

# FOCUS

## Democratic Club of Sarasota

*An Informed Member is Our Best Voter*



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### JANUARY LUNCHEON PROGRAM

#### Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn

The political prognosticators predict that Florida's I-4 corridor will determine the winner of the state's electoral votes in 2012. The city of Tampa is a key point on that corridor. It is also the dominant television market in our area — and crucial for candidates, like Keith Fitzgerald, who need to reach voters outside our immediate Sarasota vicinity.

In addition to being the largest television market in Florida (even larger than Miami), Tampa is the business, education, sports, and transportation capitol of the area. Our luncheon speaker on Saturday, January 14 is Tampa's highest profile leader, Mayor Bob Buckhorn — the Democrat who won a runoff in a landslide last March. Buckhorn took office in the third year of a recession and is now preparing the city to be under an international spotlight when the Republican National Convention convenes in Tampa in August 2012. With less than a year in office, he is turning Tampa into a place that is on the

move, focused on strengthening neighborhoods, and is committed to economic development.

Sarasota Democrats can take pride in the fact that, even though we couldn't vote in the Tampa election, volunteers at Sarasota Democratic Party headquarters played a role in the Mayor's victory by making hundreds of phone calls to urge Tampa residents to vote for him.

Please join us at Laurel Oak as we welcome Mayor Buckhorn to the January 14 luncheon to learn about his first year challenges and his Democratic perspective on Florida's political landscape

#### 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: Cruise raises funds for Vote by Mail project

On a balmy December day, the Marina Jack II set sail with close to 100 Democrats to honor two of our own, raise funds for our Vote by Mail project and enjoy each others' company over lunch as we cruised around the bay.

The club's new award for community service, named in honor of the late Carroll Buchanan, was given to Adam Tebrugge. The award included a donation to the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness of which Tebrugge is Board Chairman. Brief discussions of our honorees' records of service follow.

Photos of the afternoon by Felton Anderson and Jerry Osterweil are inside, as is information on Voting by Mail.

#### Carroll Buchanan

Educator, musicologist, civil rights and human rights advocate, Peace Corps volunteer, history buff, actor and active Democrat, S. Carroll Buchanan Ph.D. was a modern-day Renaissance Man. While the range of his interests and talents was wide, one thing tied them all together — community service.

In the twenty years that Carroll called Sarasota home, he founded and led the Gulf Coast Community Choir, a multicultural chorus whose performances raise funds for local charities, co-founded Embracing Our Differences, an annual event on the bayfront combining words and billboard-size art to convey how

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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,

A big thank you to all the attendees, sponsors and advertisers who supported our 2011 fundraiser on the Marina Jack II. This event is going down in the Club's history as incredibly successful because we exceeded our fundraising goal and had a great time!

The money raised will enable us to continue our community outreach, as well as the Vote by Mail effort. The Club's commitment to this initiative eases the financial obligation of the Sarasota County Democratic Party and helps us all work together to achieve the mandate from the Florida Democratic Party to focus on this important project. Over the coming months you will hear more details about the results of our efforts and additional steps that will be taken to insure success.

The cruise included a Democratic version of Sarasota Bay sightseeing when Jerry Springer's house on Bird Key received applause as we announced that he and his wife were one of several cruise sponsors, and a little boozing went on when we pointed out Vern Buchanan's yacht at the Sarasota Yacht Club.

### Rod Smith at Jan 10 Wine, Cheese & Politics

The Florida Legislative Session of 2012 begins on January 10. On that very important day, we are pleased to welcome the Chair of the Florida Democratic Party, Rod Smith and his wife, Dee Dee. With crucial issues at stake, such as redistricting and the implementation of the new voter suppression laws, we are sure to hear Rod's thoughts on the good and bad that will come out of this session.

Back in July, Rod surprised us by dropping in for a few minutes at our Wine, Cheese & Politics evening, but this time we will get to hear much more from him. If you didn't have the opportunity to attend the Florida Democratic Convention this past October in Orlando, you won't want to miss the chance to hear Rod speak right here in Sarasota.

Rod and his team have spent the past 12 months preparing for the 2012 election year. They are fired up and ready to support Democrats statewide as we re-elect President Obama and Senator Nelson and send more Democratic leaders to Washington and Tallahassee. Dee Dee has been an integral part of the team as she has led the effort to reestablish official county Democratic Party structures (Democratic Executive Committees or DEC's in Florida terminology) in the counties without them.

Make your reservations by e-mailing [rsvp@sarasotadems.com](mailto:rsvp@sarasotadems.com) or leaving a message at 404-4678. We have expanded our sound system to ensure that everyone will be able to hear clearly. Refer to the Calendar on page 7 for details.

