Maureen’s Message

By Dr. Maureen McKenna
DWCF President

During this past quarter, DWCF members have been persisting!!

The most well-attended Tally Days to date took place in March, 2017. Thanks to Cynthia Schwartz, Tally Days Coordinator and her team for all their work in getting a fabulous opportunity off the ground for our members to learn about and advocate for legislation aligned with the DWCF Platform.

DWCF members are gearing up for our first statewide Rally on May 20, 2017 from 10 AM until noon at the Lake Eola Park Amphitheater in Orlando. Monica Readus and her team are working hard to make sure this free and fabulous event is very memorable. Please see the information in this edition of the DWCF Newsletter or visit DWCF.org.

DWCF is also gearing up for a great convention from September 8-10, 2017 in Sarasota. Thank you Mary Duda, Convention Chair and Susie Johnson, Vice Chair of the Convention as well as their Region 7/8 Convention Team for all their continuing hard work and contributions to this effort. The speakers and planned activities are sure to attract attendees!! Your clubs should be planning on sending delegates to this exciting DWCF election year convention, where we will vote in new officers. Please visit DWCF.org for more information!

What is happening in Tally and DC causes all good Democratic women concern. Just when we think we have made some progress in some areas, we are led to feel we are regressing back to the 1950’s.

All we Democratic Women are on a journey of both living a life and fighting for the quality of lives of others. Now, above all, at this time in history, when America is in danger of losing the infrastructure of its democracy and perhaps its very soul, it is important for DWCF to embrace our history, embrace our traditions and continue to further develop and implement our strategic plan in a unfettered and determined manner. We must continue to give this club the Tender Loving Care it needs and honor the women who have come before us and will follow us. We know we are the often unsung heroes who are the heart and soul of our party.

I personalize this and know you do too. We will stay strong. We will continue to be determined and win elections, sway our legislators and build our club to be the best it can be at any given time in history.

Please LIKE our Facebook Page “Democratic Women’s Club of Florida, Inc.” to stay abreast of our clubs’ actions and future events!

Thank you for allowing me to lead your organization.

By Dr. Maureen McKenna
DWCF President

Maureen and our newest Board member, Alyce Shelton, Corresponding Secretary & Newsletter Editor

2nd Quarter Board Meeting

Davette Thompson, Sargent at Arms- Always on the watch...  
Marilyn Brown, DWC of Escambia  
Evalyn Narramore, Region II Chair  
Ellen Holt-Region Boundaries/ Apportionment Chair  
Maureen McKenna, DWCF President

At Over 160 Strong, the Democratic Women’s Club of Florida Took the Florida State Capital by Storm!

(L-R) Ruth, Krista, Susan, Gayle and Paula attend Tally Days representing St Lucie DWC.

DWC Ways & Means Committee at Tally Days

(L-R) Brit Somers, Monica Readus, PerSisters Rally Chair, and Cynthia Schwartz Ebben, Tally Days Chair

Susan, St Lucie DWC Treasurer and Paula, DWC President bust a move! (Gayle Pike)

Patty Farley presents Award to Capitol City DWC

Daniel Sohn - Democratic Activist, & Great Dancer!

Our Newsletter editor, Alyce Shelton, hard at work!

State Representative Carlos Guillermo Smith

Congressman Alfred James "Al" Lawson, Jr., House District 5

Rick Neuhoff and Diana Hatsis-Neuhoff
DWC Palm Beach County

Cora Kostka and Cynthia Schwartz Ebben, Tally Days Chair

RAFFLE WINNER!!

L-R Milly Krause, Eileen Manning, Madeline Farley, Patty Farley, Rep. Lori Berman, Cynthia Schwartz Ebben, Tally Days Chair

ABOVE: Sen. Audrey Gibson brought down the house!

ABOVE: The DWC Volusia Squad - Ready to Lobby!

