



## From the President's Desk:

By *Mary Lou Ambrose*



Out of consideration for my sanity and to save yours also, I am not going to talk about Donald Trump here. In fact, I am assuming he will be defeated, and that we will be in a position to move forward. The only way recovery can happen in a way that saves us and the rest of the world, is if Democrats win big in the House and Senate as well as win the Presidency.

At a minimum, I believe the following must happen:

1 Former President Obama was extremely impressed with the plans for recovery set out by Senator Warren. She has been on top of recovery from this Administration and is the person who should be in charge when time for recovery comes. I realize that she is much more progressive than Joe Biden, but he will have significant decisions to make, and personnel in his Administration will be the most critical. He will need a strong, de-

termined Democratic Party behind him as well as Independents and, if there are any left, Moderate Republicans. He must put strong Democrats in all parts of his Administration.

2 This time will someday be past, but it will not be soon. The Dow Jones will take quite a while to rebound and may never be the same. It will take the best and most forward-looking minds this country can find. Remember

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meeting

Next regular meeting  
will be held at:  
Acropol Restaurant  
1170 Starkey Road  
Largo, FL

### No meeting

We are erring on the side of caution to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We want all of our members to be healthy, and to stay that way.

By complying with the social gatherings directives, we have cancelled this month's meeting.

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that when we are on the other side of this, Climate Change will still be looming over the planet. Both the Economy and Climate Change must be addressed.

3 One thing that will never be the same in this country is Health Care. We cannot go back to the days of insurance companies taking huge profits while leaving many people with no coverage. The stream of sad, unnecessary deaths from the Coronavirus will hopefully, teach a hard lesson. The fact that the poor and people of color are dying from the corona virus at the greatest rate is because, as a group, they have had limited access to healthcare. As a result, they have more underlying medical problems which is the difference between life and death for a person suffering from the Coronavirus. If we learn nothing from all this illness and death, it is that healthcare in this country must be completely overhauled. We need Universal Health Care. Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren

were correct. We need to figure out how to do it

4 We will have a huge number of people who have no jobs to go back to. We also need to face the fact that the oil and gas industry has been the major cause of Climate Change. If this planet can be saved it will be because the oil and gas industry becomes minor and eventually a thing of the past. New green energy must be our future. We are way behind, so we have to act quickly and deliberately. If you need to be reassured that oil and gas and all that goes with it must be completely sidelined, read Rachel Maddow's book, *BLOWOUT*. *Reading it made me realize how much damage, on so many levels, the oil and gas industry is responsible for.*

5 Green, sustainable energy MUST be our future and President Biden must be ready to move on it before Day 1. The first issue will be Jobs. President Biden MUST bring back manufacturing in

the USA. He must bring in a new Corporate America which invests dramatically in new technology and which is willing to invest in American workers. These Corporations must be willing to produce a good product at a reasonable price after paying a living wage to workers. \$15.00 and certainly not \$8 an hour are not "a reasonable wage." If Corporate America had been willing to keep wages even with inflation, the minimum wage now would be in the \$25 an hour range. The second issue will be Climate Change. Getting rid of oil and gas will be absolutely necessary to our survival as a planet. President Biden must on Day 1 reenter the Paris Climate Accord. Then he must, prior to Inauguration, make peace with our major Allies like Germany, Great Britain, France and Canada and strengthen NATO. He must also make it clear to the Strongmen Dictators

in Russia, Turkey, China, North Korea, etc. that they do not have special access to the White House or the President.

6 Government and Industry must work together. One thing the Coronavirus has taught us is that we must become a manufacturing economy again. We cannot depend on other countries to supply what we need in an emergency like the one we are living through now. How many lives we have lost among the doctors, nurses, technicians, hospital workers and EMTs to the lack of supplies? This is a travesty of greed and absolute stupidity on the part of those who are supposed to be in charge.

7 The tax code must be revised in order to require those who reap the most benefit from this country must pay their fair share of taxes.

There are so many things that must be addressed. These seven things are only the base for all that must be done. In regard to manufacturing jobs, we need to quickly expand our Green Energy industry. Our people can go back to work manufacturing what we need to grow our new green economy. The oil and

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gas industry must be permanently sidelined. We have to rejoin the Paris Accord. Our past Allies must become our trusted Allies again. Corporate America must work with a Government that works for the people.

The really scary thing is that all of these very difficult things have to be done and done quickly, just to have a chance at recovery. I do not know if we can do it. I do not believe that a slogan like A return to Normalcy is a good start. I try to remember that we had almost no chance of winning the Revolution. 🍷

**Quarantine has turned us all into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told 'no' if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.**

## Quarantine



Half of us are going to come out of this quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.

I used to spin that toilet paper like I was on Wheel of Fortune. Now I turn it like I'm cracking a safe.

I need to practice social distancing from the refrigerator.

PSA: every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pajamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.

Homeschooling is going well. 2 students sus-

I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.

This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog..... we laughed a lot.

So, after this quarantine.....will the producers of My GOD Pound Life just find me or do I find them?

Quarantine Day 5: Went to this restaurant called THE KITCHEN. You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have no clue how this place is still in business.

Day 5 of Homeschooling: One of these little



monsters called in a bomb threat.

I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I wear?

I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to Puerto Backyard. I'm getting tired of Los Livingroom.

Classified Ad: Single man with toilet paper seeks woman with hand sanitizer for good clean fun.

Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said "I hope I don't have the same teacher next year".... I'm offended.

Better 6 feet apart than 6 feet under.

I hope you enjoyed this little break to remember that laughter is the best medicine.



**PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES!**



**YOUR Democratic Club**



**Dues are \$15 per year, payable in January of each year. Dues paid in the last quarter of the prior year will carry forward into the new year.**

**If you have not already paid, and since there is no meeting in April, you can pay online at:**

<https://www.largodemocrats.org/get-involved>





# LWV Calls on States to Expand Absentee and Mail-in Voting

3/16/2020

## **VOTERS MUST BE GIVEN EXTRA ASSURANCES AMID COVID-19 PHYSICAL DISTANCING MEASURES**

WASHINGTON — Today the League of Women Voters of the United States CEO **Virginia Kase** issued the following statement together with **Chris Carson**, the national board president, and the national board of directors, calling for a nationwide expansion of no-excuse absentee voting and mail-in bal-

lots due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak:

“The League of Women Voters officially calls on all states, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia to expand no-excuse absentee voting and mail-in ballots for the duration of the 2020 election cycle. In light of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, it is imperative for state election officials to address voters’ and poll workers’ fears by limiting the

need to cast an in-person ballot. The time to act is now.

