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#### Program Meetings

Held 3rd Wednesday

Emma Lou Olson

Civic Center

1801 NE 6 Street,

Pompano Beach

6:30 PM

#### Board Meeting

Immediately After

Program Meeting

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Civic Center

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## DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF NE BROWARD NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2010

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual MadHatter's Tea Luncheon was a big success again this year. We had many elected officials and Broward Democratic Party officers. Galuppi's did a great job with the food. Its location on the Pompano public golf course is always a lovely place to meet, greet, and eat. This year we had the added benefit of the huge, beautiful cluster of American flags lining Federal Highway by the golf course, put there by the Disabled Veterans. Special thanks to everyone who bought tickets and came out and to all who bought ads in our journal. Joanne Sterner did an especially fabulous job this year putting the journal together and printing it in color for the first time. Thank you, Joanne.



Our June meeting will be the **judicial candidate forum** for the Broward County Circuit Court candidates. The number of candidates this year is unprecedented. Many sitting judges are being challenged which is highly unusual. The judicial election is on August 24. Even though there are many candidates, it's still important that you come out to meet them and hear what they have to say. The winners of these elections are the judges who will run the courtrooms and decide matters that may one day impact your life. Please make these meetings a priority to attend. Be sure to read the article by Anne Siren about the judicial races in the June 4, 2010 edition of the Pompano *Pelican*.

1992 was known as the "Year of the Woman," when many women ran for office and increased the number of females in office. Over the years, mostly Democratic, feminist women have led the way. But this year sees a huge increase

in the number of Republican women campaigning. Many factors such as the economy, anti-incumbent sentiments, and, dare I say, Sarah Palin, have encouraged Republican women to run. Many of these women have lots of money and are able to pour their own money into their campaigns. There is a group that calls itself the Susan B. Anthony List that supports anti-choice women candidates. The organization that supports pro-choice Democratic women is EMILY's List which stands for Early Money is Like Yeast. In Broward and Florida, we are proud of our **pro-choice Democratic women** who stand for election. In northeast Broward, Kelly Skidmore is running for state Senate, Barbra Stern is running for state House. For statewide office, we have Alex Sink for governor and Lorraine Ausley for chief financial officer.

Your club has worked hard over the years to elect pro-choice Democratic women. We are limited to \$500 per election cycle that we can contribute, because we are not a political action committee. This year for the primary election, we have contributed our maximum to five women candidates; and we will be contributing our maximum during the general election cycle as well. When we go to the next State Democratic Women's Club quarterly meeting, there will be a fund raiser for **Lorraine Ausley**, who is running to fill the chief financial officer position that is being vacated by Alex Sink. We have committed to raising \$100 from our club for Lorraine, so we are asking our members to write a check for at least \$10 to take to the fund raiser. Please make your check payable to: Campaign Account of Lorraine Ausley and bring it to the June

## JUNE PROGRAM MEETING Circuit Court Judges running for election on August 24, 2010

### Group 2

Kenneth L. Gillespie (Inc)  
Oliver Parker

### Group 4

Alan B. Schneider  
Elijah H. Williams (Inc)

### Group 6

Frieda M. Goldstein  
Carlos A. Rodriguez (Inc)

### Group 9

Susan Lebow (Inc)  
Jill Tamkin Rafilovich

### Group 15

Matthew Isaac Destry (Inc)  
Robert Abraham Jakovich

### Group 22

Robert "Bob" Nichols  
Carlos Rebollo (Inc)

### Group 23

Alan S. Bernstein  
Barbara Anne McCarthy  
(Inc)

### Group 24

Olga Levine  
John T. "Jack" Luzzo (Inc)

### Group 47

Lisa Porter (Inc)  
Laura Renee Seidman

### Group 51

Sandra Perlman  
Lee Jay Seidman

### Group 53

Eileen M. O'Connor (Inc)  
Rhoda Sokoloff

(Inc) = Incumbent

## The 17th Judicial Circuit serves the citizens of Broward County Florida.

It is the second largest jurisdiction in the State of Florida with a population of over 1.6 million residents.

