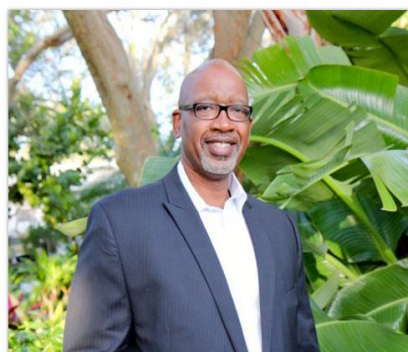




Thursday – December 8, 2016

It's Holiday Time

KEN WELCH – PINELLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER



Pinellas County Commissioner **KEN WELCH**, a longtime friend of the Club, will be with us at our Holiday Meeting to share what the Commission has been doing and their plans for the upcoming years. Ken has represented District 7 since 2000 and this is his 5th and final term on the commission. In addition to his duties as a Pinellas County Commissioner, Ken also serves as Chairman of the Pinellas Transit Authority (PSTA) and serves on a number of other boards and committees.

As we meet as good Democrats to share the wins that we achieved and look ahead to where we go from here, we encourage all of you to be with us.

Reservations Required: You may email us at GPDemocraticClub@aol.com or call Betty Morgenstein at 727-360-3971. Reservation deadline is noon Tuesday, December 6.

TOYS FOR TOT COLLECTION

Remember, this is the time to bring **TOYS FOR TOTS** (unwrapped). You have always been most generous with your contributions.

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The coffee mugs we've started giving to our speakers are a big hit. We've had several requests from members who would like to purchase them and, we're happy to report that we will have some available for sale at our December meeting for \$10.

MEETING INFORMATION

WHEN:	DECEMBER 8, 2016 SOCIAL HOUR: 6:00 PM DINNER: 6:30 PM
WHERE:	BANQUET MASTERS 13355 49 TH St N (One block south of Ulmerton)
MENU:	Banquet Masters' Buffet
PRICE:	\$18.00
RESERVATIONS:	Betty Morgenstein 727-360-3971 Susan Sullivan 727-577-6359 Email: GPDemocraticClub@aol.com

DUES ARE DUE NOW!

At \$15 per year, membership in the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club is the best bargain in town. If you haven't paid your 2017 dues, please make your check payable to: **GPDC** and mail to PO Box 11175, St Petersburg, FL 33733.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS

We wish to congratulate the following:

Charlie Crist	- US Representative District 13
Darryl Rouson	- State Senator District 19
Ben Diamond	- State Representative District 68
Wengay Newton	- State Representative District 70
Charlie Justice	- County Commissioner at Large
Joanne Lentino	- School Board District 1 at Large



To all the others who fought long and hard, we thank you for your efforts and encourage you to try again. We need good people to come forward. We are well aware of the long hours, the need to raise money the stress, etc. that every campaign has to endure. But, we need you and others to step up. We, as a Club, will do all we can to support you.

MOVING FORWARD

The past few weeks have been most painful for all of us. There was a surprise that no one had expected. As the weeks go on, it seems to get worse as we see the type of people being selected by the new administration. **BUT THE ELECTION IS OVER. HE WON.** We now need to see what he will be doing and react to that. We have elections coming up in two years. We have a Senator (Bill Nelson) to re-elect and a governor to replace. Whatever we were doing didn't work. To the many people who thought that Trump was the answer, we need to continue to reach out and show that we, as Democrats, are the voice of the people. We need to regroup. Florida State Committee people will be selecting a new Democratic State Chairperson. We need someone who can pull us together. We need to stay strong. Hang in there.

NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY - JANUARY 12, 2017

WILLIAM MARCH, *Times* Correspondent, who was previously a Political Writer for The Tampa Tribune for 30 years will be our guest speaker. Mark it on your calendar.

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