

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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FEBRUARY 2014

President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

Tuesday, January 6 was a red letter day for the state of Florida as it became the 36th U.S. state to legalize gay marriage. Supporters gathered outside the Sarasota County Clerk's office to await exiting couples with marriage licenses in hand. The first Sarasota couples were married by the Chairwoman of Sarasota Pride, Cindy Barnes, amidst smiles, laughter, and tears of joy. Finally, Florida is on the right side of an issue! It was only fitting that our January luncheon a few days later featured Gina Duncan, Transgender Inclusion Director for Equality Florida.

Democrats support the LGBT community and use that term all the time, but many of us don't know that much about the T. Gina helped us learn about the challenges that are faced by the transgender community by telling her own compelling story. If you are interested in learning more on this topic, consider purchasing Gina's book, *Attraversiamo, "Let's Cross Over": A Story of Gender Transition*.

Every January, Florida Veterans for Common Sense throw a birthday bash for founding father Thomas Paine. The crowd that gathered at Bent Tree Country Club for this event honored Rhana Bazzini, who recently walked from Siesta Key to Tallahassee to raise awareness about campaign finance reform. The proceeds from the event will support the first ever Statewide Florida Women's Veterans Conference April 17 – 19 at the Sandcastle Resort on Lido Key. The Democratic Club of Sarasota is exploring sponsorship opportunities at this time and looking forward to supporting this important event.

We hope you will join us at our next luncheon on Saturday, February 14th, as we welcome a very special guest to help us celebrate Black History Month.

See this publication for details.

Democratically yours, Mary Clupper - President

The Democratic Club of Sarasota Luncheon

February Luncheon

In celebration of Black History month, our February 14th luncheon speaker will be Founder and Artistic Director of the Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe (WBTT), Nate Jacobs. A graduate of Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, he has worked extensively for 25 years in the community mentoring, training, and developing young aspiring performing artists. As a result of Nate's outstanding contributions to young people, the Sarasota County Branch NAACP Youth Council recognized him as one of the 2012 Men of Valor. In the spring of 2013, Nate was inducted into the Community Video Archives "Hall of Fame," for his significant contributions to the arts and education. Since its inception, the WBTT has mentored and inspired many African-American youth and young adults through participation in the company's productions. It has provided a platform for artistic individuals who might not otherwise have had an opportunity to cultivate their interests and talents. Please join us to learn more about the WBTT and its dynamic founder who has made such a difference in our community.

New Club Members and Friends in December

Charles Allen, Arlene Skversky, Howard Veit, and Bill Wild.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 488

Saturday February 14th Luncheon Meeting Details

Luncheon Information

Saturday, February 14, 2015

11:30 – Social Hour – 12:00 Lunch and Program
(check-in opens at 11 a.m. Please do not arrive before 11 a.m.)

*** Price ***

Members: \$26 Guests: \$28

(Please make out check in advance payable to the DCS.
Mastercard and Visa accepted)

The Francis

1289 N. Palm Avenue, Sarasota FL 34236

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Free Parking in the Palm Avenue Garage or on the street

For more details on the program content, visit our
website at www.sarasotadems.com

Reservations:

Call 379-9233

E-mail: reserve@sarasotadems.com

E-mail reservations only will receive confirmation

If no reply, please resend.

Menu Choices:

- Grilled Gulf Shrimp and Baby Romaine – Oregano Marinated Feta;
Chopped Salad of Olives, Tomato, Cucumber, Mint, & Orzo OR

- Chicken Asparagus Rollatini

Potato Gratin with Sun Dried Tomato Cream OR

- Vegetarian Option: Farm Fresh Primavera Pasta

Roasted Vegetables, Portobello Mushrooms, Roasted Garlic,

Sautéed Arugula, Semolina Pasta

Dessert: Mini Dessert Sampler

Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS:

Wednesday evening, February 12.

LATE FEE:

Late cancellations and no-shows will be billed.

Upcoming Events

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA EVENTS

**14 Feb (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota Luncheon
Monthly Luncheon Meeting**

Join us for our January Luncheon at the Francis. Reservations required.
See other side for details.

16 Feb (Mon): Democratic Club of Sarasota Presidents Day Celebration

Join us at this free event at Z's R & B (formerly Tequila Cantina) at 1454 Main Street, Downtown Sarasota. Socialize with Democrats and hear from City Commission Candidates. 5 – 7 p.m. Cake and light bites will be provided, as well as the option to order Happy Hour specials.
Please RSVP to RSVP@SarasotaDems.com.

OTHER EVENTS

**10 Feb (Tues): Longboat Key Democratic Club
Monthly Luncheon Meeting**

Speaker – Cornelle Maxfield – President – Manatee Sarasota Democratic Black Caucus. Social Hour 11:30. Event starts at 12 noon. Portofino Restaurant at the Longboat Key Club & Resort. For more details or to make a reservation, e-mail Murray Blueglass at napablue@comcast.net or call 383-4899.

**11 Feb (Wed): Sarasota County Democratic Party (SCDP)
Monthly Meeting**

This month's meeting will be at the Waldemere Fire Station (2070 Waldemere St. Sarasota, FL). Come at 6:30pm to socialize. Meeting at 7:00–8:30 pm. All Democrats are welcome. Info: 941-330-9400, hq@sarasotadems.org, www.sarasotadems.org.

**11 Feb (Wed): Fire, Floods, & Famine:
What can we do about Climate Change?**

Universalist Unitarian Church of Sarasota, 3975 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL, 371-4974. Visit web site to purchase \$25 tickets and for more details:
<http://www.climatechange.uusarasota.org/>

**21 Feb (Sat): Venice Area Democratic Club
Working with the Young Voters**

The monthly meeting will be held at Naar Hall (620 Shamrock Blvd., Venice, FL 34292) from 10:30am to 12:00pm. The speaker will be Kevin Griffin and his topic will be "What It Takes to Win an Election". Info-Phone: 941-223-6324.

01 Mar (Sun): Democratic Party of Sarasota County Kennedy-King Dinner

Join us for our Annual SCDP Dinner & Fundraiser to be held at The Hyatt Regency Sarasota (1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL) from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. The speakers will be former Congressman Barney Frank, Nadine Smith of Equality Florida, and more. Info-Phone: 941-330-9400. Info-Email: hq@sarasotadems.org. Info-URL and Reservations: <http://www.sarasotadems.org/KK2015>.

**03 Mar (Tues): The Women's Movement: Where It's Been, Where It's At,
Where It's Going – Sonia Fuentes – Founding Member of NOW**
Longboat Key Education Center, 5370 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key, FL. 3 – 4:30 pm. \$15 for members of the Longboat Key Education Center and \$20 for non-members. Call 941-383-8811 to register for the lecture.

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