



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### WELCOME TO OUR INAUGURAL NEWSLETTER!

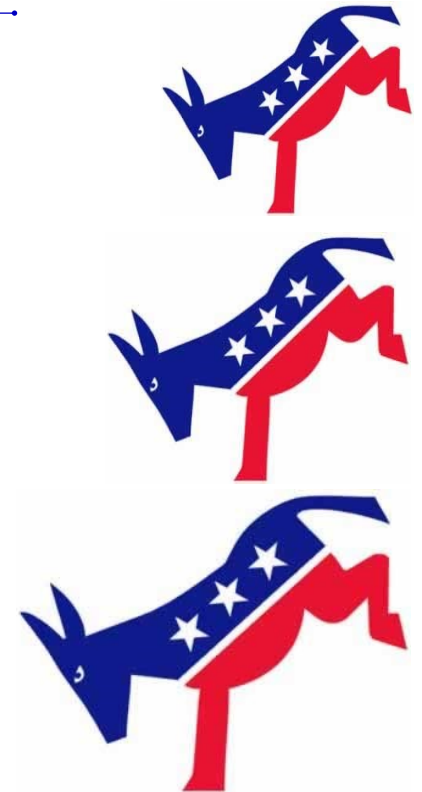
Welcome to the first edition of the Democratic Women's Club of Volusia newsletter! The purpose of this newsletter is to expand communications regarding club activities and events, educate members on issue-based legislation, provide election campaign-related information, as well as offer a forum for the sharing of ideas, opinions, and information among members. In other words, this is OUR MEMBERS' PERSONAL SPACE.

We realize that we have several members that are not always able to make monthly meetings for various reasons and we don't want them to miss out. There is much work to do to rebuild and strengthen the Democratic Party for upcoming election cycles. 2018 is right around the corner, so communication is crucial!

Stay tuned, as our newsletter will develop and grow to include Features such as:

- ◆ "Top Topics" - a focus on important specific women's issues of the month,
- ◆ "The Dish" - a monthly message from our Club President, Danielle Neetz
- ◆ "Perspectives" - a forum for members' expression of ideas, opinions, and suggestions
- ◆ "Cuisine Corner" - for the sharing of great recipes
- ◆ "Save the Date" - for upcoming meetings and club activities
- ◆ "LOL" - for Jokes
- ◆ "Campaign Chronicles" - for the latest updates on campaign and election news
- ◆ "Monthly Meeting Mentionables" - for highlights from our monthly club meetings
- ◆ "In D Loop" - for informative, researched, cited articles on Democratic Issues & Legislative activities

...And More! All Features may not necessarily be included every month, but these are just some examples.



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#### MEMBER PARTICIPATION IS WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED

- ⇒ Do you have writing or research experience? We are looking for a few interested members to join the Newsletter Team!
- ⇒ Have a suggestion, opinion, interesting article, or a fact-checked, cited news story to share? Email your submissions to [dwcvolusia@gmail.com](mailto:dwcvolusia@gmail.com)



By Danielle Neetz

As President of the Democratic Women's Club of Volusia, I want to welcome you to our first monthly newsletter, thanks to our First Vice President, Alyce Shelton.

This past year has been fantastic for the Club! We were #1 in growth in the state, with an increase from 23 members to 62 members. We had some great speakers throughout the year, and I know in 2017 we will have more great speakers on important issues that align with the platform of the DWC of Florida.

DWC of Volusia was well represent-

ed at our 60<sup>th</sup> State Convention in September with 12 delegates and two club guests.

We look forward to having many of our members join us on the bus ride to the Women's March on Washington. Again, our club is well represented on this trip with 14 members. I want to thank all of you who donated so that we could sponsor riders. We are proud to say that 20% of the riders were sponsored and we will proudly march with our Club Banner as per request from DWC of Florida.

On a side note, I would like to acknowledge Sandra Colon, who is doing fantastic work on developing our Website, [www.dwcvolusia.org](http://www.dwcvolusia.org).



