

# FOCUS

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*An Informed Member is Our Best Voter*



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## OCTOBER LUNCHEON PROGRAM

### **Pamela Goodman, LWV of Florida's Fair Districts Chair:**

#### **“Redistricting 2012: Are Legislators Looking for Loopholes or Following the Law?”**

In early September, a Federal Judge in Miami decided that Amendment 5, the “Fair Districts” amendment limiting how Florida congressional districts are drawn, did not violate the US Constitution. In spite of this, two members of the Florida House, Mario Diaz-Balart (R) and Corrine Brown (D) — both part of the original lawsuit, vowed to appeal to the Supreme Court.

The recent public hearing in Sarasota on redistricting was controversial, with State Senator Nancy Detert (R) scolding the audience for criticizing the process and threatening future funding for New College, the site of the hearing.

What happened at the other public hearings? What's the next step in the redistricting process?

We are pleased to welcome Pamela Goodman as our luncheon speaker on October 1 — **one week earlier than usual**. As Chair of the League of Women Voters of Florida's campaign for Fair Districts since 2006, Goodman is uniquely positioned to brief us on redistricting in Florida. She will provide insight on the recent ruling and appeal, as well as updates on the public hearings that have taken place across the state, and sum up where the process is

heading in the January legislative session.

Pamela Goodman was educated at the University of Iowa in Journalism and Business. She spent her professional career in retailing, beginning with Macy's in Kansas City, and subsequently with The Limited, Inc., rising to the position of President/CEO of Limited Express.

Goodman joined the League of Women Voters (LWV) in 2000, served as President of the LWV of Palm Beach County, 2005–9, and has been on the LWV Florida State Board of Directors since 2007. While serving in that role, she was appointed by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections to head a review and audit of voting machines and processes for the 2006 and 2008 elections.

In addition to chairing the League's Fair Districts campaign statewide, she currently serves as 1st Vice President. She resides in Gulf Stream with her husband, Barry.

#### **LUNCHEON DETAILS: See back page**

NOTE: The luncheon is at the **Laurel Oak Country Club**. Drinks will be available for sale at a bar near the luncheon meeting room.

### **Last Month: Barbara Zdravecky: “Women Are Watching”**

“Women are Watching” was the theme when Barbara Zdrevecky spoke at the September luncheon. The President/CEO of Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida characterized 2011 as “one of the most difficult years for women.” She watched with alarm as many states passed anti-choice and anti-woman legislation.

Women in Florida faced an “all-out assault on women and families” from Gov. Rick Scott and the Legislature. Instead of focusing on creating jobs — as they promised the voters in

2010 — they worked to curtail Floridians' access to health care, women's control over their own reproduction and, ultimately, protections afforded women by the Florida Constitution.

The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”) includes many provisions to promote healthy families, including well care for women, support for breastfeeding and domestic violence prevention. Rather than accept federal funding for

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### Newsletter Mission Statement

The mission of the newsletter of the Democratic Club of Sarasota (*FOCUS*) is to promote the growth of the Democratic Party in Sarasota County, to inform Club members about Club events and other local events of interest to Democrats, and to address local, state and national issues of interest to Party members.

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### What do we include in the newsletter?

Democrats have a lot to say – and the Board encourages club members to say it with articles or letters to the editor for our newsletter!

Unfortunately, there is limited space. Dealing with this dilemma, the Board adopted the following list of policies and procedures:

Articles and letters to the editor from club members will be accepted on a space available basis using the following priorities:

1. Local information of immediate importance to club members
2. Articles or letters from members who have not written recently
3. Articles or letters relating to state issues.
4. Articles or letters relating to national issues.

Due to limited space, articles and letters should be written as concisely as possible (between 100 and 150 words) and once submitted, may be edited. Letters to the editor should contain statements of proposed action by the membership.

#### Submission Deadline:

Third Saturday of the month for the next issue

Email submissions to Feedback@SarasotaDems.com

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## President's Column

Dear Members and Friends,

October always ends up being my busiest month of the entire year with Democratic events.

We are starting the month off with our October luncheon on the very first day, which is a departure from routine. We were happy to make this change to accommodate our speaker, Pamela Goodman, from the League of Women Voters of Florida. Pamela will be driving over from the east coast of Florida to speak to us and I'm sure you are all looking forward to it as much as I am.

Also during October, we have Equality Florida's Fundraising Gala (that the Club is proud to sponsor), as well as the Sarasota County Democratic Party fundraiser at the Golden Apple, the NAACP Awards Banquet, and PrideFest.

