

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,

The Club has never been busier working to increase Democratic awareness in Sarasota County. We recently recruited new members at the West Coast Women's Expo, while engaging attendee's in why they should vote yes on the school referendum and register for Vote by Mail. Wine, Women, Art & Politics brought a one-of-a-kind event to the Bayfront Community Center. The 5 featured women artists exemplify strong, independent women who live progressive values. The remarks delivered by Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida's President and CEO, **Barbara Zdravecky**, were inspiring while calling on us to not tire from the fight for women's rights. As I write this, volunteers are staffing the Democratic booth at the Sarasota County Fair for 10 days. Our presence speaks volumes, as we are flanked by Right-to-Lifers and the Republican Party who are giving out raffle tickets for guns and bibles. Our April luncheon will feature a subject that tops the priority list of what Democrats stand for – the welfare of our Veterans. We will welcome **Paul Sullivan** who sits on the board of the local and national organization, Veterans for Common Sense. Paul testifies before Congress regularly and has spent his career advocating for Veteran's rights. We urge you to honor our veteran's by attending the April 12th luncheon. Thank you for your continued support.

Democratically yours, Mary Clupper - President

Sustaining Membership

APRIL 2014

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 February

Edmund Albright, Sam Caudle, Mary Ann DeVille, Florence Flett, Kathleen Kessler, Charles Loscocco, Eva Talbert, & Evelyn White.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 548

Saturday April 12th Luncheon Meeting Details

Paul Sullivan – Managing Director, Public Relations and Veterans Outreach Bergmann & Moore

Program Topic: "The Fight for Veterans"

Saturday, April 12th, 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

- Grilled Salmon in Lemon Caper Sauce with Basmati Rice and Chef's Vegetables OR
 - Fresh Vegetable Greek Salad
- Dessert: Apple Pie

Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS & CANCELLATIONS:

Wednesday evening, April 9th

LATE FEE:

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

Upcoming Events

12 Apr (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota Luncheon – Monthly Meeting

Paul Sullivan, veterans expert travels from Washington DC to talk about veteran's issues. Reservations required. See other side for details.

Other Events

14-23 Mar (Fri-Sun): Sarasota County Fair

Volunteers needed to staff the Democratic booth at the Sarasota County Fair. Go to <http://www.sarasotadems.org/countyfair> to schedule a time slot.

8 Apr (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.

09 Apr (Wed): Sarasota County Democratic Party (SCDP) - Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting is at Naar Hall, United Church of Christ (620 Shamrock Blvd, Venice, FL). Come at 6:30pm to socialize. Meeting at 7:00–8:30 pm. All Democrats are welcome. Info: 941-330-9400, hq@sarasotadems.org, www.sarasotadems.org.

12 Apr (Sat): Venice Area Democratic Club (VADC) – Monthly Meeting

The topic will be **Protecting Land & Water**. 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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