“We call on all states to take the necessary measures to ensure voters have increased time and opportunities to request and return mail-in ballots and to make ballots available for pickup and drop-off at any polling location, especially for voters in vulnerable communities. Secretaries of State should work directly with local election officials to educate voters on these more flexible expanded methods for casting ballots.

“This added flexibility will, of course, add to the time it takes for election results to be counted. Under these circumstances, it is

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critical that all citizens have the ability to vote safely, and appropriate time is allotted to ensure all votes are fully counted.

"We call on the Democratic and Republican National Committees to encourage all states to provide more accessible options for all voters at this critical time. The national party leaders should follow the lead of Indiana party leaders and find ways for election officials to provide greater flexibility for voters by suspending rules around who can request absentee ballots and allow for no-excuse absentee options with reasonable adjustments to the deadlines associated with these options.

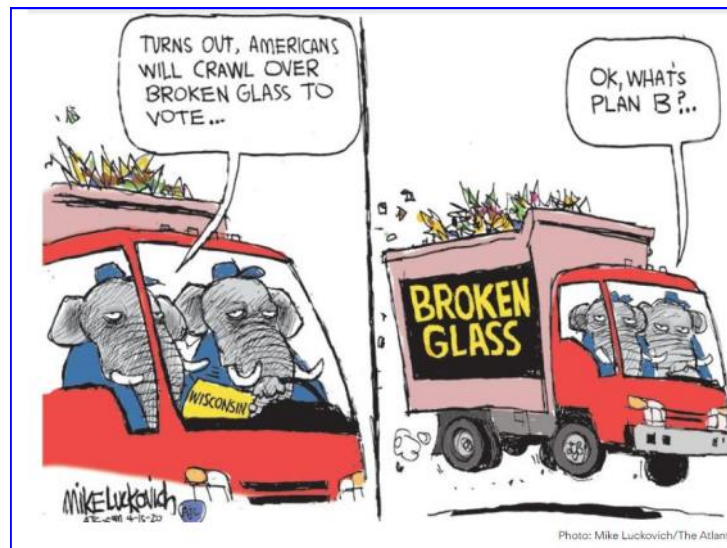
"We have seen elected officials in many states step up on behalf of voters, taking precautions for poll workers, partnering across the aisle, and calling for more flexibility in

voting. These actions demonstrate our ability to come together as a country. Our top priority must be the health and safety of the American people while simultaneously upholding the rights of all voters.

"Just as generations

before us have met the challenges of their time, so shall we, and the League of Women Voters is committed to ensuring our elections remain safe and accessible for all."

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**Liberal Jill Karofsky wins Wisconsin Supreme Court election, defeating conservative justice Daniel Kelly**



Bill Bucolo

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Looks like GOPers' attempt to suppress Dem votes in Wisconsin didn't

For information from the CDC on COVID-19, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

For Florida Department of Health information, please visit:

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/>

### Information on COVID-19 prevention:

Stop the Spread of Germs

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs.pdf>

Symptoms of Coronavirus

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID19-symptoms.pdf>

For information in Spanish and Chinese, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>.

FL Dept of Health in Pinellas - Epidemiology  
(727) 824-6932\

## Dear Pinellas Super Carders

Covid-19 has created an opportunity for us. Today there is unprecedented discussion of the importance of **voting by mail**. We've all seen the terrible lines in Wisconsin this week. This week President Trump said if everyone voted by mail there would never be another Republican elected. The US postal system is starting to crack under the strain of Covid-19. Instead of waiting until the summer to post our cards, we are moving up **our first mailing date to May 1.**

We have 15,000 completed and stamped cards. We have another 15,000 out with you carders. We have another 50,000 addresses to get to. The cards are printed. We are asking you to do as many cards as you can over the next couple of weeks. There are 180 of you in Pinellas County and more joining every day. Many of you are in the 100 card a week club already. If we all raise our game for the next several weeks, we can get our message out to many thousands more Pinellas voters at a time they are highly aware of why VBM is the way to go. We are not alone. This week we shipped another 3,000 cards to our **BLUE STATE** friends who, though far away, are carding side by side with us.

If you need cards, go to our webpage and order them or email me and we will set you up. If you aren't leaving your house, we will safely get the cards to you and pick them up when they are done. Post our link on your Facebook or other social media site and ask your Pinellas County friends to join our campaign.

We need you now more than ever.

Here is the card order link: <https://tinyurl.com/pinellaspostcardsorder>.

(Ed Note: You can also contact Ginny Nelson who will distribute and collect the post cards. **1-970-481-6615** or [ginny.nelson@gmail.com](mailto:ginny.nelson@gmail.com).)

Here is the link to our webpage which has card instructions:

**Pinellas County Postcard Project - <https://tinyurl.com/pinellaspostcards>**

Thank you so much for turning Pinellas **BRIGHT BLUE** in 2020.

Vickie Dunn

Ellen Mowbray

Amy Weintraub

Karen Hankinson

Scott Brown





# District 66 News



There is currently a big focus on helping people get signed up to **vote by mail**. Being signed up to vote by mail is more important than ever, given the anticipated challenges facing voters in the fall to be able to safely vote at the polls. The confusion and health risks seen in Wisconsin recently should be a wake-up call for all of us for the need to be ready to vote by mail now, and not wait until it is too late.

It is easier than ever to sign up to vote by mail. Voters can call 727-646-8683 or visit [www.VotePinellas.com](http://www.VotePinellas.com) to sign up immediately. It just takes a few minutes.

**In District 66, we have multiple opportunities to help, via writing postcards and/or phone banking voters who are currently not signed up to vote by mail.**

Please reach out to me by email for more information on how you can help. Ensuring everybody can vote in 2020 is more important than ever

**Bryan Beckman**

District 66 Chair

[bryan.beckman@pinellasdems.com](mailto:bryan.beckman@pinellasdems.com)

## Phone banking

- New phone banks were created for each district. So we now have one for D66.
- Targets: Registered Dems in District 66 (that are not signed up for VBM)
- The script is contained in the phone bank. It was created by the Pinellas Dem Party to help guide conversations.
- Let me know if you would like to participate in phone-banking to contact registered Democrats.

