

## Women Leading Women

By Debbie Faulkner

The opportunities afforded to women today would not be possible without the fearless women who blazed the trail before us. One such woman is Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States, and the first ever woman Majority Leader in the United States as Republican leader of the Arizona Senate.

As a student leader at Cornell Law, I was afforded the opportunity to have lunch with her. Although she is considered one of the most powerful women in the world, she told me that after she graduated law school, 40 employers refused to interview her simply because of her gender.

As a young lawyer, Justice O'Connor has been an inspiration to me. I am inspired by her tenacity and vision. Her example has given me the strength I need to fight against the "good 'ol boys" system and

### Fight for what is Right.



Debbie with Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor at Cornell Law School

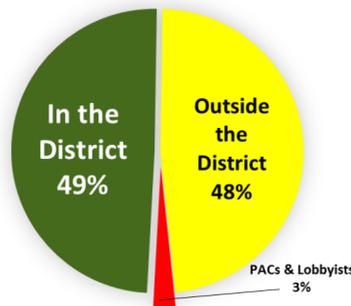
## District 65 Candidates Fiscal Accountability at a Glance

### DEBBIE FAULKNER

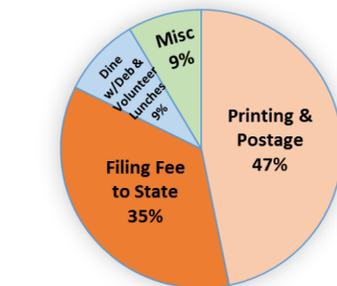
- ⇒ Does not hold fundraisers
- ⇒ Believes that voters donate with their heart
- ⇒ Believes in raising only enough money to pay for essential campaign expenses
- ⇒ Does not believe in paying consultants
- ⇒ Spends money only on necessities

**71% of Contributors live in the District**

CONTRIBUTIONS  
Total Raised **\$9,814\***



#### EXPENDITURES



Total Spent **\$5,022.00**

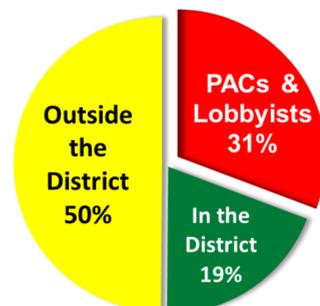
\* all financial data taken from the Florida Division of Elections Candidate Financial Data on July 15, 2014

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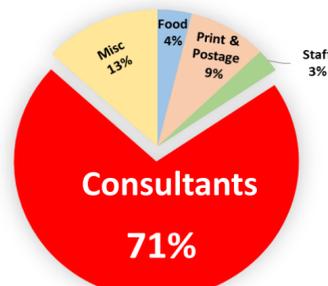
- ⇒ Holds fundraisers with lobbyists in Tallahassee
- ⇒ Consistently requests money via email
- ⇒ Uses campaign software to solicit money from PACs & lobbyists
- ⇒ Uses other politicians names & contacts to raise funds
- ⇒ Spends excessive amounts of money on consultants

**28% of Contributors live in the District**

CONTRIBUTIONS  
Total Raised **\$170,056\***



#### EXPENDITURES



Total Spent **\$53,874.00**

**2 Candidates — 2 Philosophies**  
**ONE CHOICE**

**Let the Voices of the People of District 65 be heard!**

## Debbie Faulkner

#### Believes

- Representatives should represent and be accountable to the people of the District
- The Party should remain neutral during the Primary and allow the voters to freely choose the nominee
- Representatives should be public servants, not profit-driven career politicians (Debbie will continue to be a small business owner)
- Representatives shouldn't be pay-to-play; they should be accessible to all—Deb doesn't solicit money from lobbyists & PACs
- People should run for office in their home district

## Christopher Sprowls

- Accepted over \$40,000 from Lobbyists and PACs<sup>1</sup>
- Dropped out of this 2012 State Rep. race on request of the Party Leadership<sup>2</sup>
- Accepted Party Leadership hosted fundraisers as a reward for obedience in 2012<sup>3</sup>
- Accepted \$9,000 from the Party in 13 days for a staff member<sup>4</sup>
- Is already running to be House Speaker in 2020<sup>4, 5, 6</sup>
- Moved into Pinellas County in 2012 to run for this seat<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Florida Division of Elections Candidate Finance Reports <sup>2</sup> St. Petersburg Blog, May 14, 2012 <sup>3</sup> St. Petersburg Blog, Feb 11, 2013  
<sup>4</sup> http://teamjb.com/2014-election-update-qualifying/ <sup>5</sup> http://contextflorida.com/tag/chris-sprows/  
<sup>6</sup> www.tampabay.com Jan 14, 2014 <sup>7</sup> http://appraiser.pascogov.com/ (property record for 11922 Tee Time Cir)

