



**MARION COUNTY  
DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
*Democratic Party Newsletter*  
*March 2022*



**Next Meeting: Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom**

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**From the Chair, Diana Williams**



The President’s State of the Union address was interesting, made great sense, covered all the hot topics, and was reassuring that the “world is choosing the side of peace and unity.”

How refreshing, after two very difficult years, that the pandemic is subsiding—yet we will stay vigilant to any new information.

President Biden should be proud of the 6.5 million new jobs created. He plans to invest in America by using American products, and support new legislation that will insure clean water and fund infrastructure from highways and bridges to internet service for all. He urged all to “Buy American,” and I’ll take that so far as “buy local.” Let’s all BUILD A BETTER AMERICA.

It was interesting to learn of the amazing progress during his first year in office, and the DEC is developing a flier to use at our voter registration booths that will outline all of these accomplishments. It is an amazing list, and, as Democrats, we should be very proud!

Let’s hope the amazing nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court judge position gets bipartisan support and is approved quickly.

We have our annual Proud To Be a Democrat Dinner scheduled for Sunday, May 22—more to come on that soon!

*Diana*

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**Our annual GALA is booked and it's an exciting venue! It will be held at Silver Springs Twin Oaks Mansion on Sunday, May 22. Our featured speaker is Val Demings. We are excited about the venue and the program! Val will get us all energized!**

# Clubs and Caucuses



**Contact club presidents for meeting dates and times and to confirm Zoom links or meeting locations.**



Did you know the *Ocala Star Banner* newspaper has a column for community good news and accomplishments? The “Applause” column is published each Sunday. Tell Marion County about your club's food drives, guest speakers, activities, awards, and other good news by sending photos with a short write-up to: [calendar@starbanner.com](mailto:calendar@starbanner.com). Please identify everyone in the photos from left to right and tell what the photo is about.

## **The Democratic Women's Club of Marion County (DWCMC)**

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## **Latino Democratic Club of Marion County**

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## **Marion Oaks Democratic Club**

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## **Oak Run**

President: Linda Chitwood

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## **On Top of The World (OTOW)**

President: Dan Lack

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President: Nate Robinson

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## Meet the Mobilize Team



Meet our new Mobilize team: Carey LaRosa and Sheila Loughlin are on a roll! Working with Bert Perkins, Vicki Mattingly, Mike Davis, and Lavonda McCandless, Carey and Sheila have now posted four voter registration events through April. Volunteers are signing up almost every day! The events are now posted on the Florida Democratic Party events website and the Marion County Democratic Party website, Facebook page, and Twitter account.

Thank you to Mary Ann Lambert who put the team together and provided invaluable coaching and information! Although we have used Mobilize since 2020, having a dedicated team working with key leaders in the DEC is proving to be teamwork in action. Kudos to everyone!



Members of the Ocala City Council visit Representative Yvonne Hayes Hinson at the Capitol.



### Be Our Secretary

Have you been active in the Marion County Democratic Party and are interested in a more active role on the Democratic Executive Committee (DEC)?

We're currently looking for a new secretary who would be on the board as a DEC officer to take over for our retiring member who has served for over 20 years.

If interested, please email [contact@mariondems.org](mailto:contact@mariondems.org)



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## A Hometown Hero for Black History Month



Congratulations to Charles McDavid of the North Marion Precinct Captain Coalition who WCJB-TV20 News chose as its Hometown Hero of the Month. On Saturday, Feb. 26, as part of a local Black History Month celebration, Charles was honored for his community work with voter registration, the food mission, and returning citizens. You can watch the recording of the TV segment at <https://www.wcjb.com/video/2022/03/01/hometown-hero-charles-mcdavid-jr-lends-hand-neighbors-need/>.

Precinct Captains Henrietta Turner and Joe Perry organized a fabulous celebration of Black History Month and honored Charles for his work in the community. Precinct Captains Cindy Pelz and Mary Ann Lambert presented Charles with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift card to "have fun with." Precinct Captains Jonathan Ward and Maggie Woods were also there. Very special thanks go to Henrietta Turner for her incredible work in putting the program together: food, music, and a Black History exhibit.



