



REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF SARASOTA COUNTY



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May 7, 2024

Chairman's Message

It's even MAGA in Mass!





While visiting family in Boston, I had the good fortune to stumble right into a MAGA rally — at the Massachusetts State Capitol!

The event was a "Close the Border" rally after the Democrat-run Legislature refused to prioritize homeless veterans and instead voted to house and feed illegal immigrants rather than those who fought for this country. Needless to say, this was dominated by people who want to Make America Great Again.

Hundreds of people showed up for the rally in the Democratic stronghold, which shows just how much Americans oppose Joe Biden's and Democrats' open border policy of letting 8 million unvetted foreign nationals stream across the border, then ship them all around the country.

According to a Pew Research Center survey, 78% of all Americans say the enormous flow of illegal immigrants entering the U.S. at the Mexico border is either a crisis (45%) or a major problem (32%). A recent Gallup Poll found that illegal immigration is the top issue Americans say is facing the nation, and it is not even close as 28% say it is "the most important problem facing the country today," well ahead of government at 20% and the economy at 12 percent.

What I happily discovered in very, very blue Boston, shows just how right those polls are. This is a great issue for Republicans everywhere.

Jack Brill
Chairman
Republican Party of Sarasota County

Republican Women's Club of Sarasota elected a new slate of officers



Left to Right: President Linda Ivell, 1st VP Heidi Brandt, 2nd VP Leslie Williams, Treasurer Kathryn Ford, Recording Secretary Joan Zahka, Corresponding Secretary Marshall Fernandez.

New College President Richard Corcoran
spoke to the Sarasota Republican Club



Sheriff Kurt Hoffman spoke at the Sarasota Young Republicans Club





Rep. James Buchanan spoke at the
West Villages Republican Club



How to Get Involved electing Republicans

During election years, the base of volunteers increases as we step up voter registration, voter education, get-out-the-vote campaigns, door-knocking, phone-banking and foundational support of our Republican candidates.

There are many ways to get involved in this year's elections. If you would like to volunteer, click [HERE](#) and find the area where you might best fit in.

For RNC election integrity Poll Watcher training in Florida, click here: <https://protectthevote.com/florida/>

If you would like to donate to help fund all of this work to keep Sarasota County red, you can do so [HERE](#).

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Fundraisers



Katie & Rod Hollingsworth

Cordially Invite You to a Fundraising Reception
Honoring

Fiona McFarland

State Representative, District 73

Thursday • May 9, 2024

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

at

The Hollingsworth Residence

1313 South Lake Shore Drive • Sarasota, FL 34231

Kindly RSVP to Kelly Dowd at Kelly@KDLogisticsInc.com by 5/6/24

Please make checks payable to:

Fiona McFarland Campaign • 133 Harbor Drive S. • Venice, FL 34285
or donate online at FionaForFlorida.com

State law allows personal and corporate contributions up to \$1,000.

Contributions are not deductible for federal income tax purposes.
Paid by Fiona McFarland, Republican, for State Representative.

Next REC Meeting

May 9, 7 PM

The Potter Building

3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34237

REMINDER:

Excused absences need to be ahead of REC meetings

So that we can keep an accurate account of REC membership, please direct all

absence requests to recabsence@gmail.com. This will keep the list up to date to make sure everything is in right order according to our rules and bylaws. Remember that three unexcused absences results in being removed from the REC, and the cutoff time to request an excused absence is 8 hours prior to the meeting start time.

Vote By Mail

Florida law now requires new mail-in ballot request each cycle.

Mail-in voting is the law and we cannot cede this ground to the Democrats. So a few things to remember:

- Sarasota County Republicans frequently beat Democrats in mail-in voting, along with early voting and day of voting, in past election cycles.
- Since that time, the Florida Legislature and Governor DeSantis have further tightened our election laws every session.
- Requesting a mail-in ballots simply gives you the option to vote by mail. You can still vote in person until and including election day by dropping off your ballot. But if a hurricane hits, and it nearly did in 2022, then a mail-in ballot allows you do to that ahead of the hurricane. There is no downside to requesting one.

