

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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MARCH 2013

President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

Our usual FOCUS Newsletter is on hiatus until we can find a capable editor to replace Debbie Trice. For now we will continue to inform you about Club business and upcoming events in this new format.

I'd like to thank **Sacha Rosenfeld** who served on the Board of Directors for three years for her service. She was a great part of the team and her infectious smile and contributions to our organization will be missed! As we say good bye to Sacha, we welcome newly appointed board member, **Dee McFarland**. Dee is a retired Human Resources professional who recently moved to Florida from Michigan. She wasted no time getting involved in her new community. She teaches a single mothers class at Janie's Gardens sponsored by the non-profit, GRIP and volunteers at the Sarasota County Democratic Party headquarters. We are thrilled to have her join the DCS Board.

A big thank you to everyone who attended our volunteer recruitment meeting. With your help we will continue to make a difference in Sarasota County.

Democratically Yours,

Mary Clupper—President

Membership & Outreach

The Club recently participated in the **West Coast Women's Expo** at the **Van Wezel**. Our volunteers came into contact with hundreds of local women, letting them know that Democrats are alive and well in our community.

Our biggest outreach effort of the year, the **Sarasota County Fair**, runs from March 15 – 24. Volunteers are needed to staff the booth and will receive a free pass. Visit www.sarasotadems.org/countyfair to reserve your shift(s).

*JoAnne DeVries & Georgia Blotzer—
Co-membership Chairs*

New Club Members & Friends in January

Russ Battiatia, Liz Ballard, Mary Chadsey, Susan Chapman, Jean Germain, Ted Goldman, Nathaniel & JoAnn Green, Phyllis Johnson, Merrill-Ann Kaegi, Emily Lane, Michael Lenza, Silvana Leonard, Frank Liuzzi, Jessica Ann McCrae, Caitlyn Miller, Margaret Mills, Janet Dee Noah, Dale Orlando, Caroline Reed, Eugene Rose, Jean & William Spaeth, Jerry Stricker, Lucy Tobias, Samuel & Jacqueline Tutt, Cramer Verde, Josh Zimmer.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 693

Saturday March 9th Luncheon Meeting Details

Democratic Sarasota City Commission Candidates

Incumbent Mayor Suzanne Atwell, Susan Chapman, & Linda Holland. Moderated by Susan Nilon of WSRQ Radio

Saturday, March 9th, 2013

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

(check-in opens at 11:00)

Members: \$24

Non-Members: \$26

(Please make out check in advance to DCS.)

Master and Visa now accepted)

Laurel Oak Country Club

2700 Gary Player Blvd. Sarasota

Phone: 378-3608

*** Special Location for March Only ***

Sarasota Yacht Club

1100 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota

Phone: 365-4191

Travel Directions: Take the Ringling Bridge from downtown Sarasota. Stay in the left lane. Drive over the bridge and past the traffic light for Bird Key. At the next opening, turn left into the Sarasota Yacht Club parking lot. (If you miss this turn, you can make a U-turn at the next light, which is for Plymouth Harbor.)

Reservations:

Call: 379-9233

E-mail: reserve@sarasotadems.com

E-mail reservations (only) will receive confirmation.

If no reply, please re-send.

Menu Choices:

No Substitutions

• Chef's Salad OR

• Vegetable Primavera Lasagna

Dessert: Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing

Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS:

Wednesday evening, March 6

LATE FEE:

Late cancellations and no-shows will be billed.
Late reservations, if accepted, will be charged \$26.
Walk-ins will be charged \$26, if accommodated.

Upcoming Events

9 Mar (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota Luncheon – Monthly Meeting

The Democratic Club of Sarasota meets on the second Saturday of each month from 11:30am (Social) to 1:30pm. Check-in opens at 11:00am. The March luncheon will be held at the **Sarasota Yacht Club**. See inside for details

15-24 Mar (Fri-Sun) Sarasota County Fair Volunteers Needed

Visit <http://www.sarasotadems.org/countyfair> to volunteer at the Democratic booth at the Sarasota County Fair.

3 Mar (Sun): “The Good News Club” - Christianizing America’s schools

The Sarasota/Manatee Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church & State sponsors this event. Author, **Katherine Stewart**, will discuss and sign her book at the 1st United Congregational Church of Christ (1031 S Euclid Ave, Sarasota) from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Info: 941-966-4631 or 941 377-1003, richnser@yahoo.com, <http://www.thegoodnewsclub.com>.

12 Mar (Tue): Longboat Key Democratic Club – Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, at noon, at the Longboat Key Club and Resort, Harbourside Golf Course, Harbourside Dining Room. The guest speaker will be **Nan Rich**, announced Democratic candidate for Governor of Florida 2014. Cost is \$25 to be received no later than Thursday, March 7th. Mail reservations checks to LBK Democratic Club, Luncheon Reservation, PO Box 8025, Longboat Key, FL 34228. Contact Murray Blueglass at 941-400-6694 for additional information.

13 Mar (Wed): Sarasota County Democratic Party (SCDP) - Monthly Meeting

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

Coming Soon - Hard Rock Casino Fundraising Trip - join fellow Democrats for a fun time at the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa. Bus transportation and \$30 in free play for just \$40 per person. Stay tuned for date and time details.

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