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Meet the *Voice of the People*

# Debbie Faulkner



## Long Time Community Activist Seeks Legislative Seat

Debbie Faulkner of Palm Harbor is running for Florida House in District 65. Debbie grew up in Palm Harbor, attending both Highland Lakes Elementary School and East Lake High School. Before high school, she and a group of her friends formed Teens for Charitable Causes, a Florida not-for-profit, and raised over \$11,000 for local charities including the Palm Harbor Senior Center (now, the Centre of Palm Harbor), the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Upper Pinellas Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Dunedin, SPCA, and Metropolitan Ministries. In 2001, at 15-years-old, Debbie was named a Bay News 9 Everyday Hero for her volunteerism and leadership achievements. Debbie continued to work on behalf of our local community throughout her time at East Lake High school, earning the Presidential Service Award for her work with organizations such as the Key Club (a branch of Kiwanis).

During her college years, Debbie tutored elementary school children in reading and math, and volunteered for the Farmworkers' Association of Florida by providing translations. Debbie was involved in Stetson's College Republicans and volunteered by preparing income tax returns for needy families. Returning to Palm Harbor after college, Debbie became a Big Sister with the Pinellas Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization and became a Competent Toastmaster through the Palm Harbor Toastmasters before heading to Cornell a year later.

After graduating from Cornell Law School at 23 years old, Debbie raised funds for Coordinators2, a non-profit adoption agency. Debbie is currently a Board Member of the East Lake Library Foundation and the Clearwater Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Division. She volunteers her legal expertise with Gulf Coast Legal Services and serves on a fundraising committee for the Centre of Palm Harbor. Debbie was on Team Recruitment for the Palm Harbor/Tarpon Relay for Life, and she continues to fundraise for Big Brothers/Big Sisters in addition to running her law firm in Palm Harbor. Debbie is seeking the Republican nomination to represent her hometown in Tallahassee during the 2015/2016 Legislative Session.

## Republican Party of Florida tries to hand-pick nominee —

*The Republican Party of Florida has done everything in its power to appoint the next nominee for District 65, despite the impending Republican Primary on August 26, 2014.*

Chris Sprowls, a political consultant for former State Representative Peter Nehr, declared his candidacy for the seat in 2012, against Representative Nehr. When the Tallahassee leadership caught wind of his campaign, they pressured him to withdraw and "wait his turn" for the seat, vowing their support in 2014 for his compliance.<sup>1</sup> He immediately caved to the pressure, withdrew his candidacy for the 2012 race, and began focusing on 2014, with the Party's full support. Backed by the Republican Party and dozens of lobbyists, Sprowls has accumulated over \$170,000 and garnered the endorsements of many sitting politicians. As part of the "Good Ol' Boys" club, he has been paraded around Tallahassee for the last two years, receiving large donations from lobbyists, PACs, and Committees of Continuing Existence.

While much can be said to be speculative, an email erroneously sent to Debbie Faulkner by the Republican Party of Florida confirmed the Party is insistent upon selecting the next Republican nominee from our district. In this email, the GOP of Florida informed Debbie the Party donated in-kind a staff member for her campaign. When Faulkner replied, explaining she didn't have any staff and it was her impression the Party has and will continue to support her opponent's campaign, the Party responded, "so sorry Debbie . . . You are correct!"

With that, the **Florida GOP confirmed its intent to sway this Primary.**

<sup>1</sup> http://www.saintpetersblog.com/archives/58449



## 2013 Turkey Trot



*"My most cherished accomplishment? Being a Bay News 9 Everyday Hero for my work with Teens for Charitable Causes."*

Debbie Faulkner



## Hedstrom Foundation Golf Tournament 2014

**Parachuting is my passion.**  
Jumping alongside my friends, we work as a team to create formations in the sky during our 60 seconds of freefall. Parachuting back to reality renews my energy and reignites my passion for life. It is a gentle reminder that life is precious, and our time to make a difference is now.





