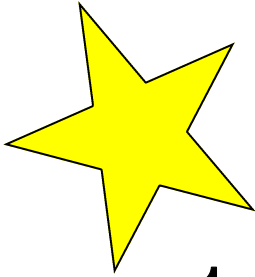


# DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB of MANATEE COUNTY

[DWCManatee.com](http://DWCManatee.com)

September, 2011



# NEWSLETTER

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 11:30 AM**

**DWC Luncheon Meeting**

**at Bradenton Country Club, 4646 9th Ave East**

**Menu choices:** Harvest Chicken (egg-battered, sautéed, with chopped pecans and honey glaze) or Vegetarian Fettuccine Alfredo (not a wrap). **\$13.00**

**HOMELESS IN MANATEE**

**Adell Erozer, Director, Coalition Against Homelessness (a tour of the new One Stop Center will be available after lunch)**

**Please Call Linda Crawford, 739-8250, to reserve your place and name your meal choice.**

**Speakers and Menus For the Year**

**September 13:** Adell Erozer "Homeless in Manatee and the One Stop Center." Harvest Chicken, egg battered, sautéed, topped with chopped pecans and honey glaze. Vegetarian: Fettuccine Alfredo

**October 11:** Pat Barber "Teachers in Manatee County." Roast Breast of Turkey with bread stuffing and cranberry sauce. Vegetarian: Fettuccine Alfredo

**November 8:** Kelly Kirschner "Redistricting." Ham Steak with Cape Cod cranberry sauce. Vegetarian: Spinach Quiche

**December:** Party (date, venue, and menu TBA)

**January 10:** Harry Kamberis / Hector Ramos "Unions and Where We're Headed." Quiche Lorraine (Ham, Bacon, Cheddar Cheese). Vegetarian: Spinach Quiche

**February 14:** Eddie Shannon and Moody Johnson "Black History in Manatee County." Roast Pork Tenderloin with natural gravy. Vegetarian: Spinach Quiche

**March 13:** Fashion Show *Crêpes a la Reine* Chicken in creamy white-wine and mushroom sauce. Vegetarian: Fettuccine Alfredo (continues on page 3)

## Upcoming Meetings, Speakers and Events

TUESDAY, September 13 — DWC Luncheon 11:30 AM  
Bradenton Country Club. Adell Erozer, Homeless/One Stop

September 16, 17 — DWC State Convention, Deerfield  
Beach, Contact Pat Benson, 758 4610

October 1 — (First Saturday of every month) Canvassing a  
selected precinct with Mary Duda (708-0713) Walk door to door  
with a fellow Dem, talking with Registered Dems at home about  
Getting Out the Vote and Voting by Mail in 2012.

October 28-30 — Florida Democratic Party Convention,  
Lake Buena Vista

October 29 — Planned Parenthood's "Safe Sex: Halloween  
Bash" 9 PM- 1 AM, Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, (777 N Tami-  
ami Tr, Sarasota). Spooky twist on the annual fund-raiser (open  
bar, delicious bites from Michael's-on-East, DJ/dancing, entertain-  
ment, costume contests, take-home "shag-bags," shocking sur-  
prises) [www.SafeSexHalloweenBash.com](http://www.SafeSexHalloweenBash.com); 365-3913, ext 1124.

November 10 — Planned Parenthood "High Tea at High  
Noon," 12 noon, mimosa reception, luncheon, and fashion show at  
Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall (777 N Tamiami Tr, Sarasota)  
[www.myplannedparenthood.org](http://www.myplannedparenthood.org) or 365-3913

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September, 2011

Welcome back to rainy, sunny Florida and to our 2011-2012 new year of wonderful speakers.

Summer was busy for many Manatee Dems and our DWC members. The DEC office is looking for people to work for a few hours once a week. Carol Graves, Mary Bass, Linda Crawford, Nancy Hartley and others have been doing a great job, and more are still needed.

