

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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FEBRUARY 2014

President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

With the 2014 election just nine months away, the Sarasota County Democratic Party is focused on registering voters and signing voters up to Vote by Mail. Since 2012, 13,000 Democrats who signed up to receive their ballot by mail, fell off the roles and need to sign up again. If you're not sure about your own Vote by Mail status, be sure to check with the Supervisor of Elections office at 941-861-8618 or use their online tool to check at www.sarasotavotes.com.

Our speaker for the February 8th luncheon, **Dr. Susan MacManus**, a USF professor in the Department of Government and International affairs and a well-known Florida political analyst will present "Election 2014: Campaigning at the Grassroots Level". Dr. MacManus has spoken at the Club many times and always demonstrates her expert knowledge of Florida politics.

We are also looking forward to welcoming social activist and civil rights leader, Julian Bond, as the keynote speaker at the Sarasota County Democratic Party's Annual Kennedy King Dinner on February 23rd. The money raised at this event will fund the important Get Out the Vote efforts leading up to November. This is the Democratic event of the year that you don't want to miss. See our events listing for details.

Democratically Yours, *Mary Clupper—President*

Young People Are Our Future

If you attend our events, then you have started to recognize the faces of several Riverview and Pine View students who attend regularly and who volunteer for the Club, the Party, and candidates. Sponsoring students to attend Club events, Sarasota County Democratic Party events, and Florida Democratic Party events, requires a financial commitment from our members. In February, we are proud to invest \$1000 to host a table of students at the SCDP's Annual Kennedy King Dinner. Please consider making a donation today to our Student Fund to help cover this cost. Our website provides a simple way to donate. Go to www.sarasotadems.com and click on the "Donate to the Student Fund" button on the right. You may also mail checks to:

Student Fund
Democratic Club of Sarasota
PO Box 51076
Sarasota, FL 34232

New Club Members and Friends in November

Stan Grabarek and Anita Wilson.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 550

Saturday February 8th Luncheon Meeting Details

Dr. Susan MacManus, Political Analyst and Florida Political Expert

Program Topic: "Election 2014: Campaigning at the Grassroots Level"

Saturday, February 8th, 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.
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

- Chicken Caesar Salad OR
 - Grilled Corvina Buerre Blanc with rice and vegetable OR
 - Grilled Vegetable Wrap with a side of fruit
- Dessert: Key Lime Pie

Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS:
Wednesday evening, February 5th

LATE FEE:

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

Upcoming Events

28 Jan (Tue): State of the Union Watch

8 pm at the Bayfront Community Center. 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.

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

Reservations required. See other side for details.

17 Feb (Mon) – Presidents Day Celebration at Tequila Cantina Downtown Sarasota

Join us for our annual Presidents Day Celebration at Tequila Cantina (1454 Main Street, Downtown Sarasota) from 5pm to 8pm. FREE (donations welcome). Complimentary appetizers will be served. Happy Hour drink and food specials will also be available for purchase. RSVP to events@sarasotadems.com

Other Events

1 Feb (Sat): North Port Democratic Club - North Port Newcomers Day

NPDC will have a table from 10:00am to 12:00pm at this quarterly event at North Port Public Library (13800 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL 34287). Voter Registration/VBM will be our priority. Volunteers are always welcome! Info: 941 275-9195, northportdems@gmail.com.

4, 8, & 26 Feb: SAFE - Screening and discussion of film "Legalize Democracy"

See how super-rich Americans and corporations, bolstered by the Supreme Court decision "Citizens United", control politics in America. 30 minute film followed by discussion. Info: 941-497-1764, info@keepdemocracysafe.org, <http://www.keepdemocracysafe.org>. Times and Locations: 5:00pm to 6:00pm on Tue 02/04 at the Venice Library (300 S. Nokomis Ave, Venice), 2:00pm to 3:00pm on Sat 02/08 the Fruitville Library (100 Coburn Road, Sarasota), 5:30pm to 6:30pm on Wed 02/26 at the Elsie Quirk Library (100 Dearborn Street, Englewood).

11 Feb (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.

15 Feb (Sat): Venice Area Democratic Club (VADC) – Monthly Meeting

The speaker will be **Shirley Brown**. 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, sheilafaroff@verizon.net, <http://www.venicedemocrats.org>.

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