

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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JULY 2013

President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

In June the club supported the US Committee for UN Women, by filling two tables with our members at their annual conference that was held in Sarasota. We received great feedback and applaud them for their work for women around the globe. In July, we will show support for another organization that works to protect women, as we welcome Planned Parenthood's Vice President of External Affairs, **Jan Chester**. In spite of a resounding defeat in last year's presidential election, the Republican Party continues to push legislation that impinges on women's rights. We look forward to hearing Jan speak about these issues and how healthcare reform is impacting Planned Parenthood's work on a state and national level.

Thanks to all our members for your continued support.

Democratically Yours, *Mary Clupper—President*

New & Reinstated Members and Friends in April

Boyd Aebli, Juan Artigas, Cynthia Bernstein, Annie Brooks, Frank Buffone, Raymond & Louise Ecke, Kelly Franklin, Peach's Handy, Randell Johnson, Faye Murphy, Victoria Ochoa, Veronica Rodriguez, Madelaine Ruhl, Joe Saunders, & Judith Weinstein.

Florida Democratic Party's Annual Gala

At the recent FDP's Jefferson-Jackson Gala, the keynote speaker was rising political star, San Antonio Mayor, **Julian Castro**, who captivated the crowd with an emotional speech on what it means to be a Democrat. He shared three reasons why he believes the Democratic Party is the party for the 21st century. First, unlike our Republican counterparts, we are the party of inclusion; second, Democrats celebrate the idea that our country is the land of opportunity; and last, we are the party of reason, unlike the GOP that has moved far away from the mainstream.

I feel fortunate to have represented Sarasota Democrats along with club member, Liz Alpert, at this event. Castro emphasized how important it is for us to keep working to insure we elect Democrats up and down the ballot. By growing membership and participating in community outreach, the club will continue to play an important role. Your membership dues and additional donations make it all possible. Thank you!

—JoAnne DeVries - DCS VP & Sarasota County State Committeewoman

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 692

Saturday July 13th Luncheon Meeting Details

Jan Chester, Planned Parenthood VP of External Affairs

Healthcare Reform & Planned Parenthood – State & National Perspective

Saturday, July 13, 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.
Mastercard 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

- Grilled Corvina in Lemon Caper Sauce OR
- Grilled Chicken Greek Salad OR
- Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

Dessert: Apple Pie

Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS:
Wednesday evening, July 10th

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

13 July (Sat): 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. Our luncheons are held at Laurel Oak Country Club (2700 Gary Player Blvd, Sarasota). The July speaker is **Jan Chester** with Planned Parenthood speaking on Planned Parenthood and Healthcare Reform from a State and National Perspective. Reservations are required and can be made by voice mail at 379-9233 or email: reserve@sarasotadems.com. The cost is \$24 for members and \$26 for non-members and walk-ins. Reservations must be made by the Wednesday prior to the luncheon. Info:sarasotadems.com.

Other Events

10 Jul (Wed): Sarasota County Democratic Party (SCDP) - Monthly Meeting

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

04 Aug (Sun): Obama Birthday Party

Free celebration in honor of President Obama's 52nd birthday. Details to be announced.

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