

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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JANUARY 2014

President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

2014 politics didn't turn out the way Democrats hoped for, but we are moving into 2015 with enthusiasm. Despite local disappointments, the loss margins for Democrats narrow with every election. The Sarasota County Democratic Party is working hard to recruit local candidates and will be unveiling exciting news soon. The 2015 plans will no doubt make for a standout year. We know our members will be supporting these efforts and stepping up for positive change at the local, state, and national level. One way you can plan to support the Party in the very near future is by attending the 2015 Kennedy-King Dinner that will feature former Congressman Barney Frank. Mark March 1st on your calendar for what we anticipate to be the most highly attended Kennedy-King Dinner in its history.

Our recent All Club Holiday Luncheon was a big success. We were entertained by Afternoon Delight, a very talented barbershop quartet, and heard from our club and caucus presidents. It was great for us to all come together to celebrate our organizations and to look forward to the New Year. Check out the club and caucus contact information at www.sarasotadems.org/clubs.html and consider joining more than just one. All the work being done by these groups throughout the county makes a difference. Several of our board members are members of all the clubs, and we encourage you to follow their example.

In the next few months the 2016 Presidential election will be in full swing. Florida will once again be in the limelight with a Jeb Bush bid for office. We look forward to bringing you relevant and informative events throughout the year.

Happy Holidays!

Democratically yours, Mary Clupper - President

The Democratic Club of Sarasota Luncheon

January Luncheon

Founded in 1997, Equality Florida is the largest civil rights organization dedicated to securing full equality for Florida's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. Through lobbying, grassroots organizing, education, and coalition building, they are changing Florida so that no one suffers harassment or discrimination on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Join us on January 10th, as we welcome Gina Duncan, the Transgender Inclusion Director for Equality Florida and a board member of the Orlando Anti-Discrimination Alliance. Gina will educate us about what it means to be transgender. She represents the emergence of transgender people who are more visible, more vocal and more active in pressing for gender equality.

New Club Members and Friends in November

Sally Birnkrant, Jacqueline Cully, Jerome Fleischer, Michael Gibson, Henry Lawrence, and Joseph Miller.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 493

Saturday January 10th Luncheon Meeting Details

All Club Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, January 10, 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

941-552-9650

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:

No substitutions

Baby Romaine Salad with roasted chicken with feta,
olives, tomato, cucumber, mint and orzo OR
Napa Valley Airline Chicken with crispy shallots, mushrooms,
bacon, and scalloped Yukon Gold potato
Vegetarian selection is Baked Acorn Squash.

Dessert: Classic Opera Cake

Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS:

Wednesday evening, January 7.

LATE FEE:

Late cancellations and no-shows will be billed.

Upcoming Events

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA EVENTS

10 Jan (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota Luncheon – Monthly Meeting

11:00am to 1:30pm Join us for our January Luncheon at the Francis.
Reservations required. See other side for details.

OTHER EVENTS

14 Jan (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.

14 Jan (Wed): Looking Into the Crystal Ball
Friends of the Selby Public Library Fundraiser. 6 – 9 pm at the Selby Library downtown. Advance tickets \$25, at the door \$30. Featuring 30 continuous performances, intuitive readers, specialty acts, and over 50 exhibits featuring artists, authors, local business and the Democratic Club of Sarasota outreach table. Information: 941-861-1140. www.selbylibraryfriends.org

17 Jan (Sat): Thomas Paine Birthday Party
Florida Veterans for Common Sense annual Event at 6 p.m. at the Bent Tree Country Club, 4700 Bent Tree Blvd, Sarasota. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased by check payable to FLVCS FUND c/o Doug Brough, 1225 39th St. Sarasota, FL 34236. No dinner, light bites and cash bar. The net proceeds from the party will benefit the Women Veterans Conference scheduled for April 2015. Ticket can be purchased online at www.floridaveteransforcommonsense.org.

19 Feb (Thu): Manasota ASALH-An evening with Isabel Wilkerson
The Association for the Study of African American Life & History (ASALH) is sponsoring an evening with Isabel Wilkerson, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of "The Warmth of Other Suns". The event will be held at Michael's On East at 6pm. For ticket information visit: www.asalh-manasotafl.org, Phone: 350-1089, or E-mail: csypratt@verizon.net.

SAVE THE DATE

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

This year's Kennedy-King Dinner will be held at Michael's On East at 6pm (VIP reception at 5pm). The featured speaker will be former Congressman Barney Frank. More details to follow.

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Mary Dailey & John Clay
Mary Clupper
Tom & Kathy Cook
JoAnne DeVries
Kelly Franklin & Ron Kashden
Marcella & Art Levin
Thomas Meriweather
Dan Robinson
Aileen & Bernard Schuman
Roy Truby