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An Informed Member is Our Best Voter



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## WINE, CHEESE & POLITICS

### Sept. 26: Leon County Supervisor of Elections on Florida voter suppression efforts

As Election Day looms closer, we continue to hear about voter suppression efforts taking place across the country and in Florida. Please join us as we welcome the Supervisor of Elections from Leon County, Ion Sancho, as he speaks about "The War on Voters" on Wed., Sept. 26.

Serving since January 1989, Sancho has been reelected to five additional terms. He has devoted special attention to studying voting technologies and increasing citizen participation in our electoral system. Under his administration, Leon County's voter turnout percentage has consistently ranked among the highest of Florida's 67 counties, with a record-setting 86% turnout in the November 2008 General Election.

In December 2000, the Florida Supreme Court appointed Sancho to serve as technical expert overseeing the Florida Recount effort. He was also recognized by the Leon County Commission for providing "statistically the cleanest county elections in the state" during that infamous election. In 2005, Mr. Sancho sanctioned the first tests of voting machines by voting integrity experts working independently of the vendors.

Ion Sancho was the first Florida elections official to attain national certification in 1996 (Certified Elections Registration Official, the Election Center). He is regularly

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Instead of the regular luncheon in October, we are hosting a fun, fundraising cruise on Marina Jack II on Saturday, October 6. Please see the back page for information.



To continue filling the need for honest information, we've invited Ion Sancho, Leon County Supervisor of Elections and national expert on voting, to speak on voter suppression on Wednesday evening, Sept. 26. This is last-minute notice, so RSVP today. The room fills quickly and no walk-ins will be admitted.

interviewed by national and local media and has presented testimony before the US Congress, the US Election Assistance Committee, and the US Civil Rights Commission.

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### Last Month: Having Our Say with AARP's Doug Heinlen

September luncheon speaker Doug Heinlen, President of AARP Florida and a Sarasota resident, gave Democratic Club members an opportunity to have their say on the future of Medicare and Social Security.

The upcoming November election will likely establish whose vision for the future of America is shared by the majority of voters. Whatever the result, Medicare and Social Security will change. AARP believes that the people who've paid into the system and whose lives are most affected by

these programs have "earned a say" in what the changes should be. So AARP has been educating Americans on the pros and cons of proposed changes, and soliciting their opinions.

At the September luncheon, Heinlen went over some of AARP's "You've Earned A Say" survey questions and his wife, Mary, recorded the group's responses. Early next year, AARP will make recommendations to Congress as it develops legislation. Whether you were at the luncheon or not, you

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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,

As I write this article, the Democratic National Convention is a week past, but the glow has not worn off.

My trip to Charlotte for the closing night not only came after a week of watching the lackluster Republican Convention in Tampa, but also on the heels of spending time in the Midwest for a family event. When I go back there, I enter a world of right wing, anti-Obama evangelicals. I love my family, of course, but often dread the interactions I will be faced with. But it does keep me reminded that the people on the opposite side of my political views are very real.

These are the people supporting the Republican ticket, not because of their fiscal conservatism, but because of their stand on social and religious issues. They stand against a woman's right to choose and against equality for the GLBT community. They disdain public schools and believe religious schools should be the standard. They demonize our president and the political party that I am a part of. They would claim not to be racist and yet don't recognize the racial overtones of their Obama jokes. They do not see that the religious and social issues that drive them to the polls are manipulatively intertwined with big-money interests.

I went from that world to the Time Warner Arena in Charlotte to hear the incredible speeches on the last night of the convention — speeches that created an energy fueled by unity. The contrast was like moving from darkness and ignorance into the light of tolerance, inclusiveness and acceptance amidst people fighting for the well-being of their fellow Americans.

### 2012 Cruise Honors Dr. Kenneth Edelin

Last year's Marina Jack Luncheon Cruise was so popular that we are doing it again this year!