## Postcards via Indivisible & Tuesday Morning Game Changers

- Ginny Nelson has been helping coordinate this activity. The information I am listing below is largely my understanding from my conversation with her this week. I believe some of you have already been involved with this activity.
- Targets: No Party Affiliates (left leaning) across US Congressional District 13, which includes State Rep. District 66. This is about 17,000 voters.
- -Ginny has been delivering postcard "kits" to D66 volunteers. Each kit has 20 post cards to address and a personal message.
- Vicky Dunn is the overall leader of the effort for District 13. I will try to call her this week to get an overall update on this activity.
- Please reach out to me or Ginny if you would like to participate in this activity.

## Postcards to registered Dems (coordinated by North Pinellas Dems) -

- Postcards were delivered to card writers over the last 3 days.
- We have 14 people helping in D66 addressing 1,000 cards to voters in D66. Many are already addressed and in the mail today.
- We are considering expanding this effort to other parts of D66 (the N. Dem effort currently includes the Clearwater precincts in D66).





## Tuesday Morning Game Changers

### Postcard Writing Update from Ginny Nelson

Join us!

Home delivery and pick-up in safe ways has totally replaced our twice monthly in-person postcard writing event. We are as determined as ever to write to Pinellas County voters urging them to "Sign Up" so they can "Vote By Mail." The CV has not stopped us from writing at home. Many of us order a new pack as the finished pack is picked up or dropped off.

Cards come in kits/packs of 20 postcards with a list of target addresses. Please keep the address list wrapped around your pack when you are finished. That is how we track packs in our pipeline that is now over 15,000 cards. When you have written all of the cards in your pack, call me to make arrangements. I can pick them up or you can drop them off into the basket on my front porch. **DO NOT MAIL THEM YOURSELF!**

**We need help with the postage, too, however. Consider buying 35 cent postcard stamps online at [store.usps.com](https://store.usps.com). A roll of 100 stamps costs, of course, \$35.**

The most important part of the postcard message to PC voters is that it is a personal plea from you to the voter to sign up for vote by mail. **You are telling them that their vote really does matter. Because, more than ever, we know that every vote counts.**

Thank you,

*Ginny Nelson,* 970-481-6615, [ginny.nelson72@gmail.com](mailto:ginny.nelson72@gmail.com)



## HOW ARE YOU KEEPING BUSY?

### How are you spending your "Safe at Home" time?

**Rod Snedeker:** I am checking the statistics every day through the dashboard on the website for the Florida Dept. of Health. I have marveled at the rapidity of its growth. I read, watch TV, do some yard work, walk the dog. Mostly I stay home. At the grocery store I wear gloves. My day includes prayers and meditation for all involved in this struggle. I have canceled or postponed doctor's appointments. Mostly we stay at home.

**Elizabeth Snedeker** here...I have extra time to write postcards encouraging others to vote by mail, call family and friends to see how they are doing, exercise, gardening, reschedule doctor appointments play Skip Bow (card game) with Rod, watch old and new movies, rest, and cry when I listen to the number of deaths and think of the pain and suffering loved ones are having to deal with.

**Bob and Delores Glass:**

Our story with this Covid-19 is to stay inside and do the opposite of what the Don says. So far, so good. Since Dolores works from home, that hasn't been much of a challenge. We spend our time with frequent walks and some gardening (which Dolores likes to do). Our daughter and son (who live locally) have taken over our lives. They insist on not only keeping safe distancing but doing all of our shopping as well. But this pandemic is a real threat to all of us and we are taking it seriously. One of my major concerns is the total ineptness of the president and the people who surround him. My hope is that every democrat will put away all petty concerns and vote for whomever is nominated to lead our party.

Please, everyone stay safe. To do otherwise could be lethal.

Bob Glass

**Peggy Tucker**

Right before the safer-at-home order, I gathered up all of my plastic grocery bags and took them over to my son's home in Haines City. There they became part of a multi-state project. I helped my daughter-in-law and granddaughter cut and fold them into what is known as "plarn". The next step was to send them to my daughter-in-law's mother in Wyoming, where she has a crochet group that is making the plarn into lightweight blankets for the homeless. I'm not sure where the blankets will end up but it was nice to work together on a project to help those in need. If anyone wants more information, I think you can find it by searching for plarn on YouTube.

Peggy Tucker

**Donna Dennis**

In these strange days of isolation, I have actually slowed down and counted my blessings. I started a gratitude journal and it really helps balance the stress of not being able to run around like I usually do. I've communicated with friends and family and learned to use Zoom. I can't use the condo pool for my water aerobics, so I'm walking my dog farther and more frequently. I'm pleased to see how well most folks are social distancing yet will still wave and say hello. I've cleaned like I've never cleaned before. Next week's big project is sorting papers from my 5+ years of being DWCUP President. I've stopped watching the daily message from the moron as I become enraged at his ineptness at handling this crisis (or anything). Most of all, I'm staying well and that is my wish for everyone else. Take care and keep washing those hands!

Donna Dennis

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#### Wanda Schwerer

I continue to volunteer 2 days a week at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Volunteers have been removed from patient contact, so I am currently working the main information/reception desk. With so many of the hospital clinics and services being closed, the desk is very slow, so I have time to read.

I was also requested to sew some masks for one of the nursing units. Like other medical facilities, masks are being rationed. Heidi Sanchez has assisted me in sewing masks. So far, we have delivered around 30 masks. Until recently, the nurses were not allowed to use the homemade masks while on duty, but they were initially intended for use outside of the hospital. Now they have requested additional masks.

If any of you are interested and willing, I can share the patterns and specific requests for insuring that the masks are adequate for use by the nursing staff.



Wanda

Heidi's mask wearing a mask



#### Lisl Schick

It is not that easy to cope with this as I live in an Independent facility. They try to limit the entry and exit of many health care related professionals who must see patients so this is very difficult when you consider the age level of most of the residents. For the main meal (dinner) the seating is called by different floors. This eliminates crowds waiting in the lobby to be seated. They do try for residents to observe the 6 ft. rule.

The tables now are also not close to each other and are 2 or 4 tops. Also, all group games and gatherings have been discontinued.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

Many thanks,

Lisl Schick

#### Cherie Ohlsson

I understand you would like note telling about how I'm coping with the coronavirus pandemic. I had to cancel 2

months of travel plans. However, my life at home is relatively unaffected. I'm retired and I usually just stay at home anyway. I stocked up on groceries and have been doing non-stop genealogy (my avocation). So I'm lucky. It has not affected me very much. I have a trip the 1st of May that I'm not sure whether to go or not. It is for a court hearing in Virginia and I don't know if they will cancel the hearing or not. But at this time it looks like I'm going, so I'll be at risk of catching the virus.