The Circuit utilizes the services of 90 full time judges. *Broward County includes the following cities and municipalities:*

Coconut Creek, Cooper City, Coral Springs, Dania, Davie, Deerfield Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Hallandale, Hillsboro Beach, Hollywood, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill, Lazy Lake Village, Lighthouse Point, Margate, Miramar, North Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Parkland, Pembroke Park, Pembroke Pines, Plantation, Pompano Beach, Sea Ranch Lakes, Southwest Ranches, Sunrise, Tamarac, Weston, Wilton Manors, and Unincorporated Broward

Broward County is a two-tier judicial system:

Circuit and County Court. Each of these levels are divided into two different areas of jurisdiction: Civil and Criminal.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE con't.

meeting or mail to Joanne Sterner, 2215 Cypress Island Drive, Apt 603, Pompano Beach 33069.

### Iraq and Afghanistan update:

	Iraq	Afghanistan
Soldiers killed	4,722	1,780
Soldiers wounded	31,839	6,741
Iraqis killed	estimated 1,366,350	
Afghanis killed	estimated 23,000 – 64,000	

Continue to call your Congress members to ask them to get us out of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, and no war in Iran or Yemen! Keep the pressure on President Obama to end the wars, especially the Iraq war this August 2010. Our culture of never-ending war has got to stop!

I hope you've made plans to come and meet the Circuit Court judicial candidates. Remember that these judges make decisions that could affect your life. We all need to make informed voting decisions. I look forward to seeing you there with many of your friends.

*Maggie*

The **Circuit Criminal Divisions** are responsible for all felony matters. A felony is any crime punishable by more than one year in state prison. Felony offenses include Murder, Sexual Offenses, Robbery, Burglary, Theft, Forgery, Fraud, Crimes Against Persons, Worthless Checks Over \$150.00, Crimes Against Property, Drugs, etc.

The **Circuit Civil Division** is responsible for all civil matters including: Automobile Negligence, Professional Malpractice, Product Liability, Condominium Lawsuits, Eminent Domain, Real Property, Mortgage Foreclosure, Contract Indebtedness, etc

Qualifications for a judgeship in broward county are few: five years of practicing law in the state, a valid voter registration and once elected, a resident of Broward County.

It is estimated that less than 10% of Broward voters will elect these women and men to the bench. Get to know the people you are voting for.

**Don't forget the meeting begins at 6:30 PM**



**State Rep. Kelly Skidmore  
District 90**

June 4, 2010

**The Governor’s Legislative Actions**

I am pleased to announce that today Governor Crist signed into law SB 2272, the “Pill Mill Bill”, which advances the fight against unscrupulous pain-management clinics. Earlier this week, Governor Crist finally signed into law SB 1196, the Condominium/Homeowner Association Reform bill. Also, the governor vetoed, SB 2044, which is a property insurance bill that would have made it easier to increase rates for policyholders. As of early Friday afternoon, Governor Crist has signed 248 bills into law and vetoed 16. Once again, another week has passed and the lone bill that still has not been sent to the governor is HB 1143, which includes the anti-abortion language.

**Florida Department of Education Launches Commissioner’s Summer Reading Adventure**

The Commissioner’s Summer Reading Adventure encourages students to use an interactive resource called “Find a Book,” a free online book search, that will help them create reading lists based on their interests and reading ability, and make it easier for them to locate their selections at their local public libraries. This online tool will help students looking to gain a head start to the 2010 school year and learn throughout the summer.

Tens of thousands of fiction and nonfiction books, including titles from this year’s Recommended Summer Reading List from the Department of Education’s Just Read, Florida! Office, are available in “Find a Book.”

For more information, and to search for books using “Find a Book,” visit [www.Lexile.com](http://www.Lexile.com). To borrow books found in “Find a Book”—and to participate in summer reading activities—use the WorldCat link in the book search or locate your nearest public library at [www.flelibrary.org](http://www.flelibrary.org) using the “Find A Library” search tool.

Just Read, Florida! is a statewide reading initiative that prioritizes reading in Florida’s public schools and among all the community groups and volunteer organizations that support them. For more information on Just Read, Florida! visit <http://www.justreadflorida.com/>.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to be of service

to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff if you have any questions or concerns. Our district office number is (561) 470-6593.