Exactly one month before Election Day, we invite you to join fellow Democrats on beautiful Sarasota Bay as we raise money and honor Democrat and Activist Dr. Kenneth Edelin. A national leader with Planned Parenthood and the NAACP, Dr. Edelin has continued his support of Democratic ideals and values during his retirement in Sarasota. We are pleased to present him with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carroll Buchanan Community Service Award.

This event is the Club's single most important fundraiser of the year, and we need your support by attending or donating to the event. As one of the largest Democratic Clubs in Florida with over 650 members, the Democratic Club of Sarasota fills a critical role in Sarasota County Democratic politics. Your attendance or sponsorship of the luncheon cruise will enable us to continue our efforts.

If you can't attend the cruise, please consider making a special contribution instead.

I am struck by the irony of how many people on the right, like those in my family, vote against their own self-interest when they vote for Republicans. They are voting against the party that stands up for women, for equality for all Americans, for the poor, for the elderly, and for the middle class. While it is still over a month until the election results are in, we are seeing signs that the American people at large are not going to buy what the Republicans are selling. To quote a fellow Florida Democrat, "2008 was historical. 2012 is personal."

It's personal to each of us and it's imperative to the well-being of our nation's future that Barack Obama wins a second term. We have to do our part right up through November 6<sup>th</sup>. Every effort matters. We urge you to continue to support our candidates, the local Democratic Party, and Obama for America in every possible way as we enter the home stretch to victory!

Democratically yours,

Mary



Above: Charlotte street scene during the Convention.

Below: Liz Alpert is running for State Representative.



### From Your Membership Co-Chairs

Dear Democratic Club Members and Friends,

I recently returned from an incredible experience in Charlotte, NC! What amazing energy! I was privileged to be one of the delegates representing Florida and Sarasota County at the 2012 Democratic National Convention.

Every morning of the convention, the Florida delegation met for a breakfast meeting that featured guest speakers from around the country. They spoke on the importance of Florida in the upcoming election. They all stressed that Florida is a "make or break" state, and focused on what we need to do get out the President's message — and, more importantly, Get Out The Vote. That and Voter Registration and Vote By Mail remain our highest priorities. Florida is key to winning this election!

President Obama's Campaign Manager, Jennifer O'Malley-Gillen, spoke on how incredibly close the race is. She emphasized how crucial Florida is to the campaign — and how Florida is a crucial swing state. Although we have the challenges of the Republican SuperPAC money, we have

the tools we need to do the work. Our greatest strength is our grassroots, on-the-ground organization and our Democratic Club of Sarasota supporters!

Your membership dues and donations have played an important role in the upcoming elections in Sarasota County. We have worked hand in hand with the Sarasota County Democratic Party to determine how our Club can participate in the most efficient and effective way. Through these conversations we have financed a Vote By Mail initiative targeting a substantial portion of Sarasota County, and we have represented the Democratic party at numerous Outreach events.

In order to continue our work through the election we need your help. We continue to sponsor Outreach events throughout the community, and we will be sponsoring the Election Night Victory Party on November 6th at Marina Jack's.

Sarasota is ground zero in Florida and the nation. We need everyone to do their part! We know Florida is a "must win" state. More than ever, we need each and every one of us to contribute time, effort and financial support. Your support of the Democratic Club of Sarasota will provide the resources to keep you informed on all things Democratic in Sarasota County.

There is so much at stake for us. In the next few weeks, help make a difference by encouraging your friends and neighbors to vote by mail, vote early, or vote at the polls. Please help us win the election on Nov. 6th. Go "Forward" with President Obama!

If you have any questions about membership please do not hesitate to contact Georgia or me.

Your Membership Co-Chairs,

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#### 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

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

- Please contact me about volunteering.

