



REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF SARASOTA COUNTY



Newsletter
February 20, 2025

Chairman's Message

Joins us for the *Graci McGillicuddy* Lifetime Achievement Award

We are thrilled to be honoring long-time Republican supporter and ardent defender of preventing child abuse and treating those who have been harmed. She is respected and beloved across the community spectrum.

Below you will find the details for the luncheon event. You can buy your tickets [HERE](#). Email lesliewilliamsrpos@gmail.com for sponsorships and tables.

We look forward to seeing every April 4!

Jack Brill
Chairman
Republican Party of Sarasota County



Graci McGillicuddy

Lifetime Achievement Award

April 4. Doors open at 11 a.m.

Event begins at noon

Michael's on East, 1212 S East Ave, Sarasota

Individual tickets: \$150. To purchase tickets, click [HERE](#).

Presenting Sponsors: \$5,000

Table Sponsors: \$2,500

For sponsors and tables, email Leslie Williams
at lesliewilliamsrpos@gmail.com

A portion of the net proceeds will go to the All Star Children's Center

Graci McGillicuddy, a long-time supporter of the Republican Party and elected officials, is a co-founding member of The All-Star Children's Foundation and serves as its chair. She has been a committed child advocate since 1986 when she read an article about a baby who died after being brutally abused.

Since that time, Graci has worked tirelessly to prevent child abuse and provide treatment and care for these most vulnerable children. In 1987, she joined the Board of Directors of the Child Protection Center. In 2009, she spearheaded their \$6 million-dollar Capital Campaign to build a state of the art Child Advocacy Center. Graci has worked with local, state and federal officials to prevent and treat child abuse. She has been recognized as a philanthropic leader in her community and for her efforts as a child advocate.

The Florida Senate recognized Graci's tireless work on behalf of children with its Spirit of Service Award, the highest honor bestowed on civilians. Gov. Ron DeSantis selected her for the Florida Women's Hall of Fame.



Point your camera at the QR code below to buy your tickets



REC February Meeting



Above: Alex Pantinakis, Republican Party of Florida Political Director



Republican Executive Committee **New Member Training**

Be empowered to understand the mission and operations of the REC and how you can impact the key functions of voter turnout and voter registration in Sarasota County. Please choose one of these two dates in the link below to attend your new member onboarding session. Each session can accommodate up to 20 members.

Available dates:

- March 13, 2025, 6 pm-7 pm, RPOSC Office 5971 Cattleman Lane, Sarasota
- April 2, 2025, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm, United Church of Christ, 620 Shamrock Blvd, Venice

Register for your training by clicking the button below:

REGISTER HERE

RPOF Disruptors Dinner March 20



RPOF DISRUPTORS DINNER

THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER • MARCH 20, 2025

VIP RECEPTION: 6 – 7PM

GENERAL ADMISSION DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM | PROGRAM STARTS AT 7PM

SPONSORSHIPS

Trump Sponsor

\$25,000

Includes

- Listed as Event Sponsor on all marketing materials
- Logo/name displayed at reception and registration areas
- Reserved premier seating for 10 guests
- Access for 10 guests to VIP Reception with Special Guest Nigel Farage
- Individual Pictures with Special Guest Nigel Farage

Reagan Sponsor

\$15,000

Includes

- Listed as Event Sponsor on all marketing materials
- Logo/name displayed at all reception and registration areas
- Seating for 10 guests
- Access for 6 guests to VIP Reception with Special Guest Nigel Farage
- Individual Pictures with Special Guest Nigel Farage

Lincoln Sponsor

\$10,000

Includes

- Listed as Event Sponsor on all marketing materials
- Logo/name displayed at all reception and registration areas
- Seating for 10 guests
- Access for 4 guests to VIP Reception with Special Guest Nigel Farage
- Individual Pictures with Special Guest Nigel Farage

Coolidge Sponsor

\$5,000

Includes

- Listed as Event Sponsor on all marketing materials
- Logo/name displayed at all reception and registration areas
- Reserved seating for 4 guests
- Access for 4 guests to VIP Reception with Special Guest Nigel Farage

Roosevelt Sponsor

\$2,500

Includes

- Listed as Event Sponsor on all marketing materials
- Reserved seating for 2 guests
- Access for 2 guests to VIP Reception with Special Guest Nigel Farage

Please email Disruptors@rpofof.org for more information.

