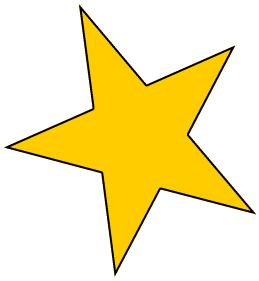


DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB of MANATEE COUNTY

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March 2011



NEWSLETTER

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Democratic Women's Club Annual Scholarship Fashion Show

DWC Annual Marge Kinnan Scholarship

Fashion Show and Silent Auction

Fashions by Beall's

DWC Members are our models.

\$1,000 scholarship and more, please support
our annual event.

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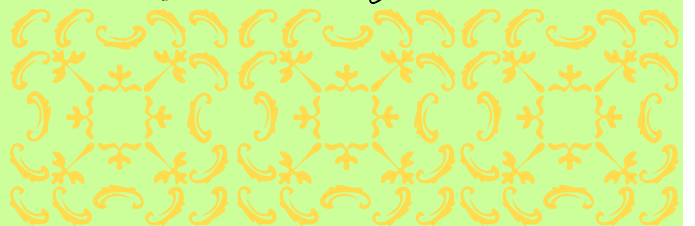
Bradenton Country Club
4646 Ninth Ave W

Tickets: \$25 donation

3508 Wood Owl Cir
Bradenton, FL 34210

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Please renew your DWC membership at our March Fashion Show or send your check for \$20.00 to Judy Drake, 1905 Marilyn Ave, Bradenton 34207 (753-2132)

Upcoming Meetings, Speakers and Events

Wednesday, February 23, Immigration Reform Forum, Selby Library, USF Sarasota/Manatee, 7:00 pm (Jean Patterson for info, 705-1676)

Friday, February 25, Lawton Chiles Award Dinner, Renaissance on Ninth, 6:00 pm (761-8385 to reserve)

Monday, February 28, DEC Meeting, Lov-a-da Coffee, 2127 Cortez Road West, 6:30 pm (Call DEC HQ for info, 761-8385)

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

Tuesday, March 22, "Iron-Jawed Angels" movie at Pat Benson's home, 2:00 pm, \$5.00 donation (758-4610 for info)

Wednesday, April 6, Democratic Women Legislative Day in Tallahassee (Call Pat for info, 758-4610) (see separate e-mail)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 2011

I would like to thank all those ladies and gentlemen who attended our last meeting with our wonderful speaker, Dr. Bernard Watson. His family and he are truly a sign of what one family and many like his had to endure in our country coming from the south to the industrial cities in the north and receiving a better education. This education made him a leader in his own right.

I realize we are still having some of the same problems today as in the past and pray that good changes will come much sooner than later. We can still see the hatred that is shown every day in our society with our own President Obama.

We will be presenting our scholarship winner at our April meeting and a guest speaker from Manatee School District.

I realize that I am sending a lot of emails concerning Women's Rights but they are too important to be forgotten. We need to save what has been passed and keep the funding for Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood performs health screening for women and men at a reduced fee. Abortions are only a small part of their services. Politicians should stop controlling women's bodies and worry about their own lives. Republicans seem to want to reverse what we have fought so hard for as women.

FASHION SHOW REMINDER:

Models will pick out their fashions on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the Beall's on Manatee Avenue. I will be there to meet you all!!

If you are purchasing Fundraiser tickets, please send your checks to me @ 3508 Wood Owl Circle, Bradenton, FL 34210 as soon as possible.

IRON-JAWED ANGELS on March 22, another Tuesday, at 3508 Wood Owl Circle, at 2:00 PM. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. I have room for 15 people. Please call me to let me know that you will be joining the group for snacks and a movie. See you on the 8th.

Patty

Obama's Budget--Don't Believe Everything You Hear About it

by Myra Jones

The "Bradenton Herald" on February 15 gave the front page place of honor to a long article about Obama's budget. This long narrative was displayed as a "news" story, meaning it should have been factual and not opinionated. But the article had a definite slant and what was left out was perhaps more notable than what the article included.

Early on, the article said that Obama "avoids tough choices on such big issues as Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security which together are driving the national debt skyward." Lumping those three programs together implies that Social Security is adding to the debt, which ignorant people will undoubtedly take away from the article, but the truth is that Social Security doesn't add a nickel to the debt and in fact has a large surplus. Admittedly, we spent nearly twice as much on Medicare as the next highest country, but that could easily be fixed--by cutting profits to the middlemen, not services to us. If we adopted a Single Payer plan, which a majority of the country wants, we could make an instant cut of 30% in our costs.

Later the article declared, "In a gamble, Obama declined to propose the kinds of major budget changes that his own bipartisan commission" recommended. But the major budget changes that he HAS recommended have gone unremarked. For example, Congress just held hearings about defense spending and the Secretary of Defense begged Congress to omit an expensive project: spare engines for fighter aircraft. But Congress has forced them to accept this expensive boondoggle. Why? Because the spare engines are being built in the districts of Republicans Boehner and Cantor. Obama undoubtedly will also have a fight on his hands regarding his budget's attempt to reduce corporate welfare for oil companies. Exxon made \$19 billion in profit last year--and didn't pay a penny in income tax! Do they really need corporate welfare?

Also not mentioned anywhere is the reason why Obama's budget looks so big in the first place. It's because Bush started two wars that were not only unfunded, but off the budget. As were his tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires. Obama is more honest. He put the war and tax cut costs into the budget--and now the Republicans are blaming him for the size of his budget. In fact, a huge portion of the deficit comes from Bush's two unfunded wars and his unfunded tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires.

No one seems willing to talk about these two gorillas in the living room.

Finally, who gets to speak in this article? And who is spoken for? Aside from Obama, there is no Pro-budget voice in this article, only its Republican opponents. And Obama's quotes are framed in language biased against him.

Etcetera:

Calling All Good Democrats!

Myra Jones will soon be presenting short workshops showing us how to improve our communications skills: How to Write a Better Letter to the Editor and How to Win Arguments with your Political Opponents. Details will follow when available.

Because many of our members are active in community services, we recently sent out information about the [Teen Health Clinic](#) for teenagers 19 and under. The Manatee Health Department offers sex education and preventive supplies on Wednesdays from 12-4. The services are confidential and no parental consent is required.

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" But when at last woman stands on an even platform with man, his acknowledged equal everywhere, with the same freedom to express herself in the religion and government of the country, then, and not until then, will he be able to legislate as wisely and generously for her as for himself."

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

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In 2010 OUR DAILY BREAD served 91,357 meals and gave out 5,141 additional bags of food. Perhaps you can donate food, money or time. (745 2992). Please bring food donations to DWC meetings.

HEALTHY START always needs baby items: diapers, food, clothing (gently used is fine), etc. We collect for them at DWC meetings also.