



South Brevard Democratic Women's Club

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The 39th anniversary of Roe v Wade is January 22. In this case the Supreme Court ruled that a right to privacy under the due process clause of the fourteenth Amendment extends to a woman's decision to have an abortion, but that right must be balanced against the state's two legitimate interests for regulating abortions: protecting prenatal life and protecting the woman's health. The Court originally said that the interest of the state was tied to the trimester of the pregnancy, but later rejected this concept and affirmed that a person had a right of an abortion until viability, which usually is placed at about 7 months, but which can occur earlier.



Patricia Farley Crutcher
President

Roe has prompted a national debate and divided our nation into pro-choice and pro-life camps while activating grassroots movements on both sides. I prefer to use the terms 'pro-choice' and 'anti-choice' because I believe this should be argued in terms of constitutional adjudication with the view of separation of church and state, and because use of the term 'pro-life' implies the other group is pro-death, which I do not believe.

My moral and religious views are personal and private and are protected by my freedom of religion, but my personal medical decisions with my doctor should be protected by my right to privacy.

The Supreme Court Decision protects women's health and reproductive freedom and upholds the fundamental principle that government should NOT intrude in private family matters. The SBDWC is committed to protecting this constitutional right, along with supporting policies and programs that help to prevent unwanted pregnancies, that support pregnant women and mothers, provide healthcare, and encourage healthy relationships and promote adoption.

While elected on campaign promises of jobs and strengthening the economy, the Florida legislature last year spent 60 days debating issues regarding a women's uterus while even arguing whether the term uterus could be used in the chamber! We must be vocal as this year's legislature appears to be just as medieval or worse, with 14 bills already filed and numbered on the topic.

One that is getting a lot of press is HB1151. The Florida Independent reports that recently Republican state Rep. Charles Van Zant, an ordained Baptist minister, introduced legislation that would make abortion illegal in the state, even in cases of rape and incest. House Bill 1151 would create the "Florida for Life Act," and establish that, "all human life comes from the Creator, has an inherent value that cannot be quantified by man, and begins at conception." Therefore, a fetus must not be destroyed, even if you don't personally believe that the Creator exists and is responsible for the contents of your uterus. The only exception would be when the mother's life is at risk, and in that circumstance several doctors would have to sign paperwork attesting to the fact .

There is also a Prenatal non-discrimination act, which is anything but...Claiming the mantle of civil rights and feminism with Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass added to the title, the bill actually invites racial profiling by abortion providers who might fear criminal sanctions for performing an abortion that is deemed to be motivated by the race or sex of the fetus.

This bill is set against the backdrop of an offensive multicity billboard campaign that depicts the wombs of women of color as unsafe and implies that children of color are endangered not because of poverty, crime, and racism, but because of abortion.

Within our own party we are guilty of not standing up for social justice. The division over abortion within the Democratic Party led to unprecedented restrictions on private insurance coverage of abortion in the reformed health insurance market, and now many Democrats routinely assure voters that there is "no taxpayer funding for abortion," as if denying low-income women access to abortion is a good thing.

We can be proud of President Obama because he has made important progress on reproductive rights by overturning the global gag rule that banned foreign aid for family planning services to any organization that promotes or provides abortion care; rescinding the Bush regulation that allowed medical care workers to deny care to patients for almost any reason; funding comprehensive sex education; appointing two progressive women to the Supreme Court; and guaranteeing almost universal coverage of contraception. We can promote these issues to support his reelection, but we have our work cut out for us in Florida.

Be aware that many states did not repeal any of their statutes that criminalized abortion that were in place pre-1973 when Roe was passed and if ever repealed, these statutes would again be enforced along with whatever Tallahassee has in store for the women of Florida.

Perhaps if we ever achieve equality...this will no longer be an issue.

THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (ERA) - UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Submitted by Milly Krause

One of our club goals is to work towards getting the 3 required state votes needed to ratify this amendment to the constitution that would ensure equal rights regardless of one's sex. Florida is one of the remaining states whose vote is needed to ratify this amendment.

Suffragist Leader, Alice Paul, drafted the Equal Rights Amendment and presented it as the Lucretia Mott Amendment in 1923 at the 75th anniversary celebration of the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention and the Declaration of Sentiments. The ERA was introduced to Congress for the first time in 1972. While it passed both houses of Congress, it failed to gain ratification before its June 30, 1982 deadline.

Opposition to the ERA has been religious, moral and political, etc.