ABOVE: DWC rallying at the State Capital

ABOVE: Equal Rights & Equal Pay for All Press Conference

RIGHT: Carol Levy, Secretary DWC of South Palm Beach County

DWC Miamia Gardens Club members

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ABOVE: Equal Rights & Equal Pay for All Press Conference
Great speakers, awesome talents, and contributions of member volunteers made for an exceptional and dynamic conference. A record 160 members convened for the fifth annual Tally Days event from Sunday, March 12 to Tuesday, March 14 amid a fun and whimsical St. Patrick’s Day theme. A team of seven members arrived early on Saturday, March 11, to ensure that packets and material were assembled and ready for Sunday registration. Among them were Gina Burrell (Region III); Mary Lou Woods (Region III); Barbara Grimm (Region IV); Alyce Shelton (Region IV); Monica Readus (Region VI); Judith Maloy (Region VI); and Susie Johnson (Region VIII). Greatly missed from the work team this year was Shirley Ann Rawls, former DWC of St. Johns County President and DWCW Rules Chair (Region III). She passed away in March, shortly after last year’s Legislative Session.

Members began this year’s event with a Welcome Reception on Sunday evening on March 12 at the Four Points Sheraton, the host venue. Hotel staff were exemplary. Guest speakers on Sunday evening were Dr. Sharon Hayes who spoke on Federal Issues (Region VI); Congressman Alfred “Al” Lawson, Jr., on “Doing the People’s Work (House District 5); and Sen. Aubrey Gibson on Equal Rights for Men and Women (House District 6).

Education Day on Monday began with the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem. Thereafter was a warm “Welcome to Tallahassee” address from Nancy Miller, Tallahassee Mayor Pro-temp. Patty Farley, 1st Vice-President, DWC, Inc. followed with a hearty DWCW Welcome who then bestowed a Certificate of Appreciation to members of the Capital City Democratic Women’s Club (CCDWC) for their generosity in sponsoring and hosting previous Sunday evening receptions. Donna Kojo and fellow CCDWC members accepted the award on behalf of their club.

DWCW Club President, Dr. Maureen McKenna was unable to join in Tally Days activities this year, though her spirit and vision were evident throughout the event. Milly Krause, Region VI, South Brevard Democratic Women’s Club, Legislative Chair and Political Education Chair, then followed with a historical overview of Tally Days.

Education Day speakers were linked to priority issues based upon member choices. Each club was asked to submit topic recommendations. In order of priority, the top five legislative issues this year were environment, gun control/safety, Medicare, ERA, with education and reproductive healthcare rights tying for fifth place. Among the other issues were voting rights/restoration of civil rights, presidential elections, human trafficking, local regulation preempt, Constitutional Amendment, revision, and congressional redistricting.

Club members were enthusiastic in their networking, rallying, and promoting the DWCF platform. Those who traveled farthest to participate at Tally Days hailed from the Democratic Women’s Club of Miami Dade-El Portal (Chair, Michelle Warner); the club having the largest number of members to participate at this year’s event (14 members) was Region VI, Democratic Women’s Club of Indian River County (Chair, Claudette Pelletier).

Supporting cast for this year’s event included members who provided generously of their expertise, resources, and time:

- Carol Flamenhaft King: Region IV, Democratic Women’s Club of Lake County - Treasurer
- Dianne Krummel: Region II, Democratic Women’s Club of Escambia County - President
- Madeline Farley: Region VI, Democratic Women’s Club of South Brevard – Past President
- Margie Purkerson: Region II, Santa Rosa Democratic Women’s Club-Secretary, Regional Representative
- Dr. Maureen McKenna: Region VI, Democratic Women’s Club of Highlands - Democratic Women’s Club - President
- Mildred Haaf: Region I, Democratic Women’s Club of Leon County
- Milly Krause: Region VI, South Brevard Democratic Women’s Club-Legislative Liaison, appointed & Political Education - Chair
- Dr. Patty Ball Thomas: Region I, Capital City Democratic Women’s Club, President
- Patty Farley: Region VI, South Brevard Democratic Women’s Club-1st Vice President and Convention Best Practices - Chair
- Peggy Allen: Region I, Democratic Women’s Club of Leon County- Chair
- Sarah Fillers: Region I, Democratic Women’s Club of Gadsden County
- Valerie Brant-Wilson: Region VI; Indian River Democratic Women’s Club - Legislative Liaison

MONDAY EDUCATION DAY SPEAKERS WERE DYNAMIC!

