



South Brevard Democratic Women's Club

January 2013

President's
Message

The January Newsletter is an appropriate time to look back and review the year. I have noticed that as I get older the years do roll by faster, but this year I have also noticed that some things seem very long ago when I look back.

A year ago in December 2011 the then House Speaker Dean Cannon said that the Florida Legislature would not get into "social issues", but shelve them in favor of keeping jobs as the key focus of the legislative session....we were skeptical....Rightfully so!



Patricia Farley Crutcher
President

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60 Minutes informed everyone about the issue of homeless students in Florida public schools when they informed everyone that Orlando had over 1100 homeless students in their schools.

Doris Weatherford inspired us with her knowledge of Women's History. Then we followed with the Martin Luther King Parade, Tally Days, Bakeless Bake sales, tables for Kim Whiting and Shannon Roberts, Pink Slip Rick campaigns, and that unforgettable Membership Tea with Sandy Ostriech, which lead us to believe that we really needed to do our own work for ERA. These events filled our winter and spring, while all the time we continued working for the President's reelection by keeping talking points circulating in newspapers and on internet.

Super Mule

We also worked on for ERA, with our showings of Ironed Jawed Angels and Miss Representation. We attended a "War on Women March in Orlando" when the Florida legislature went off the deep end with anti-women bills. We had our Champagne and Chocolate Event, and another of our July 4th Parades, and our Ice Cream Social and also managed to get in a huge "Women for Obama" Party at the DEC.

ERA Update

We had members attend several nice Region meetings, the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner and the DEC banquet.

As the Republicans narrowed their field of candidates we sold more buttons, worked on registering voters through the SOE office and wrote more letters to the editor. The more voter suppression that came out of Tallahassee just meant the more the Women of the Florida DWC took to the streets in sign waving and public awareness. More "Women for Obama" events led to many individuals having the opportunity to see and even meet President Obama and President Clinton right here in Melbourne.

SBDWC
Boosters

We went door to door and called on phones for hours upon hours—for the President, Senator Nelson and our local candidates and against Rick Scott's cronies and the horrible Amendments on the Florida Ballot.

We have had our share of sorrows with the losses of Piety and Holly and mass gun violence occurrences in our nation. We have also collected food and clothing for the needy

and walked in demonstrations for teachers and firefighters. Just this month our women showed up in force to speak with the Brevard Legislative delegation. Members of our club were there representing many groups, but speaking up for women—Laura Fausone, Shannon Roberts, Terry Sanders, Milly Krause, Anna Eskamani, and myself. Jodi James and Vicki Impoco were also on the agenda. This shows just how much we are doing in our community.

It's been a long year, but we made a difference. (See Rachel Maddow's quote in last month's newsletter.) The Supreme Court is safe and we have a thoughtful brilliant President who believes in equal rights for all people and health care reform.

Now it is time to look forward to the future and celebrate the win we worked so hard to attain. I hope to see you all at the Inaugural Ball. Please attend if at all possible and try to sell some tickets to this event. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President and Region Chair and I hope you have a safe and **Happy New Year!**



Our Holiday Party

Our next business meeting will be coming up quickly, It's the first Saturday in January, which is January 5th. We will meet at Memaw's at 11:30 a.m. We will discuss our plans for the coming year, the ball and your ideas for events that should be added or deleted.



Florida Democratic leader and Tampa attorney Bill McBride, who won the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 2002 but lost to then-Republican Gov. Jeb Bush, has died at the age of 67. His wife, Alex Sink, said Sunday that McBride suffered a fatal heart attack Saturday while visiting with family in Mount Airy, N.C. We all worked for Alex, who was the Democratic nominee for governor in 2010, losing to now-Gov. Rick Scott. The couple made their home in Thonotosassa, which is outside of Tampa.

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Move On has asked as many as possible to drop by the local offices of every Republican member of Congress On December 27th with a clear message: Don't hold the middle class hostage. Pass tax cuts for 98% of Americans right now.

Republican leaders have been demanding cuts to Social Security and Medicare benefits, and tax breaks for the wealthiest 2%, in exchange for continuing current tax rates for poor and middle class families. But, if enough of them realize that it's in their interest to deliver tax cuts for the middle class, we could break out of this logjam.

It's up to us to show Republicans this week that it's unacceptable to jeopardize 98% of Americans in order to protect millionaires and billionaires. That's why stopping by Rep. Posey's office on Thursday, the day Congress goes back to work, is so important.

Here are a few ideas other MoveOn members have submitted for what you can do on Thursday, but really, do whatever moves you:

Deliver holiday cards to Rep. Posey's office with the message, "My holiday wish is for Republicans to stop holding 98% of Americans hostage."

