

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

While reading the recent news about the ACA, I came across a quote I'd like to share with you from **Senator Ted Kennedy**:

"This is the cause of my life – new hope that we will break the old gridlock and guarantee that every American – north, south, east, west, young, old – will have decent, quality health care as a fundamental right and not a privilege."

If he were able, Senator Kennedy would join us to celebrate the fact that over 8 million Americans have signed up for the ACA. The uninsured rate has dropped from an estimated 21 percent to just under 16 percent in the law's first year — certainly not the health care revolution that many of us dreamed of, but definitely a credible start and something for all Democrats to be proud of.

Members who attended the April luncheon learned about current veteran's issues from **Paul Sullivan**, former board member of Veterans for Common Sense and currently an attorney who advocates for veterans rights. Paul shared the progress that has been made primarily due to the efforts of veterans groups like Veterans for Common Sense but emphasized that there is much more to be done. We greatly appreciate Paul taking time out of his busy schedule to speak to our members.

Democratically yours, Mary Clupper - President

MAY 2014

Wine, Cheese & Politics with Ellis Robinson of Ruth's List – "Florida Politics by the Numbers"

On May 22nd we will gather at 1350 Main Street, 6th Floor, in downtown Sarasota at 6:30 p.m. to welcome **Ellis Robinson** Executive Director of Ruth's List. Ruth's List was formed in 2008 with the goal to build a progressive Florida by recruiting, supporting, and electing pro-choice Democratic women to state and local office. To date, Ruth's List has trained more than 500 candidates, and provided coaching for and actively endorsed dozens of candidates for statewide office, the State Legislature, County Commissions, and key City Council races. The "Florida Politics by the Numbers" that Ellis will share will show why the goals of reaching 40%+1 in one house of the Florida Legislature by 2016 and tying or taking back one house by 2020 can be accomplished. Join us to learn how we can help. (See events for more information.)

New Club Members and Friends in March

Dorothy Albright, Gloria Armstrong, Stephanie Baker, Bonita Chambers, Moria Connor, Stephanie Duffy, Stephen Fischer, Sarah Guttler, Marty Gwynn, Paul & Cindy Klein, Maureen May, Jonathan Miller, Monica Ospino, Edna Sherrell.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 559

Saturday May 10th Luncheon Meeting Details

Susan Smith – President of the Democratic Progressive Caucus of Florida

Program Topic: "Florida Legislative Update – Learn what went on in Tallahassee this session"

Saturday, May 10th, 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.
Mastercard and Visa now accepted)

**** Special location for May only ****

Marina Jack Restaurant

2 Marina Plaza, Sarasota

Phone: 365-4232

Complimentary valet parking available

Take elevator to 2nd Floor and enjoy the view!

**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 re-send.

Menu Choices: No Substitutions

- Chicken Caprese Pan Roasted Breast of Chicken Topped with Vine Ripe Tomatoes, Buffalo Mozzarella, Pesto Cream & Drizzled with Balsamic Reduction OR
 - Porcini Mushroom Ravioli, Saffron Cream, Baby Roasted Vegetables & Fresh Sautéed Asparagus
- Dessert: Rich Chocolate Fudge Cake

Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS:

Wednesday evening, May 7th

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

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

11:00am to 1:30pm at Marina Jack.
Reservations required. See other side for details.
Reserve by e-mailing reserve@sarasotadems.com or leaving a message at 379-9233.

17 May (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota with Stonewall Democrats – Harvey Milk Festival

The DCS is sponsoring a Democratic information table with the Stonewall Democrats from 4 – 9 p.m. at 5 Points Park in downtown Sarasota. Stop by and say hello!

21 May (Wed): Democratic Club of Sarasota Outreach Event – Chamber of Commerce Prime Time

The DCS will sponsor a Democratic information table at this Chamber of Commerce quarterly event. The location is Mercedes-Benz of Sarasota, 4754 Clark Road, Sarasota, FL from 5 – 7 p.m. Open to Chamber of Commerce members for \$5, and to non-members for \$10.

22 May (Thurs): Democratic Club of Sarasota Wine, Cheese & Politics

Doors open at 6 p.m. and program begins at 6:30 p.m. Speaker is **Ellis Robinson** of Ruth's List. Wine, beer, soft drinks, and light bites will be served. Cost is \$20 per person. Reservations required due to limit of 50 attendees. Reserve by leaving a message at 404-4678 or by e-mailing rsvp@sarasotadems.com. Pay at the door with cash, credit card, or check.

Other Events

14 May (Wed): Sarasota County Democratic Party (SCDP) – Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting is 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, info@sarasotadems.org, www.sarasotadems.org.

17 May (Sat): Venice Area Democratic Club (VADC) – Monthly Meeting

This month's speaker is **Jim Bennett** on the topic of "The State of Venice". 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: 941-492-5965, sheilafaroff@verizon.net, <http://www.venicedemocrats.org>.

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