



**PV UNITED FOR  
PROGRESS**

MARCH 5, 2017

# AGENDA

1. General Updates
2. Short & Long Term Goals
3. Committee Updates
4. Committee Breakout sessions



# GENERAL UPDATES

## Facebook Pages:

- Ponte Vedra United for Progress (only BOD can post) - meeting updates/action items
- PVUP Confidential - open posting to group

Website: [www.pvup.org](http://www.pvup.org) is up and running. Find power point slides and sign up for newsletter.

Monthly Newsletter - sent the week following each meeting. Summarizes meeting and next steps. If you can't keep up with facebook, a good place to start.

Safety Concerns - Don't engage anti-protestors. Use your phone - video tape.

Chants

Membership Interest survey

# 10 Easy Chants to Use at Rallies

1. Hey! Ho! Donald Trump has got to go!
2. Love! Not Hate! Makes America Great!
3. Tell me what Democracy looks like! This is what Democracy looks like!
4. The People, united, will never be divided!
5. When \_\_\_\_\_ (human rights) are under attack. What do we do? Stand up! Fight Back!
6. No Trump! No wall! The whole system's gotta fall!
7. One - we are the people! Two - a little bit louder! Three - we want justice! For our People!
8. Nevertheless! She persisted!
9. No Borders! No nations! Stop the deportations!
10. Enough is enough! We won't go back!



# MEMBERSHIP INTEREST SURVEY

- We created a survey to help us understand where the group's interests and priorities are
- Will be pinned to top of the PVUP Confidential Facebook page; also link will be in the newsletter and on pvup.org
- Survey takes less than 5 minutes and individual responses will be kept private
- Responses will not obligate you to any activity, but will help us better identify areas to focus on and help connect people to the committees that interest them



# SHORT & LONG TERM GOALS

## Short Term Goals:

- Support indivisible/activism committee in as many efforts as possible.
- Attend current philanthropy project event (volunteers needed to head efforts).
- Attend social events as they arise to support your community (events will be posted on facebook & in newsletter).
- Attend educational forums/help recruit speakers.

## Long Term Goals:

- Identify and increase the number of registered democratic voters in St. Johns County and encourage participation in upcoming elections. Identify and support viable candidates.
- 11/6/18 - 14 governorships, 33 senate seats, and 435 HOR's will be up for Re-Election - Mark your calendars!

# ACTIVISM COMMITTEE UPDATE

What Have Our Constitutional Warriors Been Doing in the Past Month?

- Daily Calls to Members of Congress
- Peaceful protest of Fox News Town Hall; media coverage
- March from Rutherford to Rubio's for Resist Trump Tuesday
- Constituent-Led Town Hall for Rutherford
- Participation in Indivisible meetings
- Developed Activism committee organization and identification of leads  
-- some positions are still available!

Chair (Robin Dion)

Co-Chair (Jennifer Benfield)



Legislation and Candidates  
(Judy Morrow, Erica Connor)

Action  
(Joanne Pero)

Coordination  
(Robin Dion)

Track MOC's votes; upcoming legislation

Identify and promote candidates

Daily Action Alerts  
(Joanne Pero)

Events: Rallies, Marches  
(TBD)

Activism Training  
(Maggie LaRocca)

Liaison with other local groups

Maintain unified events calendar

Specific Interest Groups

Universal Health Care

Women's Issues

LGBTQ

Environment, Science

Refugees, Immigration

Gun Control

Social Security

Medicare/Medicaid

Criminal Justice Reform

# **ACTIVISM: Activities This Month**

## **Committee Activities for March**

- **Calls for Daily Action: posted daily to PVUP Confidential**
- **Resist Trump rally and presentations: Every Tuesday at Rubio's**
- **Tracking upcoming legislation for action; identifying progressive candidates for promotion locally and nationally**
- **Ides of March Postcards: Tell the White House what you think**

## **Training Opportunities**

- **Phone bank event: learn tips for making it easy and simple**
- **Activist and Peacekeeper training -- learn to be safe and effective**

# ACTIVISM: Training

Activist training will cover:

- Basic principles of non-violent resistance
  - Avoid antagonizing the opposition
  - Act collectively and cooperatively
  - Not about changing opinions or winning
- Tactics for dealing with counter-protestors
  - Turn your back; take non-violence stance
  - Singing, chanting can help
  - Walk away or sit down
- Role of peacekeepers: prevent, minimize, and end conflict
- How to deal with trolls: don't engage or feed them
- Managing disinformation: Be positive about our message



## PVUP in ACTION!



# **ACTIVISM: Public Rallies in March**

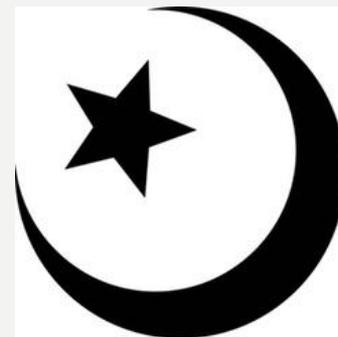
## **Activist Events in Our Area During March**

- **March 8<sup>th</sup>: International Women's Day**
- **March 11<sup>th</sup>: Democrats march in Celtic Parade, St. Augustine**
- **March 11<sup>th</sup>: Sabal Trail Awareness Action, Riverside Arts Market**
- **March 14<sup>th</sup>: Womens March Florida Rally, St. Augustine**
- **March 18<sup>th</sup>: Save the St. Johns event, Jacksonville**
- **March 25<sup>th</sup>: Vote of No Confidence rally, Jacksonville**
- **Lots of Earth Day events coming up in April!**



# PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Bi-monthly efforts benefitting groups targeted by the Trump administration (Refugees, LGBT, Women, etc.)
  - First focus: Refugee and Muslim communities
    - Dinner Club - Need volunteers to host dinners
    - **April 1st** - Explore Islam with Your Muslim neighbors @ ICNEF
- Traditional philanthropy events (Habitat for Humanity, etc.)
  - First event: **June 17th** Build Day for Habitat for Humanity. All volunteer spots are filled (Great Job!)
- Next focus will be Environmental or LGBT community



# SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE- Redneck Party past Friday



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Special thanks to Sharon  
Geyer and Justin  
Hekkanen for hosting.



# SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Upcoming Events

- Adult Events
  - St. Patty's Day, March 9th Donovan's
  - Casa Monica: dinner, drinks, live music
    - Fundraiser for a 501C
    - Tentatively April 20th
  - November Casino Night
- Family Events
  - Hanna Park Potluck May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Summer family event TBA
- Mini-Raffles at each meeting
  - Cornhole and necklaces
  - Donations thanks to Erik and Megan Peterson of Reese and Shore Design Co.



**NEXT MEETING:  
SUNDAY APRIL 9 (?)  
@ 5 P.M.**

COASTAL OAKS CLUBHOUSE

# COMMITTEE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- Activism
- Philanthropy
- Education & Outreach
- Social