Club Banner Parade, 2016 DWCF Convention

In the future, please look for correspondence emails from [DWCvolusia@gmail.com](mailto:DWCvolusia@gmail.com) in place of seeing my familiar (Firewife28) e-mail address. Please add it to your contacts.

Our next project is "Tally Days" in March, and I hope many of our members will plan to join us as we lobby for women's issues in Tallahassee. If you haven't gone before, it's a wonderful experience!

#### One Final Note:

It is now time for us to move forward; to make sure Florida Democrats WIN in upcoming 2018 local and state midterm campaigns. We need ALL club members to dry their tears, roll up their sleeves, pull up their bootstraps, bring in new members, and help to make that happen.

I'M ONE OF  
65,844,610  
AMERICANS  
AGAINST  
TRUMP

If you agree, be sure to come to our January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for more details.

Thanks to all of you for your participation!

## HOLIDAY CHEER!

Smiles were in abundance despite our disappointing election results, as DWC Volusia members enjoyed a night of fun, food, and fellowship at our Annual Holiday Party on Dec. 14. Highlights of the evening included a raffle, lots of great door prizes, and a motivational talk by Joyce Cusack, Volusia County Council At-Large, who encouraged us all to be loud, proud Democrats!



## MONTHLY MEETING MENTIONABLES



November 18, 2016

The meeting began informally at 6:50 pm with Alyce Shelton, Jewell Dickson, and Danielle Neetz speaking about the election problems in Deland/Deltona and proposed actions to improve coordination with State and Federal Democratic Party personnel.

**Eight new members were present.**

**Minutes:** The minutes for September were read. Jewell Dickson requested a correction in the spelling of her name. MOTION by Alyce Shelton, seconded by Jewell Dickson to accept the minutes as corrected. MOTION PASSED.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was accepted for audit. The balance is \$759.86.

**Speakers:** President Neetz asked members to give Alyce Shelton any suggestions for speakers.

**Membership:** Christine Wilt reported that we have 54 members. Jose Colon will do a membership book.

**Website:** Our website url is [DWCVolusia.org](http://DWCVolusia.org) and Sandra Colon is our new website coordinator. Her contact information is [scolonak@gmail.com](mailto:scolonak@gmail.com); 907-723-6552.

**Twitter:** DWC - @dwcvolusia and NE Democratic Club - @novodem  
**Facebook:** Democratic Women's

Club of Volusia County. We are currently requesting that former administrator Donna Pough-Riveria provide the club administrative access.

**Appointed Positions:** President Neetz announced new appointed positions/duties:

Alyce Shelton - Newsletter

Laura Chase - press releases and Public Service Announcements. Laura is replacing Susan Parks.

Rae Ashley and William Bliss - Ways & Means Committee, including the spring picnic.

Cheryl Breland - Voter registration.

**Meeting Location:** MOTION by

Susanne Raines that future DWC meetings be held on the west side of the County on odd months and east side of the county on even months. Seconded by William Bliss. MOTION PASSED.

**Good of the Order:** Jewel Dickson announced that she is running for Chair of the Volusia County DEC; Jerry Lapidus is running for Vice Chair; and Robert Heleran is running for Secretary. Also, Joan Lane is running for re-election to State Committeewoman and Les Thackston is running for State Committeeman.

**Note:** December 14, 2016 was our Annual Holiday gathering in lieu of a monthly meeting.

## DWC VOLUSIA WOMEN'S MARCH ON DC

THE MARCH IS ON!! If you haven't signed up to join us as we march on DC, it's not too late. Our DC-bound Bus departs at 7pm on Friday, Jan. 20 from Daytona Beach and returns on Sunday morning, Jan. 22.



