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## President's Lett's make a difference together!!!!

our SDC Board of Directors continues to develop strategies for our membership to help make a difference with the issues that matter most. At our April meeting SDC Vice President Ellis Moose distributed sample letters expressing congern about the Porn



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uted sample letters expressing concern about the Permitless Carry law signed by Gov. DeSantis to go into effect on July 1. These sample letters and elected representative contact information can also be found on our website at <a href="https://solivitademocrats.org/in-the-news/">https://solivitademocrats.org/in-the-news/</a>. We encourage you to join in contacting our elected State representatives to let them know how you feel about Permitless Carry and Gun Safety.

As point of reference, short of reading the 100+ page House Bill 543, the following article gives a good overview of what is and isn't in the new law. Florida has OKed permitless concealed carry. Can I pack a pistol in Publix? <a href="https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/politics/2023/03/31/florida-approves-concealed-weapons-firearms-guns-without-a-permit-what-that-means/70067814007/">https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/politics/2023/03/31/florida-approves-concealed-weapons-firearms-guns-without-a-permit-what-that-means/70067814007/</a>

At future meetings we'll continue to discuss the issues and invite speakers and organizations who are supportive of our concerns. Speaking of which, we're very excited to announce that our featured speaker at our next membership meeting on Wednesday, May 10 will be Carlos Guillermo Smith!

Carlos is an Advisory Board Member of Prevent Gun Violence Florida <a href="https://www.preventgunviolenceflorida.org/">https://www.preventgunviolenceflorida.org/</a>, a former 3-term FL House Representative, and 2024 candidate for FL State Senate District 17 <a href="https://carlosguillermosmith.com/">https://carlosguillermosmith.com/</a>.

Please join us at our May meeting to learn more, support Prevent Gun Violence Florida, and State Senate candidate Carlos Guillermo Smith.

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

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Let them know your positions on issues!

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### ANNOUNCEMENT!

### **Meet Our May Speaker**



Carlos Guillermo Smith (born December 31, 1980) is an American community activist, lobbyist, and politician. A Democrat, he served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from District 49, which covered the University of Central Florida area. A native of Fort Lauderdale, Smith is the first openly LGBT Latin person elected to the Florida Legislature.

Following changes to his Florida House district during the 2020 United States redistricting cycle and low voter turnout among Florida's Democratic voters, Smith lost his re-election to Republican Susan Plasencia in the 2022 Florida House of Representatives election.

Mr. Smith has announced his candidacy for the Florida Senate District 17 seat election in November 2024. He is an Advisory Board Member of Prevent Gun Violence Florida and a strong gun safety advocate, as well as human rights and voting rights proponent.

Learn more about him at https://carlosquillermosmith.com/.



### Congratulations to the new grandparents!

SDC Secretary Joan Sprain and her husband Cal will be wonderful grandparents for their daughter's beautiful new baby, Madeleine.

She was born on April 11 in Gainesville, Florida. We wish their entire family joy and good health!



### **Issues Committee Report...**



### Time to get to work!

**SDC member Mark Sippin** attended the **Democratic Public Education Caucus of Florida** first annual Spring Conference as our representative. Mark is a retired public school district administrator from Long Island, NY, whose expertise is Pre K-12 Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment.

### **DPECF 2023 First Annual Conference**

By Mark Sippin

The first annual DPECF conference took place on Saturday April 22, 2023 at the Conference Center in Winter Park Florida. The conference was well attended with representatives from various stakeholders in public education and was hosted by Mr. Scott Hottenstein, DPECF President and Ms. Stephanie Vanos, HOPE Chair. The conference was well-planned and the agenda consisted of presentations, panel discussions, and small group workshops which kept the attendees actively engaged and interested throughout the day.



As an attendee of the conference the highlights for me were the two panel discussions about the current issues and concerns in public education. The first panel composed of students, parents, and teachers, shared their experiences on the ban on the AP African American Studies course, the recent expansions on the "Don't Say Gay" legislation, and the Department of Education civics seal of excellence on-line course for teachers. The teachers shared their classroom experiences of self-censoring their instruction out of fear of parent reprisal and/or investigation of allegations by their building administrators. A school district's

fear of the loss of state funding compels them to conform to the new laws that restrict teachers' academic freedom in the classroom.