In addition to the fun and festivity of the event, we were honored to recognize two amazing local Democrats when we presented our 1st annual Carroll Buchanan Award to the very deserving Adam Tebrugge. On behalf of the Club, I presented Adam with a plaque that read, "For continuing the extraordinary legacy of Carroll Buchanan, we honor Adam's selfless dedication to making our community a better place for all." The plaque was accompanied by a donation from the Club to the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness. We wish Adam and his colleagues the best as they work on their 10 year plan to end homelessness.

After ending 2011 with this successful event, the board is even more motivated than usual to attack the New Year with great energy. We will be adding new board members with the club elections in February and are already working on plans for exciting events in 2012.

In closing, I want to thank the Marina Jack II Fundraising Cruise sponsors whose generous donations made the event a huge success: Suzanne Atwell, Georgia Court, JoAnne DeVries, Dr. Ken Edelin, Janice Gagel, Dick and Diane Happy, Kerry Mack, Marie Millett, Sarah Pappas, Carol Poteat-Buchanan, Aileen and Bernard Schuman, David Shapiro, Ken Shelin, and Margaret Springer.

Democratically yours,

Mary



Carol Poteat-Buchanan thanks the Club for honoring her late husband while Mary Clupper and JoAnne DeVries look on. The First Lady and the President look pleased, too.

### From Your Membership Chair

Dear Democratic Club of Sarasota Members and Friends,

Many thanks to all of our great Democratic Club of Sarasota supporters for coming to our first Marina Jack II Cruise! Because of our faithful members and sponsor support we met our fundraising goal. The money raised will enable us to continue our Outreach efforts in the community and to fund the Vote-By-Mail mailings into 2012. Be assured that your membership dues and your support of our Outreach events do make a difference!

On a personal note, I would like to share a recent event in my life. My oldest son, Chad, recently retired after serving 22 years in the United States Air Force. I attended his retirement ceremony a few weeks ago.

I am so proud of Chad and all the years he served our country. At his retirement ceremony, he was honored for his service by his friends and colleagues, and was presented with a shadow box containing all his medals and ribbons from all the missions he participated in throughout his career. In all honesty, I had no idea he was in so many. I am

happy and relieved that I didn't! Chad also presented me with a flag that was flown over Iraq on a joint US mission during his last deployment a few months ago.

I was moved as his commander thanked us (Chad's family) for supporting him during his years in the military. Our military personnel know it is their job to serve our country, but they also recognize that families create a much-needed support system.

It was such an emotional ceremony and I was happy to be able to meet and speak with so many young men and women who are serving our country. Many of them had their papers and were being deployed to Afghanistan in the upcoming weeks. I am so grateful to them. Their service to our country is an inspiration for all of us.

I am so proud of Chad. I am also relieved that my son is home safe and now retired from the USAF and never to be deployed again. I hope and pray that all of our military men and women return home safely. It was a very touching and memorable evening and it was an honor to be around such an extraordinary group of young men and women. Chad is going to enjoy a couple months off and then start the job hunt for the next chapter of his life!

Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

And, as always, if you have any membership questions, suggestions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me at 320-8825 or joanne@sarasotadems.com.

JoAnne DeVries

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- I am registered as a Democrat in Florida.
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- Please contact me about volunteering.

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#### New & Reinstated Club Members and Friends (in November)

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## Vote By Mail is Key to Winning in 2012

Did you Vote By Mail in 2010? Have you renewed your request to Vote by Mail in 2012? Have you urged your Democratic friends to sign up to Vote by Mail? If you answered “no” to any of those questions, you need to read the following.

Voting by mail — also known as Absentee voting — can spell the difference between Democrats winning or losing an election. An absentee ballot is practically a “guaranteed vote.” Over 90% of absentee ballots that are requested are voted. Compare that with the 56% overall voter turnout in 2010 and you’ll understand why both political parties encourage their stalwarts to Vote By Mail. Right now, Sarasota Republicans are winning the race to sign up absentee voters.

To make matters even worse, the Republican-dominated Florida Legislature passed HB 1355 last year. This “Voter Suppression Act” makes it more difficult to vote in person — something that Democrats tend to do — but doesn’t interfere with voting by mail — the way Republicans tend to vote.

Because so many of us moved from other states with different laws concerning absentee voting, there’s lots of misinformation about it. Here’s some clarification of the facts:

**Fiction:** Absentee ballots aren’t counted unless the results are close. Not True. Under Florida law, the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) must include the absentee balloting results in its first report of “unofficial” results to the Florida Division of Elections. The SOE may begin counting absentee ballots 4 days before Election Day, although results may not be released until after the polls close.



Above: Grace Carlson wears her T-shirt with pride.

