

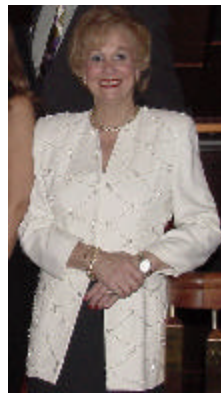
# Weston Democratic Club



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## From Our President ANN ZUCKER

As I write this message, the nation is waiting for the State of the Union speech from our Liar In Chief! That is a very harsh title, but at this point it is quite obviously one that he has earned. Apparently 60% of the country now agrees with this assessment.



Hillary Clinton was quoted recently as saying that she was shocked at the level of incompetence shown by this Administration. All one has to do is turn on "The Daily Show" to watch the President's latest blunder. His blunders are repeatedly incessantly. No TV comedian could be funnier. If this was only a TV comedy!

It is not a TV comedy. This is our country and we need to stop acting like the laughing stock of the world.

Israel is furious with us for pushing a Democratic Palestinian election. They were very well aware that it would signal the end of the Middle East peace process. How come they knew that and we didn't? Incompetence.

We knew that this would happen, but there were not enough of us to stop it. We need to start now, with local and statewide elections to turn the country back to competence. We need to turn back the disrespect of the entire world. It is up to us to activate using our email lists, and word of mouth to everyone we know. The grassroots can make a difference. It is just up to us to try.

I look forward to continuing this discussion on a local level at our next meeting. Bring your friends! Pay your dues! Increase our numbers and show the Republicans that we matter.

## General Meeting

Monday  
February 13th, 2006

7:30 P.M.

Coffee & Cake

Bonaventure Town Center

16690 Saddle Club Road

Near Bonaventure Blvd

PLEASE WELCOME

Our friend and  
neighbor

County Commissioner

Lois Wexler

There are many issues on a County level that will be affecting us. Commissioner Wexler will make us aware of what is going on. The best way to help ourselves is to stay informed!

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senator Nan H. Rich - District 34



Dear Friends:

I hope that you and your families are safe following Hurricane Wilma. As cleanup continues throughout our community, the following information may be of assistance to you.

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Broward Sheriff's Office: (954) 765-4321

FEMA: 1-800-621-3362 or [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

American Red Cross: (954) 797-9900

Operation Blue Roof: 1-888-766-3258

Operation Blue Roof provides plastic sheathing to cover roofs on eligible homes at no cost to homeowners. The covers serve as temporary repairs and are installed by contractors. Only primary residences that have sloped, shingled roofs are eligible. Mobile homes with aluminum siding cannot support a blue roof unless substantially reinforced.

The current location in Broward to apply for a blue roof is at the Pembroke Pines Recreational Center located at 7400 Sunrise Blvd. at the corner of 74th Ave. and Pines Blvd. in Pembroke Pines. Hours of operation are from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily.

Information about the program is online at [www.nj.usace.army.mil](http://www.nj.usace.army.mil) and at 1-888-766-3258.

#### TO MAKE A CLAIM:

If you need to make an insurance claim due to hurricane damage, here are the numbers for the state's major home and auto insurers:

State Farm Insurance: 1-800-732-5246

Allstate Floridian Insurance: 1-800-547-8676

Nationwide Insurance: 1-800-421-3535

USAA: 1-800-531-8222

Citizens Property Insurance: 1-866-411-CPIC

First Floridian Auto & Home Insurance: 1-800-252-4633

Progressive Auto Insurance: 1-800-776-4737

Mercury Insurance Group: 1-800-997-6000

National Flood Insurance Program: 1-800-627-4661

Please feel free to contact our office at (954) 747-7933 if you have any questions or need assistance. Thank you.

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# Republicans Speak Out on War Hmmm...wonder what they really think!!!!

The following quotes were made by Republicans during the Kosovo campaign.

'You can support the troops but not the president.' - Representative Tom Delay (R-TX)

'[The] president is once again releasing American military might on a foreign country with an ill-defined objective and no exit strategy. He has yet to tell the Congress how much this operation will cost. And he has not informed our nation's armed forces about how long they will be away from home. These strikes do not make for a sound foreign policy.' - Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA)

'American foreign policy is now one huge big mystery. Simply put, the administration is trying to lead the world with a feel-good foreign policy.' - Representative Tom Delay (R-TX)

'If we are going to commit American troops, we must be certain they have a clear mission, an achievable goal and an exit strategy.' - Karen Hughes, speaking on behalf of George W. Bush

'I had doubts about the bombing campaign from the beginning. I didn't think we had done enough in the diplomatic area.' - Senator Trent Lott (R-MS)