The final weekend of October, many Sarasota Democrats will be in Orlando at the Florida Democratic Party Convention. We are looking forward to hearing from Vice President Joe Biden on Friday night.

### Countdown to 2012

Once all the October activity winds down and we find ourselves in November, a new reality will set in. We will be one year from the 2012 Presidential Election.

As we all know, Florida is one of a handful of swing states that President Obama must win. According to the Florida Democratic Party, Sarasota County is one of 8 swing counties that he must win in order to take Florida. We have our work cut out for us. It is definitely going to be a long year, but I'm sensing that, in Sarasota County, we have the will and commitment for success.

The impressive attendance at the last two DEC meetings have shown that our base is energized and ready to get to work. The Sarasota County Democratic Party (SCDP) is ramping up headquarters so that, by the time we are in full election season, it will be open and staffed 7 days a week.

In 2008, Obama for America (OFA) set up regional teams in Florida in July. For this election, they had these teams in place in September — 14 months before the election.

The Democratic Club of Sarasota will work hand in hand with SCDP and OFA in the upcoming months. We'll continue to bring you relevant speakers and host events that bring Democrats together and that raise Democratic awareness in our area. We will showcase candidates and keep our members informed on the important issues and opportunities for action. We will be announcing details soon on our Fall Fundraiser, which will enable us to continue our all-important outreach and support of Democratic causes going into 2012.

### The Next Generation of Democrats

During the last school year, you may recall that we asked for contributions from our members to sponsor students from various high schools and colleges to attend our luncheons. These efforts were very successful and the board has decided to create a permanent "student fund" that will be used to include students in our events going forward. Our goal is to show our young people what it's like to be politically engaged, with the hope that they continue the activity and commitment into their adult lives.

We are now accepting contributions to this fund. You can mail in your contribution or give it to any of our board members at upcoming events. Make your checks payable to the DCS and in the memo field indicate "Student Fund." You can mail them to the club's regular mailing address, PO Box 51076, Sarasota, FL 34232-0329.

Thank you for your continued support. Be sure to bring a friend or neighbor to the October 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon. Redistricting is going to have a huge impact on the future of Florida and we all need to be engaged and informed.

Democratically yours,

Mary



Left: Alison Brown and Mary Clupper  
Above: Carol Ketchum and Janet Steele

### From Your Membership Chair

Dear Democratic Club of Sarasota Members and Friends,

The Democratic Club of Sarasota has created an important liaison with the Democratic Party of Sarasota County. This has enabled us to assist our local party in the important work we have to do in the upcoming months, organizing Outreach events and providing numerous volunteers for activities held throughout Sarasota County and at party headquarters. Your dues and participation make this possible!

Recent events at which we've had a presence include the Mexico Independence Day Festival at Bacalao, the Prime Time Chamber of Commerce event and the Englewood Pioneer Day festivities. All of these events give us much-needed Democratic visibility in Sarasota County!

We are currently putting together Democratic tables to support two wonderful local organizations.

- Second Chance-Last Opportunity provides education and social services to those on the edge of poverty.

Christine Jennings, one of our favorite Democrats, will be honored at the upcoming luncheon for her work within the community. This event is Thursday, Sept. 29th, at 11:30 am at Michael's On East. Tickets are \$50.

- Sarasota County NAACP will honor our longtime member, Lovette W. Harper, with a Lifetime Achievement Award at its Awards Banquet on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 6:00 pm at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota. Tickets are \$80.

Please let me know if you would like to join us at these events and if you would like to sit at the Democratic Club of Sarasota table. Email [jdv.devries8@gmail.com](mailto:jdv.devries8@gmail.com).

Additionally, we are always on the lookout for new endeavors to have a Democratic presence in the community. Keep me posted! It's so important that we continue to participate and have a presence throughout the community. We want the Republican Party in Sarasota County to know that we are motivated and we also want Democrats throughout the community to know that we are energized.

Thank you so much for your continuing support as your Membership dues are allowing us to make a difference in Sarasota County.

JoAnne DeVries

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- I am registered as a Democrat in Florida.
- I am a Democrat but am registered in a state other than Florida, and I would like to become a Friend of the Democratic Club of Sarasota.

Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a term of (circle) 1 yr \$20; 3 yrs \$52; 5 yrs \$80; 10 yrs \$150 or Sustaining Member @ \$200 or more per year

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- Please contact me about volunteering.