Right: Honoree Adam Tebrugge and Carol Poteat-Buchanan

**Fact:** All Florida voters may sign up to Vote by Mail. Voting by mail is the same as absentee voting. Florida law now permits all voters to request absentee ballots. The request must be renewed after each General Election.

**Fiction:** You can’t be sure your Absentee Ballot was received. Not True. You can check the status of your absentee ballot on the Internet at <http://registration.elections.myflorida.com/>. On this site, you can make sure your voter registration is current, request an absentee ballot, see when your ballot was mailed to you, and see when it was received by the SOE.

**Fact:** You have to pay postage to mail your absentee ballot. An insert in your ballot envelope will indicate how much postage is required. Or your ballot can be hand-delivered to the SOE office any day during business hours up until the polls close on Election Day. (You may not return it to your polling place on election day, but you can exchange it for an in-person ballot.)

**Fiction:** It’s difficult to request an Absentee Ballot. Not True. There are 5 ways. Pick the one that’s easiest for you.

1. Telephone: Call the SOE at (941) 861-8618 and provide your name, date of birth, registration address, and where the ballot is to be mailed.
2. Email: Send your request to [absentee@sarasotavotes.com](mailto:absentee@sarasotavotes.com) with the same information.
3. Mail: Mail a letter or an official “Ballot Request Form” to PO Box 4194, Sarasota FL 34230-4194.
4. Fax: Fax your letter or a completed “Ballot Request Form” to (941) 861-8617.
5. Online: Go to <http://registration.elections.myflorida.com/>

— Debbie Trice



## Last Month: Luncheon Cruise

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diversity enriches our lives, and established an ASALH film series at North County Library to screen enriching and inspiring films that depict all aspects of the African American experience. Carroll's contributions to Democrats' success included serving as a precinct committeeman in The Meadows and on this club's board.

More important was Carroll's personal challenge to all he met — but especially to young people — to look beyond accepted wisdom and to strive beyond expectations.

### Adam Tebrugge

For 23 years, Adam Tebrugge was a public defender, eventually becoming the chief trial attorney in the homicide division. For many of us, Adam was the public face of the Public Defender's office — the attorney we saw on the news representing people on trial for the worst crimes. But Adam's image was never tarnished by the defendants he stood beside because he saw his job as one of community service — making justice work for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

Now in private practice, Adam continues to be a resource for others: consulting in difficult criminal cases, hosting a local television show on legal issues, and teaching a Death Penalty Seminar at Stetson Law School.

Serving as Chairman of the Board of the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, Adam is also an advocate for the homeless. He has been educating community groups on the nature of homelessness in Sarasota and Manatee Counties, and building support for implementation of a soon-to-be-released 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness locally.

Many would find dealing with crime and homelessness on a daily basis depressing, but Adam usually greets us with a smile. Perhaps it's a reflection of how much good he is doing in Sarasota.

—Debbie Trice



Above: Pat Coville, Charolett Baker, Elaine Foster & Kathy Cook

Right: Dick Stammer, Jody McBrien & Evelyn Osterweil

## Dick Stammer: A Living Legacy

Dick Stammer has retired twice, but is now fully engaged in a third, if volunteer, career — working to build up our Democratic Party for victory in the 2012 elections. He is so concerned about what is happening now, he feels it imperative to fight off what may happen then.

With a degree in English, Dick was setting out for graduate work preparatory to college teaching when he decided suddenly to see what social service work was like. On his first day on the job he met Diane — the girl he married — and he never left the field. Dick spent 14 years in direct child welfare services, and then, with a Masters in Public Administration, another 16 years in administration and advocacy. His particular pride is helping direct the statewide board of child welfare volunteers and their liaison with the legislature to promote and support better laws and policies.

Retiring with Diane to Sarasota, he worked six years for Florida, primarily in Adult Protective Services, assisting and advocating for those 18 and over who are vulnerable through disability, handicap, frailty, abuse, neglect or exploitation. Ours is a large population “waiting to be plucked,” he says, with family members often the worst exploiters.

Dick and Diane were both active Club members, and her death after 35 years of marriage left him deep in grief. With the help of the Wellness Community and many friends he has returned to activity for the Democrats and cycling 100 miles a week with the Sarasota-Manatee Bicycle Club. Working for the Sarasota County Democratic Party, his emphasis is on building up precincts, developing a more lasting organizational structure, identifying leaders, drawing in new members, and making new voters welcome and involved.

—Paula G. John

Editor's Note: “Living Legacies” is an occasional column highlighting the interesting lives and diverse achievements of our members.



