



South Brevard Democratic Women's Club

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Yes We Did!

South Brevard Democratic Women's Club 2013 Inaugural Ball

It's Time to Celebrate the Win and the Inauguration

When: January 21, 2013, festivities start at 6:30

Where: Hilton Rialto Ballroom, Airport Blvd., Melbourne.

What: Dinner, live music, dancing, photographer, and a cash bar while screens show live festivities from Washington.

Ticket Information: Call 773-2949 to reserve your tickets. Dinner will include a choice of entrée, salad, dessert, and beverage. Tickets are \$75.00 each or a table of ten for \$650. Tickets must be purchased in advance because space is limited.

Dress: Formal or cocktail attire

To all of our members –Thank you.

Most of us are part of that group of people who never get their photo on the news or interviewed for our comments, but I want you to know that I know that “we” made a difference. The work that was done by our volunteers was what made the difference in Florida turning “BLUE” or not. I was told in a meeting just this week that Romney was counting on ten more percent of votes in Brevard to turn the state red. He was counting on it and we held the line. The Brevard vote—although not making Brevard blue, but high enough to make the color change on the charts for the pollsters several times Tuesday evening—was instrumental in turning the state “BLUE.”



Patricia Farley Crutcher
President

All those hours of calling, canvassing, letter writing, sign waving, cooking, entertaining, attending events and forums worked! So what did we accomplish?

We SAVED the Supreme Court, Roe v. Wade, a women’s right to privacy, Planned Parenthood, Pell Grants for college students and Obamacare! WE saved Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid when we reelected a president who feels that all Americans matter, and not just the top one percent.

We won a few major local elections, here too. Bill Nelson was sent back to the Senate, and he noticed who was there in the crowds here in Brevard for him—our DWC!

Lois Frankel was elected to Congress and Alan Grayson was sent back to Congress!

Michele Paccione, and William Capote were reelected on our local level.

At the state level we saved the Florida Supreme Court judges who protect us from the Republican Legislature and Rick Scott. We re-elected Maria Sachs and Gwen Margolis to the Florida Senate. Michelle Vasilinda was reelected. And Karen Castor Dentel defeated Scott Plakon, who sponsored most of the anti-abortion legislation. Linda Steward and Joe Saunders won a seat in the Legislature. Of the Florida Amendments, which you know I worked hard to defeat—only three passed and they were the ones on which the Democratic Party remained neutral.

I am hopeful this election will have a lasting effect on Congress and this country. It did show that our elections could not be bought by the vast amounts of money the Republicans super pacs were able to spend. Now we need to work demanding our constitutional equality with ERA and defeating Citizens United and Rick Scott.

We are all tired, and I promised you that you could rest “after” the election. Well, rest up quickly because we have some big plans coming up soon with the Holiday Party and Inaugural Ball which you can see in this newsletter. Tally Days will be here before you know it.

Holiday Party Time

We can kick back, relax, and do some socializing at our NEXT MEETING which is the Holiday Party, 12:00 noon on Saturday December 1st at Madeline Farley’s, 173 Coral Way in North Indian Harbour Beach. We will have a buffet luncheon and members are asked to bring items prepared and ready to go on a salad bar and bottles of champagne for punch. Please call 321-773-2949 for information.

Election Night Watch Party at HurriKane Cafe in Indian Harbour Beach!



Message from President Goen War on Women - Cease Fire!

The day after the election, I found very interesting an Ed Show segment on the War on Women. Ed Schultz began with the statement that the election stopped the War on Women when the assault on Planned Parenthood was halted, the almost certain reversal on Roe v. Wade was prevented, and the repeal of The Affordable Health Care Act was blocked.

What did the numbers show us? Women were the key to President Obama's victory. Doesn't it sound great to say that, again-President Obama? Women voted 55% for Obama to 45% for Romney? Unmarried women voted even more overwhelmingly for Barack by 68% to 30%. Those are the younger women, ladies. We need to get them involved. But, down ballot, women's issues were an even greater factor. Clair McCaskill beat Todd Akin 58% to 36%. In Indiana, Joe Donnelly beat Murdock 53% to 44%. The rape guys lost!

Terry O'Neill, President of NOW, stated, "the War on Women cost Romney the election". She sited down ballot wins by Elizabeth Warren over Scott Brown 54% to 46%, and, other wins by women all over the nation, mentioning even Lois Frankel's win in Florida, as turning on women's issues. O'Neill said the reason for Brown's defeat was his support of the Blount Amendment and his lack of support for the Paycheck Fairness Bill.

O'Neill stated women voted for Democratic candidates because Democrats "talked" about women's issues. That coupled with the extreme Right Wing agenda spelled out in the Republican Party Platform showed Republicans "don't get it".