Send to: Democratic Club of Sarasota  
Membership Committee  
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Sarasota, FL 34232-0329

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

- Rozalind Brack, Fred Brockman, Lee Brockman,
- Teresa Carafelli, Pia Carlstedt, Bernice Davis,
- Kellie Dupree, Jaynie Guillou,
- Rachel Hackney (Sustaining Member),
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- Ed Kulback, Jan Kulback, Norma Kwenski,
- Lola Laubheim, Richard Myers, Sally Myers,
- Elle Pack, Connie Potts, Delores Radtke,
- Amy Roberts, Karlene Sadri, Steve Scott,
- Duane Sims, Shelley Sims, Kathleen Teso,
- Delores Turner, Catherine Vasquez,
- Joseph Vogel, Cheryl Walker

## 9/26: SOE Ion Sancho on Voter Suppression

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The event is at 1350 Main Street, 6th Floor, Downtown Sarasota at 6:30 pm. Wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided along with light bites and dessert.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED! Please e-mail [rsvp@sarasotadems.com](mailto:rsvp@sarasotadems.com) or leave a message at 404-4678. Reservations will close when venue capacity has been reached. No Walk-ins will be admitted.

Cost for members is \$15 and for non-members, \$20. Payment can be prepaid by mailing a check made payable to DCS to: PO Box 51076, Sarasota, FL 34232, or at the door the night of the event. Please fill out checks ahead of time made payable to DCS.

## Fight Back Against Voter Suppression

The Sarasota Democratic Party is mounting a full throttle effort to counteract the opposition's effort to suppress the vote. Their tactics include aggressive challenges of voters by "poll watchers" during early voting and on Election Day. Our goal is to have qualified, trained Democratic poll watchers to counterbalance their efforts.

We need a tremendous number of volunteers to cover six locations during eight days of early voting and nearly 100 polling places on Election Day. To help, you must be a registered voter residing in Sarasota County and may not be a law enforcement officer.

If you are willing to work one or more 3 hour shifts, please contact Tom Brommage at [Tomdemocrat@yahoo.com](mailto:Tomdemocrat@yahoo.com) or (941) 735-2801. Please leave a voice message.

Let's not allow the opposition to rob us of our hard-earned victory!



Above: Ed and Jan Kulback

Right: Dee McFarland & Bernice Davis volunteer many hours at Democratic HQ.

## County Charter Amendment on Ballot

In May, 2008, a citizen-initiated petition triggered a special election at a cost to the County of some \$400,000. The County Charter currently requires that Charter Amendments initiated by citizen petition, by the Board of County Commissioners, or by the state legislature be submitted to county voters within 60 days after filing with the Supervisor of Elections. (Amendments proposed by the Charter Review Board need to wait until the next countywide election.)

Also in 2008, the Supervisor of Elections indicated that changes in election laws and procedures made it difficult to conduct an election with only 60 days' notice. The Office requested a change to 120 days.

Consequently, in August, 2008, the Board of County Commissioners placed an amendment on the countywide ballot to address these issues. Unfortunately, the Board added several controversial changes and the amendment was rejected by two-thirds of the voters.

This time, the Charter Review Board is placing a stripped down proposal on the ballot, simply addressing the two problems identified. If the Amendment passes:

1. Proposed amendments to the County Charter will continue to be initiated by the same four entities, but all four will have to file the proposal with the Supervisor of Elections at least 120 days before the election.
2. Proposed Charter Amendments will be submitted to county voters at the next general election — not at a primary and not at a special election.

There are also two "housekeeping" changes in the proposed amendment. The first clarifies that citizen-petitions will be considered "filed" when the Supervisor of Elections certifies that the petition is valid and has the required number of verified signatures. The second indicates that amendments approved by the voters go into effect as soon as the election results are certified.

That's it. Simple. Straightforward. I'm voting "yes."

— Debbie Trice



## Last Month: AARP Florida's Doug Heinlen

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are encouraged to take the survey online at [earnedasay.org](http://earnedasay.org) or by phone at 1-888-OUR-AARP.

In addition to hearing our opinions on Medicare and Social Security, Heinlen provided eye-opening information about AARP.

