

# DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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NOVEMBER 2013

## President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

The October luncheon was hailed by many as one of the best ever. **Rita Ferrandino**, Chair of the Sarasota County Democratic Party, recognized our longest serving elected Democrat, Tax Collector, **Barbara Ford-Coates**, for the recent Legacy Award she received from the Florida Tax Collectors Association. As usual, Barbara gave credit for winning the award to her team.

We welcomed 12 students from Pine View, Riverview, Booker and Sarasota High Schools. Several represented the ALSO Youth organization that promotes the health, safety, and personal growth of LGBT youth.

The highlight of the meeting was our speaker, **Nadine Smith**, Executive Director of Equality Florida, introduced by former Sarasota City Commissioner and LGBT activist, **Ken Shelin**. Nadine speaks in an easy, conversational tone, but there's no missing the passion her words convey for the cause she fights for. The Club is proud to stand with Equality Florida in our community. Please consider attending their fund raising gala on Sunday, November 10th.

Democratically Yours,

*Mary Clupper—President*

## Marina Jack Fund Raising Luncheon Cruise

It's time for the 3rd Annual Marina Jack Fundraising Luncheon Cruise. We urge each of you to join us on Saturday, November 9th, as we honor **Gene Jones**, President of the Florida Veterans for Common Sense, with the Democratic Club of Sarasota Carroll Buchanan Award. This popular event is our most important fundraiser of the year. Along with your annual dues, money raised at this event is the main source of funding for the Club's participation in outreach, education, and support of the Sarasota County Democratic Party. Please support this event. See details below. Reservations must be prepaid by credit card on our web site at [www.sarasotadems.com](http://www.sarasotadems.com) or by mailing a check for \$70 per person to:

**Democratic Club of Sarasota**  
PO Box 51076  
Sarasota, FL 34232

## New Club Members and Friends in September

Julie & Patrick Block, Christine & Robert Deutsch, Michael Donohue, Cynthia Folit, Anthony Hardie, Gillian MacDonald, and Linda Redman.

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 643**

## Saturday November 9th Marina Jack Luncheon Fundraising Cruise Details

Presentation of the Democratic Club of Sarasota Carroll Buchanan Award to Gene Jones, President of the Florida Veterans for Common Sense

### Saturday, November 9th, 2013

11:30 – Boarding Begins. Boat leaves the dock promptly at 12 noon and returns at 2 p.m.

\$70 per person paid in advance.

### Marina Jack Cruise Boat

**2 Marina Jack Plaza at the Marina Jack Restaurant**

### Reservations:

Call 379-9233 for details

Pay by credit card online at [www.sarasotadems.com](http://www.sarasotadems.com)

Mail Check to DCS, PO Box 51076, Sarasota, FL 34232

Lunch is served buffet style with a cash bar.

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, November 6th

Valet parking available.

## Upcoming Events

**07 Nov (Thur): Civic Event – Got Questions Regarding the Affordable Care Act?**

**Dr. Suzanne Dickie**, of the League of Women Voters, will provide a slide show presentation & answer questions on the Affordable Care Act. Navigators have been invited to help with those with questions. The presentation will be held at Sarasota Democratic Headquarters (7358 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231) from 10:30am to 12:00pm. Free. All are welcome. Info: 941-330-9400, headquarters@sarasotadems.org

**09 Nov (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota Annual Fundraising Luncheon Cruise**

This event takes the place of our regular monthly luncheon. See other side for details and visit [www.sarasotadems.com](http://www.sarasotadems.com). The cost is \$70 person. The deadline to buy tickets is November 6th. Reservations must be prepaid.

**10 Nov (Sun): Equality Florida Suncoast Gala**

Join Equality Florida, our states largest civil rights organization, for their Annual Suncoast Gala at The Francis, 1289 N. Palm Avenue, Downtown Sarasota at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. Info: [www.eqfl.org/suncoastgala](http://www.eqfl.org/suncoastgala)

**12 Nov (Tue): Longboat Key Democratic Club - Luncheon**

The speaker will be **Rob Lorei** of WMNF and WEDU. The luncheon includes a hot entrée and special dessert. It will be held at the Longboat Key Club & Resort, Harbourside Dining Room (220 Sands Point Road, Longboat Key, FL) from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. The cost is \$25 per person. Info: 941-383-4899, [napablue@comcast.net](mailto:napablue@comcast.net).

**13 Nov (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), [www.sarasotadems.org](http://www.sarasotadems.org)

**16 Nov (Sat): Venice Area Democratic Club – Monthly Meeting**

The speaker will be **Ed Martin**, former Chairman of the Department for Special Education. The meeting will be held at Naar Hall, United Church of Christ (620 Shamrock Blvd, Venice FL) from 10:30am to 12:00pm .No charge. Info: 941-492-5965, [venicedemocrats@yahoo.com](mailto:venicedemocrats@yahoo.com), <http://www.venicedemocrats.org>.

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