The second panel was composed of school board members from Orange, Brevard, Sarasota, and Miami Dade counties. They expressed their concerns about the recently approved amendment HJR 31 to change school board elections from non-partisan to partisan, and HB 411 which would change the requirement that school board candidates live in the districts at the time they qualify to run (which is current law) to the time when they assume office.

The school board panel consensus is for Democrats to "fight the good fight" at the local school board level. Their advice is to make our voices the loudest in the room at school board meetings — indicating that citizens can be very influential on how board members vote. One board member recommended that when you are speaking at a board meeting, think about how your comments can change the narrative — and not add fuel to the fire.

The conference concluded with an advocacy workshop which inspired many attendees to return to their home districts with an action plan and a sense of hope and purpose.

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## Oral Argument Scheduled May 18 in Solivita Class Action Lawsuit

The Appeals Court will on Thursday May 18, 2023 hear oral argument in Taylor Morrison's appeal from the \$35 million Final Judgment in favor of Solivita residents. The Appeals Court will issue its ruling sometime thereafter.

The Final Judgment ruled that Taylor Morrison violated Florida law by overcharging Solivita residents for Club Dues that exceeded the expense of operating the amenities. The Final Judgment awarded damages of \$34.8 million to the residents. That is the amount of the Club Dues overcharge between May 2013 and February 2021. The statute of limitations prevents recovery of overcharges before May 2013.

If the Appeals Court rules in our favor ("affirms" the Final Judgment), the \$34.8 million in damages will be refunded to the individual residents who paid the Club Dues (including to former residents and to estates of deceased residents). That refund will be increased to include the amount of Club Dues overcharges since February 2021 and also interest. Future Club Dues will also be reduced by the amount of the future overcharge, nearly \$100 per month now for most. Residents will continue to pay monthly Club expenses, as we always have.

The Taylor Morrison-owned Solivita amenities, which are called the Solivita Club/Lifestyles, are separate from the Solivita HOA. The Class Action lawsuit does not involve either the Solivita HOA or any dues paid to the Solivita HOA.

Brenda Taylor, Bill Mann and Norm Gundel are the three Plaintiffs who represent Solivita residents in the Solivita Class Action. They will post further information as it becomes available. More information can be found on-line at SolivitaClassAction.com

**Former residents and estates** of deceased residents should provide their current contact information as described at that website.

## CALENDAR

MAY is...

5/7-13 Be Kind To Animals Week (Especially Mooses!)

5/14 Mother's Day

5/20 Armed Forces Day

5/29 Memorial Day



## This is what Americans really think about climate change

By Michelle Lewis, Pew Research Center



Pew Research Center surveyed nearly 11,000 American adults in March 2023, and here's what its survey revealed about how Americans view climate change.

Being that the US is the second-largest emitter of CO2 in the world behind China, how Americans view climate change impacts the entire world. This is what Pew found.

**Nearly 7 in 10 Americans (69%)** want the US to take steps to reach net zero by 2050, thus adhering to the Paris Agreement. The same percentage also wants the US to prioritize developing renewable energy over fossil fuels.

**Two-thirds of Americans said** that big businesses and corporations aren't doing enough to reduce the effects of climate change. Of Americans, 58% feel their state elected officials aren't doing enough, and 55% believe that the energy industry isn't doing enough to address climate change. Around 50% of Americans think they're personally doing enough to help reduce the effects of climate change.

Americans' political affiliation and whether they acknowledge climate change is a serious problem affects how they perceive climate impacts at the local level. For example, Pew reports Americans who live in the Pacific region – California, Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, and Alaska – are more likely than those in other areas to say that climate change is affecting them a lot at a local level.

Democrats in the Pacific region are more likely than Democrats in other areas to say that they are seeing the effects of climate change where they live. But Republicans in the Pacific region are no more likely than Republicans in other areas to say that climate change is affecting their local community.