**Skidmore calls on crist to veto abortion-ultrasound bill**

**Anthony Man on June 8, 2010**

State Rep. Kelly Skidmore, D-Boca Raton, said Tuesday that Gov. Charlie Crist should veto legislation that would require women to pay for and view an ultrasound before having a first trimester abortion.

Skidmore said she’s called and texted the governor, posted Facebook updates, and urged constituents to contact Crist.

Crist has indicated that a veto is likely. But both sides of the issue have been stepping up pro and con arguments now that the legislative leaders actually sent the bill to him for action. He has until June 22 to sign or veto it.

“It’s an affront to women and physicians who should be making these types of decisions privately,” Skidmore texted the governor.

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**TAKE ACTION NOW!**

**The abortion bill has been given to the Governor as of June 7th. He has 15 days to VETO the bill.**

**CALL 850-488-4441 or e-mail [charlie.crist@myflorida.com](mailto:charlie.crist@myflorida.com) The message to the Governor is simple: Please VETO BILL 1143**

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June 10, 1963 - **Equal Pay Act** enacted: "To prohibit discrimination on account of sex in the payment of wages by employers engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce." (PL 88-38)

June 11, 1913 - **Women in Illinois** celebrate passage of a state woman suffrage bill allowing women to vote in presidential elections.

June 17, 1873 - **Susan B. Anthony's** trial started for illegally voting in Rochester, New York on November 5, 1872.

June 18, 1983 - **Dr. Sally Ride** becomes the first American woman in space.



## Lorraine Ausley, Democratic candidate for CFO

**Democratic Women's Club of Florida** will host a fundraising reception for **Lorraine Ausley**, a former Tallahassee member of the Florida Legislature, and the Democratic candidate for Chief Financial Officer in Ocala on July at their Executive board meeting.

Our club has committed to raise \$100 for this event. We are asking our members to write a check for at least \$10 to take to the fund raiser. Please make your check payable to: Campaign Account of Lorraine Ausley and bring it to the June or mail to Joanne Sterner, 2215 Cypress Island Drive, Apt 603, Pompano Beach 33069.

Lorraine is a 6th-generation Floridian, she is an attorney and former member of the Florida House of Representatives, where she represented Leon and Jefferson counties. Lorraine has dedicated her career to the service of others, working in the administrations of some of Florida's most respected leaders, from Bob Graham to Lawton Chiles and Buddy MacKay.

First elected in 2000, Lorraine served in the Florida House of Representatives through 2008. As someone who had never held elected office before, Lorraine quickly established herself as an independent-minded leader unafraid to take on tough problems and find real solutions for everyday Floridians. Earning the respect of Republicans and Democrats alike, Lorraine stood up against irresponsible budgets and "no-bid" contracts that wasted millions in tax dollars. And she continues to work tirelessly to ensure that Florida invests in its future and that our tax dollars are invested responsibly, with the highest level of scrutiny and accountability.

Last year, Lorraine was selected by CFO Alex Sink to serve as Chair of the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, a \$300 million public-private institution that provides health insurance for children in Florida. She also serves as a senior advisor to the Lawton Chiles Foundation, a statewide organization that works to help families and improve the lives of Florida's children.

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## Howard Finkelstein, Broward County Public Defender to speak at the North Broward Political Club.

### What's different this season for judgeships?

Finkelstein says things have changed in Broward County.

He explains that Broward judgeships for years existed in a 'good ol' boy' system where people in office kept quiet about issues that might have damaged a judge's reputation, and everyone was taken care of.

Not so today. Everybody's watching and blogging.

"People have so severely underestimated the impact that judges have on other people's lives and our community and yet less attention is paid to them than any other position. What is astounding about that is judges decide who lives, who dies, who pays and how much. When people who have that much power are barely given a look by the electorate, it creates an environment where the wrong people sit in judgment of us."

