



South Brevard Democratic Women's Club

July 2012

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We have a lot of **activities coming up** so plan on getting involved and have some fun:

Saturday June 30th we have a **Region VI Meeting** in Sebastian hosted by Indian River DWC. It is at Patti's Bistro 11632 U.S. Highway 1 in a strip mall. Cost is \$20 and meal is Quiche Lorraine, salad, dessert and beverages.

Our **July 4th** we will have our SBDWC traditional "float" in the **Honor America Parade in Downtown Melbourne**. We will meet at approximately 8:00 in the morning in the Melbourne Shopping Center parking lot behind the Firestone Store on the corner of Hibiscus and Babcock. You can park there and we will get on the float to go to the Parade line up at 8:30, which is on Melbourne Avenue down near the train tracks and Manatee Park area. After the Parade join the group for a **covered dish picnic style lunch** at Madeline Farley's home at 173 Coral Way East, Indialantic. We have a food sign up sheet, but you can bring most anything. Phone number is 321-773-2949.



On **Saturday July 7th** You're Invited to help Shannon Roberts Launch her 2012 Campaign for US House of Representatives, Florida's New District 8! Enjoy being with Shannon and her friends as we **kick off Shannon's Campaign for Congress** in Brevard County! We look forward to seeing you on the 7th.

The event will be from 1-3 p.m. at the new Irene H. Canova Park Building 2289 Hwy A1A, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937 and is hosted by her Friends and Members of the South Brevard Democratic Women's Club. Contributions are welcome, but not required. For Information call 321-773-2949

On **Saturday July 28th** The Democratic Women's Clubs of Brevard County will be hosting a **Candidate's Forum** to give our National, State and County level Democratic and nonpartisan school board candidates an opportunity to meet the public. There are 19-20 individuals who fall in these categories.

We are asking you to please attend this event, which will take place Saturday July 28th from 12:30-3:00 p.m. at the **Crowne Plaza Melbourne Oceanfront** (2605 N Highway A1A, Indialantic, FL 32903) in their Ballroom and will be free and open to the public. We want a good crowd.

The event will be followed by a closed reception to show our appreciation for our candidates. Candidates attending the reception will be our guests. Other individuals will be charged a \$20 fee for admittance to the reception. Finger foods, cake and a cash bar will be

provided at the reception. If you wish to attend the reception please let us know asap so we can have a head count for the Crowne Plaza.

Each candidate will be given three (3) minutes to speak. Any questions will be written on 3x5 cards and asked after every candidate has spoken. Please feel free to bring questions for the candidates. We have asked the candidates to bring campaign literature and / or yard signs to distribute.

We are looking for individuals who can contribute \$ to help cover the cost of our candidates at the reception. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Patricia Farley via phone at 321-773-2949, or by email at pfarley_101@hotmail.com or by contacting Milly Krause via phone at 321-684-4066 or email millyanddon1948@yahoo.com

August 2nd-August 5th is the State DWC Convention

August 11 is the **Democratic Executive Committee Banquet** at the Holiday Inn Express in Viera. We are organizing tables of ten to purchase at \$800 so the Fee is \$80 per person. The regular fee is \$90 for individual tickets.

The Republican War Against Women continues. Don't let anyone convince you otherwise.

Despite the criticism and increasing public awareness, Republican party leaders Speaker John Boehner and National Committee Chair Rince Priebus publicly argue that the war is a political creation of the Democratic Party.

Evidence shows the War is true and ongoing!

Legislation being debated and passed in some states will mean pregnant women who have serious life threatening conditions might die if an abortion is needed to help them. The war on women goes beyond abortion and includes also birth control, access to health care, equal pay and domestic violence. Just last month the House Republicans passed a very weakened version of the Violence Against Women Act. In the Senate 31 male Republican Senators, including Marco Rubio just plainly voted against the Violence against women act., but all five Republican Female Senators voted for it. Other actions we have seen in recently involve pushes to require physically invasive sonograms before an abortion and the blocking or doing away with legislation that deals with equal pay for women and paycheck fairness requirements.

As a result of these actions many female legislators are speaking out against such violations of women's fundamental rights....And the result is a move to silence our leaders if they dare to speak against such actions. Very recently a House subcommittee denied the District of Columbia's Democratic delegate, Eleanor Holmes Norton, a chance to testify at a hearing called to promote a proposed federal ban on nearly all abortions in the District 20 weeks after fertilization. She was denied the right to speak on a bill involving her constituents. Representation of the people was denied.

Remember Scott Randolph and the response and anger he received in Florida for using the term "Uterus" on the House floor..... Well it happened again ...

