

Hello everyone,

I know that for many of you it's been quite a while, but the spirit and drive behind the Stonewall Democratic Caucus is still alive here in SW Florida.

I'll start with the obvious, I'm not David Seaton. While David has expressed his wishes to remain a part of the group, he has asked to pass on the primary leadership role. While attending the Florida State Convention this past October, the President of the State GLBT Caucus, Michael Albetta, asked me to step in and re-organize our local chapter and I agreed.

Relying heavily on the support and assistance of my fellow steering committee members (Steve, Lydia and Laura) we are completing our re-certification process and are ready to have our first open membership meeting. It will be held in the meeting room of The New Metropolitan restaurant on Sunday May 18th at 3:00 PM. Thanks to a sponsor from Lee Memorial we will be treated to various snacks and Hors D'oeuvres.

I have confirmed our guest speaker will be Chad Thilborger from Florida Red & Blue - an organization whose sole purpose is to defeat the so-called "marriage protection" amendment on the ballot this fall. Other guests who have been invited include our Lee County Democratic State Committeewoman, Ellis Robinson and Larry Byrnes, a Democratic Candidate running in Congressional District 14 who openly supports Civil Unions.

I hope to have an opportunity to meet and speak with each one of you at the meeting or during the social after. If you are unable to attend or have any questions, please feel free to call me.

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