- Environmental Issues – Michelle Allen, Florida Food and Water Watch, Florida Organizer
- Women’s Health Care Rights – Missy Wesolowski, Planned Parenthood, Director of Public Policy and Organizing
- ERA - Social Security - Barbara DeVane, Florida NOW (National Organization for Women) Lobbyist
- Education Issues – Funding-Salaries-Vouchers – Lynda Russell – Florida Education Association, lobbyist, political organizer
- Closing the Insurance Gap/Medicaid Expansion - Karen Woodall-Executive Director – Florida Center for Fiscal & Economic Policy, Lobbyist, Founder of CHAIN
- Citizens’ United - American Promise - Rae Claire Johnson, Founder and Leader of American Promise-Tampa Bay
- “Magic Minute” - Tips for Lobbying - Daniel Sohn - Democratic Activist, Candidate and Government Staffer
- Immigration & Human Rights - “Trafficking 101”- Luncheon Speaker - Terry Cooman, J.D., Associate Professor, FSU, Center for the Advancement of Human Rights
- 2017 Convention Update - Mary Duda - DWCW 2017 Convention Chair - Manatee DWCW President
- Women’s Month Rally - Chair, Monica Readus (May 2017); DWCW of West Orange. Region VI - President
- The Other Side of Fracking - Candice Burgess - Region II, Democratic Women’s Club of Bay County, President

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION Monday Evening

Several House and Senate Democrats attended the Legislative Reception on Monday evening and addressed the crowd on current bills and issues of the day. Among them were Rep. Lorrane Auley (District 9), Rep. Lori Berman (District 90); Sen. Victor Torres (District 13) and staff, and Rep. Carlos G. Smith (District 49). House and Senate member attendance and participation were intermittent and transitory, as several cited overlapping business at the Capitol. Meanwhile, however, musical selections during the evening by Fred Lee Entertainment, accompanied by the very talented Leani Clark and other member vocalists, delighted others in song and dance, until nearly 9:00PM. It was a great opportunity for networking, relaxing, and fortifying each other. The entertainment quotient and DWCW assets were raised substantially through the full-throttle and winning segment of the evening with the Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle, and gift basket sales directed by Dianne Krummel - Region II, Democratic Women’s Club of Escambia County, and Margie Purkerson, Region II, Santa Rosa Democratic Women’s Club. This portion of the evening, alone, was well worth the price of admission. Hugely popular!

On Tuesday, Lobby Day, members had a chance to visit legislators and attend committee hearings related to DWCW issues. They also participated at a press conference on Pay Equity at the Capitol with Rep. Lori Berman; House Leader Janet Cruz; and Sen. Linda Stewart. It was very well attended and where DWCW 1st Vice-Pres., Patty Farley, gave a historical perspective on pay equity and an inspiring call-to-arms for passage of the ERA.

THE TAKE AWAY is the importance of speaking up, penning letters and editorials, engaging elected officials, also participating at community forums and meetings wherever possible. Whether the results of these efforts are immediate or not, PARTICIPATION MATTERS!
The Democratic Women’s Club of SE Hillsborough County has welcomed 19 new members since January. Buoyed by the spirit of the Women’s March in St. Petersburg, many of the women who traveled there on the bus with our members decided to join the club.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we had a terrific program in January with Susan Smith as our guest speaker. In February, Karen Welzel, president of the East Polk Ridge DWC, spoke to our members about Tally Days and the DWCF’s candidate endorsement process, as well as the Women’s March on Washington, which she attended with Catherine Price, who described their experiences at our meeting.

Bryce Bowden, D. E. C. Vice Chair for Outreach Hillsborough County, spoke at our march 2nd meeting on how Hillsborough County’s clubs and caucuses can strategize effectively to elect Democratic candidates to local, state, and national office. Marianny De Leon, local Volunteer and Advocacy Coordinator for Planned Parenthood, updated members on her organization’s events and activities. Club members wrote postcards to Trump for the “Ides of Trump” movement. Members also addressed postcards to Florida state legislators to promote the Helen Gordon Davis Fair Pay Act.

President Gwen Szafranski, Legislative Liaison Jackie Gavrian, and new member Jennifer Moore attended Tally Days March 12-14 where on Sunday and Monday they experienced a lineup of engaging speakers and enjoyed the music and company of fellow DWCF members at Monday night’s reception. On Tuesday, they met with Rep. Ross Spano’s and Rep. Jake Raburn’s respective aides, identifying DWCF issues and bills of concern to the DWCF. They found the noon Equal Pay press conference in the Capitol rotunda very energizing.