In the Michigan House of Representatives the Republican Speaker James Bolger silenced State Rep. Lisa Brown for using the word "vagina" at the end of a speech opposing a sweeping anti-abortion bill being debated. In The Detroit News, Rep. Brown commented about her speech and her colleagues' reaction to her using the word "vagina" in a House debate:

"I used that word because we were debating a women's health issue. Vagina, by the way, is the correct medical name of a part of women's anatomy lawmakers want to regulate. My statements were within the rules of the House and were clearly appropriate in relation to the bill we were discussing.



Patricia Farley Crutcher
President

"One of my counterparts, Rep. Mike Callton, R-Nashville, said "vagina" is such a disturbing word that he would never deign to use it in the presence of women or 'mixed company.' This, from a man who earned a bachelor's degree in biology."

State Rep. Barb Byrum, a Democrat, was also barred from speaking last week after mentioning another V-word when discussing a proposal to ban "vasectomies" unless it was necessary to save a man's life.

Why do these men find the scientific name for a female body part disturbing and unacceptable to be used in public? That may be an issue for psychiatrists. However, censoring and silencing speech, especially the speech of an elected representative, is a violation of our basic constitutional and fundamental beliefs. To be silenced for saying a word that is a body part that 51% of the citizens of the county have is morally wrong and hopefully will prove to be a very unwise move when women vote in November.

I agree with the ACLU post.... "VAGINA. Can't say it? Don't legislate It"

31 Male Republican Senators Voted Against the Violence Against Women Act



All 5 Female Republican Senators Voted for it!

Scheduled Events

Region VI Meeting

June 30th, 11:30
Patti's Bistro

11632 U.S. Hwy 1,
Sebastian, 32958.

\$20.00



July 4th

Honor America Parade
Downtown Melbourne



July 7th

Shannon's Robert's
Campaign Kick off

1-3 p.m

Irene H. Canova Park
Building

2289 Hwy A1A,

Indian Harbour Beach,



July 28th

12:30-3:00p.m.

Crowne Plaza

MelbourneOcean-
front

2605 N Highway
A1A, Indialantic,



ERA Committee – Milly Krause Report

As Legislative Liaison Representatives for the Democratic Women’s Club of Florida, Laura Fausone and Milly Krause, have started the ERA Committee, which is a subcommittee under the Legislative Committee for our club. The SBDWC Board approved this subcommittee at our April Board Meeting.

The first ERA Committee Meeting will be held in early August after the DWCF Convention. Several members have already signed up to be on the committee. If you would like to be on the committee to work towards Florida’s ratification of the ERA Amendment, please let Milly or Laura know.

Plans for the first committee meeting will be to develop focused goals and create a plan of action to work towards ratification as well as to perfect talking points to use when talking to legislators, candidates and others. In addition, other agenda items will be to draft a letter to send to legislators and plans to write letters to the editors. In addition, networking with other clubs will be vital to moving forward. If you have any items, you think would help this committee move forward, please let either Laura Fausone or Milly Krause know.

Finally, what can we do right now? Should we wait until the first committee meeting? NO!!! We can work to make sure the ratification of ERA is on candidates and legislators platforms and their minds. Send an email asking them what their plans are to have ERA on their platform and what their plans are to move ERA towards ratifications. We need to make sure they know we mean business and that we want ERA discussed and ratified.

You can email or phone your legislators and candidates. Tell them, as a resident and voter, you want to hear them discuss ERA during the voting season and during the legislative season. Ask if the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendments is on their platform and agenda.

Use the following link to email or call candidates and legislators - <http://www.electionsfl.org/brevard/index.php?id=454&spanish=N> Most have their emails on the main page. If there’s no email address, click their name and you will find their phone number. If you have any questions, please call Milly and she can help you. As a rule, it only takes a minute to call and a few minutes to write an email. Let’s get started.

Also, use social media, such as Facebook, to both check candidates out and ask them about their plans for ERA.

If you don’t know your new precincts and districts, you can check the following:

<http://www.electionsfl.org/brevard/index.php?op=F&ss=241606&spanish=N>

Meanwhile, during our next Legislative Teleconference, I plan to discuss moving ERA forward via each county and club with a plan to lobby our legislators. Thus, we can, hopefully, work on this during the DWCF Convention in early August.

With the July 4th Parade coming up, this might be an opportunity to get moving. Let me know if you have any ideas.

Please plan to come to the committee meeting in early August so we can plan to move forward with ERA. If you have reservations about ERA, we need to hear these reservations and concerns too so plan to bring them.

Let’s Get Started!



Milly Krause
Vice President

Politico is reporting that Casino billionaire Sheldon Adelson is giving \$1 million to the super PAC backing Rep. Connie Mack in his Republican Senate bid in Florida, a source familiar with the donation said.

