

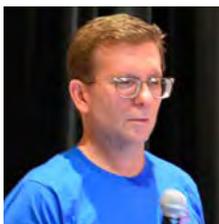
SOLIVITA DEMOCRATIC CLUB *Beacon*



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SolivitaDemocrats.org

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Pres. Brian Fillette

Onward to November!

The August primary election is behind us. We know the changes and candidates that are needed for Florida in November. Now how can we engage with our communities to help get there?

Here are a few ideas and opportunities:

Your Solivita Democratic Club Board, in partnership with the Polk County Democratic Executive Committee (DEC), is launching a county-wide postcard campaign targeting DeSantis' and Rubio's major failings, while strongly encouraging votes for Charlie Crist, Val Demings, and ALL Democratic candidates up and down the ballot.

We have 2,500 of these motivating postcards, stamps, and address lists on order. All that is needed is YOU! As you can see from the postcard sample, the message is preformatted. The personalized salutation and closing, mailing address, and stamp is where you come in.

Our goal is to have all postcards in the mail by Wednesday, September 28, before vote by mail ballots start to go out. With this date in mind please don't delay, get your requests in today.

To request your postcards, stamps, and address lists please contact:

Dorothy Schwartz schwartzapn@aol.com or Kate Kohout katekohout@yahoo.com

Note: to help us better manage we ask that your minimum request is 50 postcards.

While the postcard campaign will take much of our time, know that we will also be launching the "Victory Sign" digital billboard on US Hwy 27 across from the Tax Collector's Office in Davenport, starting from Monday, October 3 through the November election. This is another example of our partnership with the Polk County DEC and your generous donations.

And there are several other voter outreach campaigns on-going including texting, phone-banking, and canvassing. The Polk DEC and Florida Democratic Party (FDP) are taking the lead with these efforts and your participation is encouraged. For more information you may follow the Polk County Democrats Florida facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PolkCountyFLDemocrats> or reach out to the following contacts:

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Thanks for all that you do, and most of all, thank you for being who you are.

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Polk DEC Web Page



SDC Web Page



SDC Facebook Page



SDC NextDoor

WED. SEP. 14TH
7:00PM
**MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**
IN THE BALLROOM
AND ON ZOOM
Doors Open at 6:30PM
Meeting at 7:00PM

Our featured speakers will be



Aramis Ayala
For Florida Atty. General



Lisa Miller
For Polk Co. School Board



LABOR DAY, MON., SEPT. 5

Help DeFeat DeSantis and elect Democrats in Florida and Polk County!

Your Solivita Democratic Club Board, in partnership with the Polk County Democratic Executive Committee (DEC), is launching a county-wide postcard campaign to vote for **Charlie Crist** and Democratic candidates up and down the ballot. Voters are urged to vote for **Veysel Dokur** for State Senate District 12, and **Markeishia Smith** for County Commissioner District 4. Both of these districts include all of Solivita. Voters are also directed to the Polk Democrats' website for a list of all recommended candidates.

We have **2,500 of these motivating postcards**, stamps, and address lists arriving soon. All we need is YOU! As you can see from the postcard sample below, the message is already filled in. You add a personalized greeting and thank-you, mailing address, and stamp. Then just drop them in the mail.

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You just add a stamp, fill in the address and personalized greeting

Vote for **Charlie Crist** for **Governor!** Also, be sure to vote for **Veysel Dokur**, FL Senate District 12 and **Markeishia Smith**, for County Commission District 4. They will bring a sense of civility & purpose to our state and county government.

Get us back on the right track. **VOTE DEMOCRAT** up and down the ballot on **Tuesday, November 8!**

See a list all of our recommended candidates on the Polk Co. Democrats Voter Guide at polkdemocrats.org

Thank the Voter and sign only your first name




THINK GREEN VOTE BLUE Democratic Environmental CAUCUS OF FLORIDA

Protect our Polk County Environmental Lands this November

The Polk County Democratic Environmental Caucus is pleased to officially endorse Polk Forever in its effort to secure passage of the Polk County environmental lands acquisition and management referendum. This referendum will appear on the Polk County ballot on Nov. 8, 2022. We urge everyone who cares about protecting open spaces and wild lands to **vote "YES"** on this referendum.

Polk Forever is a group of conservation minded volunteers working to protect our county's dwindling wild lands and has worked to get this referendum on November's ballot. The 0.20 mill tax is estimated to cost an average taxpayer about \$30 a year. This is a small price to pay to acquire, preserve, protect, manage, or restore water resources, environmental lands and important fish and wildlife habitat

Please vote **"Yes for bonds."** For more information, go to Polkforever.com.

Our elected representatives need your input

Let them know your positions on issues!