The precursor to AARP was founded in the 1940's by a retired Los Angeles high school principal. At a time when employers didn't generally provide health insurance for retirees and Medicare hadn't been established, health insurance was virtually unavailable to older Americans. A decade after the National Retired Teachers Association managed to convince a company to issue a group health insurance policy for its members, the organization expanded to serve all retirees. Over time, the American Association of Retired Persons added new benefits, services and advocacy programs in service to its mission to promote independence, dignity and purpose for older persons.

Now officially named AARP and with only 46% of its membership retired, the organization's activities are as diverse as free assistance completing income tax returns; litigating against employment discrimination; a "No Free Lunch" program investigating investment seminars for possible coercion or misleading information; and lobbying for consumer protection and regulation of industries which take advantage of seniors.

— Debbie Trice

### 2012 Election Calendar

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Tues., Oct. 2 | Supervisor of Elections mails the first batch of Absentee Ballots  |
| Wed., Oct. 3  | Absentee Ballots appear in Mailboxes and voting begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be sure to sign the ballot envelope and affix the correct postage (tentatively 65¢)</li> <li>• Absentee ballots may also be hand-delivered to the Supervisor of Elections' Office</li> </ul> |
| Tues., Oct. 9 | Last day to register to vote in this election  |
| Sat., Oct. 27 | First day of Early Voting, starting 7:00 am and ending 7:00 pm   |
| Wed., Oct. 31 | Last day to request an Absentee Ballot for this election   |
| Sat., Nov. 3  | Last day of Early Voting, starting 7:00 am and ending 7:00 pm  |
| Tues., Nov. 6 | Election Day<br>All Absentee Ballots must be returned and all votes cast by 7:00 pm  |

## Monthly Calendar

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### 16 Oct (Tue): SCDP: Front Row Seat to 2012 Election

Hear Rita Ferrandino share stories not covered in the news! Get the scoop on the election and find out the inside information on how the election is really going locally and how Democrats are preparing to win. The talk will be at 7:00–8:00 pm at the Village Walk Association, Barbados Room. Candidates John Torracco and Teresa Carafelli will address questions from the group. Info: 927-7263, [cathymakowski@comcast.net](mailto:cathymakowski@comcast.net) or <http://www.sarasotadems.org/docs/village-walk-16oct12.pdf>.

### 20 Oct (Sat): Democrats @ Venice Sun Fiesta Parade

Join the Venice Area Democratic Club at the parade & festivities on Venice Ave from 9:00 am to noon. Candidates will be present. VADC will have a booth from Friday evening to Sunday evening. Info: Norma Dayton at 493-5087, [venicedemocrats@yahoo.com](mailto:venicedemocrats@yahoo.com) or [www.venicedemocrats.org](http://www.venicedemocrats.org)

### 23 Oct (Tue): Democrats Mean Business Happy Hour

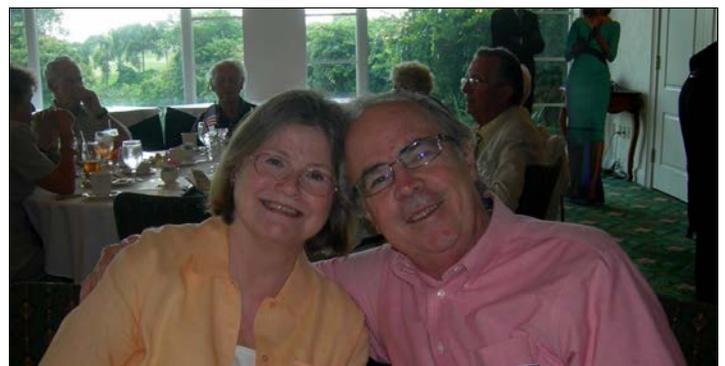
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### 27 Oct (Sat): Safe Sex Halloween Bash

Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida presents its annual Safe Sex Halloween Bash, the very popular fund- and friend-raiser. This year's theme is "Deadtime Stories." Guests are invited to take a terrifying trip through the land of twisted fairy tale fun with stops for the thrills and chills of "what's under the bed" and "who's in the closet." Place & Time: Michael's On East, 1212 East Avenue S in Sarasota at 9:00–11:59 pm. Cost: \$75 in advance or \$100 at the door. Info: 365-3913 ext 1157 or [laura.coyle@myplannedparenthood.org](mailto:laura.coyle@myplannedparenthood.org)