It’s the latest detail about where Adelson, the biggest single donor to super PACs this cycle, is spreading his money, of which he has told allies he plans to spend around \$100 million this cycle. It wasn’t immediately clear whether the donation has happened or is a pledge to Freedom PAC.

An Adelson spokesman declined comment. Rob Cole, a senior adviser to Freedom PAC, wouldn’t confirm or deny the expected cash. He would say only that fundraising is going “extremely well” and that Mack “expects to beat Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson in the fall.”

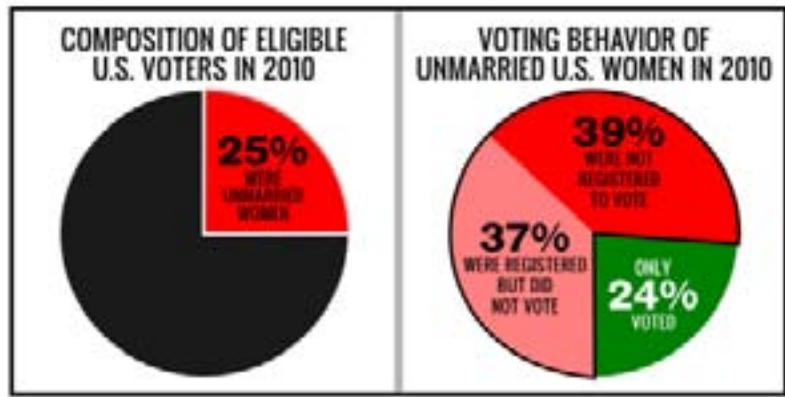
FreedomWorks will endorse Mack. In addition to signaling its preference, FreedomWorks provides candidates with yard signs, door hangers and other get out the vote materials. Candidates also get put into its national phone banking system. People from Ohio, for example, could be making calls on Mack’s behalf. FreedomWorks had endorsed Adam Hasner, but Hasner weeks ago bailed on the race to run for a U.S. House seat.

It was reported today by ABC news that Even before the Republicans chose a presidential nominee it was widely assumed that Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., would be at the top of anybody’s list of vice presidential candidates. The reasons are obvious: Not only is he young, charismatic and wildly popular with conservatives, but he could also help Republicans win a key state (Florida) and make inroads with Hispanics.

Knowledgeable Republican sources report that Rubio is not being vetted by Mitt Romney’s vice presidential search team. He has not been asked to complete any questionnaires or been asked to turn over any financial documents typically required of potential vice presidential candidates. Although it is possible that Rubio may yet be asked to go through the vetting process, it has been nearly two months since Romney named his long-time aide Beth Myers to run his vice presidential search. The fact that Rubio has not been asked to turn over any documents by now is a strong indication that he is not on Romney’s short list of potential running mates. Mitt Romney responded that Rubio was still on the list of those being considered, but most pundits believe Rubio is out of the running.



DON'T LIKE THE RECENT WAR ON WOMEN?



ANY QUESTIONS?



5 Things That You Won't Find In Marco Rubio's Book

Marco Rubio's long awaited auto-biography is hitting bookshelves tomorrow — and while our advance copy must have gotten lost in the mail, today the Florida Democratic Party is sharing the top 5 stories that we bet Rubio opted not to put in print:

5. AN APOLOGY FOR DOUBLE-BILLING FLORIDA TAXPAYERS FOR HIS TRAVEL

Rubio has previously “acknowledged...that he double-billed state taxpayers and the party for several plane flights from South Florida to Tallahassee” [Times/Herald, 4/21/10]

4. HOW THE REFLOORING OF HIS HOUSE ON THE RPOF'S AM EX PAVED THE WAY FOR THE GOP

While in possession of the RPOF's credit card, Rubio allegedly charged \$4,000 to \$5,000 to pay for a new kitchen floor in his home. When asked about the charges, Rubio “didn't deny Ingram's contention about the remodeling expenses... [and] repeated his refusal to release all of the billing records for his party credit card” [Tampa Tribune, 9/23/2010]

3. HIS PILLOW TALK ABOUT ETHICS AND LEADERSHIP WITH FORMER ROOMMATE DAVID RIVERA

“Rubio is giving a full-throated endorsement to Rivera, raising money for him and defending a man who served with him in the trenches of Florida politics dating back to when they were young volunteers on Lincoln Diaz-Balart's first House campaign in 1992...Rubio said he would be willing to stump with Rivera ahead of a tough fall campaign, a boon for Rivera, who has struggled to raise money and win broad backing within the Washington GOP ranks amid the cloud of investigations.” [Politico, 4/9/12]

