

Upcoming Meetings, Speakers and Events

Monday, January 24, DEC Meeting, Lov-a-da-Coffee,
2127 Cortez Road W, 6 pm

Tuesday, January 25, "Iron Jawed Angels" Fund Raiser, \$5.00, Lov-A-Da Coffee, 12 noon.

Tuesday, February 9, DWC Luncheon, Bradenton Country Club, 11:30 am

Friday, February 25, Lawton Chiles Award Dinner, Renaissance on Ninth, 6:00 pm (see enclosure)

Tuesday, March 8, DWC FASHION SHOW & Luncheon, Bradenton Country Club, 11:30 am

Wednesday, April 6, Democratic Women Legislative Day in Tallahassee (separate e-mail)

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February 2011 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

December 2010

Well, the DEC is up and running as of Dec. 1st and is in need of anyone who can give an hour or two a week. Carol Graves has taken on the responsibilities of the headquarters and what a sweet person to have in charge. Sue Spitz and I cleaned out records from 1998 to the present. I just love throwing things away! Richard O'Brien is coming on like gang-busters and is constantly coming up with new ideas. I think that after the Dream Act was put on hold, we may have a real inroad with the Hispanic community.

The DEC fundraiser will be on February 25th at The Renaissance on Ninth, the cost being \$75 dollars per person. We are hoping to get some big donors to help us. You will have a choice of Prime Rib or Stuffed Salmon with Crab Meat. Some of our own will be honored.

I have arranged the viewing of "Iron Jawed Angels" at Lov-a-da Coffee on Cortez Road next to Cracker Barrel on January 25th for lunch at 12:00 noon. The DWC will be charging each member \$5.00 as a mini fundraiser. We would like you to order a soup, salad, or sandwich from Lov-a-da Coffee since they are not charging us for a rental.

Our Fashion Show will be our March meeting at Bradenton Country Club, and I do so need to have models and people to do the Silent Auction. Please call me **ASAP**.

January, 2011

Richard O'Brien was on at our last meeting. He is so upbeat and energetic that it is hard to keep up with him. He has so many activities going on that you would tend to have a heart attack when entering headquarters. I would like to thank Brenda for helping out with the memorial service for Elsa. Since our last meeting, our wonderful Parliamentarian, Esther Happich, passed away. At this writing, I do not know what her daughter is planning, if anything. Please send cards to Esther's address. We will now need a new Parliamentarian.

Fay and I attended our quarterly state meeting. Our next convention will be in Deerfield Beach the week-end of September 15th-16th. Fay and I would so much like to have a few members join us. Please start saving for next September.

I would like to thank Meg Newcomer for the wonderful job she has done these last two years as First Vice President. The programs were very interesting and appealing to most of our members. I would also like to thank Emma Lou for being our membership chair for the last two years. Judy Drake has volunteered to take this position. I know she will be a great asset to our club as Meg and Emma Lou have been in the past.

Do any of the ladies have any ideas for future speakers?

Fashion Show tickets will be available at our next meeting. They are \$25 apiece. Please bring a friend or two to our Silent Auction and Fashion Show March 8th at the Bradenton Country Club.

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DON'T PIN THE TAIL ON THE DONKEY

by Myra Jones

The Arizona shootings have brought a barrage of chest beating and guilt. "We," the pundits say, must tone down "our" rhetoric. As always, the media try to create a false equivalency by saying that the fault lies with both right and left. But it doesn't. Democrats haven't indulged in hate talk. We don't listen to FOX NEWS, and our elected representatives don't instruct the voters to be "armed and dangerous" as Michelle Bachman did. Can you imagine our President saying that, if we don't like the results of an election. we can always resort to a "Second Amendment" solution? Of course not. He is way more civilized than that. And so are we.

The Right Wing as usual in "playing the umpires" - yelling out "unfair" in hopes of making the media afraid to put criticism where it belongs. It has worked in the past. So, while the rest of us are still consumed by the tragedy, they get in first, like Sarah Palin's whiny video, denying responsibility and making herself the star victim.

A recent article by Sam Webb (<http://www.peoplesworld.org/let-s-put-the-blame-where-it-belongs-right-wing-extremism/>) lays it out: the real cause of this tragedy is the Right Wing—not only the politicians like Michelle Bachman, Sarah Palin and Sharron Angle, who advocate violence, but the shock jocks who are their attack dogs and the Right Wing Establishment that condones and even supports this shocking descent into savagery. They are the cause and we shouldn't let them try to share the blame with us. We aren't guilty!

Somebody should point it out: they are following the Propaganda Manual compiled and perfected by Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's Propaganda Minister. Nazi strategy was to find disgruntled elements of society—people perhaps with a real grievance. Then the Nazis fanned their hate and fear and provided a target—a scapegoat. Their target, of course, was the Jews. The current targets are liberalism and anything Obama.

Other strategies in the Propaganda Manual: a big lie is as believable as a small one. Keep it simple, keep repeating it, and eventually it will be accepted as truth. It doesn't matter whether you lie or tell the truth—statements only have to seem truthful.

You decide for yourself how closely the Right Wing is following the Nazi Playbook. But know that they are not acting individually or at random. They are organized and coordinated.

And don't let the Right Wing and the media pin the tail on the donkey—let's make sure they put it where it belongs—on the elephant!

PUTTING YOUR GIFT CARDS TO WORK

Many of us have gift cards that we do not plan to use. These cards can be redeemed for cash by the DWC. Please look in your sock drawer, under the couch, in old pocketbooks for gift cards you do not want and send them to Shirley Snyder or bring them to the next DWC luncheon meeting. You might also get some from family and friends. The money collected will go to meet our expenses for candidates and the annual scholarship award.

The web connection is www.plasticjungle.com.

February Highlights in US Women's History

- **Feb 1, 1978** - First postage stamp to honor a black woman, Harriet Tubman, is issued in Washington, DC
- **Feb 4, 1987** - First National Women in Sports Day is celebrated by Presidential Proclamation
- **Feb. 12 1869** - the Utah Territory passes a law allowing women to vote
- **Feb 15, 1921** - The Suffrage Monument, depicting Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Lucretia Mott, and carved by Adelaide Johnson, is dedicated at the U.S. Capitol
- **Feb 15, 1953** - Tenley Albright is the first American woman to win the World Figure Skating championship
- **Feb 17, 1870** - Esther Hobart Morris became the first American woman Justice of the Peace
- **Feb 24, 1912** - Henrietta Szold founds Hadassah, the largest Jewish organization in American history, focusing on health care and education in Israel and the US
- **Feb 24, 1967** - Jocelyn Bell Burnell makes the first discovery of a pulsar, a rapidly rotating neutron star
- **Feb 25 1986** - Corazon Aquino sworn in as the first woman President of the Philippines
- **Feb 27, 1922** - US Supreme Court upholds the 19th Amendment to the Constitution which guarantees women the right to vote



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