

# DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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JUNE 2013

## President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

Those of you who attended our May luncheon had the privilege of hearing from newly elected Florida House Representative, **Joe Saunders**. Joe is one of the first of two openly gay Florida legislators elected last November. He provided an update on the legislative session that had just ended through the eyes of a newcomer to Tallahassee and with an LGBT activist's viewpoint. His optimism was balanced with realism and left us all feeling proud to be Florida Democrats.

We also enjoyed hearing from **Phil Kellerman** with the Harvest of Hope Foundation at a recent Wine, Cheese & Politics event downtown. Everyone was incredibly impressed with Phil's work with migrant farm workers and his knowledge on the subject. We plan to invite him back for a luncheon this Fall so more of our members will have a chance to hear from him. Mr. Kellerman told me he enjoyed speaking to Democrat's and he was very appreciative of the donations he received.

We will take a break from our luncheon in June to allow you to participate in the UN Women's event (see below). We look forward to seeing you in July at Laurel Oak.

Democratically Yours,

Mary Clupper—President

## Membership & Outreach

In May the Club participated in two of our most fun outreach events, the **Cinco de Mayo** Celebration and the **Harvey Milk Festival**. We'd like to thank our volunteers who staffed the table for all their hard work. The Club also sponsored the booth for the new **Stonewall Democrats Club** at the Harvey Milk Festival to insure they would have a presence while they are getting organized in our community. Both events gave us an opportunity to show Sarasota County that the Democratic Party is actively supporting Hispanic and LGBT causes. We also continue to work with local student groups and appreciate the donations that have come in for this effort. Please continue to support our Student Fund. Donations can be sent to: DCS, PO Box 51076, Sarasota, FL 34232. Watch your e-mail inbox for details on upcoming volunteer opportunities at more outreach events.

—JoAnne DeVries & Georgia Blotzer

## New Club Members & Friends in April

Bonnie Billingham, Marion Goldsmith, Franklin Morton, Tom and Lora Patalano, William Penmann, Paul VanRyn, Cori Wethington, and Elsbeth Whitten

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 707**

**There will not be a June Luncheon. We encourage you to attend the**  
National Annual Conference of UN Women at the Lido Beach Resort on Saturday, June 8th

The US Committee for UN Women presents  
The Power of One

Saturday, June 8, 2013  
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

UN Women Members and those making a reservation  
through the DCS: \$60

Please mail checks made payable to USNC-UN Women  
for \$60 for each attendee to:

DCS  
PO Box 51076  
Sarasota, FL 34232

### Event Location:

**Lido Beach Club**  
700 Ben Franklin Drive.  
Sarasota, FL  
Phone: 388-2161

For more details on the program content,  
visit [www.unwomen-usnc.org](http://www.unwomen-usnc.org)

*State, national and international powerbrokers share ideas on how one person or one organization can make a difference in the lives of women throughout the world.*

### CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Continental Breakfast & Kick-off Speaker – **Dr. Ramoda Burgman**, Associate Provost, New College
- Session 1: Power of One Organization (Panel of socially conscious organizations who have implemented programs that have empowered others)
- Session 2: Power of One Individual (Panel of individuals who have impacted women's lives in such countries as Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, and Sierra Leone)
- Lunch with Keynote Speaker - **Maria Leticia Guelfi**, UN Women Program Specialist, Latin America and the Caribbean Section
- Session 3: Power of Youth (Round table discussion about how young people can and do make a difference in their own community)
- Session 4: Powerful Positions Abroad (Panel of professionals who have served abroad share the opportunities in and requirements for international work experience)

## Upcoming Events

### 8 Jun (Sat): The Power of One-USNC-UN Women Conference

State, national and international powerbrokers share ideas on how one person or one organization can make a difference in the lives of women throughout the world. Lunch tables will be organized for DCS members at \$60 per person and includes the conference. The conference will be held from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Lido Beach Club (700 Ben Franklin Drive)/ Please send your check made payable to USNC-UN Women to DCS, PO Box 51076, Sarasota, FL 34232.

### 12 Jun (Wed): Sarasota County Democratic Party (SCDP) - Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting is in North Port at Beck Hall, St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church, 4200 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port FL). Come at 6:00 pm for a Meet & Greet-Pizza will be served. Meeting at 7:00-8:30 pm. All Democrats are welcome. Info: 330-9400, info@sarasotadems.org, or www.sarasotadems.org.

### 18 Jun (Tue): Venice Area Democratic Club – Monthly Meeting

There will be a panel discussion by Veterans for Common Sense moderated by **Gene Jones**. The meeting will be held from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Info: 941-493-5087, venicedemocrats@yahoo.com, http://www.venicedemocrats.org.

### 13 Jul (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota – Monthly Luncheon

Speaker to be announced. The meeting will be held at the Laurel Oak Country Club at 2700 Gary Player Blvd, Sarasota, FL. Check in opens at 11 a.m. with the luncheon program beginning at 12 noon. Speaker information will be available starting June 19th by visiting [www.sarasotadems.com](http://www.sarasotadems.com) or by calling 379-9233 on June 19th or after. Cost for members is \$24, non-members \$26. Reservations are required and can be made starting June 19th.

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