2. RUBIO'S CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS PLAN FOR THE JIM GREER TRIAL

The criminal fraud trial of former RPOF Chairman Jim Greer is set to take place this summer in Orlando under the backdrop of the media glare of the Republican National Convention in Tampa. But Greer isn't the only Florida Republican who may have to answer questions about misusing Party funds: Reports show that Rubio “spent thousands” on the GOP's credit card and “charged grocery bills, repairs to the family minivan and purchases from a wine store less than a mile from his West Miami home to the Republican Party of Florida while he was speaker of the Florida House” [Times/Herald, 2/25/10]

1. WHY RUBIO IS ALL TALK AND NO SUBSTANCE ON IMMIGRATION

Republican's were hoping Rubio would add credibility to their party's faltering Hispanic outreach efforts and Mitt Romney's self deportation immigration policy -- but “three months after U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio revealed he was working on an alternative to the Dream Act...he has yet to produce a written proposal.” Rubio has offered “no timeline” for the legislation, and “many specifics remain unknown,” recently claiming he is “re-evaluating his strategy.” [Tampa Bay Times, 6/14/2012; Tampa Bay times, 6/18/2012]



Super Mule

“Mitt Romney just released a new campaign ad about the economy featuring out-of-work Americans. It gets weird at the end when he says, ‘I’m Mitt Romney, and I fired all these people.’” –Jimmy Fallon

“Ron Paul's son is a senator from Kentucky, and he's now endorsing Mitt Romney. I know how that feels. My son watches Jay.” –David Letterman

“Last month Mitt Romney raised \$76 million. He found it in an old sport-coat pocket.” –David Letterman

“Mitt Romney has been giving his volunteers a free sweatshirt for making phone calls on his behalf. The sweatshirts are just like Romney, 100 percent reversible.” –Jimmy Fallon

Have you seen this video that's gone viral of Mitt Romney having trouble trying to recognize a chocolate donut? It's all over the web. At first he said, ‘Is that Beluga caviar on a bagel? What is that?’ That's why he needs Chris Christie as his vice president. If anyone can identify a donut, it's Chris Christie.” –Jay Leno

Mitt Romney is going on a six-state bus tour. Mitt is very excited because he's never been on a bus.” –David Letterman

Happy birthday to Donald Trump, who is 66 years old today. The first thing he did this morning – he demanded to see his own birth certificate.” –David Letterman

It's great to be back in Chicago. Illinois Rep. Derek Smith has been accused of accepting a \$7,000 bribe. If he's found guilty, he could serve up to four years as the state's governor.” –Conan O'Brien

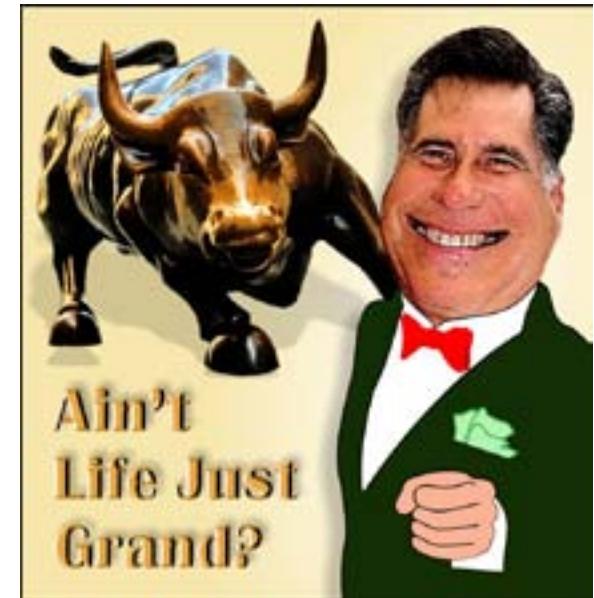
Gov. Rick Scott in Florida is purging the voter roles. It's so over the line that the county election supervisors are refusing to comply. And Gov. Scott said, ‘Hey, we just want to remove people in Florida who are either felons, deceased, or here illegally.’ Which in Florida leaves only 12 people.” –Bill Maher

That's one nice thing I got to say about George W. Bush, he never visited. For eight years it was like being passed over by the Angel of Duh.” --Bill Maher, regarding traffic in Los Angeles when Obama is in town

“Team Romney is misspelling words all over the map. They misspelled America, they misspelled the word official, they misspelled Reagan...I think we are going to find out that Mitt is actually dyslexic and his name is Tim.” –Bill Maher

“Both Obama and Mitt Romney went on the Country Music Television Awards. And I'm trying to figure out who has less in common with the country music fan, a Mormon who doesn't drink, or a black guy who's skinny.” –Bill Maher

Rand Paul...do you know who Rand Paul is? He is the son of Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul, who has not dropped out of the race yet... Well; Rand Paul has now endorsed Mitt Romney. That's got to make for an awkward Father's Day this Sunday, doesn't it? “Hey pop, what do you want for Father's Day?” “I don't know; a little support might be nice!” –Jay Leno





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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.