Members have participated in ongoing activities to support our six political issues by attending legislative town hall meetings; calling their state and U.S. representatives on bills that pertain to our six issues; attending local government meetings; attending informative seminars, such as the one held in Tampa by the Florida Consumer Health Alliance on February 27; and tracking the progress of legislation in the Florida House and Senate.

We look forward to joining DWCF members from all over Florida by participating in the PerSisters DWCF Rally in Orlando on May 20th.
LEFT: At the February meeting, Dr. Leanetta McNealy spoke to the club regarding education in the Alachua County School’s in reference to Black History. Dr. McNealy is a retired teacher, principal and serving currently in her second term as an elected school board member of Alachua County.

BELOW RIGHT: Dr. Cynthia Chestnut with Dr. Susan MacManus who spoke at the DWCAC annual March Women’s History Month. This was the 3rd Annual WHM Breakfast and we have hosted fabulous speakers as Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Jennifer Grandholm and Dr. MacManus in 2017.

ABOVE: President Linda Williams w/ past President Sheryl Eddie at Breakfast. Sheryl Eddie was endorsed by the DWCF and the local paper Gainesville Sun in her bid for Gainesville City Commission.

Submitted by Escambia DWC President DianneKrumel

On February 23rd more than 300 protesters showed up at Grover T’s BBQ town hall meeting for the protest against Congressman Matt Gaetz organized by the Escambia County Democratic Women’s Club! We had our voices heard and we outnumbered the Gaetz supporters 5 to 1. More than 20 members from the EDWC participated and we gained 6 new members as a result of organizing this protest.

On March 4th Escambia DWC President Dianne Krumel and Santa Rosa/Escambia DWC member Margie Purkerson attended a protest against Jeff Sessions in downtown Pensacola.

On February 9th members of the Escambia DWC wrote more than 80 postcards to Congressman Matt Gaetz expressing our total displeasure with his proposed bill to abolish the EPA!

DWC of the Lakes Area

Fran Rossano attending State FDP meeting in Orlando Jan. 2017

Community Yard Sale

Kate and Gloria getting ready for Yard Sale

Jim Gross Event

Mining Protest

Yard Sale Craft Sale

@ Melrose Community Multi-Market
March 4 2017 Melrose Park
9 AM - 1 PM Hwy 26
Hand-made Items . . . Clothes . . .
Everything must go!
Come by our Booth and Shop, shop, shop!

Democratic Women’s Club of the Lakes Area
Alachua - Bradford - Clay - Putnam
Join Our Elite Team!

We need more people to agree to make some phone calls when we are starting a new club or revitalizing a club. This is a vital job to help our organization continue to grow. You will be provided a calling list, script, and info about the club meeting. We start calling about 10 days before club meeting. If you can occasionally do at least 2 or 3 hours of calling per club, please contact Sate Membership Chair, Sandra McClinton, (239-471-7704 or sandra.mcclinton@comcast.net).

instead of juries. The Florida Supreme Court struck down part of a legislative attempt to fix the system because the changes did not require unanimous jury recommendations before people could be sentenced to death.

SB 280 by Bracy

Last week, the Legislature passed SB 280 by Bracy requiring jurors to recommend capital punishment unanimously. But for defendants awaiting trial in cases that could carry the death penalty, the relevant change came last month when the state Supreme Court ruled that prosecutors may proceed, so long as the jury makes a unanimous recommendation for death. With nearly 400 inmates on Death Row, Florida has more prisoners facing execution than almost any other state. This week the Governor signed SB 280 into law.

GUNS: The Legislature is moving towards the passage of a measure that would shift a key burden of proof from defendants to prosecutors in "stand your ground" self-defense cases. Several other high-profile gun bills have been filed, such as a proposal that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on college and university campuses. Thus far, the Criminal Justice and Justice Appropriations Subcommittees have passed:

HB 849 (Criminal Justice) which amends current law that prohibits licensees from carrying a concealed weapon or concealed firearm at a school. Under the bill, a licensee is not prohibited from carrying a concealed weapon or concealed firearm on private school property if a religious institution is located on the property; thereby, allowing the private property owner to determine whether to authorize or prohibit such carry by licensees on the property.