She cited the record number of twenty women elected to the United States Senate including the upset win of Heidi Heitkamp in North Dakota as a demonstration that women "Get it" and that most men agree. All of the women elected to the United States Senate won seats held by men. Women brought them into the world and women voted them out.

But, our work goes on. With a little less than 50% of the population made up of women, 20% in the Senate and less in the House does not make our voice equal. Oh yes, there is our State legislature, too. Oh yes, we are about to the 100th anniversary of the women gaining the right to vote. Isn't it about time for the first women president (Democratic) and first women governor (Democratic) of Florida? I think so!

Janet Goen, President DWCF, INC

For the first time in history, women will hold 20 seats in the U.S. Senate.

In January, New Hampshire will become the first state to have women holding all its top elected positions: Maggie Hassan, the Democrat who was elected governor; its two current U.S. senators, Democrat Jeanne Shaheen and Republican Kelly Ayotte; and a two-woman House delegation, Democrats Carol Shea-Porter and Ann McLane Kuster, both of whom unseated Republican incumbents.

The increase in congressional diversity goes beyond gender, however, especially on the Democratic side.

In the House, white males will for the first time be in the minority in the Democratic caucus, according to a tally by the office of Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (Calif.).

When the 113th Congress begins in January, the expected 200 Democrats of the House will include 61 women, 43 African Americans, 27 Hispanics and 10 Asian Americans. Five will be openly gay, and one bisexual.



Rachel Maddow ran down a list of what wasn't going to happen with Barack Obama safely back in the White House. It was quite a list and if anyone missed it, it bears repeating.

- (1) "We are not going to have a Supreme Court that will overturn Roe vs. Wade. There will be no more Antonin Scalia and Samuel Alitos added to this court."
 - (2) "We're not going to repeal health reform. Nobody's going to kill Medicare and make old people in this generation — or any other generation — fight it out on the open market to try to get themselves health insurance. We're not going to do that."
 - (3) "We're not going to give the 20% tax cut to millionaires and billionaires, and expect [cutting] programs like food stamps and kids' health insurance to cover that tax cut."
 - (4) "We're not going to make you clear it with your boss if you want to get birth control with the insurance plan that you're on."
 - (5) "We are not going to redefine rape."
 - (6) "We are not going to amend the constitution to stop gay people from getting married."
 - (7) We're not going to double down on Guantanamo.
 - (8) "We're not eliminating the Department of Energy, the Department of Education, or Housing at the Federal level."
 - (9) "We are not going to spend two trillion dollars on the military, that the military does not want."
 - (10) "We are not scaling back on student loans because the country's NEW plan is that you should borrow money from your parents."
 - (11) "We are not vetoing the Dream Act, we are not 'self-deporting.'"
 - (12) "We are not letting Detroit go bankrupt."
 - (13) "We are not starting a trade war with China on Inauguration Day in January."
 - (14) "We are not going to have — as a president — a man who once led a mob of friends to run down a scared gay kid to hold him down and forcibly cut his hair off with a pair of scissors while that kid cried and screamed for help. (And there was NO apology, not EVER.)"
 - (15) "We are not going to have a Secretary of State John Bolton. We are not going to bring Dick Cheney Back. We are not going to have a foreign policy shop stocked with architects of the Iraqi war, we are not going to do it ... We had the choice to do that if we wanted to do that, as a country, and we said no, last night, loudly."
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There is a Ladies Luncheon to support Domestic Violence Awareness in our community. The proceeds from the luncheon will go to support Serene Harbor, the Women's Center and "Viewpoints with Seeta and Friends" on WMEL 1300 AM.

When: On Sunday December 9th, 12-3:30,

Where: Tortoise Island Clubhouse 727 Loggerhead Island Drive, Satellite Beach

Cost: \$25 includes lunch and beverage (Curry Chicken, ziti, rice, salad, and more)

Your check is your reservation. Send check to Seeta Media , 802 Loggerhead Island Drive, Satellite Beach, Florida 32937



Super Mule

No gloating. The Republicans are licking their wounds, which is ironically Mitt Romney's health care plan." –Bill Maher

"This was a great week for gay potheads who love Obama. Or as I call it, 'Hollywood.'" –Bill Maher

The James Bond movie 'Skyfall' came in No. 1 this weekend with \$88 million. It's about a spy who fights terrorists and sleeps with a lot of women. Critics are calling it 'well-made,' while David Petraeus is calling it 'relatable.'" –Jimmy Fallon

"Get this. After all the confusion at the polls in Florida last week, Governor Rick Scott said he will review ways to improve his state's voting procedures. It'll be the biggest thing Scott's done since he won that raffle to become governor." –Jimmy Fallon

"The presidential election officially ended this weekend, four days after the polls closed. The votes from Florida finally came in. So now Florida can get back to doing what it does best, which is eating early and driving slowly." –Jimmy Kimmel