'Well, I just think it's a bad idea. What's going to happen is they're going to be over there for 10, 15, maybe 20 years.' - Joe Scarborough (R-FL)

'I cannot support a failed foreign policy. History teaches us that it is often easier to make war than peace. This administration is just learning that lesson right now. The president began this mission with very vague objectives and lots of unanswered questions. A month later, these questions are still unanswered. There are no clarified rules of engagement. There is no timetable. There is no legitimate definition of victory. There is no contingency plan for mission creep. There is no clear funding program. There is no agenda to bolster our overextended military. There is no explanation defining what vital national interests are at stake. There was no strategic plan for war when the president started this thing, and there still is no plan today.' - Representative Tom Delay (R-TX)

'Explain to the mothers and fathers of American servicemen that may come home in body bags why their son or daughter have to give up their life.' - Sean Hannity, Fox News, 4/6/99

'Victory means exit strategy, and it's important for the president to explain to us what the exit strategy is.' - Governor George W. Bush (R-TX)

'This is President Clinton's war, and when he falls flat on his face, that's his problem.' - Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN)

'Bombing a sovereign nation for ill-defined reasons with vague objectives undermines the American stature in the world. The international respect and trust for America has diminished every time we casually let the bombs fly.' - Representative Tom Delay (R-TX)

# YOU GOTTA LAUGH!!!

"At the trial Saddam insisted he is still president, he is still in charge, despite the fact that his people disapprove of him and his top assistants are all in jail or going to jail. No, I'm sorry, that's President Bush."  
-Jay Leno

"Saddam Hussein's trial started yesterday, were you folks aware of that? In court he was stubborn and he was defiant. Stubborn and defiant in insisting that he's still the president. You know, sorta like Bush."  
-David Letterman

"There are rumors circulating that because of the CIA leak investigation, Vice President Dick Cheney would resign and Condoleezza Rice will take his place. Due to the complex nature of the arrangement, it had to be explained to the President using puppets." -Jay Leno

"The results from the Iraqi election are coming in and the Sunnis are claiming that the election was rigged. So looks like they got an American-style democracy after all." -David Letterman

"Here's a reminder to Iraq: The crooked voting machines are due back in Florida by Friday." -David Letterman

# WHO KNEW???? DEMOCRATS CAN COOK TOO!

Linda C Hicks Spencer, the State Committeewoman of Nassau County, has compiled a cookbook which she is selling as a fundraiser: *Cooking with Democrats*. It has favorite recipes from such Democrats as President Jimmy Carter and the Wyoming Governor, and includes letters, biographies and signed pictures. *Cooking with Democrats* is 140 pages long, with a beautiful cover (in color) of all the VIP Democrats who contributed to the Cookbook.

Ms. Spencer writes, "The Cookbook was a dream of mine in order to thank my Mother and Daddy for all they had done for me. They were two of the most hardheaded Democrats I have ever met. Being from Eastern Kentucky and the coal mining country, home of John L. Lewis and the Miners Union, the Cookbook was just what I felt would please them and other Democrats all across the United States."

*Cooking with Democrats* can be ordered directly from Ms. Spencer. Email her at [JLCSpencer1@aol.com](mailto:JLCSpencer1@aol.com).

# **From: Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz**

As we stand on the threshold of 2006, people across South Florida and America are quietly contemplating their resolutions for the new year. According to recent polling, 49% of Americans have lost confidence in their government. As we begin this new year, it is time to establish a few overdue resolutions for our country.

## **RESOLUTION #1**

### **BE BETTER PREPARED FOR HURRICANES AND NATURAL DISASTERS**

After the painful lessons of hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, we must look back and determine how to better respond to these disasters and implement policies to prevent similar disastrous results.

These disasters exposed fundamental flaws in the plan and communication structure to coordinate response efforts of local, state, and federal government, as well as non-profit relief organizations. For example, we must establish procedures to ensure that the safety and well-being of seniors in adult communities is not forgotten. Now that we know our current emergency management infrastructure is not capable of responding to multiple disasters, or those the scope of Katrina, Rita and Wilma, we must streamline and reform our disaster preparedness and response.

## **RESOLUTION #2**

### **DEVELOP A REAL HOMELAND SECURITY PLAN**

Nine million shipping containers bring freight into United States sea and river ports every year. Currently, the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection analyzes cargo and other shipping information to target specific freight for closer examination, resulting in an average of only 1 in 20 shipments undergoing inspection, according to the New York Times.

South Florida is home to Port Everglades and the Port of Miami, three international airports, and has miles and miles of coastline. In order to secure our borders and points of entry, we must correct the Department of Homeland Security's inability to adequately prevent and respond to terrorist attacks. In 2006, we must create a comprehensive list of critical infrastructure to be protected and a plan to secure it, we must assist airports in acquiring critical new explosive detection equipment, and we must streamline and strengthen information sharing with local law enforcement.