UPDATES OF PRITCHETT SPONSORED BILLS

HB 611 by Pritchett: Expunging and Sealing Criminal History Records is up for consideration the week of March 20, 2017. HB 611 by Pritchett establishes a non-judicial expunction process within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for specific criminal history records and determines which types of records are eligible for expunging and sealing. The bill further revises current provisions relating to court-ordered expunctions and amends provisions relating to the non-judicial process within FDLE for sealing of certain records. HB 611 is currently in the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

CAPITOL OFFICE VISITS:

We encourage you to advocate your issues and causes on Florida’s Capitol Hill and we are always excited to see our constituents in Tallahassee! Please let us know when you are planning your trip so that we may assist you. Every effort to maintain an “open door” policy is extended, but we ask that you notify us at (850) 717-5102 or by emailing us at Desinda.Wood-Carper@myfloridahouse.gov ahead of time to assure your meeting with “Team Pritchett”!

IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU!

www.facebook.com/RepresentativeSharonPritchettDistrict102/
By Milly Krause, DWCF Legislative Chair for Florida Issues (millyERA@gmail.com)

MARCHING ONWARD & FORWARD WITH STRONG VOICES

The 2017 Florida Legislative Session is at its half-way point, ending on May 5th. Our #1 Issue remains the Environment, namely, SB 442 to Ban Fracking. This bill sailed through its first committee but has since stalled and its companion bill HB 451 appears to have been pulled.

Continue to use your activism to urge legislators to ban fracking this year. Share email Action Alerts and ACT on them. Also, I’m including a Fracking Ban Pledge to Sign and Share to add an amendment to place on the ballot to ban fracking as insurance. Please collect as many of these pledges as possible. Contact me for the mailing information.

Keep your radar on HB 1043, which asks consumers, not shareholders, to pay FPL for their explorations. Urge Yes on SB 442; HB 451 and NO on HB 1043.

Our 5 Priority Issues follow:
1. Environment (Fracking, Sea Level Rising, Solar, Water Purity, Off-Shore Drilling, Pollution, Climate & DEP Standards)
2. Gun Control
3. Healthcare for All (Medicaid-Medicare-ACA)
4. ERA
5. Two Items (TIE) – Education and Reproductive Healthcare Rights

Please continue to implement the DWCF Action Plan. Hopefully, your club is now focusing on one main issue but supporting our targeted efforts and your club is doing one legislative activity at each meeting and beyond. Thank you LL’s for all you do always.

Note, to support our ERA Issue, DWCF Hosted an Equal Pay for Equal Work Rally during Tally Days as part of our annual press conference on March 14th on the Capitol Rotunda. Turnout and enthusiasm was huge. Legislators: Senator Linda Stewart, Rep. Janet Cruz and Rep. Lori Berman, our main supporters, spoke strongly and many other legislators joined in. First Vice President, Patty Farley, spoke eloquently to sub for DWCF President Maureen McKenna. It was a proud and exciting time. However, there has been no movement on the related bills, HB 319 and SB 410, since being introduced on March 7th.

Is it baffling that others bills, such as the ERA and Minimum Wage bills sit despotically each year? Why and what should we do?

On March 20th, Nevada’s legislators ratified the ERA and now only 2 states are needed to ratify the ERA into the U.S. Constitution (fantastic news). Florida should be one of them. What does this tell us?

During the Legislative Session, make sure you are tracking the bills that concern you and DWCF. We discussed how to track bills on a Legislative Priorities teleconference with Susan Smith and on a LL Teleconference with me. When you are called to take ACTION, please call your legislator and share these alerts with others and post on social media when appropriate.

Contact your legislators often and make your voices heard. The following are links to your legislators’ websites and phone numbers to keep handy.

Senate - http://flsenate.gov
Governor Rick Scott – 850-488-7146 or 850-717-9249
Senator Marco Rubio – 202-224-3041
Senator Bill Nelson – 202-224-5274
Senate President Joe Negron – 1-850-487-5025
House Speaker Richard Corcoran – 1-888-923-7006 – 850-717-5000

DWC Palm Bay - meeting in session

DWC Palm Bay Members

DWC Palm Bay

Preserving Our History

DWCF collects historical state and local club documents and photographs. Items collected are donated to the University of Central Florida library archives where they are studied by students of women's history as well as the political history of Florida. DWCF archival materials are located in Special Collections Manuscripts, under Political Papers.

