

# DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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## President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

Recently I had the privilege of attending a luncheon where the speakers were **Captain Mark Kelly** and his wife, former Congresswoman **Gabby Giffords**. For more than ten years, Gabby dedicated herself to public service. As the youngest woman ever elected to the Arizona State Senate, she represented her community from 2000-2005, and then in Congress from 2006-2012. Her success was credited to her reliance on the values of kindness, candor and hard work. The incident in Tucson in January 2011 when Gabby was critically wounded changed her life forever. In a situation that would take most people out of the game, Gabby has continued to be a force for the ideals she holds. When she came on to the stage after moving remarks from her husband, I was proud that this woman is part of the Democratic Party. I thought of her at our recent Wine, Cheese & Politics event as Ruth's List Executive Director, **Ellis Robinson**, shared how Ruth's List strives to build a progressive Florida by recruiting, supporting, and electing pro-choice Democratic women to state and local office. That evening we were happy to welcome a Sarasota County Democratic woman candidate, **Jen Cohen**, who is running for Charter Review Board. We plan to recruit more women candidates in Sarasota County in the coming years and applaud those in office now – Tax Collector **Barbara Ford-Coates** and City Commissioners **Suzanne Atwell** and **Susan Chapman**. For more information on Ruth's List, visit [www.ruthslistfl.org](http://www.ruthslistfl.org).

*Democratically yours, Mary Clupper - President*

## What is the 2050 Plan?

JUNE 2014

Adopted in 2002, Sarasota 2050 establishes a policy framework to enhance the livability of the County by preserving its natural, cultural, physical, and other resources with an incentive-based system for managing growth. This policy framework is the Resource Management Area (RMA) system that encourages a compact development form; simultaneously implementing a number of public benefits, allowing for continued growth and economic development that preserves environmentally sensitive lands and open space in a fiscally neutral manner for the County. More simply stated, its purpose is to prevent urban sprawl by limiting rural development to compact and mixed use, walkable communities that pay for their own infrastructure. Recently, the public interest protections of Sarasota 2050 have been increasingly under assault by developers. Attend our June luncheon to learn more about Sarasota 2050 and why it's important to protect it.

## New Club Members and Friends in April

Roberto & Bettye Andreos, Rhana Bazzini, Kevin & Judy Connelly, Steven & Vada Love, June Shadoan, Zachary Solomon, and Julie Thompson.

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 552**

## Saturday June 14th Luncheon Meeting Details

**Sharon Guy – Vice President of Control Growth Now**

Program Topic: "Sarasota County 2050 Plan: What It Is, How It's Threatened"

**Saturday, June 14th, 2014**

11:30 Social Hour — 12:00 Lunch and Program

(check-in opens at 11:00)

Members: \$24

Non-Members: \$26

(Please make out check in advance to DCS.

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**Laurel Oak Country Club  
2700 Gary Player Blvd.  
Sarasota, FL**

**Phone: 378-3608**

### Travel Directions:

The entrance to Laurel Oak is on Bee Ridge Road about 2 miles east of I-75 (across from Bent Tree). At the traffic light, turn left onto Gary Player Blvd. and stop at the guard gate. Then continue on Gary Player Blvd. through the stop sign to the Country Club on left.

**For more details on the program content, visit our website at [www.sarasotadems.com](http://www.sarasotadems.com)**

### Reservations:

Call: 379-9233

E-mail: [reserve@sarasotadems.com](mailto:reserve@sarasotadems.com)

E-mail reservations (only) will receive confirmation.

If no reply, please re-send.

Menu Choices: No Substitutions

- Florida Citrus Chicken with Rosemary Roasted Potatoes & Chef's Vegetables OR
- Mediterranean Salmon Salad with Feta Cheese, Tomatoes, Olives, & Lemon Oregano Vinaigrette OR
  - Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Dessert: Key Lime Pie

Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS:**

*Wednesday evening, June, 11th*

LATE FEE: Late cancellations and no-shows will be billed.

Late reservations, if accepted, will be charged \$26.

Walk-ins will be charged \$26, if accommodated.

## Upcoming Events

### 14 Jun (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota Luncheon – Monthly Meeting

11:00am to 1:30pm at the Laurel Oak Country Club. Reservations required. See other side for details. Reserve by e-mailing [reserve@sarasotadems.com](mailto:reserve@sarasotadems.com) or leaving a message at 379-9233.

### 15 Jun (Sun): Flag Day Event – Tequila Cantina

Please join us on Sunday, June 15th at 5:00 for our free Flag Day Celebration at Tequila Cantina (1454 Main St, Sarasota, FL 34236). Socialize with fellow democrats while enjoying Tequila Cantina's drink specials and free lite bites.

### Other Events

### 03 Jun (Tue): North Port Candidate Meet & Greet Lorenzo Whitehead

Come join us at the Cypress Falls Club House (2605 Arugula Drive, North Port, FL) from 6:30pm to 8:30pm and meet Lorenzo Whitehead, Candidate for North Port City Commissioner Seat 4. Free to all. Refreshments provided. Info Phone: 941-876-4668. Info Email: [whitehead4north-port2014@gmail.com](mailto:whitehead4north-port2014@gmail.com). Info URL: <http://www.sarasotadems.org/docs/2014-06-03-Lorenzo-Whitehead.pdf>.

### 11 Jun (Wed): Sarasota County Democratic Party (SCDP) – Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting will be in North Port at a location to be determined later. Come at 6:30pm to socialize. Meeting at 7:00–8:30 pm. All Democrats are welcome. Info: 941-330-9400, [hq@sarasotadems.org](mailto:hq@sarasotadems.org), [www.sarasotadems.org](http://www.sarasotadems.org)

### 21 Jun (Sat): Venice Area Democratic Club (VADC) – Monthly Meeting

Carol Jorgensen will be speaking about Health Care covering healthy eating. The meeting will be held at Naar Hall, United Church of Christ (620 Shamrock Blvd, Venice FL) from 10:30am to 12:00pm. No charge. Info: 941-445-6799, [esfarrell@comcast.net](mailto:esfarrell@comcast.net), <http://www.venicedemocrats.org>.

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