Two Florida leaders, one in the Senate – Senator Nan Rich (D-Broward) and one in the house, Representative Lori Berman (D-Miami Dade) as well as others are working towards this goal. The latest legislative action on SCR 180, Senator Rich's bill, was on 1/10/12 and the latest legislative action on HCR 8003, Representative Berman's bill, was also on 1/10/12. Both bills are also referred to as Equal Rights for Men and Women. The following is the cosponsored resolution:

Senate Concurrent Resolution

- 2 A concurrent resolution ratifying the proposed
- 3 amendment to the Constitution of the United States
- 4 relating to equal rights for men and women.
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Milly Krause
Vice President

6 WHEREAS, during the Second Session of the Ninety-second
7 Congress of the United States of America, by a constitutional
8 majority of two-thirds, both houses approved the Equal

9 Rights Amendment, and
10 WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, this proposed amendment to the
11 Constitution of the United States was sent to the states for
12 ratification, and

13 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution
14 authorizes the Legislature of Florida to ratify proposed
15 amendments to the Constitution of the United States, and
16 WHEREAS, 35 of the necessary 38 states have already
17 ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, and

18 WHEREAS, constitutional equality for men and women
19 continues to be timely in the United States and worldwide, and
20 many other nations have achieved constitutional equality for
21 their men and women, NOW, THEREFORE,

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23 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House
24 of Representatives Concurring:

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26 That the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the
27 United States set forth below is ratified by the Legislature of
28 the State of Florida.

29 "Article ____"

30 SECTION 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be
31 denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on
32 account of sex."

33 "SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce,
34 by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article."

35 "SECTION 3. This amendment shall take effect two years
36 after the date of ratification."

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of the
38 foregoing preamble and resolution be immediately forwarded by
39 the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, under the great
40 seal, to the President of the United States, the Secretary of
41 State of the United States, the President of the Senate of the
42 United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of
43 the United States, and the Administrator of General Services of
44 the United States.

You can easily look up each of these bills by going on www.myflorida.com and, it's also recommended that you sign-up to track these bills.

Please review our November 2011 newsletter, which provides a very helpful review of the ERA. Both Women and Men have fought long and hard to gain equal rights for all and we need to continue this fight to ensure that Florida is the 36th state to ratify ERA while other states work to secure their ratification of the ERA as well. It's time to finish our constitution's unfinished business.

Scheduled Events



Next Meeting

February 11

11:30

McMaw's Barbecue

Eau Gallie Blvd

Indian Harbour

Beach



These job-killing, anti-middle class legislators have voted 100% with Pink Slip Rick.

The Dirty Thirty are --
Sen. Ellyn Bogdanoff
Sen. Charlie Dean
Sen. Greg Evers
Sen. Don Gaetz
Sen. Andy Gardiner
Sen. Alan Hays
Sen. Jim Norman
Sen. David Simmons
Sen. Stephen Wise
Rep. Dennis Baxley
Rep. Rachel Burgin
Rep. Matt Caldwell
Rep. Marti Coley
Rep. Richard Corcoran
Rep. Jose Felix Diaz

Rep. Chris Dorworth
Rep. Eric Eisnaugle
Rep. Clay Ford
Rep. Matt Gaetz
Rep. Bill Hager
Rep. Matt Hudson
Rep. Dorothy Hukill
Rep. Seth McKeel
Rep. George Moraitis
Rep. H. Marlene O'Toole
Rep. Ray Pilon
Rep. Steve Precourt
Rep. Bill Proctor
Rep. Will Weatherford
Rep. Ritch Workman



“Democracy demands that the religiously motivated translate their concerns into universal, rather than religion-specific, values...It requires that their proposals be subject to argument, and amenable to reason.

Now, I may be opposed to abortion for religious reasons, but if I seek to pass a law banning the practice, I cannot simply point to the teachings of my church or evoke God’s will. I have to explain why abortion violates some principle that is accessible to people of all faiths, including those with no faith at all.”

Barack Obama

“The Democratic Women’s Club of Florida, Inc. Calls on Florida Legislature to be Fair to Floridians in 2012”
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tallahassee, Florida – In preparation for the opening day of the Florida legislative session, the Democratic Women’s Club of Florida, Inc., has released its 2012 legislative agenda, which outlines the organization’s main priority for the year – fairness for all Floridians.

“In 2011, Floridians were under attack on all fronts – our state’s citizens were fair game for the Florida Legislature,” said DWCF, Inc. President Janet Goen. Goen said, “In 2012, the Democratic Women’s Club of Florida, Inc. calls on the elected officials of Florida to keep fairness paramount in their actions while in Tallahassee.”

DWCF, Inc. Legislative Director Dr. Maureen McKenna stated, “Republican legislators and Florida’s job-killing governor “Pink Slip Rick” have attacked citizens’ rights on every level. Last year, Florida’s citizens stood against an assault on voting rights, reproductive rights, and workers’ rights.” McKenna further asserted, “The war on women is slated to continue in 2012. Legislators seek to limit women’s access to healthcare, curtail our access to the polls, and further inhibit our ability to be productive workers contribute to Florida’s economic growth.”