### BUS TRIP ITINERARY

<b>Departure Time / Location / Parking:</b>	<b>7pm Friday, Jan. 20</b> <b>DOTS</b> Daytona Gated, Secured Parking Lot <b>1034 N. Nova Rd, Daytona Beach, FL</b>
<b>Est. D.C. Arrival Time :</b>	<b>9am Saturday, Jan. 21</b>
<b>D.C. Departure Time:</b>	<b>7pm Saturday, Jan 21</b>
<b>Daytona Beach Arrival Time:</b>	<b>10am Sunday, Jan.22</b>
<b>Transportation Services By DOTSDaytona</b>	

**\*\* HURRY! 1<sup>ST</sup> BUS IS FULL...33 RIDERS NEEDED TO GET A 2<sup>ND</sup> BUS! \*\***  
**DUE TO TIME RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE CALL**

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**\* Group ID Buttons \$3.00 \*  
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**Buy a March Button to Show Your Support!**



***"So what has President Obama done over the past month to get a few last-minute liberal priorities in place before Donald Trump takes over?"***  
*(Article By Kevin Drum, Mother Jones)*

Obama has moved forward on eight substantial executive actions so far:

- Enacted a permanent ban on offshore oil and gas drilling in areas of the Arctic and the Atlantic Seaboard.
- Refused to veto a UN resolution condemning Israel's settlements in the West Bank.
- Designated two new national monuments totaling more than 1.6 million acres: Bears Ears Buttes in southeastern Utah and Gold Butte in Nevada
- Instructed the Department of Homeland Security to formally end the long-disused NSEERs database, which Trump could have revived as the backbone of a new Muslim registry.
- Instructed the Army Corps of Engineers to deny final permits for the Dakota Access Pipeline where it crosses the Missouri River near the Standing Rock Sioux reservation.
- Issued a final rule that bans the practice among some red states of withholding federal family-planning funds from Planned Parenthood and other health clinics that provide abortions.
- Finalized rules to determine whether schools were succeeding or failing under the Every Student Succeeds Act.
- Began an investigation into charges of Russian hacking during the presidential campaign.

This last-minute flurry of activity is actually fairly normal, but Trump is annoyed anyway, saying he's doing his best to "disregard the many inflammatory President O statements and roadblocks." Too bad, Donald: there's more to come. [According to Politico](#), "As many as 98 final regulations under review at the White House as of Nov. 15 could be implemented before Trump takes office. Seventeen regulations awaiting final approval are considered "economically significant," with an estimated economic impact of at least \$100 million a year." Here are fifteen of the most important ones:

- A new policy making it easier to hire and retain highly skilled immigrants.
- A new rule forcing state regulators to tighten oversight of for-profit colleges that operate online courses in their state.
- New energy efficiency standards.
- Regulations designed to discourage speculation on commodities trading.
- A new rule that would regulate air pollution from the oil industry.
- A change in the way Medicare drug payments are administered.
- Reform of Medicare payments to doctors, moving toward a system that better evaluates the quality of care they provide.
- Finishing up an investment treaty with China (though it would require Senate approval in 2017).
- Speeding through a backlog of debt relief claims from students at ITT Tech and Corinthian Colleges, two for-profit colleges that went out of business under pressure from the Obama administration.
- A ban on cellphone calls on commercial flights.
- A rule requiring that most freight trains have at least two crew members on duty.
- Rules for the 2018 version of the Obamacare state insurance marketplaces.
- Regulation of methane releases from oil and natural gas wells.
- A major rule on leases for wind and solar projects on federal land.
- A rule that aims to ensure poor and minority students get their fair share of state and local education funding.

Some of these actions could be overturned either by Trump or by Congress, but not all of them. Congress is restrained by the fact that it has limited floor time to review new rules. Trump is restrained because agency rules go through a lengthy rulemaking process before they're finalized, and he would have to start up this entire process all over again to repeal them.

Of course, all of these actions are also susceptible to court fights, just as they always are. There's no telling how that might turn out.

<http://www.motherjones.com/kevin-drum/2016/12/heres-how-obama-trump-proofing-his-legacy>





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 2nd Vice President: Christine Wilt  
 Secretary: Sarah Jones  
 Treasurer: Open



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**ABOUT US**

The purpose of Democratic Women's Club of Volusia County group is to share information with club and group members about events and news items that are absolutely pertinent to the club.