Send to: Democratic Club of Sarasota  
Membership Committee  
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#### New & Reinstated Club Members and Friends (in August)

- Susan G. Boston, Jay Castle, Gloria W. Dobson,
- Barbara A. Farrar, Candace C. Fisher,
- Marcia Frankel, Emilia Greco,
- Barbara L. O'Connor, Richard Harris Passman,
- Betsy Roberts, Juanita Thomas Shaw,
- Marcia Smith, Donald Stewart,
- Geraldine Swormstedt, Cori H. Wethington



## Lovette W. Harper: A Life of Achievement

This month, longtime Democratic Club of Sarasota member Lovette W. Harper is being recognized by the Sarasota County NAACP with its Lifetime Achievement Award.

Lovette has been active in teaching and preserving African American history and African arts and culture both nationally and locally. A graduate of Tuskegee University, she spent many years teaching and traveling in Africa. During that time she started a collection of African art (primarily masks). Last year she donated many of those pieces to Tuskegee's new museum — enough to fill a wing named in her honor.

Since moving to Sarasota, she has continued her involvement, presenting exhibitions and conducting workshops at local schools, churches and libraries. A lasting contribution will be the formation of a Cultural Resource Center at North Sarasota Library to serve as a repository of materials on all aspects of the global Black experience and to provide outreach to the extended community in the form of programs and exhibits. As Chair of the Center, Lovette has made sure that it fulfills her vision. This year's program, "Newtown Then and Now," was enthusiastically received by the community.

The NAACP Freedom Awards Banquet will be on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 6:00 pm at the Sarasota Hyatt Regency. If you wish to sit with other Sarasota Democrats, please contact JoAnne DeVries. Also convey that information to the NAACP when you make your reservation for the banquet.

For additional information, contact the NAACP at 355-2097.



Preceding Page: Lee Sievers and Ruth Sheridan

Above: Ronald Sheff and Janet Sheff

Right: Sandy Caplan and Barbara Braun

## Political News and Opinion Blogs

Last month, Mary Clupper mentioned political blogs as both sources of news and a means of getting your opinions heard by a wide audience. Here's a list of some, compiled by club member Donald Diddams. Check them out.

### Florida political news and editorial opinion

SayfieReview (Links to news and opinion sources from around the state) - <http://www.sayfiereview.com/>

The Florida Independent (Non-partisan, non-profit source for Florida news) - <http://floridaindependent.com/>

Sunshine State News (Florida news from a conservative perspective.) - <http://www.sunshinestatenews.com/>

Sarasota Herald-Tribune Politics - <http://htpolitics.com/>

Post on Politics (Florida politics from the Palm Beach Post) - <http://www.postonpolitics.com/>

Naked Politics (The Miami Herald) - <http://miamiherald.typepad.com/nakedpolitics/>

The Buzz (St. Petersburg Times) - <http://www.tampabay.com/blogs/the-buzz-florida-politics/>

Fresh Squeezed Politics (Tampa Bay Online) - <http://www.tboblogs.com/index.php/news/C520/>

### Progressive Florida blogs

Florida Progressive Coalition Blog - <http://quinnell.us/sspb/>

Progress Florida, Best of the Blogs - <http://www.progressflorida.org/blog/>

### Sarasota news and opinion

Sarasota Patch (Local news) - <http://sarasota.patch.com/>

The Nilon Report (Susan Nilon) - <http://www.thenilonreport.com/>

MC Reality (Mary Coolidge) - <http://mcrealityonline.com/>

### Obama Administration blog

The White House Blog - <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog>



## Last Month: Zdravecky “Women’s issues must be front and center in the 2012 elections”

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Barbara Zdravecky

health care for Florida’s families, Rick Scott is refusing to implement the health reform law. Consequently, Florida’s women pay more for health care than men do, and get less for their money.

The Republican majority in the Florida Legislature — members of a Party

famously opposed to “big government” and government interference in individuals’ lives — has decided to tell doctors how to practice medicine, requiring that women seeking abortions have an ultrasound. Zdravecky reported that having the ultrasound has not deterred any women from having an abortion, although this law raises its cost.

If passed by Florida voters, a new Florida Constitutional Amendment (#6 on the 2012 ballot) will be the strongest assault on women. It would prevent public funds from being used for health insurance that includes coverage for abortions (e.g., health benefits of public employees). In addition, it would specifically repeal the privacy rights in the Florida Constitution that courts used to declare previous anti-abortion legislation unconstitutional, opening the way to reinstate those laws.