## Democrats Help Older Adults in Our Community

Throughout the month of March, Precinct 1590 and friends are collecting donations for Marion County Senior Services in honor of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's wedding anniversary.

Franklin and Eleanor were married on March 17, 1905. FDR was the 32<sup>nd</sup> president of the United States and led us out of the Great Depression through federal New Deal programs. FDR's third and fourth terms were focused on WWII, which ended shortly after he died in office. One of FDR's most notable achievements was the Social Security Act of 1935. Eleanor's many accomplishments included serving as first chairperson of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and playing a major role in the drafting of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**Donations for Marion County Senior Services may be dropped off anytime in March during daylight hours at 3520 NE 49<sup>th</sup> St. Look for the brown bench and yellow 'Donations' sign. Items senior citizens in need can use include soap, socks, and non-perishable canned and box food in easy-open containers and packages. For a complete list of needed items and for more information, send an email to: [marion.co.fl.1590@gmail.com](mailto:marion.co.fl.1590@gmail.com), or call 352-870-2267.**



Volunteer to register voters at Marion County Day 2022 on Saturday, March 26. Celebrate Marion County’s 178-year history while registering voters in advance of the 2022 elections. There are several time slots available between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. You choose the time that’s good for you.

- **8 a.m.—10 a.m.:** Pick up the tent and tables and hand out materials, set up at the event, and start voter registration and information handout
- **10 a.m.—Noon:** Continue voter registration and information handout.
- **Noon—2 p.m.:** Continue voter registration and information handout, take down tent and tables and return them to the office

Sign up at <https://www.mobilize.us/marioncountynec/event/443731/>

Advanced voter registration training **is required**. If you need training, email our VR trainer, Bert Perkins, at [dwcmc2019@gmail.com](mailto:dwcmc2019@gmail.com).



Visit [www.mariondems.org/volunteering](http://www.mariondems.org/volunteering) to complete our volunteer form or call 352-402-9494 and leave a message.

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**Precinct Captains.** Engage with people in your precinct to inform, encourage, and support voting. Precinct Captains have the most important job in the party.

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**Fundraising Lead.** Plan major gifts campaigns, increase our sustaining donor program, and find sponsorships and newsletter advertisers.

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**Volunteer Lead.** Call prospective new volunteers to explain volunteer leads and answer questions, advertise, and recruit for needed positions.

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**Hispanic Outreach Lead.** Organize outreach activities and events in the county to engage the Hispanic community. Must be fluent in Spanish.

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**Hispanic Outreach Assistants.** Help us reach Hispanic voters in the county through direct contact (door-to-door canvassing, phones, voter registration events) and translation of materials for digital communications.

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**Database Analysts.** Learn the capabilities of VAN/Votebuilder for data mining and detect developing trends in our Marion County voter base to help target events and voter-oriented activities. This type of data analysis was a key element in the development of Stacey Abrams' strategy.

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**Data Assistants.** Use the VAN/Votebuilder system to improve and maintain the accuracy of our voter and volunteer database.

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**Office Assistants.** Answer phones, print materials, assist with computer tasks and miscellaneous office tasks. Must have basic computer skills

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**Digital Communications Assistants.** Crop/resize/optimize photos for the web, create graphics in Canva or other design tool to go along with posts, shoot and edit video (livestreams, virtual interviews, etc.), edit the newsletter, and/or assist with posting on social media and keeping the website updated and optimized.



# Retiring? Let's talk.



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Planning for retirement can be scary and a little overwhelming. But you don't have to go through it alone. We'll work together to help you create a retirement plan that fits your needs. We'll focus on things like electing Social Security, healthcare, and ways to convert your savings into income. So, when the time is right, you can enjoy your retirement the way you've always wanted. **Ready to get started?**

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