Republicans still will not admit that they underestimated the power of the Hispanic vote. As a matter of fact, Latinos are calling this Cinco Denio." –David Letterman

"Florida has finally finished counting the votes. What is wrong with Florida? Why is it so hard for the people down there to count votes? We're talking about a state where half the population can play 10 bingo cards at the same time." –Jay Leno

"A woman is so angry with the election results that reportedly she got in her car and ran over her husband. She's so mad that Romney didn't win, she runs over her husband. It was Karl Rove's wife." –David Letterman

"Today a rare 76-carat diamond went up for auction in Switzerland. The jeweler called it 'a priceless stone' while David Petraeus' wife called it 'a start.'" –Jimmy Fallon

"David Petraeus was reportedly not well liked at the CIA where he worked. A tip to you fellows out there – don't cheat on your wife if you work with professional spies who don't like you." –Conan O'Brien

"Arizona has elected the first openly bisexual congresswoman. Apparently she did very well with swing voters." –Conan O'Brien

'Skyfall,' the number one movie at the box office this week, made over \$100 million. It's the biggest opening ever for a James Bond film. There's not a lot of sex in the movie – it's very downplayed. See, James Bond is just a secret agent. It's not like he's head of the CIA." –Jay Leno

"People are disappointed. A four-star general, highly decorated, brilliant strategist, director of the CIA – and yet he's behaving like your common congressman." –Jay Leno

There's a petition for Texas to secede. It has 25,000 signatures. The signatures are from every state but Texas." –Conan O'Brien

It was announced today that former General Petraeus has agreed to testify before Congress. I guess he figured, 'Why not?' Those questions can't be any tougher than the ones he's getting at home right now." –Jay Leno

Milly Krause – Moving Forward With ERA Ratification in Florida –



Milly Krause
Vice President

For months, I've been talking about Organization Day in the Legislation, which is upon us. On November 20, 2013, Florida legislators will come together to form committees and such. Email contact with Rep. Lori Berman affirmed she will file the ERA Bill for this session as early as she can beginning on November 23rd. As such, the Senator filing this bill hasn't been named. Her office is to notify me when they know. The importance of Organization Day for ERA is that committees will be formed. Once we know which committees are responsible for ERA, we can target the members of those committees as well as the Senate President and the Speaker of the House. As soon as I have this information, I will begin sending out ERA Alerts so keep your eyes out for them. My emails will say ERA Alerts in the subject area. I will be using the following email for ERA, millyERA@gmail.com. For those not on email, phone calls will be made.

If we are to get this bill out of committee, it is imperative that we all do the work necessary at that time. Often, it only takes literally a minute or two to make these valuable and productive phone calls. However, letters and emails can all be sent too. Please use whatever strategies work for you to urge our legislators to move the bill out of committee to begin the process of Florida finally Ratifying the ERA. Remember Congress voted in 1972 to create an ERA Amendment to the US Constitution but 3/4 of the states were needed to ratify it and didn't. Meanwhile, please do visit your local legislators and talk to them about ERA Ratification. If able, visit your legislators in Tallahassee to work on ERA Ratification in 2013. To raise awareness, I'd like to hear your thoughts on sign waving, a march and other methods.

For Now – Let's Move Forward With ERA.

It's time for DWCF TALLY DAYS registration!!

TALLY DAYS: MONDAY, APRIL 8 AND TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013 at the Four Points Sheraton Downtown Tallahassee, 316 West Tennessee Street

Call 1-800-230-4134 to reserve a room. You must say you are from the Democratic Women's Club of Florida when making your reservation.

Website: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/FDWC>

Reserve at \$109 per room double occupancy

Hotel reservation deadline: 3/8/2013 at 5 PM EST

The hotel representative has reported that the hotel has worked out many kinks and has completed several upgrades since the DWCF Convention in August 2012.

Event registration deadline: 3/31/2013 cost: \$35 per attendee.

No walk-ins can be accepted

We must send in the names on one list all individuals attending from our club to the state treasurer. Decide and let us know as soon as possible. Registration includes: snacks, lunch, and Monday evening Legislative Delegation Reception with appetizers, take-away folder with information and legislative handouts, legislative training on Monday, Tuesday visit to Capitol and participation in Tuesday's DWCF press conference.

Scheduled Events



**Next Meeting
December 1st**

**Holiday Party
at Madeline Farley's
173 Coral Way East
Indialantic**



Ladies Luncheon to
support Domestic
Violence Awareness
Sunday December 9th,
12-3:30

Tortoise Island

Clubhouse 727

Loggerhead Island
Drive, Satellite Beach



**Inaugural Ball
January 21st
Hilton Rialto
6:30
Celebrate !!**





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We pray for the safe return of the troops, a speedy end to the war and the wisdom of our leaders to guide us in this conflict.