Sing different words to holiday songs that carry your message—look online, or make up your own! Or, picket outside the office and call your local TV news station to come along.

Bring your family—especially your kids or grandkids if you have them. They'll give punch to your message.

Can you drop by Rep. Posey's office this Thursday?

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Building C

Melbourne, FL 32940

Phone: (321) 632-1776, Fax: (321) 639-8595

I am going to ask that if you go or call, also say something about moving now to stop gun violence in our nation.

December 19, 2012 | Press Release

Rick Scott: Trust Me to Fix What I Broke

"Gov. Rick Scott's motto is trust me to fix what I broke," said Scott Arceneaux, Executive Director of the Florida Democratic Party. "But after watching Scott say one thing — after doing the exact opposite — Floridians simply don't trust Scott with our future. Scott has had many, many opportunities to show the people of Florida that he's serious about fixing the challenges that are facing our state -- but instead of leading and taking responsibility, Scott is blaming everyone but himself. And whether it's failing to invest in public education which is the gateway to opportunity for Florida's middle class families, or signing into a law the voter suppression bill that created an election debacle, it's clear Floridian's can't trust Scott to fix what he broke."

SEN. MARCO RUBIO: MEET YOUR RECORD:

Marco Rubio voted against equal rights for disabled individuals because he claimed it would lead to abortions. “Sen. Marco Rubio plans to vote against ratifying a U.N. disabilities treaty that has come under opposition from conservatives, his office tells the Buzz. A vote is scheduled for noon and failure is likely because two-thirds are needed. The treaty calls for equal rights for disabled people and is modeled after the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. It is widely supported by Democrats and some Republicans. But conservatives -- most vocally Rick Santorum -- say it could lead to international standards being imposed on the U.S. There’s also a worry, previously expressed by Rubio, that it could lead to abortions” [Tampa Bay Times, 12/4/12]

After a threat from Grover Norquist, Rubio was the lone Gulf Coast state Senator to vote against dedicating BP oil spill fees to Florida and the Gulf Coast. “U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio was the only Gulf state senator yesterday to vote against the Restore Act, the legislation that would dedicate 80 percent of BP oil spill fees to the region. His vote followed a warning by Grover Norquist’s anti-tax group that offsets in the measure violate The Pledge.” The Pensacola News Journal stated “his turnaround on the bill followed a pointed warning from powerful GOP anti-tax activist Grover Norquist that the offsets in the RESTORE Act violate the ‘Taxpayer Protection Pledge...’It shows the foolishness of pledging in advance how you will act on matters of serious policy. In doing so Rubio surrendered his ability to vote in his own constituents’ important, clear interests.” [Tampa Bay Times, 3/9/12; Pensacola News Journal,3/19/12]

On February 15, 2012 Marco Rubio was a co-sponsor of the RESTORE Act which directed 80 Percent Of The Fines To The Gulf Coast. [Herald/Times, 3/22/12]

On March 8, 2012, Grover Norquists Organization stated that the RESTORE Act would violate his pledge. [Americans for Tax Reform, 3/8/2012]

On March 8, 2012, following Norquist’s threat, Rubio voted no the RESTORE Act [Clerk of the Senate, 3/8/12]

Two days after Grover Norquist told him to, Rubio voted against building and repairing Florida’s roads. “On March 12, American for Tax Reform issued an alert telling U.S. Senators to vote “No” on Highway Bill S. 1813. In a statement, ATR stated, “Americans for Tax Reform and its Cost of Government Center strongly urge Senators to vote no on the Highway Bill on the Senate floor today.” On March 14, Rubio was one of only 22 U.S. Senators who voted against the bill. The bill “would give Florida nearly \$2 billion for road-building and repair through the end of the current fiscal year and includes a provision that could steer billions to Gulf Coast communities harmed by the 2010 BP oil spill. The \$1.99 billion Florida would receive through the end of fiscal year 2012 on Sept. 30 is \$23 million more than it received in fiscal year 2011” [American for Tax Reform Alert, 3/12/12; S. 1813, Vote 48, 3/14/12; Tallahassee Democrat, 3/15/12]

Rubio voted no on reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act — the law that protects women and families from domestic abuse and violence. “Florida’s senators split their votes on the Violence Against Women Act, with Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson voting to extend it, and Republican Sen. Marco Rubio voting against it...The 18-year-old federal law created a national strategy to prevent domestic violence against women and pours resources into efforts to help victims of domestic violence.” [Miami Herald, 4/26/2012]

