

# SBDWC News

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### President's Message

### Reminder to all to pay your dues

We are off to a wonderful start. Our board got together and made plans for what we hope is an interesting and productive year.

Of course, since it is an election year we left room for plenty of hard work to help our candidates get elected by getting Democrats to the polls. We also penciled in time for fun and sociability.

As your new president, I have no expectation of meeting the quality of leadership that you have had for the past four years. I do promise to do my scatterbrained best.

With no further ado, here is our proposed Calendar for the year:

January 9, Business meeting, Meemaw's

February 6 Business meeting Meemaw's

February 13- Valentine's Day Champagne and Chocolate Fundraiser TBA

March 5,6 –Work Seafood Festival for votes

March 15 Primary watch Party - @ TBA

April 2 Business Meeting Meemaw's

May 7, Derby Day Fundraiser- Bonnie's

June 4 Membership Tea 2:00 Irene Canova House: Invite Candidates

July 2 Business Meeting- Meemaw's

August 6- Candidate forum TBA

September- Business Meeting-Meemaw's

September 17 Convention

October 1-Soup,Salad, and Sweets @ TBA

November 5, Small meeting, sign waving@ Meemaw's

November 8 Election Watch Party –Coasters

December 3- Holiday party @ TBA

We will vote to approve this potential Calendar at the next meeting.

**Reminder- You must commit to Tally Days by the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting**

**Don't miss the Grant Seafood Festival on March 5 and 6**

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## News From the Front

### Frances Speegle

There are two new clubs in the process of being formed through the DEC.

There's a new Democratic Black Caucus, but the details of where and when they're meeting is still in the planning stage and will likely be somewhere in Central Brevard.

There's also a Palm Bay or South Brevard Democratic Club in the process of being formed. An organizing meeting is being held this Friday, January 22, at 6:00 at Mr. Lechon's Restaurant, 1390 U.S. Hwy 1 at 6:00. Lechon's Restaurant is a relatively newly opened Puerto Rican Restaurant just south of Malabar Rd. This is probably too late for the newsletter but I'll keep you up to date. Right now I plan on attending.

### From: Vicki Impoco

Women's Reproductive Freedom Rally and Celebration  
Hosted by Brevard NOW  
In observance of the 43rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade  
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016  
Sign waving 5:00 – 5:30  
Corner of US1 and Strawbridge Ave.  
Melbourne in front of the 1900 Building  
Signs provided or bring your own.  
Celebration to follow at Lexi's, 924 E.

New Haven Ave., Melbourne FL 32901  
Free and Open to the public  
RSVP <https://www.facebook.com/event/s/208845002787191/>

Brevard NOW Meeting and Program  
Feb. 9, 2016 5:30 PM  
Program - "Helping Women Help Themselves"  
Special Guest Speaker - Judith Jacobs from The Women's Center in Brevard.  
Location : The Blue Cellar, 924 E. New Haven Ave., Melbourne FL 32901  
Free and Open to the public.  
More info [President@BrevardNOW.org](mailto:President@BrevardNOW.org)  
RSVP <https://www.facebook.com/event/s/1011403058922624/>

Space Coast Progressive Alliance  
Program - Black Lives, Voices, Minds, Children Matter  
6:30pm Thursday, February 4, 2016  
Location: Front Street Civic Center, 2205 Front St. downtown Melbourne FL 32901  
<http://www.scpaflorida.com/item/3112-scpa-1st-thurs-black-lives-voices-minds-children-matter>

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### State V.P. Report

- **Patty Farley-Crutchner**

As your VP, I have represented the DWCF with several of my sisters at the FDP fall convention at Disney World.

In November I traveled to South Carolina to the Southern Region Quarterly Meeting of the NFDW to represent the DWCF. It was a wonderful experience to be with Dem Women leaders from states ranging all the way from Texas and Oklahoma to Pennsylvania. The meeting was held to coincide with the Southern Democratic Forum hosted by Rachel Maddow and we were in attendance at that event. Bernie Sanders came and spoke personally with our group for about an hour and took questions and

many members had photos taken with him. We attended the Southern Democratic Forum and heard several wonderful speakers, including the Reverend William Barber of the Moral Monday movement.

I recently traveled to Tallahassee to the demonstration of 300+ teachers to demand teachers be heard on issues regarding children and public education. It is crucial that we fight the movement by Rick Scott to have another corporate tax give away under the claim of a government surplus. There is no surplus. Public Schools, teachers, and public services are in need of funds—not another government give away.

I have been working closely with our president on the Strategic Plan and hope to get around to each after this weekend to explain the results of our Friday night endeavors. I ask that each Region Chair please ask me to visit your region during a region meeting to address this issue. That is the only way I can see of reaching as many clubs as possible before our next convention in September.

Thank you

## Convention Report by



Patty Farley

### 2015 Final Convention Report

Patty Farley-Crutchler, Convention  
Chair

I am pleased to report that the 2015  
convention was a major success in  
several ways.

In attendance---- ***We were  
successful!***

We are really unsure of exact total  
attendance. But I know we exceeded  
250, including guests and speakers,  
because I made name tags for at  
least that many people. For paid  
numbers for registration we will have  
to refer to Carol's budget.

Regarding speakers, workshops,  
venue and food offered -----***We  
were successful!***

Feedback showed individuals were  
very pleased. ON almost all feedback  
forms we received very  
congratulatory comments of a job  
well done.

Region Chairs please note that it is  
obvious that our clubs need guidance

in getting forms in and in knowing what is expected of them. When asked on the feedback form if their club managed to get everything in on time—**everyone said yes**. In actuality only 6 of our clubs turned in registration forms on time. Even though President Maureen had all the dates included in an email to club presidents with a list of deadlines and obligations, many missed them. We just need to make sure everyone knows what they need to do. Financially----- **We were successful**.

When it became obvious that our income was falling below our projections, my region stepped up to the plate and covered a lot of the expenses ourselves. This allowed us to still have a nice profit margin.

This does include the 2000 seed money to start the convention, but does not include the registration fees which Carol King received. At this time I am proud to present the DWCF with a check totaling \$ 20,066.37.

