

# FOCUS

**Democratic Club of Sarasota**

*An Informed Member is Our Best Voter*



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## SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON PROGRAM

### **Doug Heinlen, President of AARP Florida: “You’ve Earned a Say”**

31.2% of Sarasota County’s population is 65 or older, and almost half of all Sarasota County households include someone 65 or older. This is among the highest percentages of seniors in the nation. (With 17.4% of the population 65 and older, Florida is the #1 state.)

Combine that with the economic downturn of the past several years, and it’s clear why Medicare and Social Security are hot topics here. Now Medicare has taken center stage in the presidential campaign, due to Mitt Romney selecting Paul Ryan as his running mate. Ryan is known for his plan to end Medicare as we know it by turning it into a voucher program.

As President of AARP Florida, our September luncheon speaker Doug Heinlen is well-versed on the issues surrounding Medicare and Social Security, and what these programs mean to Florida seniors.

In Florida, nearly 3.7 million residents collect Social Security benefits and over 3 million depend on Medicare to help them pay for health care. AARP decided that, while elected leaders, politicians, and talking heads were

debating the future of these programs, it was time to find out what average Americans had to say. Earlier this year AARP launched the “You’ve Earned a Say” program to collect feedback from seniors across Florida and the nation.

Originally from Cleveland, Doug Heinlen had a 33-year career in retail and import business. He has lived in Sarasota with his wife and daughter since 2001. In addition to his AARP position, he serves on the Tidewell Hospice Board of Trustees, Sarasota County Senior Advisory Council and Sarasota Memorial Hospital Senior Advisory Council.

Please join us on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> to hear from AARP Florida President Doug Heinlen on the future of America’s most important programs for seniors.

#### **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: Dr. Frank Alcock analyzes the Amendments**

At the August luncheon, New College professor Dr. Frank Alcock provided a nonpartisan analysis of the proposed Florida Constitutional Amendments on the November ballot, and the Democratic Club’s board distributed its voting recommendations. (See page 6.)

By way of introduction, Alcock indicated that our state’s current constitution was written in 1968 and is its sixth. Unlike the national constitution, the state constitution contains many items that might be expected to be statutory law instead. Also unlike the national constitution, Florida’s constitution is relatively easy to amend — by design — although the threshold

for voter approval of amendments was increased from 50% to 60% in 2006.

Amendment #1, titled Health Care Services, is an attempt to block implementation of the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”) in Florida, Alcock said. Many lawyers think this amendment would violate the “supremacy clause” in the US Constitution under which federal law takes precedence over state law.

Five of the proposed amendments — #2, 4, 9, 10 and 11 — deal with Property Taxes. The most significant is #4 which would make four changes and

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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,

The race for the White House is in full swing with all the players finally in place.

With one announcement, Candidate Mitt Romney has accomplished what President Obama has been unable to. By picking Paul Ryan as his running mate, he has actually united Democrats and Republicans! Everyone agrees it was a great pick, although for very different reasons.

All joking aside, the fact that Romney picked Ryan could be viewed as frightening. Did he choose someone who would draw support from Hispanics, African Americans, women, or the struggling middle class? No, he didn't. He chose a Tea Party darling to further solidify the base and inspire the radical right (and perhaps that is the base now).

Is Mitt living on the same planet as the rest of us? Perhaps he has confidence that the voter suppression laws that have taken hold in several swing states will be his saving grace.

Heavily Republican-dominated counties in Ohio voted to expand early voting hours to include evenings and weekends. Democratic counties were unable to get this passed by their election boards. (The county boards consist of two Republicans and two Democrats, and in cases of a tie the Secretary of State decides). After lawsuits were filed and the media started reporting the story, a decision was made to mandate uniformity in voting hours amongst all Ohio counties. But instead of making sure all counties were offering evenings and weekends like the Republican counties were planning, they're only allowing polls to be open until 7 p.m. with no weekend voting. So instead of full expansion to accommodate as many voters as possible, weekends were eliminated for everyone, including the ability to vote the last 3 days before the election.

Then we move on to Pennsylvania where the voter photo identification requirements were upheld by Judge Robert Simpson, stating that the law "imposes a limited burden on

voters." But perhaps if you're 80 years old and no longer drive but have always voted throughout your life, you might feel burdened and disenfranchised by this requirement. According to Bloomberg News, between 759,000 and 1.5 million Pennsylvania voters could be impacted by this decision.