The Democratic Women’s Club of Florida, Inc. calls for legislators, during the 2012 Legislative Session, to honor the will of Florida’s voters as expressed in the “Fair Districts” Amendments (Amendments 5 and 6) of 2010; to stop the war on women and to cease the continued attacks on women’s access to life-saving reproductive health care; and to support women workers as an important part of revitalizing Florida’s stalled economic engine – including passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Members of the Democratic Women’s Club of Florida, Inc. will bring their legislative agenda to Tallahassee in person on February 6 and 7, 2012. Women from throughout the state will bring their call for fairness to the Capitol as part of the DWCF, Inc.’s “Tally Days” – an annual event devoted to awareness, education, and advocacy. For more information, please visit the organization’s website at <http://www.democratic-women.org/> or on Facebook at Democratic Women’s Club of Florida, Inc

Black History Highlight: Mary Church Terrell



“And so, lifting as we climb, onward and upward we go, struggling and striving, and hoping that the buds and blossoms of our desires will burst into glorious fruition ere long. With courage, born of success achieved in the past, with a keen sense of the responsibility which we shall continue to assume, we look forward to a future large with promise and hope. Seeking no favors because of our color, nor patronage because of our needs, we knock at the bar of justice, asking an equal chance.”

by Mary Church Terrell

Activist for Civil Rights and Suffrage
First President, National Association Of Colored Women

Address Before The National American Women’s Suffrage Association - February 18, 1898

A Bakeless Bake Sale

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And you will receive our GREAT BIG THANK YOU~!**

Please cut a photo out of a magazine of any baked item that you would like to donate and simply bring or send it to us with your donation that would equal the cost for the ingredients and you don't have to do any other work at all.

If that is too much work, you could use the form below and we will find a photo for you to go onto our Bakeless Bake Sale poster.

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1 dozen cupcakes	\$5.00		
10 brownies	\$6.50		
Vanilla layer cake	\$7.50		
Apple Pie	\$8.00		
Strawberry Cheesecake	\$10.00		
Coconut Cream Pie	\$12.50		
Chocolate Volcano Cake	\$15.00		
Death by Chocolate Cake	\$20.00		
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Super Mule

“Newt Gingrich has released a new ad attacking Mitt Romney because he knows how to speak French. Well Mitt Romney is not the only one. Jon Huntsman speaks Chinese and Rick Perry speaks gibberish.” –Jay Leno

A cardiologist now says that former Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards’ trial has to be delayed because Edwards has a life-threatening condition. Hey, don’t all husbands who cheat have a life-threatening condition?” –Jay Leno

“Because of a protest, starting at midnight, Wikipedia is going to shut down for 24 hours. In fact, it’s 11:05, so you have less than one hour to get most of your facts wrong.” –Conan O’Brien

“At the last Republican debate, Mitt Romney talked about his love of hunting. In fact, Romney said on his last hunting trip, he shot three deer and fired two elk.” –Conan O’Brien

Jon Huntsman has dropped out of the race for president to return to his former job as the guy in the picture that comes with the frame.” –Jimmy Kimmel

“Beating Newt Gingrich in a popularity contest is like beating Stephen Hawking in ‘Dancing with the Stars.’” –Bill Maher

“Newt got an important endorsement this week – Todd Palin. I’m not kidding. Sarah Palin’s formerly mute husband, Todd, endorsed Newt Gingrich. We don’t know why, but today Todd received a beautiful pair of Tiffany earrings.” –Bill Maher

Experts say Mitt Romney needs Latino support in elections. Romney says, I’ll never pander to any group or mi nombre no es Mitt Romney.” –Jimmy Fallon

“Seventy-six percent of people polled thought that Mitt was short for mittens. I’d vote for him if his name was Mittens Romney. Other nations would fear us for being so adorable.” –Craig Ferguson

I’m having trouble warming up to Mitt Romney. He looks like the guy in the restaurant that comes to your table to make sure everything’s all right.” –David Letterman



YOUR SBDWC in ACTION!

Milly Krause and Patty Farley are with the banner in the MLK March in Melbourne. (Milly walked the entire march carrying the banner.)

We had a table inside the Melbourne Auditorium at the MLK event where Patty, Shannon Roberts and Kim Whiting worked getting candidate petitions signed.



SBDWC Boosters

- Janie Holman
- Geraldine Kapushy
- Cathy Stanton
- Madeline Farley
- Alan Jotkoff
- Pat Jotkoff
- Laura Fausone
- Bea Gillespie
- Maggie Gula
- Leonia Francis
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- Terry Sanders
- Milly Krause

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Our sincere Thoughts and Prayers are extended to all the US troops stationed in Afghanistan, around the world and also to their families everywhere.

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.



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