



Thursday – January 12, 2017

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Tampa Bay Times Correspondent**

What Role did the Media Play in the Presidential Election?

During this very contentious Presidential Campaign, which included a plethora of faux news, severe media bashing, plus getting it all wrong, what lessons has the media learned going forward? Is the Media to blame for Trump’s victory? Were they too easy on Trump when his facts were all wrong? Veteran political reporter, William “Windy” March, will share his insights as to what he thinks happened.



William March has been a political reporter in Florida for approximately 35 years. He was with The Tampa Tribune from 1984 – 2014 and is now a political reporter for the Tampa Bay Times. He also shares his views on a number of local TV programs.

Please RSVP ASAP. GPDemocraticClub@aol.com or 727-360-3971.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

02-09-17 – Tammy Greer, Executive Director of Operations. Gulfcoast Legal Services, will talk about human trafficking in Florida and will touch upon some other areas.

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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 January meeting for \$10

WHEN:	JANUARY 12, 2017 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

IT'S A NEW YEAR-WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

It was the worst of times and the worst of times. No one can refute that. Each of the choices made by the President-elect seems to be worse than the one before. It's Nineteen Eighty-Four all over again. The man and Congress want to destroy all of the good things done during the Obama years. However it's time that the Democrats regroup and reunite at the state and national level. Whatever we were doing didn't work. In two years we will be electing a governor and a U.S. senator. This should be our chance to recapture the Democrats that didn't vote or voted the wrong way. We need to prove we are the voice of the people. We can't give up. As we go into the new year, smile and stand tall.

REMINDERS

1. Have you paid your dues? Still only \$15.
2. Do we have your email address? Unless you say you still want to receive our green notice via the US mail, we will be sending your notice via email.
3. We've booked the pavilion at Fort DeSoto Park for our annual picnic scheduled for **Sunday, May 21**. Save the date. Details later.
4. The best way for us to "Grow the Club" is when you invite friends, neighbors, and others you may come upon, to our meetings.

DUES ARE DUE NOW! INVOICES IN THE MAIL

At **\$15** per year, membership in the Greater Pinellas Democratic Club is the best bargain in town. We're in the process of mailing you a Dues Invoice with a self addressed envelope for your convenience in remitting to us. Your check should be made payable to **GPDC** and mailed to PO Box 11175, St Petersburg, FL 33733.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR DR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR LEADERSHIP AWARDS BREAKFAST JANUARY 16, 2017

If you'd like to attend the 7:30 AM Breakfast at the Coliseum, we have a couple of vacant seats left at our table. Please call me at 727-360-3971 if you're interested. Betty Morgenstein

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<http://www.pinellasdemocrats.org/about-us/democratic-clubs-and-caucuses/>

RALLY'S & MARCHES GOING ON IN ST PETE INAUGURATION WEEKEND

GPDC Board Member, **Mary Lou Ambrose**, is also the President of the Largo/Mid-Pinellas Democratic Club. Here's some information she sent out to her members regarding events occurring Inauguration weekend:

On Friday, January 20th, there will be a Rally at Williams Park (330 2nd Ave North in St Pete.) from 4 to 6. It is being put together by Awake Pinellas and other groups dedicated to Democratic principles.

On Saturday, January 21, from noon until 3:00, there will be a March starting at Demen's Landing on Bayshore Drive. This will shadow the DC event, hopefully, keeping from Trump what he craves - publicity,