And if you've been paying attention in Florida, you know what's been going on here with voter purging, fewer polling locations, and limited early voting opportunities.

So perhaps Romney didn't need to pick a running mate that was anything other than what Paul Ryan is — the embodiment of what a modern day Republicans seem to be — white, radically conservative, apathetic not just to the poor, but to the middle class.

I do not claim to be a savvy predictor of political outcomes, but I'm hoping beyond hope that there are enough progressive thinkers in this country to see through the Romney/Ryan smoke screen. We will find out in a little over two months and can't sit back and rest and hope. We have to get involved and do everything we can in Sarasota County to turn out the vote.

Please know that your Club is working hard. We had our biggest turnout ever on July 24<sup>th</sup> for the Wine, Cheese & Politics Candidate Round Up. We packed Monterey Grill on August 4<sup>th</sup> as we celebrated President Obama's 51<sup>st</sup> birthday. And the August luncheon sold out leaving some of our board members sitting in the check-in area because the dining tables were full.

Your Club board is thrilled that we are able to provide relevant events that bring Democrats together to socialize, commiserate, learn, and mobilize. We will continue to offer relevant events through November 6<sup>th</sup> and after.

Democratically yours,

Mary



PRESIDENT OBAMA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY



### From Your Membership Co-Chairs

Dear Democratic Club Members and Friends,

As the November election approaches, many of our members and "future" members support the Democratic Club of Sarasota by participating in Club activities. Your membership dues enable us to spread our Democratic message throughout Sarasota County.

Our Outreach events have been extremely successful. Our celebration of President Obama's Birthday and our Wine, Cheese & Politics events "maxed out" in attendance!

The Democratic Club of Sarasota continues to need your assistance as we get closer and closer to the 2012 November elections. You can help us in the following ways:

- Renew your membership
- Recruit your friends and family to join the Democratic Club of Sarasota
- Volunteer for the Club — we need you!

- Support our Democratic Outreach events
- Support our Democratic candidates

YOU can make a difference!

We thank you for your continuing support. If you have any questions about membership, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Your Membership Co-Chairs,

JoAnne DeVries: joanne@sarasotadems.com or 320-8825  
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#### New & Reinstated Club Members and Friends (in July)

Sandra Baker, Ericka Bingham, Ariel Birkoff, Paulette Costantino, Harry Heneberger, Cindy Ingalls, Marcia Lang, Dina Lareau, Evelyn Miller, Royce Miller, Sujatha Prabhakaran, Roy Price, Dorothy Quint, Sulo Sherman, Barbara Tag

#### 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  
PO Box 51076  
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Above: Joan and Conrad Hellwege

Below: Ed and Carol Murray



## Ardell Otten: A Living Legacy

Ardell Otten thrives on empowering others. Through both her volunteer and professional careers, she has focused on health care and education as areas where she can bring to underserved communities the skills and resources needed to develop and maintain successful programs and services.

Ardell was a founding member of The Black Health Leadership Council, Inc. in Los Angeles to address the need for culturally competent health care providers. As administrator of one of the nation's largest emergency departments, she played a leadership role in establishing a multi-service center for Los Angeles' "skid row." In Boston, she worked with the Haitian Health Care Institute to develop culturally relevant education and resources to improve patient outcomes for the Haitian community.

Stepping up her volunteerism and public service commitment, in 1995 Ardell was elected to the Brookline (Massachusetts) School Committee. Among her reasons for running she cites her desire to provide advocacy for students and families who lacked understanding of how to support and maximize achievement within the system. Ardell, herself, had two sons in that system and her husband was a hospital administrator, so she notably has achieved an integration of family and community focus not often attained.

Here in Sarasota she wants to concentrate this fall on voter registration and on transportation needs.

According to Ardell, holding public office has been a most rewarding personal experience, right up there with completing 3 marathons. Her advice to anyone considering public office: Go For It! Once you get beyond the dirty detail of raising money, the opportunity to make a difference is palpable.

—Paula G. John



Sarah Meachen and Andrea Braboy

## All Aboard for the Oct. 6 Luncheon Cruise

Last year's luncheon onboard the Marina Jack II Cruise Boat was a huge success on many counts. The Club awarded the 1st Carroll Buchanan Community Service Award to Adam Tebrugge for his work with the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness. Attendees enjoyed an afternoon socializing with like-minded Democrats while soaking up the beauty of Sarasota Bay. And we raised a significant amount of money which enabled us to fund the large Vote by Mail project earlier this year.

