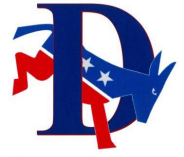




**MARION COUNTY  
DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
*Democratic Party Newsletter*



**January 2020**

**General Meeting 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 6, 2020**

**Special Election of Vice Chair**

**Program: Dan Lack on Climate Change**

**DEC Officers**

**Chairwoman**

LaVonda McCandless

**Vice Chairman**

**Secretary**

Bonnie Purdy

**Treasurer**

Luis Isaza

**State Committee**

Richard Perry

**State Committee**

Joyce Blake

**Appointed Members**

**Coordinated Campaign**

Cheryl Olin

**Diversity & Inclusion**

John Moxley

**Programs Coordinator**

Diana Williams

**Technology Coordinator**

John Hickey

**Special Election on January 6, 2020  
for remaining term of DEC Vice Chair**

A special election will be held at our general meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 to fill the vacant Vice Chair's position. **If you are an elected member of the DEC or a Club President, please attend this meeting to vote for our next Vice Chair.**

**Major Fundraiser for the 2020 Campaign  
"In It To Win It"**

The Marion County DEC will host an important fundraiser to support a multimedia campaign to help win the 2020 election. The event will be

**Monday, February 17, 2020**

**6:00-8:00 PM**

**Katya Vineyard, 101 E. Silver Springs Blvd.**

**Wine and appetizers will be served.**

Our multimedia campaign includes quarter page advertisements in area newspapers, Marion County radio advertisements, multiple county wide billboards, and postcards to voters with candidate recommendations. It is anticipated that this campaign will cost approximately \$25,000. This multimedia campaign will not happen without a major county wide fundraiser.

Please see page 2 for additional information and please share with other Democrats.

Donate or contact us at:

[www.mariondems.org](http://www.mariondems.org)

or

352-402-9494

Marion County Democratic Executive Committee  
Invites YOU to be

## **"IN IT TO WIN IT"**

Join us at our Fundraiser on  
Monday - Feb 17, 2020 6 to 8PM  
Katya Vineyards 101 E. Silver Springs Blvd,

Wine & appetizers will be served.

Invitational only tickets are \$500 per person.  
All proceeds go towards Marion County  
Democratic multimedia campaign  
**TO WIN IN THE 2020 ELECTION**

*All donations are appreciated if you are  
unable to attend.*

Tickets or donations can be made by  
Credit Card at ActBlue on our website

[www.mariondems.org](http://www.mariondems.org) or

Check payable to Marion County DEC, mailed to  
P. O. Box 6476, Ocala, FL. 34478

## **2020 Ocala Women's March**

The Marion County Warren for President team will sponsor the

### **2020 Ocala Women's March**

**Saturday, January 18**

**1:00-3:00 at the Downtown Ocala Square.**

This is the fourth year for the Ocala march and everyone is invited to attend to make this year our biggest and best. Marion County DEC will have a Voter Registration table and will need volunteers to register voters.

Any campaign or organizations that would like to set up a table, please contact Jennifer Davis at

[davisjen369@gmail.com](mailto:davisjen369@gmail.com)



## **Veterans Caucus Kickoff Open House January 16, 2020**

The Marion County Democratic Veterans Caucus will host the state caucus president, Phil Giorno, at their 2020 kickoff at the Golden Coral on January 16. Buffet dinner at a nominal charge will be at 6:30 and the program will begin at 7:00. Veterans and anyone who supports veterans causes are invited to attend. For more information please call Mary Savage at 352-870-2267.

## **Canvassing Training**

**February 8, 2020**

Canvassing is a critical component of voter outreach. Research shows that one-on-one voter contact is absolutely the best method for getting out the vote. Intensive canvassing will be required in 2020 election.

All Marion County Democrats who would like to learn more about effective canvassing using the smart phone canvassing app "minivan" are encouraged to attend this training. The training will be presented by Laura Binford, the Regional Organizing Director for the Warren for President campaign.

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

**12:30-1:30 PM**

**(right after the postcard party)**

**DEC office, 970 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave**

Anyone who plans on attending this training are requested to download the app on your smart phone before the training. It is available on PlayStore and the iPhone store. Team Marion for Warren members, please also download the app Reach-Progressive (the icon is a ballot with a blue background).

The Warren for President campaign will provide a light lunch and drinks at noon so you can stay for the training after the postcard party. If you have questions, please contact Mary Ann Lambert, Marion County Community Lead for the Warren for President campaign at 610-724-3823, or the DEC office at 352-402-9494.

## Ed Explores Issues: *Drawing the Line*

Decisions are rarely simple binary choices; more often they involve multiple factors and darkening shades of grey. A vital yet underdeveloped skill in our society is that of drawing the line, particularly when it involves bad behavior.