The Democratic Women's Club of Volusia County was formed to bring together Democratic women in Volusia County, and to provide a forum for discussion of public matters, act upon current issues, to support qualified candidates for public office, and to encourage qualified Democratic women to seek elected office. Men are welcome as members too!

The DWC of Volusia County presents speakers and programs at our meetings to further our understanding of local, state, and federal politics and policies. Our members are active in our local community and support Democratic principles while working with elected officials and working as volunteers.

We welcome EVERYONE to attend our meetings at 6:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, and we invite all Democratic Women and Men in Volusia County to JOIN our club. Annual Membership is only \$30.

**We're growing!**



**Welcome to Our New Members!**

*Updated 1.4.17*

Bellrae "Rae" Ashley, Holly Hill  
 Cheryl Breland, Port Orange  
 Laura Chase, Lake Helen  
 Sandra Colon, DeLand  
 Connie Hughes, Lake Helen  
 Linda Mays, New Smyrna Beach  
 Deborah Noah, Ormond Beach

Sarah Ashley, Daytona Beach  
 William Bliss, Daytona Beach  
 Jose Colon, DeLand  
 Jim Gangitano, DeBary  
 Catherine Kershaw, Daytona Beach  
 Linda Mojer, Edgewater  
 Margaret Taylor Upman, DeLand

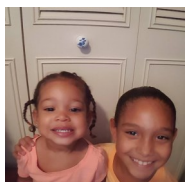


*Submitted By  
 Alyce Shelton*

**A RESOLUTION:**

Like most of our hardworking Volusia County Dems, I have reflected over and over on what went right and wrong with the 2016 election campaign. I thought about what I could have done better, and desperately searched for a direction to point my finger for blame. I shed big tears over the potential damage to our country under this new administration, as my adult children plan their futures, families, and raise my young grandchildren. My chest was tight with anxiety about my 25 year old, 6'5" African American son as he pursues a career with his B.S. in Computer Information Systems...in Raleigh, N.C. (Yes, that political war zone!)

But then I made a resolution. I will fight for THEIR rights and freedoms. I will actively participate in whatever efforts I can to better the lives of my children and grandchildren. I believe that they deserve the best healthcare; they deserve the best education; they deserve every opportunity not historically afforded to African Americans. Look at these precious faces...that is my motivation to work hard for upcoming election cycles, starting with 2018 state campaigns. The work begins at home, in Florida...and I have a LOT of skin in the game.



So, DWC members, **What is Your Motivation?**



**President:** I can't sign this bill, it's completely absurd. If I turn this into law it will raise taxes by 5 percent and extend the work week to six days instead of five.

**Congress:** Please note Mr. President on page 5027, under subsection 22, clause B, it exempts all members of the executive and the judicial branches as well as congress for life. Plus we all get a 50 percent raise and enhanced retirement benefits.

**President:** Perfect, got a pen?

On New Year's Eve, Patty stood up in the local bar and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted everyone to be standing next to the one person who made their life worth living.

As the clock struck 12, chaos erupted as the bartender was almost crushed to death.



**SAVE THE DATE...**

**Jan. 18 - OUR MONTHLY MEETING**

The DWC Volusia January meeting will be held at Denny's Restaurant 1206 N. Woodland Blvd, in Deland at 6:30pm. We have the room reserved from 6pm for members and guests that want to have dinner.

**Feb. 4 - DWCF QTRLY MEETING**

The meeting will be held in Ocala and is open to All club members. Cost is \$25 for lunch and must be paid by Jan. 28. Visit DWCF.org and contact Carol King for more details.

**Mar. 12-14 - TALLY DAYS**

This is one of the most important events sponsored by the DWCF. Members from all over the state converge in Tallahassee while the state legislature is in session. During these very exciting, educational, and inspiring three days, we speak to representatives and senators, visit the capital to watch the action occurring in the chambers, listen to experts on women's issues, and hold our own press conference. It also presents a great opportunity to meet some of the most dedicated and powerful democratic women in our state. Visit DWCF.org for more details. It is not too early to make your hotel reservations!