We are pleased to announce that the now-Annual Marina Jack II Luncheon Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, exactly one month before election day. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Democratic Club of Sarasota Carroll Buchanan Community Service Award will be presented to Dr. Kenneth Edelin, a Sarasota resident and activist with the NAACP and Planned Parenthood.

Prepaid reservations are required to attend. The cost is \$70 per person. Checks made payable to "DCS" should be mailed to: Democratic Club of Sarasota, PO Box 51076, Sarasota, FL 34232. More information will follow on how to pay by credit card. Additional donations are welcome.

Boarding will start at 11:30 a.m. and the boat will leave the dock at noon. A buffet lunch will be served. The deadline to buy tickets is October 4, 2012. We anticipate the event will sell out, so make your reservations early.

If you are interested in advertising in the program or just need more details, contact [president@sarasotadems.com](mailto:president@sarasotadems.com) or leave a message at 379-9233 and we will contact you.

## Voting Begins October 4

No, that date is not a typo. Absentee ballots will start arriving in mailboxes on October 4.

That's also when both political parties will begin "chasing" absentee ballots — contacting their voters to urge them to complete and return their ballots immediately.

What does that mean for you? Most importantly, if you were planning to volunteer to help re-elect President Obama and help other Democrats, do it now! Voting starts in 5 weeks.

Help is needed with data entry, phone banking, door-to-door canvassing, stuffing envelopes and door-hangers, and a variety of ad hoc tasks.

Besides the Sarasota County Democratic Party (call 330-9400 or come to 7358 S. Tamiami Trail) and Obama for America Sarasota (call 276-9265 or come to 305 Gillespie Avenue), each of the candidates would welcome your help.

Do it now!

## Last Month: Frank Alcock's Analysis of November's Florida Constitutional Amendments

(Continued from page 1)

is estimated to result in a \$1 billion revenue loss over a 3-year period. (Amendments proposed by citizen initiative may only address a "single subject." Amendments by the legislature are not limited in this manner.) The estimated 3-year revenue losses attributable to the other amendments are: #2: \$15 million; #9: under \$1 million; #10: \$60 million; #11: 18.5 million.

Amendment #3 concerns the revenue cap that was implemented in 1994 to limit how much the state can spend. With the cap based on personal income growth, it has not served to limit state revenue or spending. Alcock indicated that this amendment would change the formula for setting the cap to one similar to a cap implemented in Colorado. The Colorado formula caused problems in hard economic times, but the framers of this amendment believe their version will avoid Colorado's pitfalls.

Amendment #5 is the Florida Legislature's attempt to shift the balance of power in the state to the legislature. Alcock suggested that this effort was prompted by the Court repeatedly striking down the legislature's efforts to provide state funding via vouchers to schools with religious affiliation. (Amendment #8 is the latest effort.)



Dr. Frank Alcock

Amendment #6 is aimed at placing additional restrictions on abortion in Florida. In 1975, the federal government outlawed public funding of abortions. This amendment would "enshrine" that limitation in the Florida Constitution, and remove a provision the Florida courts have cited in overturning some anti-abortion legislation.

Amendment #8, entitled Religious Freedom, is the most significant measure in Alcock's opinion. Constitutional scholars have an ongoing debate on the meaning of the "establishment clause" of the First Amendment. Does it require "separation of church and state" or merely prohibit America from establishing a national religion? Those

who favor separation of church and state had placed in the constitutions of most states (including Florida's) a restriction against using public funds for the benefit of religious institutions. Amendment #8 seeks to eliminate that restriction, and enable the state's school voucher program to be expanded to include parochial schools. (Alcock noted that Jeb Bush's voucher program was ruled unconstitutional based on a different constitutional provision, one which mandated a "uniform system of education.")

Amendment #12 is the most trivial, said Alcock. The issues excluding the FSU student body president from the Florida Students Association have been resolved, so this measure would essentially rename the group and change the title of their elected leader from president to chairman.

—Debbie Trice

### DEMOCRATIC CLUB BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board recommends a vote of "NO" on all 11 Amendments to the Florida Constitution.

### The women of Florida hold the keys to the White House.

That's right. As soon as Florida's electoral votes are in President Obama's column, Romney/Ryan won't stand a chance.