Best Regards,

Cherie Ohlsson

**FUN FACT:** The guy who said "I alone can fix it" and the guy who said "No, I don't take responsibility at all"

**SAME GUY.**

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#### Lois Fries

My 80th birthday is April 29 - the date many say will be the top of the graph of infection. Daughter Ilona was planning a big party with the family from all over the country, and all my friends from the Dems and the neighborhood. Needless to say, it is canceled, just as I was making a list of emails for her! I will be 80 only once, so this is a hard thing to accept - especially since my family may not have another opportunity to be together anytime soon. I see Mary Lou's birthday has been similarly disturbed, and also that it is the same day as my firstborn son - April 10.

My mind is not at its usual acuity. I renewed my car registration twice - once online, once by mail, and other equally stupid things too long to explain. Mostly, I have come to a complete stop in any activity - cleaning, gardening, laundry, etc... Hope this ends soon, but doubt it. The idiot in the W.H. will cut it short no matter how many he kills. None of my 3 kids think he has any chance at all to be re-elected. Hope they're right

Lois Fries

#### Samantha Haley

Love you lots. Hope y'all are well!

Samantha

#### Shri Khandekar

This is Shri Khandekar and for last 3 weeks, I am living in Melbourne, FL with my friend and companion. It is a much smaller community, with all essential businesses are open.

For us, we do long walks twice a day once in mid morning, and another one at night, when the side walks are pretty much empty. We still keep the social distancing practice at all the times.

At any outing, we have made home made masks that are much more comfortable, and safe. Again, limiting the outside trips to essential items like picking up groceries, & medicines.

We also do fair amount of yard work, have planted vegetable seeds, and most of them have sprouted. It is definitely a joy to see something grow, and hoping to get some Organic vegetables. In addition, I am listening to lot of East Indian Classical music which for me, is my Soul music.

Waiting for the restrictions to be over, but, taking all the precautions to be safe.

Was very OUTRAGED at the REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION STUNT IN WISCONSIN, BUT WHEN I FOUND THAT EVEN THE U.S. SU-

PREME COURT RULED IN FAVOUR OF WI JUDGE, IT WAS JUST THE HEIGHT OF INJUSTICE FOR ME.

Take care

Shri ( Shrikant ) Khandekar

#### Laurie Sullivan

I have been catching up on my reading and cleaning and watching movies and having long conversations with friends.

#### Don Evans

Which age group do you think has the most COVID-19 cases in Florida? People 85 and older?

People 75-84?

Or, maybe people 65-74? After all, Florida has more people over 65 than any other state.

The answer ... NONE OF THE ABOVE

As the attached bar graph from the Florida Department of Health shows, the group with the most reported cases of COVID-19 in Florida is people ages 45-54.

People 55-64 are the next highest group.

The real curveball is this: there are more 25-34 year olds with the COVID-19 virus in Florida than 65-74 year olds.

And there are more 35-44 year olds with the virus than 65-74 year olds.

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In fact, there are almost as many 15-24 year olds with the virus as there are 65-74 year olds with it.

You would think the governor of Florida, Ron DeSantis would know this and realize how great the risk of a rapid re-escalation of COVID-19 infections would be to reopen schools any time soon.

CNN reports "the [CDC reports on its website](#) that four people between the ages of 15 and 24 and one person between the ages of one and four have died (from COVID-19).

Young people can also serve as carriers of the virus, transmitting to the elderly and people with underlying conditions -- those most at risk."

All of the attached COVID-19 cases in Florida information is from the Florida Department of Health, Division of Disease Control and Health Protection and was accurate as of

### Joe Barkley and Mary Lou Ambrose

Mary Louise and I are probably somewhat unique in the way we are "Sheltering In Place", in that we are in the process of moving one block from our current residence. As a Commissioner, I must live in the tiny City where I serve. Ergo, when we found a house to rent in Belleair Bluffs, we jumped on the opportunity. My antique '61 Chevy Apache pickup has been once again pressed into service as we slowly move the furniture and personal items we have accumulated in our 40 years together. Our mailing address remains the same until we sell or rent our house, but we are slowly starting to unpack boxes in our new "digs". All the while we are doing this, we neither see nor talk to nary a person or thing. I guess you could say that we are avoiding personal contact with others in a systematic way, but the reality is that we are working our buns off all by ourselves.

Mary Louise and I remind everyone to "Stay Safe" out there!

Joe & Mary Lou

### Carmen Bassage

I'm a very social person & covid 19 is teaching me how to cope better. I was a news junkie but I found it was really stressing me out (especially tRump's lying about what's really going on), so now I'm limiting my time. I watch about 30 min of "Morning Joe", then at night I try to catch "Anderson Cooper". I'm also catching up with great movies on HBO. (I really miss Real Time w' Bill Maher so I'm YouTube-ing him.) I'm also DVRing Impractical Jokers--Very silly & funny.

I've noticed how much I like to cook now. (My gut is expanding exponentially but I'm going to enjoy this time. I figure when I can get back to the gym--I'll get this settled). I take more baths & I'm indulging in a lot of Champagne. I'm back to reading good material. (Reading: "Immoral Majority" to help me better understand the stance of the right wingers). I used to text on my cell instead of talking & now I'm finding how awesome it is to chat.

Lastly, since assessing this situation in my alone time, I believe we will come out a more equal, loving, kinder & caring world. I know this too shall pass. And when we know better we do better.

Carmen

### COVID-19 cases in Florida as of 6.30 AM 4-10-20



**You wanted a reality show host as president, well now you're on Survivor.**

## HOW ARE YOU KEEPING BUSY?

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#### Jackie & Lodewijk Van Den Berg

In February our son Christopher was in Rome, courtesy of the Rome Prize. Very happy experience. He loved Rome and his experiences there. We bought tickets to visit him in April. We would all then fly to Amsterdam to see family and attend the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of Lodewijk's sister, Sonny. Our daughter planned to join us there. The last family reunion was 5 years ago for the 85<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays of Lo's sisters. Our children and their mates enjoyed everything--family, old friends, ancestral graveyard, childhood home, etc.