Standing with Rick Scott, Rubio sided against funding high speed rail. Rubio agreed with Florida Governor Rick Scott “that the state simply cannot afford the [high-speed] rail project. ‘Our state and country simply cannot continue spending borrowed money on every new idea that comes along,’ Mr. Rubio said. ‘I appreciate Gov. Scott’s willingness to encourage this debate at the state level in Florida.’ Mr. Scott’s decision comes a week after he proposed state spending cuts of \$4.6 billion in the next budget, along with tax and fee cuts totaling about \$2 billion. High-speed rail was one of President Obama’s priorities in his 2009 stimulus package, and his fiscal 2012 budget proposal released Monday calls for \$53 billion over the next six years for projects across the country.” A state report shows that high speed rail would have been profitable and benefited the state. [Washington Times, 2/16/11; Tampa Tribune, 2/6/2012]

Appealing to Tea Partiers, Marco Rubio voted against federal funding that would help Florida’s schools. “Finally, someone in Washington has seized initiative to do right by Florida schools and business. Unfortunately, it’s not U.S.

Sen. Marco Rubio, who has protested the action on grounds that will surely rile his tea party supporters. At issue is U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan’s decision last month to unilaterally override an unrealistic requirement in the No Child Left Behind Act that all U.S. students -- 100 percent -- read, write and do math at grade level by next year... Rubio, R-West Miami, protested the move, calling it unconstitutional in a letter to Duncan on Monday. A national curriculum is illegal, he said...Rubio’s argument surely will appeal to tea partiers” [Florida Today Column, 9/15/11; See also: Education News, 9/14/2011]

Rubio voted against the American Jobs Act which would have benefited Floridians. “President Obama served up a jobs plan Thursday that could benefit many Floridians through cheaper mortgage rates, cleaned-up neighborhoods hit hard by foreclosures and an infrastructure program that could put the state’s beleaguered construction industry back to work, his supporters said.” Rubio voted against S. 1660 on October 11. [Palm Beach Post, 9/9/11; Senator Rubio release, 10/11/11 and S. 1660, Vote 160, 10/11/11]

We will need volunteers to help with different aspects of the Inaugural Ball as we get closer to the event.

Please sell tickets or ads for the program.....

full page (5 and ½ by 8 ½) \$100

half page \$50

¼ page \$35

business card \$25

Patron page list --\$5

back cover \$200

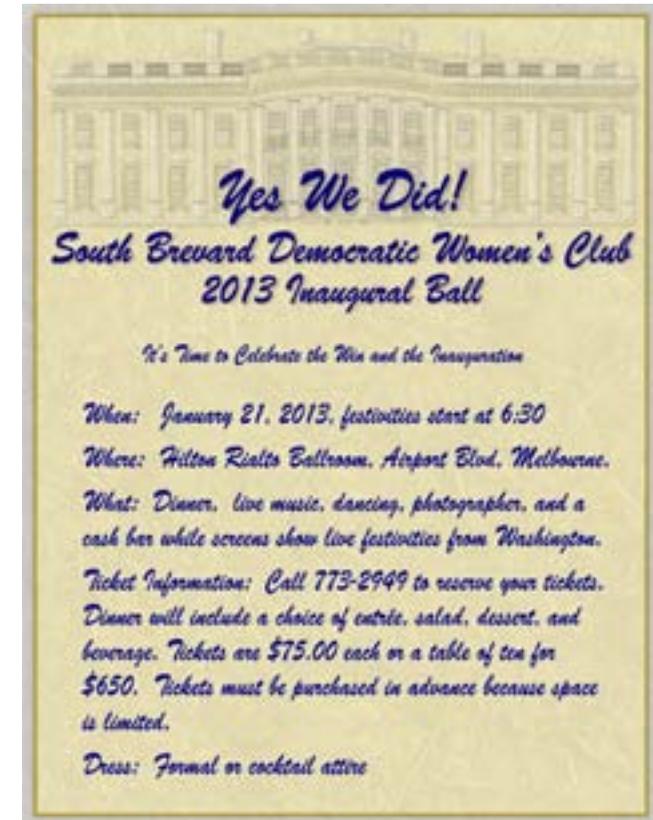
inside covers \$150

We will be making favors for each plate. We will need a few volunteers to make them and some to distribute them on the tables.

We want to put together some photo disc’s to show on the screens. Do you have any photos taken in the last year of our members doing anything for the election effort? This could be with DWC, DEC, Brevard NOW, Space Coast Progressives, various Democratic Clubs or groups or photos with famous politicians. Please let me know or get them to me to compile on disc’s.

I am buying new Obama stand-ups and know people will want their photo--

I want to schedule times for photos rather than have a free for all like last time with people fighting over the stand-ups.





