

Walker County Democrats Club host local Women's March

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A year ago, millions of women protested on the streets of their local communities across the country, as well as around the world, as part of the international Women's March.

In commemoration, the Walker County Democrats Club hosted its very first Women's March on the eve of the march's first anniversary.

"The event was a huge success with excellent turnout," Democrats Club member and march participant Andi Malandro said. "There were people of all ages and genders. Entire families participated, and there was even a man who came alone with his baby because his wife couldn't come. He wanted to show support for her even if she couldn't be there. Passing drivers showed support with thumbs up and jubilant honking every few seconds for hours,

throughout the entire march." Demonstrators took to the Huntsville streets in solidarity to show their support for women's rights, health and safety and to help bring awareness to issues facing women throughout the world, such as voting rights and more.

During the inaugural march, which took place on Jan. 21, 2017, women from around the world gathered in record numbers in their respective cities and communities in hopes of

having their voices be heard by lawmakers.

The main purpose behind the march was to advocate legislation and policies regarding human rights, including women's rights, immigration and health-care reform, environmental issues and more.

"We were showing support for women's rights, health, and safety and encouraging people to register to vote," Malandro said. "I think it's just as vital today as in 1776 to make

our needs be heard. Today's politicians are paying more and more attention to large corporations instead of their constituents. As a result, the little guys have to make more noise than ever to override the sound of cash registers ringing in Austin and Washington."

For more information about the Walker County Democrat Club and upcoming events, visit www.walkercountymocrats.org.