Contact your elected officials and media at:

Sen. Rick Scott (R)
United States Senate
Phone: 202-224-5274

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United States Senate
Phone: 202-224-3041

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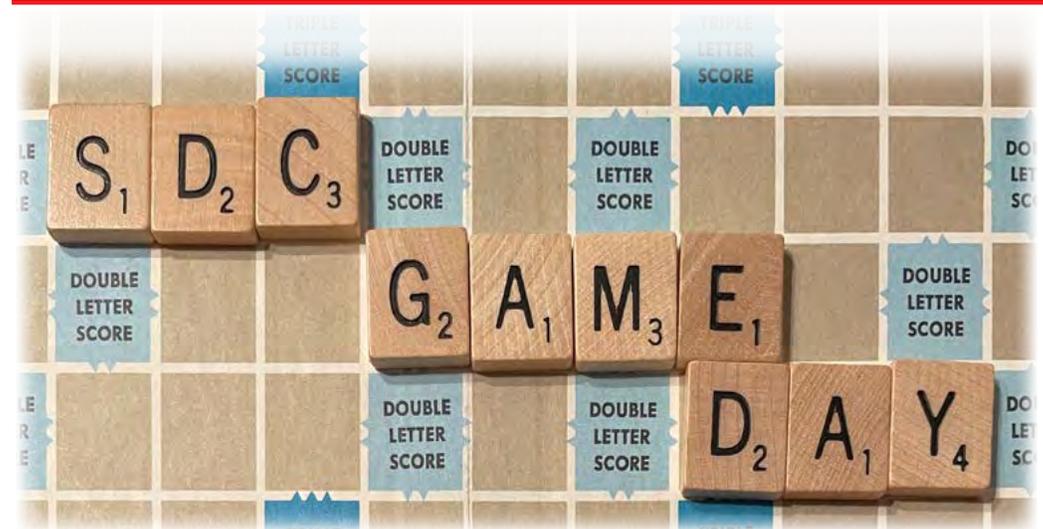
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SEPTEMBER is... Labor Day

- 9/5** **LABOR DAY**
- 9/11** **Patriot Day/Grandparents' Day**
- 9/12** **Polk County Democratic Party Meeting**
- 9/14** **Solivita Democratic Club Membership Meeting**
- 9/22** **First Day of Autumn**
- 9/25** **Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown**



By Kay Oubre, SDC Ways & Means Chair

SDC Game Day at the Palms!
Saturday, October 22 - Noon to 3PM.
ALL Solivita residents are invited to play!

- Lunch, snacks, beverages, prizes, fun! Bring your own favorite table games to play with friends (Board games, Card games, Domino games, Mahjong).
- Or learn to play a new game with new friends.

Tickets: \$15 members, \$20 non-members while they last at:

- Clubs' Main ticket sales days at Mosaics Sept. 1 and Oct. 3 from 10am-12pm
- SDC table at the Farmer's Market on Monday mornings in Sept. and Oct. (Except Labor Day)
- * SDC membership meetings on Sept. 14 and Oct. 12

Gift basket raffle tickets also on sale. 1 for \$5, or 5 for \$20.

- You don't need to be present at Game Day to win.

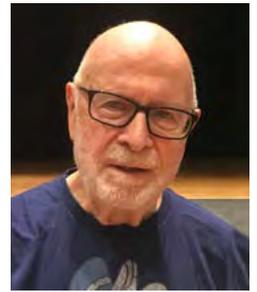
Currently seeking donations towards gift basket prizes

For more information or to help with donations contact:

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF AMERICA, WE NEED YOUR PUBLIC PRESENCE AT THE TABLE NOW!!

By Joe Tobin, SDC Member and Beacon Contributor



Who says religion and politics don't mix? Maybe they do and maybe they don't. Lots of family members will agree that the two topics do not mix, especially at holiday/holyday family gatherings. Experience tells us that it is much more pleasurable to dive into a turkey dinner with all the trimmings than to sit and argue about world affairs and let the food go cold.

The term "church and state" is so abstract and lacks the human touch. Perhaps the relationship between these two parties may be better described as "religious groups and political leadership" in which the political leaders of the state and the religious leaders of their followers carry out their respective duties in the best interests of the constituencies entrusted to them. As we have learned from life on the planet, difference of opinions among individuals and groups can lead to conflict, persecution and division. Unfortunately, certain religious groups in America have suffered persecution and violence over the centuries.

Currently, relationships between governments and religious bodies are relatively smooth. The federal and state governments have granted tax exemptions to church property in recognition that churches make civic contributions to society. Religious schools enjoy more benefits that were once denied to them. Government provides chaplains for the armed forces and public institutions such as prisons and hospitals. No doubt, politicians pay close attention to the lobbying of church groups because they recognize many church-going constituents will be voting for them also.



