

SBDWC APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

2016 Issue 4

From The President:

So far April has been exciting and exhilarating.

Hilary swept New York and Trump is still hanging in and being obnoxious.

Patty would like to be a delegate for Hilary and needs us all to get to the OMNI building on May 7th between 10:00 and 2:00 to vote for her.

Our next meeting is our Kentucky Derby Party at my house. 2150 Cypress Lake Drive Grant

May 7th from 4:00 to 7:00 or thereabouts.

It is our fundraiser for convention so the cost is 20.00

We thought we would do the official Derby activities between 4:00 and 7:00, but if you are voting for Patty come on down anytime and help set up or just relax and chat with friends. We will show a movie "Seabiscuit" and have games to get us all in the Derby mood.

At our last meeting at Meemaw's we voted to put a half page ad into the NOW convention brochure.

Dues need to be paid by June 1st in order for us to count you toward our delegates for convention.

The Now girls and many of our ladies appeared at the school board meeting in support of our LGBT community. Denise Gore gave a very moving speech and made us all proud.

That's all Folks----Bonnie

- [From Millie](#)
- **Florida's 2016 Legislative Sessions Ends
Milly Krause DWCF Leg. Chair**
- **The 2016 Florida Legislative Session ended March 12th in a much more peaceful manner than last year. Next year's session will run from March 7th to May 5, 2017. During the off-session, continue to monitor issues, speak with your state & local legislators and use those DWCF Calling Cards. Strongly consider which issues are most important for DWCF to focus**

our energies on for the 2017 Session. Keep me informed. Consider writing a resolution on your issue to present to DWCF.

- **How well did our DWCF Platform fare this session? It was a mixed bag viewed via our top issues. All bills signed by the Governor will become laws on July 1, 2016. Here's a brief bill summary:**
- **HB 1411/SB 1722 OPPOSED ---Termination of Pregnancies was signed into law by Governor Scott despite hard work by members to kill it in addition to countless calls for a veto. This bill added to the nationwide effort to chip away at Roe vs Wade, Women's Reproductive Health Rights, namely access to timely safe abortion. Plans are underway via the Pro-Choice Coalition/Planned Parenthood to challenge this law in court.**
- **SB 668 – Family Law/Alimony Bill OPPOSED --- After both opposition and supporters staged a loud rally outside the Governor's door, Governor Scott, in a very welcome move, vetoed this bill on April 15th. This bill would undermine the relationship between the family and the judge/courts. Celebrate! Call and thank Governor Scott at 850-488-7146 and/or 850-717-9249.**
- **HB 179/SB 636 – Rape Case Evidence Backlog – SUPPORTED --- Passed Bipartisan**
- **HB 191/SB 318 – Fracking Regulations – OPPOSED --- Defeated 10/9 – Plan for 2017 Session – We MUST WORK TO BAN FRACKING –Encourage members to submit local resolutions and work toward local ordinances as a start. Focus on 2017 Legislation to Ban Fracking.**

HB 163/SB 300 – OPPOSED – Open Carry and Several Other Dangerous Bills were defeated because Senator Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, as Committee Chair, killed these bills – they weren't heard in committee. Call to thank him at 850-487-5040.

- **HB 7029 Education TRAIN Bill – A bill becomes a train bill when bills in danger of stalling are often added using the amendment process to another bill that is moving. When such a bill begins adding numerous quasi-related issues, it's considered a train bill. At this point, one wonders if legislators knew what they are voting for. I counted 44 related bills to HB 7029 on the House website. This bill awaits the Governor's signature. This bill punishes public school districts for overspending on construction while making it easier for charter schools to gain access to capital funding as well as weakening school board membership. This bill favors Charter Schools**
- **-----BILLS THAT DIDN'T Move –**
- **Medicaid Expansion, Fracking Ban, ERA, Education Support, Minimum Wage & Pay Equity**
- **Year after year, the majority of the above bills that didn't move are sponsored and year after year, they don't move or aren't even placed on the Committee Agendas. Your help will be needed to prevent this from happening again and again. Solutions are needed and plans needs to be implemented. Let's move, really MOVE, forward!**

SOUTH BREVARD DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB

April 2 2016 Minutes

President Bonnie Linger called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. She reported that there was some money made at the Champagne and Chocolate Social.

Treasurer Madeline Farley indicated that the balance was \$6,861.15. Without objection, the Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

There were no Minutes available.

There was no change in the bylaws at this time.

Millie Krause was not in attendance so there was no Legislative Report.

Mary Hopkins stated that there was no Hospitality Report.

Jacki Lombardo reported that there was no Sunshine Committee Report.

Eileen Manning nor Artney Turner were available for a Ways & Means Committee Report.

Madeline Farley announced that the Treasurer's Report was the Budget and Finance Report.

President Olinger asked that anyone who hadn't been receiving the E-Mail Newsletter to please let her know.

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business

An ad for the NOW Convention handbook was discussed. Madeline Farley made a motion that we place a \$55 ad. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

President Olinger reminded everyone of the Derby Day Party and urged them to sell tickets.

Announcements

Terry Sanders spoke about the death of the Florida NOW Treasurer.

Frances Speegle urged members to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Moving Wall on April 18.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances R. Speegle, Secretary

**Don't forget to register for the 2016 Florida NOW Conference
*Women Running the World***

Melbourne, Florida Crowne Plaza May 20 - 22

Featuring the Fabulous *Pat Schroeder* is Keynote Speaker!

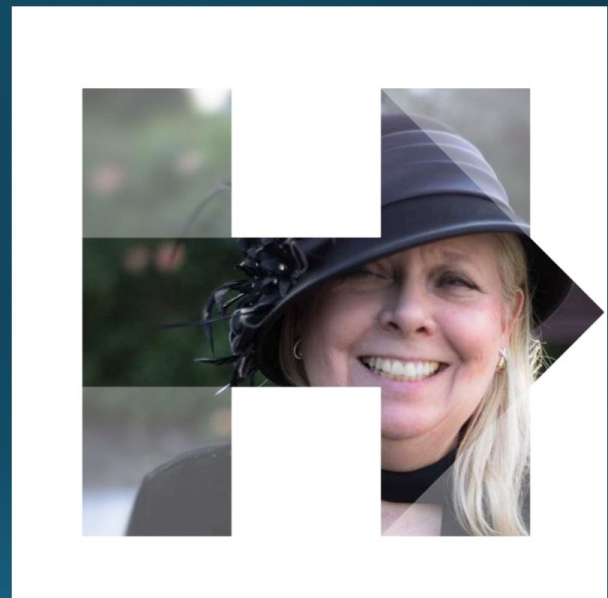
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The Brevard Democratic Executive committee needs volunteers to work at the Convention Delegate election on Saturday May 7th ,our Derby day, from 10:00am till 2:00pm. Why not work for them for a few hours, vote for Patty and then go down to Bonnie's for Derby Day for fun , food, and games. Voting will take place at Omni Healthcare 1344 Apollo Blvd. Melbourne, FL 32901

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**Vote for Patricia Farley Crutcher
as a Hillary Delegate to the
Democratic National Convention
for Congressional District 8**

- Brevard Team Hillary Lead
- Space Coast Labor Council Secretary
- Brevard Federation of Teachers Executive Board Member
- Liaison for Brevard Federation of Teachers to Central Labor Council
- Vice President Democratic Women's Club of Florida, Inc.
- Member of the Florida Education Association, National Education Association, American Federation of Teachers and the AFL-CIO
- Credentials Chair of Local Democratic Executive Committee
- Public School Government Teacher for 30 years
- Librarian for my Church



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