Extensive analysis of the horrific Valentine's Day shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School uncovered an abundance of data on the shooter's escalating misbehavior over an extended period that should have prompted interventions - but didn't. In the lessons learned, I would have liked to have seen more emphasis on exercising our school staff in the challenging practice of drawing the line for misbehavior.

During our last presidential election, our nation witnessed an unprecedented explosion of bad behaviors, including pervasive lying, demeaning attacks on entire groups of people, myriad sexual transgressions, unkept promises, homage to greed over morality, uncensored egomania ... Voters had the opportunity to draw the line on acceptable behaviors for our nation's leader, but failed to do so, trusting instead that the office and high-quality appointees would constrain the man.

Congress is finally exercising its responsibility to draw the line for allowable corruption in our highest office. Will facts and inherent virtue finally overcome blatant lying, obstruction and blind loyalty? More specifically, will the Senate uphold the Constitution which says, "*The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors*"?

Hopefully a clear line will be drawn and America-worthy bounds for acceptable behavior affirmed.

### **Policy on the use of the Marion County DEC Office**

There have been a growing number of clubs and caucuses that wish to hold meetings and other events at the DEC office. While we wish to accommodate these events, issues have developed following some events. For example, the door left unlocked, the air conditioner and lights left on, chairs rearranged and not returned to their original position, and the copier and paper used for other than DEC work. All of these issues costs money, which is in short supply. Therefore, the following policy has been approved by the Steering Committee and **will become effective January 1, 2020.**

LaVonda McCandless, Chair

### **Policy on the Use of the Marion County DEC Office by Marion County Clubs and Caucuses**

1. For the purpose of this policy, a meeting shall mean two or more members of the DEC, club, or caucus who gather to conduct business of the DEC, club, or caucus.
2. The DEC office is for DEC use and meetings scheduled by the DEC have priority over all other meetings.
3. All Club and Caucus meetings, and any other meetings, to be held at the DEC office must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.
4. Notify the DEC Chair in person or at [lavonda@mariondems.org](mailto:lavonda@mariondems.org) to schedule a meeting.
5. All Clubs and Caucuses will pay a sliding scale rental fee for use of the DEC office for regularly scheduled meetings. The rental fee is as follows:
  - 10-12 members - \$10.00/ *meeting*
  - 13-25 members - \$20.00/ *meeting*
  - 26-40 members - \$30.00/ *meeting*
  - Over 41 members - \$50.00/ *meeting*
6. Any Club or Caucus meetings not intended as a regular general meeting and held at the DEC office must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance, and a \$10.00 rental fee will be charged.
7. DEC meeting room must be cleaned and chairs returned to their original position after meetings. There will be a Room Setup Checklist posted in the meeting room to assist with room arrangement.
8. Copiers, printers, and copier paper are for use of the DEC only.
9. Water in the refrigerator is for DEC use. Food and beverages are permitted during the meeting, however no food or beverages will remain in the refrigerator after the meeting. Please clean the microwave after use.
10. All food and waste products from the meeting must be taken to the dumpster in the parking lot after the meeting.
11. Sign in and out for the meeting on the DEC Room Reservation Sign-In sheet and follow instructions on the DEC Meeting Room Setup Checklist.



# January 2020

<b>Jan. 3</b>	Luncheon for Cheryl Olin RSVP by 12/27 to Joyce Carta at joyce@joycecarta.com	1:00 PM	Pasta Faire 10401 S. Hwy 441, Belleview
<b>Jan. 6</b>	Marion County DEC meeting Collect food donations	7:00 PM	970 SW 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave Marion County DEC Office
<b>Jan. 9</b>	Oak Run Democratic Club	7:00 PM	Island Club Meeting Room
<b>Jan. 10</b>	Friday Forum	11:30 AM	Golden Coral 2111 SW College Rd
<b>Jan. 11</b>	Postcard Party	11:00 AM	Marion County DEC Office
<b>Jan. 14</b>	Voter Registration Training RSVP to Bert Perkins dwcmc2019@gmail.com	Noon	970 SW 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave Marion County DEC office
<b>Jan. 16</b>	Veterans Caucus Kickoff Phil Giorno	6:30 PM	Golden Coral 2111 SW Collage Rd
<b>Jan. 18</b>	Women's March	1-3:00 PM	Ocala Square
<b>Jan. 20</b>	MLK Voter Registration Set up at 9:30 AM	10-3:00 PM	Webb Field, 105 NW 12 Ave
<b>Jan. 23</b>	OTOW Democratic Club US Constitution Trivia	6:00 PM	Dance Studio II, III, IV Open only to OTOW residents
<b>Jan. 28</b>	SE Marion Democratic Club	7:00 PM	Perkin's Restaurant Lady Lake, Hwy 441
<b>Jan. 25</b>	Democratic Women's Club	12:30 PM	Marion County DEC Office