

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

We hope to see you at our May 11th luncheon, featuring Florida House Representative **Joe Saunders**. The last time our members heard from Joe, he was the Equality Florida Statewide Field Director. Equality Florida is the largest civil rights organization dedicated to securing full equality for Florida's LGBT community. The Club has partnered with this organization the past few years in support of their lobbying and grass roots efforts. Joe will provide an update on the legislative session that will have just wrapped up on May 3rd. We look forward to hearing his perspective as a newcomer to Tallahassee and as one of the first two openly gay state legislators elected in Florida, this past Fall.

The Democratic Club of Sarasota was featured at the April DEC meeting at Waldemere Fire Station. Your board members shared an overview of the Club's mission and activities, which include providing educational and social events, acting as the outreach arm for the local party, sponsoring special projects, and contributing to local charities. All of this is possible because of your membership dues and support. Thank you!

Democratically Yours,

Mary Clupper—President

Membership & Outreach

MAY 2013

One of our biggest outreach events of the year, the Sarasota County Fair, has come and gone again. Thousands of Sarasota County residents passed through the exhibition area and had the opportunity to see a strong Democratic presence staffed by our tireless volunteers. We have also had a presence at Chamber of Commerce events and are looking forward to participating in the upcoming Harvey Milk Festival and Cinco de Mayo Celebration. We'd like to say a big thank you to board member, Helen Magill, for her help in organizing a local high school student event at Democratic Headquarters.

—JoAnne DeVries & Georgia Blotzer

New Club Members & Friends in March

Jeanne Bennett, David Bigi, Gay Boylston, Ned Burrell, Ronald Carson, Douglas Christy, Doris Damsky, Mellon Dash, Elisa Drews, Deborah Fillion, Sally Fisher, Maria Foulks, Jill French, Christopher Gibala, Kevin Griffith, Candace Herrera, Tyrone Hill, Christina Lobdell, Eliver Longoria, Shannon Lynch, Richard Mattern, Karen Miller, Betty Morse, Mercedita O'Connor, Larry Parr, Rafael Quintero, Johanna Rehmani, Murial Shindler, James Stern, Golda Thompson, Roy Truby, Eric Tuffland, and Margaret Weissenborn.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 704

Saturday May 11th Luncheon Meeting Details

Florida House Representative, Joe Saunders, District 49
2013 Florida Legislative Session Update

Saturday, May 11, 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, FL

Phone: 378-3608

Travel Directions:

The entrance to Laurel Oak 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 Blvd. through the stop sign to the Country Club on left.

For more details on the program content, visit our website at www.sarasotadems.com

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

- Florida Citrus Chicken OR
- Mediterranean Salmon Salad OR
- Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Dessert: Key Lime Pie

Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS:
Wednesday evening, May 8th

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

27 Apr (Sat): Venice Area Democratic Club – Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 27, at noon, at Jacaranda West Country Club featuring **Amy Ritter**, Executive Director of Florida Watch, Inc. speaking on “The Pink Slip Rick” Campaign. Cost is \$30 per person. Call 493-5087 or 492-5965 for reservations or e-mail Norma Dayton at ohpiffle@yahoo.com.

8 May (Wed): Sarasota County Democratic Party (SCDP) - Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting is at Naar Hall, United Church of Christ Campus, 620 Shamrock Blvd, Venice, FL. 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.

11 May (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. Luncheon begins at 12 noon. The May luncheon will be held at Laurel Oak Country Club. See inside for details or visit www.sarasotadems.com.

14 May (Tues): Sarasota City Election

If you live in the City of Sarasota be sure to vote in the City Commission Run Off on Tuesday, May 14th. Early voting begins on **May 4th**. Two Democratic candidates are running and two seats will be filled. For more details on the candidates, visit www.sarasotademocrats.org/candidates.php

22 May (Wed): Democratic Club of Sarasota – Wine, Cheese & Politics

Join us at 1350 Main St., 6th Floor, Downtown Sarasota for an evening cocktail event with wine, cheese & light bites. Doors open at 6, program begins at 6:30. Speaker is **Phil Kellerman**, Harvest of Hope, advocate for migrant farm workers and families since 1989. Topic: Untangling Immigration. Reservations required due to limited capacity of venue. RSVP to rsvp@sarasotadems.com or by phone at 404-4678. Cost is \$20 per person.

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