**Emma Lou Civic Center**  
**Wednesday, June 23**  
**7:30 P.M.**

## MadHatter Tea Luncheon Hat Winners

More photo's on our website  
[www.dwcneb.org](http://www.dwcneb.org)



**Carol Osno**



**Leslie Sheffield**



**Comm. Charlotte Burrie**



**Comm. Jacobs accepting Rep Kelly Skidmore's award from Pres. Maggie Davidson**

# Women Clean Up After BP's "Man-Made" Oil Spill

June 2, 2010 by Kate Whittle

The oil and gas industry is dominated by men, but it's mostly women who are cleaning up British Petroleum's mess. According to Jenna Goudreau at ForbesWoman,

President Obama...has dispatched women leaders like U.S. Homeland Security's Janet Napolitano; Carol Browner, the assistant to the president for Energy and Climate Change; Dr. Jane Lubchenco, administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrator Lisa Jackson, who has organized aircraft in the area to gather information on air quality.

Indeed, various women's groups are coming together to protest the spill. For instance, Coastal Women for Change, founded in 2006 by Louisiana hairdresser and community activist Sharon Hanshaw to help rebuild communities in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, is now involved in trying to help local fisheries communicate with federal agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency. Those fisheries have significant impact on the Gulf Coast's economy: Hanshaw told *The American Prospect* that about 13,000 people in the affected region work in the seafood and restaurant industry.

CODE PINK: Women for Peace, a women-initiated grassroots peace and social justice movement, has made headlines with more dramatic means. At protests, scantily-clad women have appeared covered in oil, holding up "The Naked Truth of Drill Baby Drill" signs. Some feminists, however, take issue with the protest—Jezebel commenters pointed out their use of plastic props.

As women emerge as some of the most vocal critics of BP's tactics, CV Harquail wondered on *Feminist Blogs In English* if more women executive leadership at BP might have prevented the spill. BP's most senior woman executive, Vivienne Cox, resigned from her post as head of the company's Alternative Energy department the day before that department was shut down last year. She left a board and executive management team that is almost entirely composed of men. Critics like Rep. Luis

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June 20, 1921 - **Alice Robertson** ((R-Oklahoma) becomes the first woman to chair the House of Representatives.

June 25, 1903 - **Madame Marie Curie** announces her discovery of radium.

Gutierrez claim that BP consistently ignored safety and environmental regulations, and Harquail cited several studies that suggest women could have done better:

Women demonstrate a higher concern about the environment and demonstrate more pro-environmental behaviors (Dietz, et al., 2003)

Responsible environmental practices are more important for women than for men when considering a potential employer. (Aspen Institute, 2008).

Harquail cited several other studies with similar outcomes, and said:

If there were more women executives, managers, and employees at BP, there would have been more concern for the environment, more pro-environmental behaviors, and more effort to make BP develop responsible environmental practices that would have a positive impact on society.

Harquail was careful to note that not all women and men exhibit these respective attitudes. Nonetheless, she maintains,

increased representation of women/gender balance is a significant, under-appreciated strategy for getting more pro-environment, sustainability-focused, risk-sensitive leadership into organizations like British Petroleum.

The U.S. federal agency Mineral Management Service (MMS), though, has recently lost, not gained, in leadership from women. Elizabeth Birnbaum, appointed director of the MMS less than a year ago, last week "resigned", according to Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar.

**Urge Governor Crist to Veto HB 1143**

**Email: [Charlie.Crist@myflorida.com](mailto:Charlie.Crist@myflorida.com)**

**Phone: 850-488-7146**

**Fax: 850-487-0801**

**Write:**

**Office of the Governor**

**The Capitol**

**400 South Monroe Street**

**Tallahassee, FL 32399**

**ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF NE BROWARD?**

**Have you paid your 2010 dues?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Voter Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct #: \_\_\_\_\_

County Commission District: \_\_\_\_\_ State Senate District \_\_\_\_\_

Congressional District: \_\_\_\_\_ State House District: \_\_\_\_\_

I have experience with and/or would be interested in helping on the following committee(s):

By-Laws \_\_\_ Campaign \_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_ Historian \_\_\_ Issues \_\_\_

Legislature \_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_ Program \_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_

Are you willing to serve as an officer? YES NO (circle one)

What do you feel is the most important topic that Democratic women should focus on — and/or give program - suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP: \$15.00 Annually (January — December) Please make your check payable to: **DWCNEB**  
Send your check to: **Jean Craft, 220 South Golf Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL 33064**

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*Circuit Court Judges  
June 16, 2010 @ 6:30P.M.*