

# DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

www.sarasotadems.com

NEWS • MEMBERSHIP • PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2013

## President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

The Democratic Club of Sarasota is working diligently to bring our membership relevant speakers and events. At our most recent Wine, Cheese & Politics gathering, we heard from Florida ACLU President, **Mike Pheneger**, who educated us on the current surveillance methods in use by our government. We brought a large group together on Sunday, August 4th to celebrate President Obama's 52nd birthday. The occasion not only attracted likeminded Democrat's, but also Tea Party protesters. We heard inspiring messages from **Jeanette Ocasio** and **Cathleen Kaiyoorawongs** of UnidosNow at our last luncheon. As we look forward, we are excited to bring back **Phil Kellerman**, founder of the Harvest of Hope Foundation, who spoke at a Wine, Cheese & Politics event earlier this year. With the subject of immigration being such a hot topic right now, we want to make sure more of our members get to hear Phil's expertise on immigration issues. Please consider joining us on September 14th. Stay tuned for more Club events throughout the Fall.

Democratically Yours,

*Mary Clupper—President*

## Young People Are Our Future

If you attend our events, then you may have started to recognize the faces of several Riverview High students who attend regularly and who volunteer for the Club, the Democratic Party, and candidates. We'd like to congratulate three of them on winning positions in the Florida High School Democrats organization. **John Stolz** - Chair, **Corey Rioux** - Vice Chair, and **Ryan Lay** - Membership Director. With your support of the Club's Student Fund, we can continue to sponsor students to attend our events and to send them to state events, such as the Florida Democratic Party's convention this October.

### Mail Checks To:

Student Fund  
Democratic Club of Sarasota  
PO Box 51076

## New Club Members & Friends in July

Camille Chapman, Walter Hamm, Jack Merritt, Heather Oswald, Stephanie Pasenelli, Ron Shields, Cheryl Tichacek, and Shannon Welsh.

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 630**

## Saturday September 14th Luncheon Meeting Details

### Phil Kellerman – Founder of the Harvest of Hope Foundation

“Untangling Immigration”

#### Saturday, September 14, 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](http://www.sarasotadems.com)**

#### Reservations:

Call: 379-9233

E-mail: [reserve@sarasotadems.com](mailto:reserve@sarasotadems.com)

E-mail reservations (only) will receive confirmation.

If no reply, please re-send.

#### Menu Choices:

#### No Substitutions

- Grilled Corvina Buerre Blanc with Rice Pilaf & Veggies OR
    - Chicken Caesar Salad OR
    - Grilled Vegetable Wrap with Fruit
- Dessert is Strawberry New York Cheesecake  
Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS:**  
*Wednesday evening, September 11th*

#### 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

### 14 Sep (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. Our luncheons are held at Laurel Oak Country Club (2700 Gary Player Blvd, Sarasota). The program will feature **Phil Kellerman** speaking on immigration issues. Reservations are required and can be made by voice mail at 379-9233 or email: [reserve@sarasotadems.com](mailto: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-URL: <http://sarasotadems.com>.

### 09 Nov (Sat): Save the Date

3rd Annual Fund Raising Luncheon Cruise on board the Marina Jack II. The cost will be \$70 per person. The Democratic Club of Sarasota's Carroll Buchanan Award will be presented to Gene Jones of Florida Veteran's for Common Sense for his work with veterans.

### Other Events

### 11 Sep (Wed): Sarasota County Democratic Party (SCDP) - Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting is at the Waldemere Fire Station (2070 Waldemere St. Sarasota, FL). Come at 6:30pm to socialize. Meeting at 7:00–8:30 pm. All Democrats are welcome. Info: 941-330-9400, [info@sarasotadems.org](mailto:info@sarasotadems.org), or [www.sarasotadems.org](http://www.sarasotadems.org).

### 21 Sep (Sat): Venice Area Democratic Club – Monthly Meeting

The program will be the "Life & Times of Thomas Paine". The meeting will be held at Naar Hall, United Church of Christ (620 Shamrock Blvd, Venice FL) from 10:30am to 12:00pm. Info: 941-492-5965, [venicedemocrats@yahoo.com](mailto:venicedemocrats@yahoo.com), <http://www.venicedemocrats.org>.

Democratic Club of Sarasota  
PO Box 51076  
Sarasota, FL 34232



Presort Standard  
US Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit # 802  
Manasota, FL

### *Our Sustaining Members*

Suzanne Atwell  
Alice & Murray Blueglass  
Mary Dailey & John Clay  
JoAnne DeVries  
Rachel Hackney  
Brian Hunter  
Marcella & Art Levin  
Thomas Meriweather  
Aileen & Bernard Schuman  
Joe Ziomek