We heard rumblings out of Wuhan. Sonny's husband, Paul, had been sick but was home recovering. Then he had a stroke, etc. Sonny still wanted us to come. Northern Italy got Corona Virus and Europe got worried. Then Paul died. The funeral was in Groningen and the burial in The Hague. Funerals and burials were now limited to small numbers—usually followed by gatherings in restaurants which were closed by the day of the burial. Paul's brother—a Jesuit priest stationed for most of his life in Alexandria-- got the last seat on the last plane out of Holland for Egypt. After the burial, Sonny went with her children and grandchildren to her daughter's home where grandma got to stay with the grandchildren for a couple of days since schools were closed.

After Sonny returned home, I mentioned in a phone call that if the pope could declare Mother Teresa a saint that I could declare our front-line workers saints. She reacted uncomfortably and then it dawned on me:

her daughter is a PHD/MD lung specialist who is very much on call during the CV crisis. Of course, the Dutch system treats its workers with the proper equipment and support and Inez assured her mother that she's very safe, etc. It finally occurred to me that Sonny had just lost her husband and did not need to worry about losing a daughter. Sometimes I can be quite dense!

Before the funeral, Lo's brother fell and broke his hip. He wanted to convalesce at his house in Belgium but the 2 countries closed their borders. He and his wife stayed at another house in Holland although it's not as convenient for convalescence.

Meanwhile, the MDs wanted Lo to get a pneumonia shot. Corona Virus would be an automatic death sentence in an 88 yr old with pneumonia. 3 times we tried his family doctor. They called and apologized. Their office had a cv infected patient and had to close for 2 weeks until disinfecting. They said to go to a pharmacy for the shot. Walgreens couldn't do it—they just said corona virus. CVS was very busy and it took him 2 hrs. to get the shot. Later, we found out that someone at Walgreens had had Covid 19!

Meanwhile, our daughter, Patricia, had bought tickets for her and her son, Will, to come visit us. That got cancelled! Meanwhile, our children worry about us and insist we follow all guidelines for old people! Meanwhile, we did celebrate Lo's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday via Skype with Will and parents. Will had a cupcake with a candle that he blew out after we Hap-

py Birthday'd grandpop. That was a lot of fun. (Will caught on last year that granddad really can't blow out the candle through the computer screen so he happily does the blowing from his side).

Then, Italy closed off. People at the Institute advised the guests to get out of the country immediately. Alitalia helped with plane tickets. Christopher got a ticket the end of March and came to NYC (customs) then a long time in Atlanta and finally New Orleans to his wife Katie. 26 hours to get back. We were very happy that he got back. Of course, a week later, he and Katie had corona virus! (confirmed testing). We think he got it from the plane trip and all the contact with others while going through customs and other lines. His bout had all the bad CV things and Katie was just very tired. They seem to be OK now. I hope so.

Then!! Patricia, who had been cancer free for the past year, got a bad lung scan. Cancer returned. Surgery scheduled for the end of this month. They won't hear of our coming to help. MD Anderson and our daughter's nurse friend have been adamant about old people staying home. Even older MDs are not allowed to work at Anderson. Life has suddenly gotten much harder.

When people ask how we're doing I haven't known how to respond. Now I do.

I feel like I'm on a roller coaster that won't stop—endless up/down, up/down, up/down. I wish it would stop long enough to catch my breath.



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### PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

Every presidential election year the County Party undergoes a re-organization. The term of each elected Precinct Committee person expire on November 30, of the Presidential Election Year.

To continue to be, or to become, a precinct committeeman, -woman, you must apply with the County Supervisor of Elections. The deadline to get the application forms to the Supervisor of Elections is **June 8-June 12**. If the number of applicants is equal to the number of seats to be filled, you are automatically elected with no opposition. If there are multiple candidates for the seat, the names of the candidates will be on the August Ballot. The new term of these elected Precinct committee members is December 1, 2020.

Please be aware that these are the only individuals who will be voting on the Pinellas County Democratic party officers and state committee members, and thus, will have a say on who is elected to the Florida Democratic party offices and DNC membership.

Note: Appointed members terms expire at midnight on the night of the Presidential election. No appointments can be resumed until after the County Reorganization elections in December. Therefore, appointed members do not get to vote on the DEC officers.



## Join the In It to Win It Team

Become an **In It to Win It** sustaining donor! By committing to a monthly, recurring donation, you will make the critical work of the Pinellas Democratic

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Click on the image above and under "Make it Monthly" select "Yes, Count me in!" then set your monthly donation amount. Give what you can, every cent counts! You may cancel your donation at any time by calling the office at 727-327-2796.

Here's a link to the information on the Supervisor's website which includes the link to the application form: <https://www.votepinellas.com/Candidates-Committees/Candidates/Information-for-Candidates/2020-PCDEC-Precinct-Committeemen-and-Committeewomen-Qualifying-Requirements>.

Please return your completed application into the DEC office at 2150 1st Ave N, St. Petersburg. We need to ensure that we fill as many Precinct Seats as possible, so we will be tracking all applications received, and can submit them to the SOE.

Help us get more Democrats elected by participating in the Democratic Party!

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## From the Chair's Desk

Dear Florida Democrats,

We hope each of you and your loved ones are doing well and staying safe during these unprecedented times.

As you may have seen in the news this week, Democrats are continuing to fight for what is best for the people and hold Republicans accountable for the harm their failed policies are causing. See the multiple news stories in the Latest FDP News Digest below.

One example you may have read about is the unemployment insurance debacle created by Rick Scott and the Republican legislature since 2011. Now in the midst of this health crisis that is causing many Floridians to lose their jobs, the Sunshine State offers some of the worst unemploy-

ment benefits in the country and Floridians struggle to

get through the outdated and broken system to even apply for the benefits. Together with our Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services Nikki Fried and our Congressional, Legislative, and local elected officials, I have called on our governor to take immediate action to fix our unemployment insurance system. If Floridians can't file a state claim, they aren't eligible for the additional federal unemployment benefits our Congressional leaders passed.

Social distancing requirements have hindered our candidates' abilities to qualify by petition. The week before last, we sent a letter to Secretary of State Laurel Lee, ask-

ing her to both extend the deadline to submit petitions and to allow petitions to be submitted digitally and in bulk. Late Friday we received her ruling -- a partial win. Candidates are now able to submit signed petitions via email; however, the deadline to qualify has not been extended. We've called again for Secretary Lee to extend the deadline for candidates to qualify by petition.