Requesting a vote by mail ballot gives you all of the options for your voice to be heard at the polls. Just point your smartphone camera at the **QR code below** to go straight to the Supervisor's site or click this link:

<https://www.sarasotavotes.gov/Voter-Information/Vote-by-Mail>



Why Florida is Flourishing

There is a reason that Florida is the fastest growing, most successful state in the nation, why we have more in-migration from other states than any other state in the union.

Florida has low taxes, low regulations and a financial surplus that is the envy of other states. We don't talk fiscal responsibility, we act on it.

But we also have demonstrated openly for the nation and world to see that we will protect our children from being overtly sexualized. We value **freedom**, the dignity of the individual, parental rights, economic opportunities for everyone

Purpose of the Republican Party of Sarasota County

ARTICLE II: Objectives. General purposes of this organization as a "political party" are to achieve the following objectives and aims:

- (a) Election to office of qualified Republican persons;
- (b) Foster loyalty to the Republican Party;
- (c) Promote an informed electorate through political education;
- (d) Increase Republican Registration;
- (e) Seek qualified Republicans to become candidates for local, county, state and federal offices;
- (f) Promote the election of all Republican candidates in the General Election;
- (g) In general to uphold the principles of freedom, equality and justice on which the Republican Party and the government of this nation is founded, as set forth in the Constitution of the United States and the state of Florida.

Club Presidents! Please email your speakers, dates and locations to Rod Thomson at rod@thomsonpr.com if you want them updated on this list. Thank you!

Sarasota Republican Club

Sheriff Kurt Hoffman

May 16 | 6:00 PM
Social | 6:30 PM
Dinner & Speaker

Marina Jacks, 2
Marina Plaza

President: Donna
Barcomb

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Republican Club of North Port

**State Attorney
Ed Brodsky**

May 20 | 6 PM

Hampton Inn
5664 Tuscola Blvd,
North Port, FL, 34287

President: Mark
Frandsen

[WEBSITE](#) | [EMAIL](#)

NOVA Republican Club

**Sarasota County
Law
Enforcement**

May 21 | 6:30 PM

Venice Community
Center, 326 Nokomis
Ave. S, Venice, FL
34285

President: Michael
Sollitto

[WEBSITE](#) | [EMAIL](#)

West Villages Republican Club

Rep. James Buchanan

Republican Women's Club of Sarasota

TBD

Republican Club of South Sarasota County

May 6 | 5:30 PM |

Gran Paradiso
20061 Galleria Blvd, Venice

President John Coughlin

[WEBSITE](#) | [EMAIL](#)

Sept. 6 | 11:30-1:00 PM |

Michaels on East

1212 S. East Ave.,
Sarasota, FL 34239

President: Linda Ivell

[WEBSITE](#) | [EMAIL](#)

**Rep. James
Buchanan**

May 8 | 11:30 AM

Venice United Church
of Christ, 620
Shamrock Blvd,
Venice, FL 34293

President: Donna
Carter

[WEBSITE](#) | [EMAIL](#)

Gulf Coast Republican Women Federated

Fiona McFarland

May 15 | 6 PM |

Gecko's Grill, 5585
Palmer Crossing
Circle, Sarasota

[RSVP required.](#)

President: Maryellin
Kirkwood

Future Meetings:
June 19 James Buchanan
July 17 Teresa Mast

[EMAIL](#)

East County Republican Club

**Meets 3rd
Monday of the
month**

6:30-8:00 PM |
Superior Word
Fellowship

6512 Superior Ave,
Sarasota, FL 34231

President: Vic Rohe

[WEBSITE](#) | [EMAIL](#)

Republican Club of Longboat Key

TBD

| 5:30PM

Sarasota Yacht Club
1100 Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, FL

President: Garnett
Black

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Village Walk Republicans

SEO Ron Turner

May 13 | 7 PM

Barbados Ballroom
Village Walk of
Sarasota Palmer Ranch

President, Barbara Freeborn
248-797-9046

Future meetings:
August 12 - Multiple Candidates

[EMAIL](#)

Republican Liberty Caucus

**Meets 2nd Monday
of the month**

| 5:30-7:30 PM

Venice Police Department
1575 E Venice Ave, Venice

President Alexandra Coe

[EMAIL](#)

Sarasota County Young Republicans

**Legislative
Wrapup**

May 21 | 7 PM

Treehouse Room
Raffurty's Bar &
Grill 1888 Main St.,
Sarasota

President: Cullen
Morgan

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