### 5 Nov (Mon): Democrats Mean Business Happy Hour

See Sept. 25



Luncheon speaker Doug Heinlen and his wife, Mary

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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

#### 26 Sep (Wed): Wine, Cheese & Politics

Join us for an evening of political discussion with Ion Sancho, Supervisor of Elections for Leon County. A nationally-recognized expert on elections, Sancho will discuss voter suppression in a talk titled "The War Against Voters." 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. Wine, beer, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided along with light bites and dessert.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED! Please e-mail [rsvp@sarasotadems.com](mailto:rsvp@sarasotadems.com) or leave a message at 404-4678. Reservations will close when venue capacity has been reached. Walk-ins are not accepted.

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

Join fellow Democrats on beautiful Sarasota Bay to raise money and honor Democrat and activist Dr. Kenneth Edelin with the 2nd Annual Carroll Buchanan Award. Boarding of the Marina Jack II Cruise Boat begins at 11:30. The boat leaves the dock promptly at noon. Cost: \$70 prepaid by Oct. 4. See back page for details and prepayment instructions. A flyer which can be used for mail-in reservations is online at <http://sarasotadems.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Marina-Jack-Mail-In-Reservation-Form-20121.pdf> Info: 379-9233 or [Events@SarasotaDems.com](mailto:Events@SarasotaDems.com)

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

#### 6 Nov (Tues) Democratic Victory Party @ Marina Jack

### CLUB-SPONSORED OUTREACH EVENTS

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

We hope to see you at the Democratic Club table at the annual luncheon benefiting Second Chance—Last Opportunity at Michael's On East.

Questions: [jdv.devries8@gmail.com](mailto:jdv.devries8@gmail.com) or 320-8825

#### 20 Oct (Sat): Save The Date — Bridge Walk

In 2008, the Bridge Walk across the Ringling Bridge, organized by Women for Obama, broke a world record with well over 5,000 participants. Let's do it again. All groups will gather on the Bayfront at Ringling Blvd and US41 by 12 noon for speeches. The walk over the bridge will begin at 1:00 pm. (View a 2008 video at <http://youtu.be/zZCB9heiNW4>) More info to follow!

#### 20 Oct (Sat): Pride Fest

Volunteers needed for the outdoor Pride Fest in downtown Sarasota. 11:30 am – 6:00 pm.  
Contact [jdv.devries8@gmail.com](mailto:jdv.devries8@gmail.com)

### OTHER EVENTS

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

Bring a Friend and meet your local business colleagues at 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

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

VADC kicks off the campaign season for Democratic candidates with music, speakers and a barbecue & chili cookout at Maxine Barritt Park in Venice at 4:00–7:00 pm. Drinks provided by VADC. Suggested donation: \$5 per person. Info: 492-5965, [ohpiffle@yahoo.com](mailto:ohpiffle@yahoo.com) or [www.venicedemocrats.org](http://www.venicedemocrats.org)

#### 9 Oct (Tue): Longboat Key Democratic Club Luncheon

Congresswoman Kathy Castor will speak when LBK Democratic Club resumes its monthly luncheon schedule on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Longboat Key Harbourside Golf Course Dining Room from noon to 2:00 pm. The cost is \$25 per person. Reservations: 383-4899, [napablue@comcast.net](mailto:napablue@comcast.net)

#### 9 Oct (Tue): Democrats Mean Business Happy Hour

See Sept. 25

#### 10 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).

#### 13 Oct (Sat): North Port Democratic Club

Come meet the Democratic Candidates at 4:00–8:00 pm at Warm Mineral Springs, 2200 San Servando Ave in North Port. Info: 467-2549, [cohen4commissioner@yahoo.com](mailto:cohen4commissioner@yahoo.com), <http://www.cohen4commissioner.com>

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