# Republican Candidates for House Seat 65 at a Glance

## Debbie Faulkner

## Chris Sprowls\*



### Education

Washington University LL.M. in Taxation (2012-2013) Scholarship  
 Cornell Law School, J.D. (2006-2009) Scholarship  
 Stetson University B.A. (2003-2005) Presidential Merit Scholarship  
 St Petersburg College A.A. Tarpon Springs (2002-2003) Phi Theta Kappa  
 East Lake High School, Tarpon Springs  
 Highland Lakes Elementary, Palm Harbor

- Post Graduate -  
 - Graduate -  
 - Undergraduate -  
 - High School -  
 - Elementary -

Stetson Law School, J.D. (2006-2009)  
 University of South Florida, B.A. (2004-2006)  
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 Sunset Hills Elementary, Tarpon Springs

### Experience

Lawyer/Owner, The Faulkner Firm, P.A. Palm Harbor  
 Private Client Group, Bryan Cave, St. Louis, MO  
 Asst. State Attorney, Pinellas/Pasco  
 Appellate Court Clerk, Richmond VA  
 Judge Advocate General Legal Office — MacDill AFB  
 U.S. District Court Student Clerk — Tampa  
 Executive Assistant — Oldsmar  
 Papa John’s Pizza Delivery Driver — East Lake  
 Target Cashier — East Lake  
 Takee Outee Chinese Restaurant Clerk — East Lake

- Current -  
 - Previous -  
 - Post Law School -  
 - Law School Intern/Summer -  
 - Law School -  
 - Post College -  
 - College -  
 - High School -

Asst. State Attorney, Pinellas/Pasco  
 Legal Intern, Chief Republican Council, New Port Richey  
 Political Consultant,\*\* New Port Richey

### Bar Admittance

U.S. Tax Court  
 Florida Bar  
 Young Lawyers Division  
 Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Division  
 Tax Division  
 Missouri Bar  
 Virginia Bar

Florida Bar  
 Young Lawyers Division

### Community Service

Palm Harbor/Tarpon Relay for Life Team Recruitment, Palm Harbor, (2014)  
 Volunteer Attorney, Gulf Coast Legal Services (2013-present)  
 East Lake Library Foundation, Board Member (2013-present)  
 Planned Giving Advisory Council, Morton Plant Mease Foundation (2013-present)  
 East Lake Friends of the Library (2013-present)  
 Dunedin Friends of the Library (2013-present)  
 Coordinators2 Inc.—Adoption Agency, Board Member (2010-2011)  
 Junior League (2012-present)  
 Big Brothers/Big Sisters (2002, 2014)

Dunedin Relay for Life, American Cancer Society (2014)  
 Member Involvement Chair, YMCA (2013-present)  
 Member, Sunrise Rotary Club (2013-present)

### Publications, Memberships, & Professional Associations

Charles Schwab Select Investor National Advisory Group (2013-present)  
 Clearwater Bar Association Young Lawyer Division Board of Directors  
 Borham Brothers Realty Advisory Group  
 Estate Planning Article—Bryancave.com; Res Ipsa publication  
 Mensa Member  
 United States Parachute Association — A License Holder

### Awards & Recognitions

Tampa Bay Business Journal Up & Comer Award (2013)  
 Bay News 9 Everyday Hero Award (2001)  
 Presidential Service Award for Community Service (2002)

### Political Involvement

72 Hour Program Presidential Campaign Coordinator, RNC, N. Pinellas (2004)  
 Republican National Convention, New York City, FL Delegation Volunteer (2004)  
 Southern Republican Leadership Conference Assistant (2004)  
 Treasurer, Stetson College Republicans (2004)  
 Volunteer Coordinator, Presidential Visit to Top of the World, (2004)  
 Youth Coordinator, Jeb Bush for Governor, 1998  
 Precinct Walk Coordinator, Jeb Bush for Governor (2002)  
 Legislative Page for Gus Bilirakis (1998)  
 Precinct Walker, Jack Latvala for State Senate (1994, 1998)  
 Canvassed at Clearwater Beach with Jeb Bush (1994)  
 Volunteer, Kim Berfield for State House (2000, 2002)

