

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA

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President's Message

Dear Members & Friends,
Hillary Clinton's April 12th presidential announcement, coupled with announcements from Republican hopefuls Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, and Jeb Bush, leaves us in no doubt that the 2016 election has officially begun. With two Floridians running, our state will be front and center in the coverage. And beyond the presidential race, we may see Vern Buchanan run for Senate, leaving his Congressional seat open, and at the local level, we will have Florida House and Senate races and in Sarasota County the Supervisor of Elections position will be up for grabs.

With Christine Jennings in place as our new chairperson and a renewed focus on precinct organization, the Sarasota County Democratic Party will be more prepared than ever. It will take all of us working together to make Democratic victories happen. The Club will continue to hold outreach events throughout the County and will provide social and educational venues for our members to come together, as we support Democratic candidates. I feel privileged to be involved in what could be the historic election of the first woman president of the United States. Please support the Club through the remainder of this year as we hold fundraising events that will insure our ability to contribute in 2016. We hope to see you at upcoming events soon! And I can't miss this opportunity to mention that Club Board Member and Sustaining Member, Helen Magill, is very proud that her daughter, Kate, is in Iowa working on Hillary's campaign! For those of you who know Kate, this is no surprise!

We hope to see you at upcoming events soon!

Democratically yours, Mary Clupper - President

May Luncheon

MAY 2015

Susan Smith, President of the Democratic Progressive Caucus of Florida will present our annual Florida Legislative Update. The Caucus is dedicated to advancing progressive candidates, promoting progressive legislation, and keeping the progressive community informed about the issues. Susan, who has been a progressive political activist for over 10 years, will review the bills that were introduced in Tallahassee during the legislative session and provide details on what passed and what didn't pass, as well as which ones are likely to be reintroduced in the future. Don't miss this chance to stay informed about our State Legislature. See below for reservation details.

May Wine, Cheese & Politics

On Monday, May 18th, we will welcome Marley Wilkes, the new Executive Director of Ruth's List. Ruth's List was formed in 2008 with the goal to build a progressive Florida by recruiting, supporting, and electing pro-choice Democratic women to state and local office. To date, Ruth's List has trained more than 500 candidates, and provided coaching for and actively endorsed dozens of candidates for statewide office, the State Legislature, County Commissions, and key City Council races. Ruth's List has endorsed local Sarasota City Commission Candidate, Liz Alpert. Appetizers, sweets, wine, beer and soft drinks will be served. See Events Listing for more details.

New Club Members and Friends in March

Dean Dye, Janis Stanford and Anthony Stevens

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - 490

Saturday May 9th Luncheon Meeting Details – Back at the Francis!

Luncheon Information

Susan Smith President of the Democratic Progressive Caucus
"Florida Legislative Update"

Saturday, May 9, 2015
11:30 – Social Hour – 12:00 Lunch and Program
(check-in opens at 11 a.m. Please do not arrive before 11 a.m.)

*** Price ***

Members: \$26 Guests: \$28
(Please make out check in advance payable to the DCS.
Cash, Mastercard and Visa accepted)

The Francis
1289 N. Palm Avenue, Sarasota FL
941-552-9650

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 resend.

Menu Choices:

No substitutions

• Grilled Sirloin Salad – Roasted Potato, Frisee,
Tomato Green Beans, Blue Cheese, Hazelnuts
OR

• Mahi Mahi – Basil Emulsion, Baby Provencal Vegetables,
Saffron Fennel
OR

• Vegetarian Option: Baked Acorn Squash – Wild Rice, Nuts, Seed,
Dried Fruits, Lemon Grass Vinaigrette

• Dessert: Classic Opera Cake

Menu choice NOT guaranteed past noon.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS:

Thursday evening, May 7

LATE FEE:

Late cancellations and no-shows will be billed.

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Upcoming Events

DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SARASOTA EVENTS

09 May (Sat): Democratic Club of Sarasota Luncheon Monthly Meeting

Join us for our May Luncheon at the Francis. Reservations required. See other side for details.

18 May (Mon): Democratic Club of Sarasota Wine, Cheese & Politics

Join us at 1350 Main Street, 6th Floor at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Please do not arrive before 6 p.m. Reservations and prepayment required. Cost is \$25 per person. Pay online at www.SarasotaDems.com or mail a check to: DCS, PO Box 51076, Sarasota, FL 34232. See other side for details on the program that will be presented by Marley Wilkes, Executive Director of Ruth's List Florida.

Please note – There will be no luncheons in June and July. In June many of our board members will be in Hollywood, FL and the FDP's Leadership Blue Gala. Traditionally, we do not hold a July luncheon. A July monthly meeting will be scheduled, but will not be a luncheon. Stay tuned for details.

Coming Soon – August 8 – Marina Jack Cruise – new low price of \$50 per person. September 12 – 2nd Annual Newtown Luncheon at the Ringling School of Art & Design.

OTHER EVENTS

12 May (Tue): City of Sarasota Run-Off Election

Two democrats are running for the Sarasota City Commission in a run-off election. Liz Alpert is running in district 2, while Shelli Eddie is running in district 3. To request a vote by mail ballot visit <https://www.sarasotavotes.com/genericform.aspx?ID=8>.

For further information or help visit <http://www.sarasotadems.org> or call 941-330-9400.

13 May (Wed): Sarasota County Democratic Party (SCDP) Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting will be 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, hq@sarasotadems.org, www.sarasotadems.org.

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