Previous Pew Research Center surveys show that nearly all Democrats acknowledge climate change is at least a somewhat serious problem, and a big majority acknowledge that humans have a hand in causing it. Republicans are much less likely to have these beliefs, but views vary by age and ideology.

Top comment on-line:

Would be nice to have more details about those that think we should still rely on fossil fuels. Maybe its the cost of an EV, or maybe they believe that it means we wont have power at night time with solar. Some of it could just be due to the idea that 'today' the answer isn't perfect, which isn't possible to switch overnight anyway, and others could just be about a little education showing that renewable is more capable than they realize. Its not like republicans are all oil barons.





### **OFF TO THE RACES**

By Joe Tobin, SDC Member and Beacon Contributor

Led States since my political muse has already whispered to me that I have no chance of beating President Biden. However, she advised me that I must have a set platform of proposals for my national audiences. So here are several of them.



### The Gun Fund

**S a given,** all the firearms stored in law-abiding homes across the country are not going to be confiscated by governmental agencies. Therefore, I propose a national/state fund to compensate victims (and, indirectly families) killed, disabled or wounded by guns. No more need for "our thoughts, our prayers and 'go-fund-me' intercessions for victims and families."

When catastrophic hurricanes, floods, fires, tornadoes and earthquakes strike and cause serious harm to personage and property across the cities and towns of America, the cries arise from politicians and citizens seeking federal funds for the reconstruction of public and private property. So why not have a federal agency that would reimburse all the victims of gun shootings?

**Sound crazy?** Maybe! The FDIC can intervene when banks are failing to protect depositors insured accounts. The federal government has FEMA to assist state and local governments in times of disaster and several alphabet agencies to purchase home mortgages. The proposal is a win-win situation. The public can have almost all the guns they desire, and the victims can have a FEMA-like insurance policy – something like auto and homeowner policies serve both the policyholder and the public.

### Some Common Sense in the Abortion Battles

Recently, a friend of mine told me that her daughter was quite distraught over the loss of her to-be-expected daughter. For fear of sepsis or other medical complications, her husband took her to a local city hospital for examination and treatment. The medical staff informed the couple that they could not legally perform the abortion (yes, an abortion for a stillborn in the womb).

**After a heated discussion**, one doctor finally agreed an abortion could be legally performed because this expecting mother was still within the prescribed time limits for an abortion. A caesarian procedure was done, and the family followed up with a proper burial service for their very wanted unborn child.

**Prior to and since that time,** there have been women coming forth with their stories of hospital staffs denying them medical services and sending them home – some with apologies. In many states (including Florida) medical personnel can understandably fear losing their licenses or being prosecuted because of newly passed abortion laws – to the detriment of a mother's health needs.

### The Other Side of the Coin

**Lithoughtful** and promising word for pregnant women and families in general. Unfortunately, the country's annual birthrate continues to drop; hopefully, it may begin to rise again.

**Today, raising a child in America** is costly and demanding. Therefore, family caretakers need all the help they can get from government agencies, large and small businesses and social agencies. The old "village collaborative" statement of yesteryear still rings true today. Children are America's most cherished treasures – and treasured they must be.

Happy Mother's Day! What would we do without you? We wouldn't be here without you!



### ORLANDO SENTINEL EDITORIAL No "happily ever after" in Disney vs. DeSantis

**We all know how much Disney loves sequels.** But here's a safe prediction: "Ron DeSantis and The Multiverse of Madness" is going to be a flop, for everyone involved.

**Because while the governor's attempts** to retaliate against the magic kingdom of the Mouse started out as popcorn-worthy entertainment, they are spinning off into real threats to the stability of Florida's economy. Tale as old as ... 2022

**Our story so far:** Way back in January 2022, everything was satisfactual, at least by Florida standards. Disney gave politicians lots of money and swag, and got special privileges in return. That included near-total control of a special, county-like district set up 50-plus years ago that protected its theme parks, resorts and land from inconvenient government intrusion.

But then the Legislature, thoroughly under DeSantis control, rammed through legislation aimed at corporations (well, some corporations) that trained their employees not to be racist or gender-identity biased. Next came a series of attacks on Florida's gay, lesbian and most of all transgender people that is still escalating. Disney, prodded into action by outraged employees and customers, finally issued a weakly vague complaint and said it was turning off the tap on campaign cash.