BUT

Why did I pick this topic? It happened one night while I was watching the nightly news and my brain suddenly beamed the question: why aren't there any religious leaders of the country discussing and debating with the "biggies" on the major talk shows or submitting their op-eds to the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* or *Wall Street Journal*? Is it because they have nothing to say or because the media folks do not want them on because their presence would be too controversial?

But such thinking is nonsense. There are lots of relevant issues that have a religious/ethical relationship to society at large. There are many hospitals and colleges that are operated by religious groups and, at the very least, the topics of abortion and the high costs of both patient care and are fair game for discussion. Topics such as Christian nationalism, violence, domestic abuse and murder, gay rights, homelessness, immigration also have a religious/ethical dimension to them. Currently there is hardly a peep from religious leaders on the various outlets of public secular media.

I also wondered where are the Martin Luther King's or Billy Graham's of 2022 when we need them. I especially remember Pope John XXIII's encyclical that unshackled the chains that had dampened the Catholic attitude toward other religions and instead extended a hand of friendship to other Christian denominations and world religions, especially the world of Judaism. This Pope was quite aware of the pogroms, concentration camps and gas chambers of World War II and besides, he was a people lover.

So, religious leaders of America, hop to the hot seats of the media chairs and share your thoughts and proposals with the church and unchurched of American audiences. Better to be at the table than not.

2022 Primary Election

(Website last updated at: 08/24/2022 10:38:22 am)

Election Date: 8/23/2022

Registered Voters: 458,210
 Ballots Counted: 107,473
 Voter Turnout: 23.45%

Precincts Reporting: 172 / 172
 Election Day: **Completely Reported**
 Early Votes: **Completely Reported**
 Vote By Mail: **Completely Reported**

Precinct 411 [Show Detailed View](#)

Choice	Percent	Votes
Charlie Crist (DEM)	68.10%	619
Cadance Daniel (DEM)	1.87%	17
Nicole "Nikki" Fried (DEM)	28.71%	261
Robert L. Willis (DEM)	1.32%	12
		909

Precinct 411 [Show Detailed View](#)

Choice	Percent	Votes
Ricardo De La Fuente (DEM)	1.75%	16
Val Demings (DEM)	94.64%	865
Brian Rush (DEM)	2.08%	19
William Sanchez (DEM)	1.53%	14
		914

Precinct 412 [Show Detailed View](#)

Choice	Percent	Votes
Charlie Crist (DEM)	60.40%	479
Cadance Daniel (DEM)	4.41%	35
Nicole "Nikki" Fried (DEM)	32.03%	254
Robert L. Willis (DEM)	3.15%	25
		793

Precinct 412 [Show Detailed View](#)

Choice	Percent	Votes
Ricardo De La Fuente (DEM)	9.80%	78
Val Demings (DEM)	81.41%	648
Brian Rush (DEM)	4.52%	36
William Sanchez (DEM)	4.27%	34
		796

Precinct 425 [Show Detailed View](#)

Choice	Percent	Votes
Charlie Crist (DEM)	67.43%	383
Cadance Daniel (DEM)	1.06%	6
Nicole "Nikki" Fried (DEM)	30.46%	173
Robert L. Willis (DEM)	1.06%	6
		568

Precinct 425 [Show Detailed View](#)

Choice	Percent	Votes
Ricardo De La Fuente (DEM)	1.58%	9
Val Demings (DEM)	96.32%	549
Brian Rush (DEM)	0.53%	3
William Sanchez (DEM)	1.58%	9
		570

Solivita Democratic Club is Excited to Present

Saturday,  October 22

**The Palms
Meeting Room
Doors open
at Noon
Play until 3PM.**

Ticket price:
\$15/member
\$20/non-member
All your friends are
invited to play along!
Contact Kay Oubre at
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OR
Valerie Williams:
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**THE
GAMES
CONTINUE!**

**Enjoy:
Card Games
Board Games
Domino Games
Mahjong
Trivia
—plus—
Lunch, Snacks,
And Beverages**



More info at www.SolivitaDemocrats.org



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What's Goin' on in Polk County Politics...

By now you should have received your new Voter Registration Card in the mail from Lori Edwards, Polk County Supervisor of Elections.

Many Solivitans have found themselves in a new precinct. These changes are due to the results of the 2020 census. These new precincts will change how we follow voter registrations for the next ten years. Essentially, the new precinct 425 is Solivita West, with room to grow.

Residents of Bella Viana and Venezia have moved their voting location to the Poinciana Community Center on Marigold Ave. Precinct 412 has the most voters of any in Polk county. That means our efforts in Precinct 412 will have the biggest impact of any in the county.

