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## SCHOOL SHOOTING

*In response to the mass shooting at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School:*

"Thoughts and prayers," while nice, are not enough for a grieving mother whose child is lying dead as a victim of yet another mass shooting tragedy. Believing that, not only the prayers, but the actions of humans, are necessary, The Democratic Women's Club of Florida therefore demands Congress and the state of Florida ACT on this issue to bring forth commonsense gun legislation to protect the citizens of this nation. The idea that we cannot stop every shooter with a particular type of legislation is not an excuse to do no legislation. We believe in Common Sense gun legislation and state the following clearly in our platform:

- 1. We support gun violence prevention and believe the right to own firearms is subject to reasonable regulations.**
- 2. We support background checks for all gun sales, closing the gun show loophole, stronger assault weapons regulations, and limiting ammunition magazines to 10 rounds.**
- 3. We oppose allowing guns in schools, including on college campuses.**

We also believe that devices such as bump-fire stocks that allow semi-automatic weapons to fire at fully automatic rates should be banned and any grandfathered assault weapons should be stored using secure gun storage or safety devices like trigger locks.

**If you are a Democratic candidate or know of a Democratic candidate in Florida with these views, The Democratic Women's Club of Florida encourages you to seek our endorsement and financial assistance from our Political Committee. Go to <http://dwcfdc.com>**

Let us work together to bring Common Sense gun legislation, which would not take the legally owned guns of our law abiding citizens, but would regulate the type of weapons available to the public. We will work with you to bring balance on the scales of justice to the right of our citizens to own firearms with the right of our children to life, liberty and happiness. WE have been told many times that it is not the time to act after a mass shooting. Action should have taken place years ago. WE cannot continue this inaction. **We must act now.**

Patty Farley, President --- Democratic Women's Club of Florida

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN ARE THE LIFE OF THE PARTY

## Note From Madeline Farley

Dear Friends, At this time of year we need you all more than ever. First, please open our emails! You will be receiving action items that will be easy to accomplish, and we are counting on you to help contact our elected officials. We will always provide you with phone numbers and addresses, and the specific information we wish you to convey. The session is in the stage where we need to monitor any bad bills and respond quickly.

## Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

**Soup & Salad Fundraiser** — **March 17** will have a St. Patrick's Day theme at Second Vice President Terry Sanders' home in Indialantic. Location: 181 Sand Dollar Road, Indialantic 32903. At our regular time 11:30 and the fee is \$15. Program will relate to Women's History.

**State Women's Rally** — **May 5** is the State Women's Rally from 8am - 4pm at Earl Brown Park, 750 S Alabama Ave, DeLand FL. Democratic elected officials are scheduled to speak. Bring lawn chairs and plan to join other women with like minds. There will be concession stands.

**Future 2018 Meetings** — **Saturdays at 11:00am** March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3 & December 1

## Important Issues

**Everyone! Call Florida House Speaker Richard Corcoran** and tell him to "Bring ERA to the floor for a Vote!" HB 1161 is the ERA FL House Bill and we want Corcoran to bring it to the floor for a vote. You can email him through the **myfloridahouse.gov** site or call him at **850-717-5000** and say the following:

*"For months, gun safety bills have languished in the Florida Legislature, unable to get committee hearings. This includes:*

**HB 219/SB 196:** *An assault weapons ban.*

**SB 838:** *Universal background checks for all gun sales.*

**HB 321/SB 456:** *A ban on bump stocks, which allows semiautomatic rifles to fire faster.*

**HB 231/SB 530:** *Risk Protection Orders that would allow families and law enforcement to petition a court to temporarily suspend a person's access to firearms if there is documented evidence that an individual is threatening harm to themselves or others.*

*These measures enjoy popular support and would reduce the availability of weapons of mass slaughter. And even if you don't agree with some of these bills, shouldn't we at least be able to have a public debate about them in our legislature? Please bring these bills to the floor for debate. Thank you"*

The South Brevard Democratic Women's Club had many members, who not only showed up at the Florida Constitutional revision committee Hearing, but actually spoke addressing our concerns. Included in this group were Terry Sanders, Laura Fausone, Joanne Regan, Vicki Impocco, Patty Farley and Frances

## Celebrating Black History

**Leonard D. Ross**, U.S.

Army Ret. 1st Sgt, brought the house down as he recited from memory large portions of The Rev. Martin Luther King's **I Have A Dream** speech at our February 3 business meeting. Members were profoundly touched to relive Dr. King's remarks, inspiring people of all races. A special thank you to Artney Turner for making this special event possible.

