

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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JANUARY 2014

President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

With 2014 just around the corner, I am reflecting on the Club's accomplishments this past year and want to thank all of you for your support. Our luncheons often feature organizations in Sarasota that we know our members will want to learn about and support. This past year we welcomed speakers from Planned Parenthood, Harvest of Hope Foundation, UnidosNow, Equality Florida, Florida Veterans for Common Sense, and Children First. In January we look forward to welcoming yet another local organization, the Multicultural Health Institute founded by Dr. Lisa Merritt.

Dr. Merritt will speak about the work of MHI and offer insight into the health disparities that effect our nation's citizens. MHI provides a holistic approach to healing and wellness that involves the participation, education, and training of young people and adults in the community. MHI works closely with Sarasota's Newtown minority population. With the controversial implementation of the Affordable Care Act in full swing, the timing could not be better to hear from Dr. Merritt. Please join us on January 11th. Happy New Year to your and your families!

Democratically Yours, *Mary Clupper—President*

Sustaining Membership

Club membership is only \$20 a year and that small amount of money collected from hundreds of people adds up quickly and aids in fulfilling our mission of outreach and education in Sarasota County. But annual dues alone are not enough. That's why we have events that raise money and why we established the membership category called "Sustaining". Many of our members don't realize we offer this higher level of contribution and we want to make sure you are aware of it as you plan your giving for 2014. The Democratic Club of Sarasota Sustaining Membership is \$200 a year. The Club provides you with a special name tag in recognition, lists your name on our web site and on this monthly mailer, but most importantly, gives you the satisfaction of knowing you are going above and beyond the normal commitment to the DCS. Please pick up a membership form at our next event or go online to become a Sustaining Member (www.sarasotadems.com, click on Join Club).

New Club Members and Friends in November

Golden Clifton, David Lundy, Vincent Mello, Roger Mitchell, Paul Peterson, Cecile Spellman.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 579

Saturday January 11th Luncheon Meeting Details

Dr. Lisa Merritt, Founder and Executive Director of the Multicultural Health Institute

Program Topic: "Healthcare is a Right, not a Privilege!"

Saturday, January 11th, 2014

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 Saltimbucco with rosemary roasted potatoes and chef's vegetables OR
 - Salmon Teriyaki Salad
- Dessert is Tiramisu

Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS:
Wednesday evening, January 8th

LATE FEE:

Late cancellations and no-shows will be billed.
Late reservations, if accepted, will be charged \$26.

Upcoming Events

11 Jan (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota Luncheon – Monthly Meeting

The Democratic Club of Sarasota meets on the second Saturday of each month from 11:30 am (Social) to 1:30 pm. Check-in opens at 11:00 am. Our luncheons are held at Laurel Oak Country Club (2700 Gary Player Blvd, Sarasota). 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-URL: www.sarasotadems.com. See speaker details on other side.

28 Jan (Tue): State of the Union Watch Party

8 pm at the Bayfront Community Center, 803 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, behind the Municipal Auditorium. The cost is \$20 per person. Wine, beer and light bites will be served. Hear remarks from newly elected St. Petersburg Mayor, **Rick Kriseman** and watch a live broadcast of President Obama's State of the Union address at 9. RSVP to rsvp@sarasotadems.com or by calling 404-4678.

SAVE THE DATE

8 Feb (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota Luncheon – Monthly Meeting

The February luncheon will feature political analyst, **Dr. Susan McManus** with her update and insight on Florida politics.

Other Events

1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 Jan (Wed): Civic Event - WSRQ Radio - Local Politics

Political columnist **Susan Nilon** brings her Sarasota roots to the airwaves to talk about what's important to Sarasota. Interviewing key political leaders in our community, and bringing business leaders, community activists, and organizations to the focal point of the topic of everyone's conversation. 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on WSRQ Sarasota 1220am and 106.9fm. Info: 941-373-1220, Producer @SarasotaTalkRadio.com, <http://sarasotatalkradio.com>.

14 Jan (Tue): Longboat Key Democratic Club – Luncheon

The Luncheon 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: Murray, 941-383-4899 or napablue@comcast.net.

SAFE will be showing the movie “Legalize Democracy” at several Sarasota libraries –

This is a short Move to Amend film (30 min.) about how politics in America is controlled by corporations and super-rich Americans. Showtimes are 11 Jan (Sat) Selby Library 2:00 and 28 Jan (Tue) No. Sarasota Library 5:00.

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