

# The Delray Democrat

## The Passing of Pat O’Hearne<sup>1</sup>

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It is with heavy hearts that the Palm Beach County Democratic Party mourns the loss of Pat O’Hearne, lifelong Democratic activist, PBC Precinct Committeewoman, Zone Leader Emerita for Zone 8 in East Delray Beach, and Democratic Party stalwart par excellence, who passed away on June 19 at age 84.

Pat and her beloved husband of 61 years, David B. O’Hearne, lived in Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Colorado, and New Hampshire before retiring to Florida, and she was an always positive, roll-up-the-sleeves and get-it-done, joyful force in every community in which she arrived.

The Democratic Party was in Pat’s DNA, as she used to joke, and she volunteered extensively to work to get Democrats elected on every level.

She once served as the Clerk in the Connecticut State Senate, and she volunteered extensively on campaigns in Connecticut, Colorado and Florida. She sent red, white and blue flowers to her grandchildren on their 18th birthdays to remind them to register to vote.

In PBC, Pat and Dave were deeply involved in countless campaigns and party operations, including heading up the PBC Rides to the Polls organization for the Kerry, both Obama, and Hillary Campaigns. In addition to working her own precinct, Pat led the charge for the DEC as Zone Leader for Zone 8, and she was instrumental in office operations at the Delray Office.

Whatever needed doing, whether it was cleaning the office kitchen or running a Get-Out-The-Vote operation, Pat was there leading the way. Her cheerful personality, and positive, take-charge leadership made her a joy to work with, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Please join us in extending our deepest condolences to her husband Dave, their children, Brian, Mary, and Jennifer, and all her extended family, and let’s redouble our work to get out the vote in her memory.

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