NEW

Solivita Now Has 3 Precincts As of August 1, 2022

Pct 411:	7/5/22	8/1/22	+/-
Dems	1535	1541	+6
Rep	1539	1566	+27
NPA	938	940	+2
Total	4,069	4,104	+35

Pct 412:	7/5/22	8/1/22	+/-
Dems	4,102	4,115	+13
Rep	1,297	1,320	+23
NPA	3,200	3,261	+61
Total	**8,710	8,814	+104

Pct 425:	7/5/22	8/1/22	+/-
Dems	959	969	+10
Rep	868	875	+7
NPA	671	665	-6
Total	2,536	2,550	+14

Polk Co.:	7/21/2	8/1/22	+/-
Dems	149,497	149,566	+69
Rep	172,220	173,409	1,189
NPA	126,391	127,256	865
Total	456,568	458,745	2,177

Florida:	7/21/22	7/31/22	+/-
Dems	4,955,022	4,963,930	+8,908
Rep	5,217,343	5,194,845	-22,498
NPA	3,887,406	3,909,340	+21,934
Total:	14,256,184	14,325,606	+69,422

* Florida reports numbers sporadically.
 ** Pct. 412 is now the largest in Polk County!
 Note: TOTALS include minor party registrations that are not shown individually.

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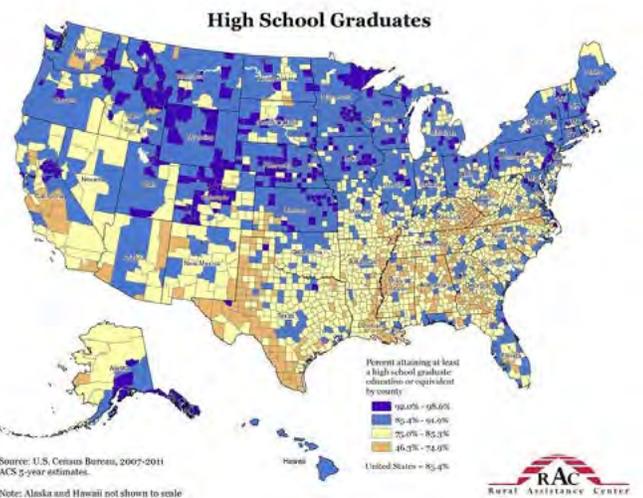
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The following editorial is from the watchdog Website, TheFloridaSqueeze.com. The content is for your information only and does not necessarily represent the opinions of the Solivita Democratic Club or its Board of Directors.

Florida Democrats should pat themselves on the back – they proved they get it!

August 24, 2022 · by Kartik Krishnaiyer · “TheFloridaSqueeze.com”

Florida Democrats dodged a major bullet in the primary. But they dodged that bullet because the party’s primary voters made an informed, smart and tactical choice. Charlie Crist resounding win is good news for Florida.

Let’s face it, Florida’s GOP and allied big business, polluter and utility elements attempted to BUY the Democratic primary for a candidate they saw as either weaker or more willing to “play ball” with the very interests that are destroying this state.

I am not pretending Charlie Crist, a longtime GOP officeholder is perfect – but in the DeSantis era, where autocracy reigns, a former moderate GOPer is FAR preferable to someone who may have in fact represented the party “taking a knee”

so-to-speak or at the very least compromising our values in the November campaign. Crist believes in democracy, a normalized process of governing and has shown even as a GOPer his willingness to stand up to the state’s insurance & utility companies and probably has the best record on the Everglades of any Governor since Bob Graham. Even as a GOPer he was dialed-in on providing Floridians with more mass transit options and mitigating Climate Change. His party switch, now almost a decade in the rear-view mirror, was logical given the direction the GOP was drifting and his own ideology.

Nikki Fried’s campaign relied heavily on performance art to throw a veil over the reality which is that she is former corporate lobbyist who offers very little in terms of consistent policy values. This reality is further augmented by her candidacy being funded by the worst of Florida’s special interests – Big Sugar, FPL and Associated Industries of Florida (AIF). Additionally, Fried has a history of donating to GOP candidates even AFTER Trump was elected President.

She threatened to sue the Biden Administration, effectively on many occasions appeared anti-mask, and failed to answer real questions about her recent donations to GOPers, as well as her efforts in walking precincts and campaigning for some of the worst GOPers in the state. She also made numerous unforced errors like filling a financial disclosure report that omitted six figures worth of income.

If Fried had been nominated, it would have been very hard for some of us who have been around in better days or even worse days where we felt we were fighting for something we believed in to reconcile the new reality. Ultimately, voting for the lesser evil would have been the only option, But thankfully Democrats throughout the state got the message, and nominated the candidate that not only best represents our values, but isn’t potentially playing at least partially, for the other team. **Onward we go to November!**