In 2008, women voted for Barack Obama by a 56-to-43 margin nationally. Thanks to President Obama's policies supporting women's rights to fair pay, equal access to health care and self-determination, and Romney/Ryan's desire to eliminate many of the rights women won over the past 50 years, the gender gap is widening.

Here in Florida, where women are the majority of the population, the registered voters and likely voters, we need to build upon our advantage to increase the number of women voting for President Obama to guarantee success.

Each woman reading this should join Women for Obama [[www.barackobama.com/women](http://www.barackobama.com/women)]. This is the online source for information, volunteer opportunities and campaign gear.



Step 2 is organizing the women you regularly come in contact with. Your main objective is to assure them that their vote really does make a difference — especially this year. Invite them for coffee and a chat on what women stand to lose if Romney/Ryan get elected.

Count it as a win if speaking with you convinced a woman to vote this year.

Count it as a victory if she joins Women for Obama and agrees to recruit others.

Remember, when women vote, Democrats get elected.

## 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

#### 8 Sep (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota Luncheon

Doug Heinlen, President of AARP Florida, will speak on the hot topics of Medicare, Social Security and the Affordable Care Act. The September luncheon meeting 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 Sept 5: 379-9233 or [reserve@sarasotadems.com](mailto:reserve@sarasotadems.com)

#### 6 Oct (Sat): Fall Fundraiser and Cruise on the Bay

Mark your calendar for a luncheon on the Marina Jack II cruise boat when we will honor a local Democrat and raise funds to support our mission to elect Democrats! See page 5 for details. Check our website at [sarasotadems.com](http://sarasotadems.com) for updates.

#### 13 Oct (Sat): October Luncheon CANCELLED

### CLUB-SPONSORED OUTREACH EVENTS

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

The Club is assembling tables at the annual luncheon sponsored by and benefiting Second Chance—Last Opportunity at Michael's On East. Cost is \$50. Table info: [jdv.devries8@gmail.com](mailto:jdv.devries8@gmail.com) or 320-8825  
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Delores Radko and Carol Wolf

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### OTHER EVENTS

#### 27 Aug (Mon): Democrats Mean Business

Come to a business networking event organized by the Sarasota County Democratic Party at 5:30–7:00 pm at Libby's Cafe + Bar, 1917 S. Osprey in Sarasota. Info: [DMB@SarasotaDems.org](mailto:DMB@SarasotaDems.org) or 330-9400

#### 11 Sep (Tue): Democrats Mean Business

See Aug 27 for details

#### 12 Sep (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 pm 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 Sep (Sat): Venice Area Democratic Club

Caitlyn Miller of Planned Parenthood will discuss Women's Rights & Amendment 6 at the regular monthly meeting, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm at Naar Hall, United Church of Christ, 620 Shamrock Blvd in Venice. Info: 492-5965, [venicedemocrats@yahoo.com](mailto:venicedemocrats@yahoo.com), or [www.venicedemocrats.org](http://www.venicedemocrats.org)

#### 22 Sep (Sat): Civic Event: "Don't Take The Bait on 8"

Howard Simon of Florida ACLU, Rev. Charles McKenzie of Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and Rev. Steven Baines of Americans United headline a community forum on how Amendment 8 would affect all Floridians at 3:00–5:00 pm at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1031 S. Euclid Ave in Sarasota. This event is sponsored by Americans United for Separation of Church & State: Sarasota-Manatee Chapter. Info: Wade Matthews at 923-0691 or [ajp474@comcast.net](mailto:ajp474@comcast.net)

#### 25 Sep (Tue): Democrats Mean Business

See Aug 27 for details

#### 29 Sep (Sat): Venice Area Democratic Club Picnic

The annual VADC picnic will be at 4:00–7:00 pm at Maxine Barritt Park in Venice. Info: 492-5965, [venicedemocrats@yahoo.com](mailto:venicedemocrats@yahoo.com) or [www.venicedemocrats.org](http://www.venicedemocrats.org)



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 Email: reserve@sarasotadems.com

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If no reply, please re-send.

**MENU CHOICES:**

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

- Grilled Corvina in lemon caper sauce w/ basmati rice & vegetable
- Grilled Chicken Greek Salad
- Grilled Vegetable Wrap w/ Cole Slaw

Dessert: Apple Pie  
 Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon

**DEADLINE:**

Wednesday evening, September 5

**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

**Doug Heinlen**  
 President, AARP Florida

Saturday, September 8, 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.