Women are watching, Zdravecky says. In 2008 and 2010,

women voters were 53% of the electorate. In the past year, Planned Parenthood of America recruited 1 million new advocates — individuals who sign up to receive Action Alerts. Funding for Planned Parenthood in most states continues despite repeated efforts to de-fund, and 65% of Americans approve of this funding.

What all this means is that women must be pro-active in the 2012 election. We must make sure other women understand what’s at stake. We must be “messengers of what’s happening in Florida.” To keep abreast of the issues and opportunities for action, sign up for Planned Parenthood’s Action Alert Network by emailing Wendy.Grassi@ppswcf.org.

—Debbie Trice

## Monthly Calendar

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### 22 Oct (Sat): Venice Area Democratic Club

The monthly meeting will be at 12:30–2:00 pm at Naar Hall of United Church of Christ, 620 Shamrock Blvd in Venice. Light refreshments will be served.

Info: 492-5965, ohpiffle@yahoo.com or [www.venicedemocrats.org](http://www.venicedemocrats.org)

### 28–30 Oct (Fri–Sun): Florida Democratic Party 2011 Convention

“A Legacy of Leadership: A Promise for Tomorrow” is the theme of the convention which will be held at Disney’s Contemporary Resort Convention Center, 4600 North World Drive in Lake Buena Vista, FL.

Info: [www.fladems.com/page/content/2011Convention](http://www.fladems.com/page/content/2011Convention)

## About “Pink Slip Rick”

Some 175 Democrats attended the Party’s September meeting to hear Susannah Randolph, the brains behind the “Pink Slip Rick” campaign and the owner of the uterus made famous by husband State Representative Scott Randolph. (To the Republicans in the Florida House: “If my wife incorporated her uterus, you all would say hands off.”)

Susannah Randolph clarified that “Pink Slip Rick” is not about recalling the governor. Instead, its purpose is to make sure every voter in Florida knows that, rather than “putting Florida back to work,” Rick Scott is handing out “pink slips.” Whether by laying off government employees or turning away job-creating stimulus funds, “Pink Slip Rick” is costing Floridians jobs. Access [www.pinksliprick.org](http://www.pinksliprick.org) on the Internet for more information and to join the campaign.

At the end of the meeting, State Representative Randolph praised Sarasota Democrats for their enthusiasm and challenged us to double attendance at the next meeting. (It’s on Wed., Oct. 12. Be there.)

— Debbie Trice



Marilyn Harwell and Helen McBean

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This information is presented as a guide only. While we do the best we can to present dates and times with accuracy, event times and venues do change. Please check with the event sponsor to confirm the details surrounding the event. Note: all telephone numbers are 941 Area Code, unless otherwise noted.

To request that your event be listed, email Tom Cook at [willardcook@mac.com](mailto:willardcook@mac.com).

### DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA EVENTS

#### 1 Oct (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota Luncheon

Pamela Goodman, 1st VP and Fair Districts Chair of the League of Women Voters of Florida, will speak on the topic "Redistricting 2012: Are Legislators Looking for Loopholes or Following the Law?" Note that the October luncheon meeting will be on the first Saturday of the month at 11:30 am at Laurel Oak Country Club, 2700 Gary Player Blvd in Sarasota. Cost: \$23 for members; \$25 for non-members and walk-ins. Reservations (due by Sept. 28): 379-9233 or [reserve@sarasotadems.com](mailto:reserve@sarasotadems.com)

### CLUB-SPONSORED OUTREACH EVENTS

#### 29 Sep (Thur): Share The Light Luncheon

The Democratic Club of Sarasota will have a table at the fundraising luncheon for Second Chance-Last Opportunity at which Christine Jennings and Dr. Washington Hill will be honored. If you are interested in sitting with us, please contact JoAnne DeVries at 320-8825 or [jdv.devries8@gmail.com](mailto:jdv.devries8@gmail.com). Tickets for the luncheon at 11:30 am at Michael's On East are \$50.