Legislative Intern for Mike Fasano, Pasco County (2005)  
 Campaign Manager, John Legg, Pasco County (2004)  
 Congressional Intern for Mike Bilirakis (2003)  
 Legislative Intern for Gus Bilirakis (2003)  
 72 Hour Program Coordinator, Jeb Bush for Governor, Pasco-Pinellas, (2002)  
 Congressional Page for Mike Bilirakis (2001)

\*all data in this column was taken from www.chrispsrowls.com, Chris Sprowls Campaign Literature, and/or Chris Sprowls’ LinkedIn Page

\*\* Taken from Peter Nehr’s 2006 State Rep. Campaign Expenditure Report

# Debbie On The Issues

## Insurance

Property insurance is out of control. Although Florida has had no major hurricanes in 7 years, Florida taxpayers have paid over \$400 million to private insurance companies to take over policies from Citizens Property Insurance, and 1/3 of these companies are already bankrupt. While I firmly believe government should not be in the business of insurance, we the taxpayers cannot afford to keep paying millions to politicians’ friends who haphazardly throw together new insurance companies in exchange for millions in financial incentives. Right here in Pinellas County, a nine-month old insurance company received \$52 million of taxpayers’ money to take over insurance policies from Citizens. We the people will take a stand against cronyism and skyrocketing property insurance rates.

## Education

The backbone of our economy is our educational system. I believe a good education begins at home – in our local classrooms and communities with our parents and teachers. We need to allow Florida’s teachers to do what they do best by freeing them from overly complex federal and state regulations. We need to return control to our local communities and districts. Our teachers have one of the most noble professions in society. I believe the best way to support them is to provide adequate funding and allow them leeway to tailor the curriculum to the needs of their students.

## Ethics

One of the biggest issues facing our country today is the lack of honest representation by our elected officials. Many elected officials have decided to ignore the needs and concerns of the people, instead catering to lobbyists, cronies, and PACs. Representing the people should not require membership in a secret fraternity, nor should it require hundreds of thousands of dollars. I believe government control should return to the people’s hands, and the best way to do this is to select a representative who is among the people – not among the politicians and lobbyists.

## Economy & Jobs

With over 14 years working for employers ranging from Fortune 100 companies like Target and Papa John’s, to locally owned enterprises, and coming from a family of entrepreneurs, I understand that Florida’s economy is recovering but still struggling. It is imperative that we increase Florida’s competitiveness on the national stage by strengthening our infrastructure, decreasing crippling regulation, and cutting job-killing taxes.

## Privacy

I believe in the constitutional right to privacy, first officially recognized by Justice William Douglas in the landmark case of *Griswold v. Connecticut* in 1965, and embodied within the penumbra of the First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Ninth Amendments. Our Supreme Court has historically been an ardent protector of our rights to privacy. I agree with Justice Louis Brandeis who stated in his dissent in *Olmstead v. U.S.*, "[t]he makers of our Constitution understood the need to secure conditions favorable to the pursuit of happiness, and the protections guaranteed by this are much broader in scope, and include the right to life and inviolate personality - the right to be left alone - the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized men."

As time marches onward, the progress of technology and science have steadily contributed to the ways by which the government can invade the privacy of the citizenry. Rather than respecting the sanctities of our homes and of our lives, and respecting our intellect, and our independent thoughts and beliefs, the government has used fear as a weapon against the people to justify far-reaching invasions into our private lives. The government spies on our emails, online activities, and in our vehicles through the use of red light cameras. I am adamantly opposed to the government invading our lives with a purported goal of protection. In the words of Benjamin Franklin, "they who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

## Dine With Deb

Debbie Faulkner has been meeting with the citizens of District 65 for the past 6 months at Dine with Deb events. Debbie has met with folks at Tiffany’s Family Restaurant, Lucky Dill, Varsity Club, Dunedin Brewery, Emily’s Family Restaurant and more. She has invited voters to come out and share their views on important issues, and they have responded.

Debbie has made it her mission to represent the **VOICE OF THE PEOPLE** in Tallahassee. She has not held fundraisers nor has she hobbled with Party Leadership and lobbyists – she has spent her time listening to the people of the District that she will represent in the Florida House of Representatives.

To find out where the next Dine with Deb event will be held go to: [www.debforflorida.com](http://www.debforflorida.com) or call (727) 333-5259.



Debbie at a Dine with Deb Event



Debbie Faulkner talking with a voter



Debbie Faulkner with a Daisy Scout