Additionally this week on behalf of the FDP, I joined 50 other State Democratic Parties in signing a letter to federal officials demanding immediate action to make voting easier and more accessible in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We asked lawmakers to appropriate at least \$2 billion to allow states to make improvements to their electoral systems to ensure every voice is

heard come November 3, 2020, no matter what.

I know that despite our physical separation right now, we remain a united, unstoppable force to turn Florida Blue in November. See below for the many ways we are still able to engage both volunteers and voters. And, if you are able, please reach out to check with your friends and neighbors, especially those who may be alone, and do what you can to help those in need, even while sheltering in place. We are all in this together.

As of Sunday, April 5, there are exactly 212 days -- 7 months -- to November 3, 2020.

Forward,

*Terrie*

Terrie Rizzo

Chair

Florida Democratic Party

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## **EVENT PDATES**

In order to limit risk to our Party leaders and protect the health of our guests and staff, **we have postponed the following events:**

- **March 27-29 DCCA Retreat in Jacksonville.** For those who made arrangements to stay at the DoubleTree Jacksonville Riverfront for the DCCA Retreat, please contact the hotel directly at 1-800-222-8733 for reservation cancellation. We are working to reschedule DCCA as soon as it's feasible to do so.
- **April 4 Congressional District Caucuses and April 2 Early Voting** have been rescheduled, with DNC approval, for **May 16, with Early Voting on May 14.**

Following guidance from health officials, we recommend postponing and not attending events through at least mid-April. We also recommend all DEC's, clubs and caucuses move meetings to teleconference and

## **Presidential Preference Primary**

### **Election Results**

Even with coronavirus, Florida Democrats had remarkable results and voted in higher numbers in this election than in the 2016 Primary! With absentee and overseas ballots still to come in, a record 1,734,701 Democrats voted for a presidential candidate compared with 1,709,183 in 2016.

- Early voting increased by 74,031 more Democratic voters than in 2016
- Vote by mail increased by 170,420 over 2016, and that number will increase as overseas ballots continue to come in

These increases are proof positive how energized and committed Florida Democrats are to defeating Donald Trump in 2020

But Tuesday wasn't all about the Presidential Primary. The FDP Municipal Victory Program and county DEC's focused on local races, too! We won 34 elections in 22 municipalities across 9 counties, and 10 of our victories flipped seats from

Red to Blue! Our efforts to win locally advances Democratic policies and builds a bench of candidates to run for higher office. Congratulations to our amazing volunteers and Party leaders who helped elect these Democrats in your counties!

## **Vote by Mail**



This week, FDP and the Dem-

ocratic National Committee (DNC) launched a massive texting campaign to encourage Floridians to register to vote by-mail. Hundreds of volunteers will text over one million Florida voters asking them to vote-by-mail in the upcoming elections. [Sign up to join the effort here!](https://fl.dems.vote/mail)

The DNC and FDP built a strong campaign infrastructure early and are quickly adapting it to function digitally. For example, in late January, the DNC bought tens of millions of cell phone numbers across the country, including Florida, to improve voter contact. [Record vote-by-mail turnout](#) is the reason more Democrats voted in the 2020 Florida

presidential preference primary compared to 2016, despite lower in-person turnout on election day. Vote-by-mail is a reliable and safe method for Floridians to vote during this time of uncertainty.

FDP Executive Director Juan Peñalosa says, "We need to modernize our voting systems to protect voters, and our partnership with the DNC to enroll Floridians in vote-by-mail

## **Issue ID Phonebanks**

With a new focus on digital outreach to voters, it's more important than ever that our messaging is deployed effectively. In order to better target voters online, we've developed Issue ID virtual phonebanks for each county, easily found on our website:

[\*\*CLICK HERE TO START MAKING CALLS\*\*](#)

The Issue IDs are needed to help us identify the issues most important to persuadable NPA voters in your county. These phonebanks will allow us to engage our volunteers while face-to-face voter contact is unsafe, and will define county specific messaging to move persuadable voters in each

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county.

We need to make at least 40,000 calls to collect enough data to create content and scripts that will persuade NPA voters to vote for Democrats.

Need help convincing your volunteers that phone-banking can be fun?

[Share our Virtual Phonebank Bingo card!](#)



## Voter Registration

In February, without any knowledge of how important it would be, we ran a digital test for online voter registration and received the results back this month. It was really successful, enabling us to register 1,920 voters and learn valuable lessons. We are now expanding this model into a \$50,000 monthly program to continue to register voters. To help us fund this new program, please share the below link.

## Digital Actions to Take Today

We know people are looking for meaningful activities and ways to connect with like-minded people during this crisis. Be proactive and help people join our digital organizing movement! Here are steps

you can take and share to support our mission while staying safer at home:

[Make Issue ID Calls](#)  
[Become a digital organizer](#)

[Share a story in our Story-telling Bank](#)

[Create a TikTok for the FDP account](#)

[Join your Regional Facebook Group Page](#)

[Share the online statewide voter registration form](#)



## DNC's Best Practices Institute April Activist Challenge

Despite physical distance, there are still many ways that Democrats can work together to move our Party forward. This month, the DNC's Best Practices Institute (BPI) is challenging activists to work with their local Democratic Party organizations to create a space for virtual engagement. Below are a few ideas to get you started.

### Social Media Engagement:

- Create a local Party Facebook survey asking voters what issues they care about most
- Retweet some local leaders on your Twitter account
- Post a "selfie story" on Instagram or Facebook about how you're helping Democrats in the age of social distancing

### Virtual Informational Sessions:

- Host a virtual update from a local elected official
- Organize a tele-town hall with a local candidate
- Conduct a virtual voter registration training

### Virtual Social Events:

- Create a virtual book club
- Host a local Dems virtual happy hour
- Organize a local candidate virtual meet and greet

### Free tools for digital engagement:

- [Google Hangouts](#)
- [Facebook Live](#)
- [Zoom](#)
- [Skype](#)
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**Bonus:** Think of another creative engagement idea? Tell BPI about it at [bpi@dnc.org](mailto:bpi@dnc.org)!

Once you've completed the challenge, take a selfie and create a post on social media that includes the following information:

- Your name
- Your state
- A short statement about what motivates you to help elect Democrats in 2020
- These hashtags: #BPItraining and #ChallengeAccepted
- And don't forget to tag [@TheDemocrats](#) and [@FlaDems](#)



## **KEN EVANS PUBLIC STATEMENT ON TRUMP CORONA- VIRUS RESPONSE**

– April 7, 2020

I want to send my deepest condolences to those that have lost their lives, their loved ones, or their sense of security. Too many have lost all three. Daily life has been transformed almost overnight, and it is difficult to adapt and persevere.