Super Mule

“I think it’s great that Romney’s getting back to the workforce and not becoming one of those 47 percent looking for a handout.” –Jay Leno

“Texas Gov. Rick Perry says he’s taking steps to run for president in 2016. In fact, this week he’s meeting with donors. He better hope they’re brain donors.” –Jay Leno

“General Petraeus is telling his friends he screwed up royally by having an affair with his biographer. Well, duh! If you want to keep an affair secret, don’t have sex with the woman who’s writing your life story.” –Jay Leno

“Since losing the election, Mitt Romney is reportedly bored. After hearing this, Ann Romney said, ‘You’re bored? I’m sitting around all day with Mitt Romney.’” –Conan O’Brien

“A lot of dissension among conservatives. One of the leaders of the Tea Party has resigned after a major split in the movement. The Tea Party is now divided between angry whites and even angrier whites.” –Conan O’Brien

The Pentagon is preparing for massive budget cuts in the event that the country does go over the fiscal cliff. You can tell the Pentagon is scaling back because today it became the ‘Triangle.’” –Jimmy Fallon

“House Speaker John Boehner says that his efforts to work with President Obama on the fiscal cliff have resulted in a lot of talk but ‘no action.’ Yeah, a lot of talk but no action – or as I called that in college, ‘a date.’” –Jimmy Fallon

“According to The Associated Press, China will soon overtake the United States as the world’s number one global trader. Which is actually good news for most Americans. Didn’t you think China overtook us already?” –Jay Leno

Today New Jersey Governor Chris Christie visited the White House. President Obama told him, ‘I’d invite you to lunch but the deficit is already too high.’” –Conan O’Brien

“The governor of Arizona punched a reporter who asked her about global warming. Afterwards she apologized. She said, ‘Sorry, I’m a little touchy because it’s almost Christmas and it’s 135 degrees outside.’” –Conan O’Brien

“Texas Governor Rick Perry announced he’s taking steps to run for president once again. He says he’s seeking the presidency for three reasons. He can remember only two of them, but he is seeking it.” –Jay Leno

Yesterday, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper signed an amendment that officially legalized marijuana in the state. Stoners took a moment to thank Governor Hickenlooper — then they spent a few hours just saying the word ‘Hickenlooper.’” –Jimmy Fallon

“According to a new poll, most Americans think Santa Claus is a Democrat – which is really odd because when I think of a fat, old white man who hires unskilled labor, I think Republican.” –Conan O’Brien

A new poll revealed that 44 percent of Americans think Santa is a Democrat and 28 percent believe he is a Republican. And the other 28 percent said to please stop bothering me with stupid questions. “ –Jimmy Kimmel

“Some people said, ‘Oh, Santa’s a Democrat because he gives handouts,’ and other people said, ‘He’s a Republican because he’s an old white guy.’” –Jimmy Kimmel

“The fact of the matter is Santa isn’t a Democrat or a Republican. In fact, Santa isn’t even an American. I have news for you. The real Santa is Chinese. You think elves are the ones making that plastic crap we give our kids? No. Chinese people are.” –Jimmy Kimmel

Hi DWCF Members & Friends -

Here’s the latest information on ERA.

A call to Senator Joyner’s office as well as a few other sources shows that the ERA Bill hasn’t been assigned to a committee as of yet, just referred.

The legislators return again on January 14, 2013. However, before that time, it’s recommended that we target our local and state legislators to discuss ERA and urge them to make sure it gets out of committee once it’s assigned.

In the meantime, it’s recommended that you make appointments with your local legislators to discuss ERA.

If you have any questions concerns or ideas, please contact me at millyERA@gmail.com

Happy Holidays -
Milly Krause
ERA Coordinator for DWCF Legislative Liaisons



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.



Milly Krause
Vice President

Scheduled Events



Next Meeting

January 5th. We will meet at Memaw’s at 11:30 a.m.



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





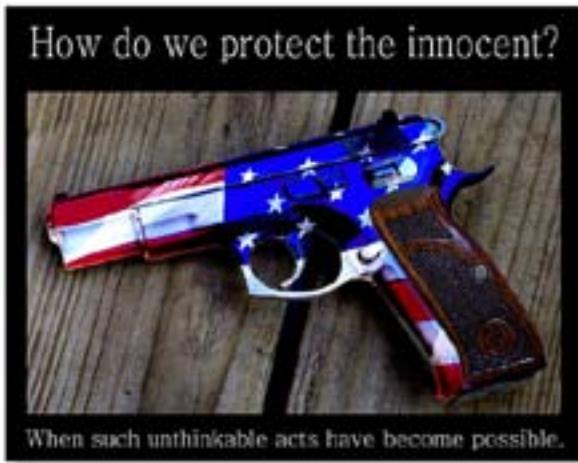
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Our sincere Thoughts and Prayers are extended to all the US troops stationed in Afghanistan, around the world and also to their families everywhere.

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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