## **RESOLUTION #3**

### **WE MUST IMPROVE AMERICA'S GLOBAL REPUTATION**

Widespread discontent with the United States has soared since the invasion of Iraq and the Administration's refusal to participate in worldwide environmental protocols. According to the Pew Research Center, favorability ratings for the United States have fallen in 19 of the 27 countries surveyed since 2000. In response to this widespread plunge in global public opinion, the Administration instituted an office of Public Diplomacy to repair our nation's image. The office has yet to do more than attract criticism and lampoons.

The international community also resents the United States' dissent from the Kyoto Protocol, an international environmental agreement that requires nations to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and has been signed by many of our key Western allies.

Their concern is understandable. The United States creates a fifth of the world's greenhouse emissions, so refusing to abide by the protocol's standards will severely undercut its success. Choosing not to cooperate also gives American companies an unfair advantage against global competitors, as they will be free of the protocol's additional compliance costs.

Our current policies fail to value international relationships. We must incorporate international concerns into initiative planning if we are to continue to count on the support of global coalitions.

## **RESOLUTION #4**

### **WE MUST RESTORE FAITH AND TRUST IN GOVERNMENT**

A series of top White House personnel and Congressional leaders have been indicted or investigated for serious national security breaches and money laundering scams. With this in mind, it's hardly surprising that a recent CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll reported that 49% of respondents said most members of Congress are corrupt.

There has also been an abrupt reversal in Congressional oversight during this Administration that must be addressed. During the Clinton White House investigations, Congress issued over 1000 subpoenas and deposed over 141 officials. Meanwhile, during the current Administration, Democrats' requests to hold four separate hearings on possible faulty pre-Iraq War intelligence and the CIA leak scandal were denied in the Government Reform Committee.

Additionally, four resolutions of inquiry—the means of last resort to force a congressional investigation—were rejected in the Intelligence, Judiciary, Armed Services, and International Relations committees.

The stakes could not be higher. Evenhanded oversight is not unpatriotic— it's Congress' constitutional obligation. We must reestablish honest governmental and the people's trust.

## **RESOLUTION #5**

### **WE MUST ESTABLISH CLEAR, SECURE HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS**

Seniors across the country are being asked to sort through a complicated and confusing Medicare Prescription Drug Bill. Medicare Part D fails to guarantee beneficiaries a comprehensive prescription drug benefit. Worse, they will have to repeat the review process annually as plans change again, and again. I recently held a series of town hall meetings to help explain this new program to South Floridians, and hundreds of confused people took the time to come out. Many participants are panicked by the new plan and cannot get through to the call-in help system because it is inundated with calls. Some pharmacies have been forced to give customers a three-day supply of their medications until they can straighten out the new insurance guidelines.

This new plan shamelessly entices large pharmaceutical companies at the expense of the American people, and the existing campaigns to explain the program to our seniors are clearly inadequate. We need to jumpstart a public education campaign before people make serious mistakes or are needlessly charged for not signing up on time.

I'm pleased to share these resolutions with you, and I look forward to working toward making them a reality by 2007. Your questions, thoughts, and concerns are important to me. Please do not hesitate to let me know of any problems or issues you consider significant. Feel free to contact my offices in Broward at 954-437-3936, in Miami-Dade at 305-936-5724, or in Washington, D.C. at 202-225-7931.

# Weston Democratic Club

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ONLY \$10. per person ~ \$15. per couple each YEAR

*Join NOW*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

APT # \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please NOTE: You must be a DEMOCRAT to join this Club. If you would like to switch Party Affiliation, IT'S EASY! We will help you fill out the form.

Please Mail Application To:

Toby Feuer

213 Lakeview Drive # 101

Weston, FL 33326

954-384-1335

*Remember, All Membership Checks mailed to TOBY, Thanks..*

For More Information:  
Please Call ANN ZUCKER  
954-389-4514

**Come to a MEETING!**  
**Meet New Friends!**  
**Bring Old Friends!**  
**Enjoy Stimulating Topics..**

**GET YOUR  
FRIENDS TO  
BE PART OF  
THE  
ACTION!!!!**

Thank you for being one of us! We appreciate you, but we need more from you. We need you to bring your friends and your neighbors. We need to show Broward County and the Republicans that the Democrats are still strong in Weston. They think they are gaining on us, but you and I know that we won't allow that. A strong club will make for a strong Democratic reputation in Weston.

**WE NEED YOUR  
HELP!  
KEEP WESTON  
DEMOCRATIC!**

*If you want instant info, Give US your email address*



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