I am fortunate enough to be safe and healthy, but I recognize that is not the case for many of my fellow Americans. Still, like so many others, my future is uncertain. If this virus brings anything positive, it affirms what we cherish most. Even as I wake up early everyday to make cookies that will hopefully raise funds for my struggling non-profit, I realize something: I have never been so excited to bake cookies.

We need to focus on what is truly important and what we can do to protect that which we hold dear. Although it may not be at the forefront of most Americans' minds right now, I feel responsibility as a leader in my party to call for the

protection of our most important asset as a nation: democracy.

Even as we work to safeguard our health and our economy, we cannot ignore that President Trump and select GOP governors' responses to the coronavirus have been tainted with deeply undemocratic sentiment. Just today, people in Wisconsin are forced to choose between risking their lives to head to the polls and throwing their votes away. The President recently said aloud that agreeing to a Democratic mail-in voting plan would mean that we would "never have a Republican elected in this country again."

This administration's response to this crisis – from downplaying the virus' severity in what experts say were critical "lost" weeks, to consistently making moves that undermine our country's ability to adequately care for its sick – prove that we need a new President in January. We simply cannot afford a second Trump term.

The President's comments mark the end of the GOP being able to pretend that they don't want to engage in voter suppression. I know this is a difficult time, and that we are all being asked to step up and sacrifice in a way few of us have before. I'm afraid I have one more item to add: protect your

vote.

Protect your vote as if your life depends on it. With this crisis and Trump in the Oval Office, we now have proof that elections have serious consequences. Your vote is literally the difference between life and death.

Stay safe and healthy. We will get through this together.

### **Ken Evans**

Broward County Democratic State  
Committeeman  
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## As Coronavirus Threatens Florida, Trump Refuses to Reopen Affordable Care Act Enrollment to Help Uninsured Gain Health Care

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FLORIDA - As the COVID-19 crisis threatens the health and job security of hundreds of thousands of Floridians, Donald Trump **refuses** to reopen the Affordable Care Act (ACA) exchange. Additionally, Trump is *still* supporting the Republican lawsuit to repeal the ACA, which would kick **nearly 2 million Floridians** off their health insurance.

**"Donald Trump's refusal to open a special health care enrollment period in the middle of an unprecedented health crisis is as dangerous as it is cruel,"** said Florida Democratic Party Chair Terrie Rizzo, **"Donald Trump and Ron DeSantis need to start prioritizing the health and safety of our communities. People's lives are at stake."**

Trump's refusal to open a special enrollment period recklessly ignores the reality of this moment:

millions of Americans will need treatment for COVID-19, but will be less likely to seek medical care if they cannot afford it. This not only endangers their life, but makes them more likely to spread COVID-19.

Without reopening the ACA exchange, recently jobless Floridians are left with few options. COBRA is **notoriously** expensive. Florida Republicans have refused to **expand Medicaid**, leaving hundreds of thousands of Floridians in the **coverage gap**. Trump has pushed "junk plans" that, according to **Politico**, **"offer skimpier coverage and typically exclude insurance protections for preexisting conditions... insurers can change coverage terms on the fly and leave patients with exorbitant medical bills."**

### **RELATED:**

***More than 900,000 Floridians are projected to lose their jobs:***

The Economic Policy Institute **estimated** Florida could lose 940,675 jobs. For many people, losing their job means losing their health care.

***More than 680,000 Floridians are project-***

### ***ed to be hospitalized during this crisis:***

An **analysis** by the Harvard Global Health Institute and the Harvard T.H.Chan Public School of health projected that at least 688,000 Floridians will need hospitalization from COVID-19. 🦠

Submitted by Pam Beyersdorf



### **Daily Dig for April 7**

Henri J. M. Nouwen

Being patient is difficult. It is not just waiting until something happens over which we have no control: the arrival of the bus, the end of the rain, the return of a friend, the resolution of a conflict. Patience is not waiting pas-

sively until someone else does something. Patience asks us to live the moment to the fullest, to be completely present to the moment, to taste the here and now, to be where we are. When we are impatient, we try to get away from where we are. We behave as if the real thing will happen tomorrow, later, and somewhere else. Be patient and trust that the treasure you are looking for is hidden in the ground on which you stand.

Source: [\*\*Bread For The Journey\*\*](#)

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### We're All Living in the 'From Now On,' Now

Watching *Apollo 13* for the first time, I couldn't help fixating on how much the world has changed—not in the past half century, but in the past few months.

By [MARINA KOREN 11:00 AM ET](#) [The Atlantic April 11, 2020](#)

About this time 50 years ago today, three men launched toward the moon on Apollo 13, oblivious to the harrowing turn their journey would take. It's a big anniversary, the way the anniversary of Apollo 11, which made the first moon landing, was last summer. But it's difficult to commemorate the half-century anniversary of this mission in the usual ways. Like nearly everything else, museums are closed. The Smithsonian could project an image of the massive Saturn rocket on the Washington Monument again, but no one would probably come out to see it. So, in the disorienting, social-distancing whirlwind of the past few weeks, I decided to observe the anniversary by engaging in my favorite coping mechanism of the pandemic era: I watched

a movie. Although I've been writing about space exploration for several years, I'd never seen *Apollo 13*, Ron Howard's Oscar-nominated 1995 film about that fateful mission. Ah, I thought, *here's a good way to forget reality for two hours*. That hope was trampled about two minutes in. There, driving a red Corvette through the suburbs of Houston, was Tom Hanks, one of the first celebrities to come down with COVID-19. The news of his diagnosis in early March, which feels like a thousand years ago, really brought home the frightening reality of the new coronavirus for many Americans. The most recent experience many of us have of the actor is his Instagram

posts from quarantine in Australia while he recovered from a fever and chills. In *Apollo 13*, however, Hanks is young, unwrinkled, and dashing as Mission Commander Jim Lovell.

The next jolt came soon after. Two days before launch, NASA officials approach Lovell with some bad news: One of the backup astronauts caught the measles from his kid a few weeks earlier, and the entire Apollo 13 crew has been exposed. Lovell and Fred Haise, the lunar-module pilot, are immune because they'd had the infection as children. Ken Mattingly, the third astronaut on the mission, isn't. He isn't exhibiting symptoms, but they

could show up when the crew is in outer space, hurtling toward the moon. "Jim, that's a lousy time for a fever," the director of flight crew operations tells a stunned Hanks.