Six DWC members enjoyed the company of Alex Sink at the Annual Women's Equity Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency on August 20th. Alex joined us--Judy Drake, Carol Graves, Minnie Lee Jones, Nora Leakey, Shirley Snyder and me--at our DWC table for a wonderful day of lunch, conversation, and an important presentation. (photos on page 3)

The guest speaker was Anna Rodriguez, founder of the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking, who spoke about the women, men, and children she has rescued from human slavery in Florida. She described how modern day slavery is conducted right here in Florida and America: the individuals are drugged, abducted, abused, and sometimes even killed if they do not do as their enslavers wish. Anna, who is from Collier County, was inducted into the Florida Women's Hall of Fame in 2011. I hope more DWC members can attend next year's Equity event.

On Obama's Birthday, August 4th, more than thirty Dems showed up at Duff's for an evening of food, drink, and a wonderful pep talk from (the always wonderful) Keith Fitzgerald.

The one local redistricting hearing took place August 30th at the Manatee/Sarasota SUF campus, and Manatee Dems were there to express their opinions. Thank you to Bill McGrath, Linda Crawford, Emmalou Kirschmeier, Larry Gross and our union leaders. Richard would be proud of us!

Fay Murphy and I will be attending the DWC State Convention in September, along with our husbands. We will have many Democratic legislators speaking to us; we hope to have an educational time.

**Patty**

## GEARING UP FOR THE ELECTION

by Myra Jones

That 2012 election will be here before we know it, and Manatee Democrats hope to be "fired up and ready to go" by then. With this aim, we have formed a small group to work together helping each other communicate better with the public about our aims and values. We know that we have the best message and don't have to resort to lies and trickery, but we do need to develop expertise on how best to get our message across.

Enter the LTE (Letters to the Editor) Writers' Group. Some interested Democrats have been meeting to share ideas on LTE's topics, best ways to present our arguments, who will deal with which topic and so forth. We exchange drafts of letters for suggestions and help in polishing. We share the latest local news, and we have a good time getting together. It's a great way to develop a network of people with mutual interests and views, and it has already resulted in more letters being published.

Eventually we would like to develop a group who will communicate in all ways-- speak at local functions, appear on local TV or radio and so forth. But we are concentrating on LTE's for the moment.

And we want to share our fun! You too can become part of our elite group. All it takes is an interest and some strong opinions, and you can join us for hints and helps and getting acquainted with some very talented people!

We know who our enemies are; we should also know our friends. We can work together better.

Anyone interested can call coordinator Myra Jones, 755-6091  
or e-mail me at [mjones672@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mjones672@tampabay.rr.com). See you soon??



Women's Equity Day Celebration,  
August 20th, the Manatee DWC table  
at the luncheon, the Hyatt Regency  
Hotel, Sarasota

*(Speakers and Menus For the Year, Continued from page 1)*

**April: 10:** Scholarship Awards - Turkey Schnitzel, Sautéed Breast of Turkey in a lemon caper Sauce. Vegetarian: Fettuccine Alfredo

**May 8:** Chicken a la King in a pastry shell. Vegetarian: Spinach Quiche

**June 12:** *Quiche Lorraine* (Bacon, Ham, Cheddar Cheese).

Vegetarian: Spinach Quiche

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**Get Well:**

**PAT FLEMING**

*Pat is now in Westminster*

**Moving to Michigan**

**KATHLEEN LAWVER**

*Kathleen is moving to Michigan for a year or two, and after that she plans to come back "for the cold months." She is leaving October 3rd but will be at our September 13th luncheon. Her address will be*

*603 Lake Street West  
Spruce, Michigan 48762*

*She hopes her friends will come visit her!*

**We Lost a Friend**

**Dorothy McChesney**

*Dorothy passed away September 1st. A memorial service will be held in Parrish at a later date. Messages of sympathy can be sent to*

*Roy McChesney  
148 Palm Boulevard  
Parrish, FL 34219*



**For membership and dues:**

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