**DeSantis' rational response:** Global thermonuclear war. He rammed through legislation to kill the Reedy Creek improvement district and took a victory strut, though there was heavy foreshadowing that all might not be well — in the form of a massive tax burden and bond debt that was going to have to be dealt with... somehow. Cliffhanger! *Roll credits.* 

### The Woke Strikes Back

A year later, the sequel came out. DeSantis had finally realized that he'd made a pretty big mistake, but didn't realize how big: While his staff was scribbling out fix-it legislation that let him seize control of the Reedy Creek Improvement District and put his cronies in power, Disney struck back in the dead of night (by which we mean, at open-to-the-public meetings of the district, backed with plans that were available to anyone who asked).

In the weeks before the DeSantis takeover, outgoing board members signed a pile of contracts and covenants that boiled down to this: While DeSantis was claiming a win, the mouse was stealing most of the cheese. The first meeting of the new, DeSanctified board featured some of their many, many attorneys saying that the board had very little power left.

That led to last week's goofy press conference, where DeSantis threatened Disney with all kinds of retaliation. Most of it involved the significant assets the company had stashed in the Reedy Creek governmental shell, including thousands of acres of Disney property currently serving as conservation land — which DeSantis suggested might be a dandy venue for a competing theme park. Or a state park. Or a state prison. Was he joking? Who knows?

Then there were the financial attacks: The new board would force Disney to pay off its \$1 billion in bond debt. The new board would raise property taxes (Disney, which owns nearly every square inch of the property inside the district, already taxes itself more than double the maximum that would be allowed if the district didn't exist.) The new board would sell off Disney's highly efficient and specialized utilities.

**Some of the "vengeance" clearly hadn't been very well thought out.** Higher tolls on roads around Disney would only hurt the families who visited the park and the thousands of workers who toiled there, and could actually benefit Disney's bottom line by keeping guests on-property when they might have instead visited non-Disney restaurants and other theme parks.

**Speaking of other theme parks,** DeSantis wants state Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson to take over inspections of Disney rides and investigations of injuries. That's something we've been pushing for years, so, OK. But how do DeSantis and Simpson justify not doing the same for SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Universal? When asked, DeSantis muttered something about "special districts" and the press conference was over.

**But we can't help but wonder** about something the governor has said all along: He believes the district was never legally set up in the first place. He believes the district could and should be erased. If he pursues that train of

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thought, it sparks a whole new world of questions: Doesn't that make everything listed above technically and legally impossible? *Roll credits, again.* 

### Not feeling the love

It's safe to say that this latest release is not getting the best of reviews. In fact, it turns out the global business community is not that enchanted with a governor who thinks it's OK to go around seizing control of private corporations. Or one who thinks it's OK to cobble together a plan of attack on one of his own state's biggest economic drivers over a week or maybe three.

**They're starting to become alarmed.** You can tell by the way that campaign contributions are shriveling, and people are starting to edge away from DeSantis' camp in his all-but-announced plan to run for president in 2024. He's making Donald look calm and rational by comparison, and in this case we mean Trump and Duck.

The governor demonstrably doesn't listen to a word we say, but he needs to look at his own box office: This franchise is played out. He's already made a mess that hundreds of trial attorneys will be feasting on for years, and turned #AccidentalCommunist into a tag on Twitter.

**It's enough, governor.** Florida has real priorities to tend to. You know what they are. Once more, with gusto: **Let. It. Go.** 

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## FLORIDA 'TICS

### Dear Democrats,

As I approach the end of my second month in my new role, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to all those

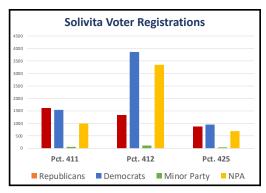
who have generously given their time, talent, and resources to make Florida a better place for all its residents. Your unwavering commitment to Democratic values inspires me every day.