Visitors of the UCF John C, Hitt Library, 12701 Pegasus Drive, Orlando, FL 32186 may view the archives which are located on the 5th Floor, Special Collections area of the Hitt library. The Hitt Library Special Collections area is open to the public from 9 AM—1 PM, Monday through Friday, when the University is open. The Special Collections phone number is 407.823.2562. It is recommended that you call prior to visiting the archives to facilitate the items being available for you to view.

Local DWCF Clubs are encouraged to donate their club’s historical documents, photos, and scrapbooks to the DWCF Archives by contacting te DWCF Archivist, Cora Lumpkin by phone at 863.385.7447 or via email at ccblessings@aol.com.

DWC of Flagler County

CLICK HERE FOR THE DWC OF FLAGLER COUNTY NEWSLETTER
Putin ordered, Trump delivered—Russian think tank drew up plan for 2016 election

By Mark Sumner - April 19, 2017

Reuters has an exclusive report showing that Russia’s interference in the 2016 election wasn’t a series of disconnected events. It was a plan.

A Russian government think tank controlled by Vladimir Putin developed a plan to swing the 2016 U.S. presidential election to Donald Trump and undermine voters’ faith in the American electoral system, three current and four former U.S. officials told Reuters.

Fake news churned out by an army of trolls, undermining credibility in the U.S. election system—it’s all there in the plan from the Russian Institute for Strategic Studies. The RISS plan was been in the hands of U.S. officials for some time, and was part of the evaluation by the intelligence community on Russia’s involvement and intent in the election.

One interesting factor is that in October—previous to James Comey upending the election with the public release of his letter about Hillary Clinton’s emails—the Russian observers concluded that Clinton was likely to win and that the focus of their effort should be on damaging the credibility of the election.

Coincidentally (or not coincidentally) Donald Trump began emphasizing the possibility of election fraud more and more in his campaign. After a single mention of the possibility of fraud in August, Trump dropped the theme. Suddenly in was back in force in October, becoming central to his rallies and featuring nine times in tweets.

Nine times in five days the now Republican nominee tweeted warnings about the election being rigged against him. The first, which generated almost 30,000 retweets, claimed it was the media doing the rigging. Another insinuated the election was rigged because Clinton herself wasn’t in jail. Later, his tweets combined the two.

Did RISS suggest emphasizing election fraud because Trump was already making that a theme ... or was it the other way around? The RISS plan wasn’t just an academic exercise. It was an implementation scheme. And it was used.

Four of the officials said the approach outlined in the June strategy paper was a broadening of an effort the Putin administration launched in March 2016. That month the Kremlin instructed state-backed media outlets, including international platforms Russia Today and Sputnik news agency, to start producing positive reports on Trump’s quest for the U.S. presidency, the officials said.

Russia was all in on Donald Trump, using state media, hacking, trolls, and think tanks to plan and execute a strategy intended to propel him toward the White House. And why?

To begin with, Putin feared that Hillary Clinton would maintain a hard line on Russia’s expansion and take steps to reduce their influence in Europe by addressing tight spots in the energy supply. And there was this…

Exxon Mobil has applied to the Treasury Department for a waiver from U.S. sanctions on Russia in a bid to resume its joint venture with state oil giant PAO Rosneft, according to people familiar with the matter.

That deal could funnel $500 billion to Putin, resolving a lot of funding issues and making his investment in the RISS plan one of the best deals in history.
The 2017 DWCF Convention Chair, Mary Duda, and Vice-Chair, Susie Johnson, plus several members of the Convention Planning Committee would like to come to one of your DWC meetings between now and through June to tell your members why they should attend the September 7-10 Convention in hopes that many of your members will decide to come to enjoy listening to knowledgeable speakers, gain new skills, and find out more about what the DWCF does. We can answer any questions they have about the Convention. Email either Mary at mcmduda@aol.com or Susie at sjohnson4808@comcast.net with possible dates for them to visit.

Nancy Hurlbert, Chair of the DWCF PC (Political Committee) is available to speak to your Club on the benefits of your Political Committee. Nancy has been PC Chair for 3 years and during the 2016 Election cycle, helped facilitate distributing $11,300 to local and state candidates. Find out how your Club can participate and insure we elected a “bench” of Democrats! Nancy lives in central Florida (Leesburg), and has a furry one to take care of, so only travel which does not require an overnight stay can be considered. Contact Nancy at tnhurlbert@aol.com or 352-483-4962 (H) 954-254-1000(c)