This really happened. Mattingly didn't end up getting sick with the measles, but Apollo 13 flew to space without him just in case, finding a last-minute replacement in Jack Swigert. Astronauts are always quarantined for about two weeks before launch, even today, to prevent exactly this risk. (In the early moon missions, astronauts spent weeks in isolation after coming home, too; back then, doctors worried that the space travelers could bring home moon germs that would threaten us terrestrials.) Space

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agencies are reevaluating these procedures today in the face of the coronavirus. A recent crew—two Russian cosmonauts and one American astronaut—faced a stricter isolation than usual before blasting off to the International Space Station from Russia's launch facilities this past week.

"Had I been in normal quarantine, I probably could have gone out to some restaurants and left the immediate parameters of the Star City area and just been smart about where we went," Chris Cassidy, the NASA astronaut, told reporters before he launched. "But not this time." After Mattingly gets pulled off the mission, a moment played beautifully onscreen by a sad but stoic Gary Sinise, the rest of the action, though stress-inducing, is a welcome reprieve from the present moment, the kind that only a movie with a guaranteed happy ending can

bring. Thanks to a manufacturing mistake made years before the mission, the spacecraft's oxygen tank ruptures, venting the precious gas into space. With a moon landing no longer an option, the crew spends days trying to stay alive on a return trip home rife with even more scares. By the time the capsule splashed down in the Pacific Ocean, I was tearing up, overcome with admiration for NASA's unstoppable drive and Ron Howard's casting choices. "Ed Harris crying is making me cry," I scrawled in my notebook. Although the film was based on a book by Lovell—who is 92 years old today—it is, of course, a Hollywood version of the events, with some exaggerations for dramatic effect. The real Ken Mattingly once said that NASA engineers had rehearsed many more emergency simulations than the movie implies, and had

even simulated some fixes that their movie counterparts appear to make up on the spot. Gene Kranz, the flight director portrayed by Harris, didn't actually declare that "failure is not an option," and the film's most famous line—"Houston, we have a problem," was delivered a little differently. Haise denies puking after launch.

But on the whole, *Apollo 13* is pretty accurate. Lovell's wife really did drop her wedding

ring down the shower drain before her husband lifted off. The astronauts did shiver for days after cutting the heat to conserve power for their trip home. They did build a makeshift air filter out of random items on the ship, including duct tape and socks, so that they could scrub out a buildup of carbon dioxide that grew more dangerous with every exhale. And humanity

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really was captivated. "Perhaps never in human history has the entire world been so united by such a global drama," Walter Cronkite says in the film, in his famous, rumbling news-anchor voice.

A news anchor today could say exactly the same thing—though exactly how united we all are is up for debate.

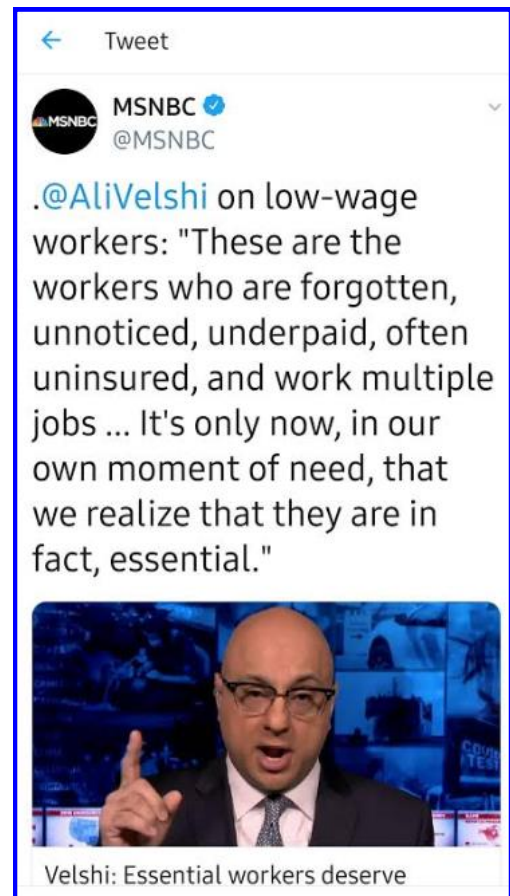
I'm not the only one making connections between a 50-year-old mission and our modern-day pandemic. Haise, who is 86 now, is thinking about them, too. (Swigert, the command-module pilot, died in 1982, at age 51, of cancer.) "The lesson of Apollo 13 is what we had to do to survive," he told the space historian and writer Robert Pearlman in a recent interview. "We had to be willing to be able to change the norm, if you will, because we had to deal with a lot of new things and new procedures to work around

and get through it all. And that's exactly what the world and people are having to deal with today." Early on in the film, Lovell hosts a watch party at his home for the first moon landing. After the guests watch Neil Armstrong climb down the lunar lander and step onto the surface on a grainy black-and-white television, Lovell says: "From now on, we live in a world where man has walked on the moon." As I watched the movie, I couldn't help fixating on how much the world has changed—not in the past 50 years, but in the past few months. The sight of crowds of happy spectators at Cape Canaveral, gathered to witness the takeoff, triggered an involuntarily cringe. Even small gestures felt sacrilegious, like when Haise, all suited up before launch, spits out his gum in a worker's hand before someone puts his helmet on. I wouldn't have thought twice about these moments even a

month ago.

We've entered a new era. There is no doubt, to use Lovell's line at the watch party, that we're living in the "from now on."

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The club provides a variety of ways to stay informed and involved in local, county, state and national political discussions. But we're not just about talk. We will be part of the action in finding the best candidates and getting them elected, as well as supporting the most important causes. We will write letters, make phone calls, knock on doors, register voters, and whatever else it takes to bring change to our communities, our county and our state. But, just as important, we also want to make time to enjoy each other's `company and celebrate each other's efforts at social events throughout the year. Grassroots politics is effective and fun!

As a member of the Largo/Mid-Pinellas Democratic Club you can:

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- Meet and get to know your elected officials and potential candidates
- Raise funds and work for candidates
- Participate in community service projects
- Hear speakers and discuss issues of local, state and national importance
- Attend special events and monthly meetings.

