

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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OCTOBER 2013

A message from September luncheon speaker, Phil Kellerman, founder of the Harvest of Hope Foundation and long time advocate for migrant farm workers and immigrants.

Untangling the Immigration Mess

Our nation's current immigration system is broken. The codes guiding immigration law are the second most complicated behind the federal tax codes.

For Democrats wanting to see fairer immigration policies and passage of an overall immigration bill, here are some facts to keep in mind as you communicate with legislators and the public:

1) Since 1996 there has not been a path for citizenship for the 10 million undocumented immigrants who have come to this country to do the agricultural and other low income work that many citizens here will not perform;

2) As a result, the US Department of Homeland Security's Immigration Department receives billions of tax dollars to detain and deport undocumented persons; and private prisons profit from housing detainees;

3) Undocumented children who graduate high school are not eligible for federal or state financial aid and are often

charged out of state tuition since they are not considered residents of their home state.

The overall immigration bill being proposed by the Obama Administration is far from perfect because it contains many obstacles and a 13-year waiting period for citizenship. However, it contains two important provisions that I believe warrant its passage:

- A) Temporary work permits that allow undocumented workers the legal right to work and not get deported along with facilitating the obtainment of drivers licenses;
- B) The Dream Act that would allow undocumented students an expedited path to citizenship if they complete two years of college or military service.

New & Reinstated Members & Friends August

Anita Devine, Francis Dougherty, Ute Guenther, Ray Hackett, Michael Halfants, Judy Helgager, Helen Hreen, Brad Ingrao, Ron Kashden, Brook & Julie Leach, Carol Mardell, Greg Para, Brenda Roark.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 659

Saturday October 12th Luncheon Meeting Details

Nadine Smith – Executive Director Equality Florida

Learn how this dedicated organization is standing up for Florida's LGBT Community

Saturday, October 12th, 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.
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**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

- Chicken Florentine with Basmati Rice & Veggies OR
 - Salmon Teriyaki Salad OR
- Dessert: Vanilla Ice Cream and Cookie
- Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS:
Wednesday evening, September October 9th

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

12 Oct (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 **Nadine Smith**, Executive Director of Equality Florida, with an introduction from Democrat and former Sarasota City Commissioner, **Ken Shelin**.

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 or cancelled by the Wednesday prior to the luncheon. Info-URL: www.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

09 Oct (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, or www.sarasotadems.org.

12 Oct (Sat): Venice Area Democratic Club – Annual Fall Picnic

Outreach with Food, Fun, Fiesta & Music. The speaker will be **Victoria Kirby** of Organizing for America Tampa office on grassroots efforts for 2014 election - plus there will be information by the SCDP Voter Registration, and our friends from UNIDOSNOW. For the families we will have games, face painting and beach activities and much more! Bring your chairs and a favorite dish to share – no glass bottles. The picnic will be at Maxine Barritt Park (1800 Harbor Drive S, Venice FL 34285) from 4:00 to 7:00pm. NO PARKING in the Sharky's lot. Info: 941-492-5965, venicedemocrats@yahoo.com, <http://www.venicedemocrats.org>.

18-20 Oct (Fri-Sun): Venice Area Democratic Club – Sun Fiesta & Parade

Use the following contact Info for details on times and locations: 941-492-5965, venicedemocrats@yahoo.com, <http://www.venicedemocrats.org>.

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