. Following unsuccessful efforts to pull together an international pacifist conference after the Franco-Prussian War, Howe began to think of a global appeal to women.

"While the war was still in progress," she wrote, she keenly felt the "cruel and unnecessary character of the contest." She believed, as any woman might, that it could have been settled without bloodshed. And, she wondered, "Why do not the mothers of mankind interfere in these matters to prevent the waste of that human life of which they alone bear and know the cost?"

Howe's version of Mother's Day, which served as an occasion for advocating peace, was held successfully in Boston and elsewhere for several years, but eventually lost popularity and disappeared from public notice in the years preceding World War I.

For Ann Jarvis, also known as "Mother Jarvis," community improvement by mothers was only a beginning. Throughout the Civil War she organized women's brigades, asking her workers to do all they could without regard for which side their men had chosen. And, in 1868, she took the initiative to heal the bitter rifts between her Confederate and Union neighbors.

The younger Anna Jarvis was only twelve years old in 1878 when she listened to her mother teach a Sunday school lesson on mothers in the Bible. "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day," the senior Jarvis said. "There are many days for men, but none for mothers." Following her mother's death, Anna Jarvis embarked on a remarkable campaign. She poured out a constant stream of letters to men of prominence — President William Taft and former President Theodore Roosevelt among them — and enlisted considerable help from Philadelphia merchant John Wannamaker. By May of 1907, a Mother's Day service had been arranged on the second Sunday in May at the Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, where Mother Jarvis had taught. That same day a special service was held at the Wannamaker Auditorium in Philadelphia, which could seat no more than a third of the 15,000 people who showed up.

The custom spread to churches in 45 states and in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Mexico and Canada. The Governor of West Virginia proclaimed Mother's Day in 1912; Pennsylvania's governor in 1913 did the same. The following year saw the Congressional Resolution, which was promptly signed by President Woodrow Wilson.

Mother's Day has endured. It serves now, as it originally did, to recognize the contributions of women. Mother's Day, like the job of "mothering," is varied and diverse. Perhaps that's only appropriate for a day honoring the multiple ways women find to nurture their families, and the ways in which so many have nurtured their communities, their countries, and the larger world.





## Why is Comprehensive Sex Education important?

Recent research on abstinence-only programs found them **ineffective, with no impact** on reducing teen pregnancy, delaying sexual initiation, or reducing STIs. Multiple studies on comprehensive sexuality education have shown that young people who receive complete and accurate information about abstinence, condoms, and contraception were not more likely to acquire an STI, but were significantly less likely to be involved in teen pregnancy and were significantly more likely to use condoms once sexually active. Medical and professional organizations like the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the National Association of School Nurses are openly supporting comprehensive sex education in the United States and abroad.

We need the Pinellas County School Board to know that we support comprehensive sex education in our schools. To help make our voices heard, you can:

- Write a postcard of support for comprehensive sex education at Pinellas County Schools.
- Write a letter to the editor voicing your support to a local newspaper.
- Join us at a School Board meeting to speak during public comment.
- Join our Collaborative.
- Like and share our social media pages and content.

[weareEPYC.org](http://weareEPYC.org)

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Here's the list of the 22 Florida Senators who voted YES to arming teachers today. These are the 22 elected officials who voted to put guns in classrooms. Remember these names

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#### The Florida Senate 2019 Regular Session

Date  
Tim

CS/CS/SB 7030  
Third Reading

Yeas - 22

Nays - 17

Not Voting - 1

#### Presiding - President Galvano

Y Albritton-26  
Y Baxley-12  
Y Bean-4  
Y Benacquisto-27  
N Berman-31  
N Book-32  
N Bracy-11  
Y Bradley-5  
Y Brandes-24  
N Braynon-35  
Y Broxson-1  
N Cruz-18  
Y Diaz-36  
N Farmer-34

N Flores-39  
Y Gainer-2  
N Gibson-6  
Y Gruters-23  
Y Harrell-25  
Y Hooper-16  
Y Hutson-7  
Y Lee-20  
Y Mayfield-17  
N Montford-3  
Y Passidomo-28  
Y Perry-8  
N Pizzo-38  
N Powell-30

EX Rader-29  
N Rodriguez-37  
N Rouson-19  
Y Simmons-9  
Y Simpson-10  
Y Stargel-22  
N Stewart-13  
N Taddeo-40  
N Thurston-33  
N Torres-15  
Y Wright-14  
Y President Galvano-21

We will be collecting any t-shirts that you would like to get rid of to donate to the Rethreaded organization. We will deliver them to the PerSisters Rally where they will be collected and taken to Jacksonville where they will be turned into items to be sold. The women who work there are given a second chance at life through employment for survivors of human trafficking. Women have employment opportunities in different facets of the company including production, inventory, sales, marketing and finance/admin.

Rethreaded exists to renew hope, reignite dreams and release potential for survivors of human trafficking through business.



June 24  
11:30-1:30 pm  
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