#### 6 Oct (Thurs): NAACP Freedom Awards Banquet

One of our longtime members, Lovette W. Harper, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at the banquet at 6:00 pm at the Sarasota Hyatt Regency. The cost is \$80 per person. If you are interested in sitting with other Sarasota Democrats, please contact JoAnne DeVries at 320-8825 or [jdv.devries8@gmail.com](mailto:jdv.devries8@gmail.com)

#### 22 Oct (Sat): PrideFest 2011

PrideFest will be held at Main and Gulfstream in Downtown Sarasota (outdoor event) from noon to 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed. Contact JoAnne DeVries at 320-8825 or [jdv.devries8@gmail.com](mailto:jdv.devries8@gmail.com)

### OTHER EVENTS

#### Sarasota-Manatee Democratic Meetups

Info: visit <http://democrat.meetup.com>

#### 2 Oct (Sun): Sarasota County Democratic Party (SCDP) Golden Apple Fund Raiser

Spend an intimate evening with Roberta MacDonald as she reminisces about her life growing up in New York, performing on Broadway and television, her various nightclub acts and so much more. Experience a Q & A with Sarasota's favorite leading lady! Featuring special

guest Bob Plunket aka "Mr. Chatterbox." Choose from a "lite bite" menu and coffee or tea before the show. Cash bar also available. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the show begins at 8:00 pm at the Golden Apple Theater, 25 N Pineapple in Sarasota. Cost is \$50. Info: 330-9400, [headquarters@sarasotadems.org](mailto:headquarters@sarasotadems.org) or [www.sarasotadems.org/goldenapple](http://www.sarasotadems.org/goldenapple).

#### 12 Oct (Wed): Sarasota County Democratic Party (SCDP)

This month's meeting is at the Waldemere Fire Station, 2070 Waldemere St in Sarasota. Come at 6:30 to socialize prior to the meeting at 7:00–8:30 pm. All Democrats are welcome. Info: 330-9400, [info@sarasotadems.org](mailto:info@sarasotadems.org), or [www.sarasotadems.org](http://www.sarasotadems.org).

#### 15 Oct (Sat): SCDP Seminar: Economic Outlook, Dr. Ayse Somersan

Learn about the root causes of our current economic climate, the potential impact of President Obama's jobs bill, the effect of other countries' economies on the US, and what to expect going forward at this seminar held at 10:30 am until noon at Democratic Party Headquarters, 7358 S Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. A \$10 donation is suggested. Info: 330-9400 or [headquarters@sarasotadems.org](mailto:headquarters@sarasotadems.org)

#### 17 Oct (Mon): North Port Democratic Club

The monthly meeting will be at 7:00–8:30 pm at the George Mullen Community Center, 4956 City Center Blvd in North Port. Stan Frank, City Project Manager for Conservation and Environmental Responsibility Strategic Action Plan (SAP) will discuss Environmental Issues in North Port. Info: 275-9195 or [contact@northportdems.org](mailto:contact@northportdems.org)

#### 18 Oct (Tue): SCDP Meet & Greet with Coffee & Pastry

Newly-registered voters and former OFA volunteers are invited for coffee and pastry at 10:30 am–noon at Democratic Party Headquarters, 7358 S Tamiami Tr in Sarasota. Info: 330-9400 or [info@sarasotadems.org](mailto:info@sarasotadems.org)

#### 18 Oct (Tue): SCDP Meet & Greet with Wine & Cheese

Newly-registered voters and former OFA volunteers are invited for wine and cheese at 5:30–7:00 pm at Democratic Party Headquarters, 7358 S Tamiami Tr in Sarasota. Info: 330-9400 or [info@sarasotadems.org](mailto:info@sarasotadems.org)

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**Note  
Special Date  
for Luncheon  
October 1**



**RESERVATIONS:**

Call: 379-9233

Email: reserve@sarasotadems.com

Email reservations (only) will receive confirmation.  
If no reply, please re-send.

**MENU CHOICES:**

\*\*\* No Substitutions \*\*\*

- Chicken Florentine w/basmati rice & vegetable
- Oriental stir-fried vegetables on rice w/fried won ton

Dessert: Vanilla Ice Cream & cookie

Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon

**DEADLINE:**

Wednesday evening, Sept. 28

**LATE FEE:**

Late cancellations and no-shows will be billed.

Late reservations, if accepted, will be charged \$25.

Walk-ins will be charged \$25, if accommodated.

This Month's Luncheon Meeting

**Redistricting 2012**

Pamela Goodman, Fair Districts Chair, LWV of Florida

**Saturday, October 1, 2011**

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

(check-in opens at 11:00)

Members: \$23

Non-Members \$25

(Please make out check in advance to DCS and show last names of everyone included in the check)

**Laurel Oak Country Club**

2700 Gary Player Blvd., Sarasota

Phone: 378-3608

**Travel Directions:**

The entrance to Laurel Oaks 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 to the Country Club.