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Jerry Osterweil: p.5 right  
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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

#### 10 Jan (Tue): Wine, Cheese & Politics

Join us for an evening of political discussion with Florida Democratic Party Chair Rod Smith and his wife, Dee Dee. They are working to establish an official Democratic Party structure in every Florida county. The doors open at 6:00 pm for the 6:30 program. Location: 1350 Main Street, 6th floor lounge, in Downtown Sarasota. Cost: \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. Parking is available on the street and in the nearby Palm Avenue garage. RSVP: [rsvp@sarasotadems.com](mailto:rsvp@sarasotadems.com) or 404-4678

#### 14 Jan (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota Luncheon

Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn will be the featured speaker at the luncheon meeting which begins 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 Jan 11): 379-9233 or [reserve@sarasotadems.com](mailto:reserve@sarasotadems.com)

### CLUB-SPONSORED OUTREACH EVENTS

#### 13 Jan (Fri): Looking Into The Crystal Ball

The Friends of the Selby Library is sponsoring a party inside the recently remodeled Selby Library at 1331 First Street in Sarasota at 7:00–10:00 pm. All proceeds benefit the Library. Enjoy performances, artists/exhibitors and an array of tasty bites and cash bars. Advance tickets \$20 at Selby Friends Bookstore; \$25 at the door. Info: 861-1140. The Democratic Club of Sarasota will have an exhibit table at this event. To Volunteer: [jdv.devries8@gmail.com](mailto:jdv.devries8@gmail.com)

#### 18 Jan (Wed): Sarasota Chamber of Commerce Networking

Our Democratic Club recently joined the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce to increase our networking exposure. You, too, can network at "Sarasota Prime Time" at 5:30–7:30 pm at Cancer Support Community, 5481 Communications Pkwy in Sarasota. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Cost: \$10 Chamber Member, \$15 future members. No pre-registration. Info: [jdv.devries8@gmail.com](mailto:jdv.devries8@gmail.com)

#### 6 Feb (Mon): West Coast Woman Expo

The newspaper's 5th Annual Women's Expo will be held at 5:00–7:00 pm at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall. Info: JoAnne DeVries at [jdv.devries8@gmail.com](mailto:jdv.devries8@gmail.com)

### OTHER EVENTS

#### Sarasota-Manatee Democratic Meetups

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

#### 10 Jan (Tue): Longboat Key Democratic Club

Rod Smith, Florida Democratic Party Chairman will speak on the topic, "Winning 2012!" at the regular luncheon meeting which begins at 12:00 noon at the Harbourside Dining Room of the Longboat Key Club and Resort. Mail check for \$23 per person to LBK Democratic Club, PO Box 8025, Longboat Key 34228 for receipt by Jan. 5. Info & Reservations: Murray Blueglass at 383-4899

#### 11 Jan (Wed): Tiger Bay Club: Health Care Program

Tiger Bay Club will present a program on health care with a panel to include SMH's CEO Gwen McKenzie. Tom Tryon is being asked to be the moderator. Democrats need a large turnout of people who will defend the new health care law with applause and questions. Info: Art Levin at [Artgator@aol.com](mailto:Artgator@aol.com)

#### 12 Jan (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)

#### 21 Jan (Sat): Venice Area Democratic Club

Keith Fitzgerald will speak at the regular monthly meeting at 11:00 am (social time at 10:30) at Venice United Church of Christ, Naar Hall, 620 Shamrock Blvd in Venice. Info: 492-5965 or [www.venicedemocrats.org](http://www.venicedemocrats.org)

#### 29 Jan (Sun): SCDP Area 3 Lunch at The Meadows

Kelly Kirschner will speak at 2:30–4:00 pm at The Meadows Country Club, Longmeadow Rd in Sarasota. Cost: \$25. Info: 330-9400 or [barbrelles@gmail.com](mailto:barbrelles@gmail.com)

#### 11 Feb (Sat): Dr. Terrence Roberts Luncheon

Dr. Terrence Roberts will talk about his experience integrating Little Rock Central High School in 1958 and how we, too, can overcome whatever odds to reach our goals at 11:30 am at the Sarasota Hyatt Regency. Cost: \$100.00 (Gold Patron) or \$50.00. Make checks out to Alpha Phi Alpha Foundation and mail by Jan. 30 to: Carol Poteat-Buchanan, 5346 Everwood Run, Sarasota 34235. Info: Carol at 379-0232



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**MENU CHOICES:**

★★★ **No Substitutions** ★★★

- Chicken Saltimbucco w/rosemary roasted potatoes & vegetable
- Teriyaki salmon salad

Dessert: Tiramisu

Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon

**DEADLINE:**

Wednesday evening, Jan 11

**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

**Bob Buckhorn**

Mayor of Tampa

Saturday, January 14, 2012

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.