To the dedicated DEC members, DEC Chairs & Officers, Clubs, and Caucuses, I extend my sincere gratitude for the invaluable work you do. As the month of April comes to an end, I would like to issue a challenge to all counties for the upcoming month

of May. In order to effectively counter the harmful bills that have been passed by the Republican legislature and signed into law by Ron DeSantis, we need to take action in our communities by registering voters and promoting Vote-by-Mail Ballots.

I am urging every DEC, Club, and Caucus to schedule a minimum of three canvassing events during the month of May with the sole purpose of registering voters and encouraging them to sign

up for VBM. It is imperative that we take proactive steps if we are to achieve electoral victories in Florida. Together, we can make a difference and work towards a brighter future for our state. I ask that everyone share pictures of your canvass with <u>partyaffairs@floridadems.org</u>.



Forward,

Nikki Tried

Chair

Florida Democratic Party

### Make your feelings about Faux Nooz known!

On the following page is a sample letter submitted by SDC member Rick Ceresini that you can copy and send to one (or all) of the broadcast executives listed below.

The time is ripe for us to let the networks know that Americans don't want our airwaves filled with deceitful, hateful rhetoric exemplified by the Fox News Network.

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# Thank You for Being a Democrat- so glad to know we are not alone in this &

I came out of the Grille one evening to find this note on my car windshield:

"Thank you for being a Democrat — so glad to know we are not alone in this 'red' development. Thank you for being brave enough to have a bumper sticker."

### REGISTRATIONS

### Solivita Now Has Three Precincts!

Reg. Voters as of April 3, 2023

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Pct 411		4/3/23	+/-
Dems	1535	1544	+9
Rep	1539	1599	+60
NPA	938	996	+58
Total	4,069	4,195	+126
Pct 412	2: 7/5/22	4/3/23	+/-
Dems	4,102	3,862	-240
Rep	1,297	1,333	+36
NPA	3200	3,350	+150
Total	8,710	8,656	-54
Pct 42:	5: 7/5/22	4/3/23	+/-
Dems	959	958	-1
Rep	868	874	+6
NPA	671	688	+17
Total	2,536	2,556	+20
Polk Co.: 7/21/2		4/3/23	+/-
Dems	149,497	155,228	+5,731
Rep	172,220	170,926	-1,294
NPA	126,391	130,235	+3,844
Total	456.568	464,499	+7,931
Florida: 7/21/22		4/3/23	+/-
Dems	4,955,022	5,080,697	+125,675
Rep	5,217,343	5,123,799	+93,544
NPA	3,887,406	3,829,372	+58,034
Total:	14,256,184	14,287,771	+31,587

Note: TOTALS include minor party registrations that are not shown individually.

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www.FactCheck.org
www.PolitiFact.com

Today's Date, 2023

Dear Spectrum,

Now that Fox News has been publicly exposed, it is time to rethink the access you give them to the general public.

Through their own admissions and the documentation Fox News provided in the Dominion defamation case, Fox News openly admitted that they lied and misrepresented the facts for the expressed purpose of keeping profits high. As Rupert Murdoch said, "It's not about red or blue, it's about green."

Now that everyone but their viewers know the truth, it is time for you to reevaluate the free access you give them. At the very least, Fox News should not be part of the basic package you offer to your clients. At the very least, Spectrum should make Fox News a premium option at an extra cost for those who insist on being lied to. Even better, you could opt to drop them completely as a bogus news organization.

Now that they have been legally exposed for who they are and how they operate, providing them free access in the marketplace makes Spectrum complicit in spreading their deceits and promoting their disinformation campaign. The proof they provided to the court cannot be simply ignored on your part. To give them the same access they have now is to say that your organization is unconcerned about the ethical and political effects, thus making Spectrum responsible for understanding its role in promoting these fabrications and libels.

Faithful Fox News viewers will obviously be offended by the responsible move to change the status of the network. They will likely complain that all news organizations broadcast disinformation. So when these other news organizations have been legally exposed for such behaviors through testimony, affidavits, company records and personal correspondence, it will be time to treat them in just the same way.

It is time for Fox News to be held accountable and for public communications corporations to address their culpability in promoting disinformation for profit.

Sincerely, Your Signature Here





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☐ I am NOT registered to v	ote in Polk County, Florida	

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