Course on fighting child sex trafficking



FIGHT CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING COMPREHENSIVE EQUIPPING COURSE

CERTIFICATION UPON COMPLETION

RecoveryofChildren.com
info@recoveryofchildren.com

THIS COURSE will EQUIP YOU to actually get involved. You will gain knowledge and skills to combat sex trafficking effectively in the areas of prevention, intervention, rescue, advocacy or direct services to victims/survivors.

Training Course Schedule

6 DAYS: Monday - Saturday
MARCH 10-15, 2025
6 days, 8-9 hours per day

HOURS:
Daily 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
(Lunch break 12-1 pm)

LOCATION: LAKE SWAN CAMP, FL
647 FL-26
Melrose, FL 32666

REGISTRATION: \$650
Optional Food and Lodging Contact
<https://lakeswancamp.org/>

ABOUT ARC

The Association for the Recovery of Children is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (est. 1993) comprised of former intelligence (CIA), military special operators and law enforcement personnel who rescue missing, exploited and abducted American children in the US or overseas.

ARC's TRAINING COURSE is unlike any other Human Trafficking Course available. ARC's methods in locating and rescuing American child trafficking victims have proven more effective than current law enforcement procedures. Our team handles the most advanced intelligence gathering programs and is tuned in to human trafficking activity from the street level all the way to the elite.

With expertise gained by ARC's operators and years of experience rescuing missing, exploited and abducted American children, learn what ARC can tell you about how to protect them and fight trafficking and exploitation.

COURSE OUTLINE

DAY 1: THE CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE OF SEX TRAFFICKING

- The Three Arenas of Sex Trafficking
- Terms and Legal Definitions
- Smuggling and Trafficking
- Child Sex Trafficking in Current Events
- Pedophile Rings
- UACs-Unaccompanied Alien Children
- CSAM Child Exploitation Online
- Familial Child Sex Trafficking
- Closed Communities Child Sex Trafficking
- Satanic Ritual Abuse
- Statistics
- U.S. is the Biggest Buyer of Sex Pornography and Sex Trafficking
- The Business Model of Sex Trafficking
- Organ Trafficking
- Government Systems
- Cartel and Gang Sex Trafficking

DAY 2: THE FIGHT AGAINST SEX TRAFFICKING

- The Good Guys: Who/What is Working
- 3-Pillar Coordinated Collaboration
- Awareness Efforts and Films
- Tactical Operation and Methods
- Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT)
- Secure Communications
- Decoys/Sock Puppets
- Infiltrating Trafficking Networks
- Reality Slideshow – Case Studies
- Public Programs and Services
- Law Enforcement, Laws, Prosecution

DAY 3: DEMAND and VICTIMOLOGY

- The Demand (The sex buyers)
- Street Grace – Cyber Patrols
- How Victims Become Vulnerable
- Foster Kids' Vulnerabilities
- Predators' and Traffickers' Tactics
- Drugs Used in Trafficking
- Styles of Recruiters and Pimps
- Control Tactics of Traffickers
- Framing Up Your Mind
- The Victims' Suffering
- Evil Forces
- Spotting a Trafficking House
- Mentoring a Survivor
- Volunteer Action Team
- Online Pedophile Tactics

DAY 4: VICTIMOLOGY INTERVENTION

- How to Identify a Trafficking Victim
- Where to Find Victims
- Prevention
- Intervention
- How to Interact with a Victim
- Observation Skills Exercise
- Trauma-Informed Assistance
- Building Trust with A Victim
- Opening Up a Victim
- Neuroplasticity
- Pattern of Life Tracking OSINT

DAY 5: SURVEILLANCE / CONDUCTING A SUCCESSFUL RESCUE MISSION

- Starting an NGO
- Logistical Support of Operations
- Covert Meetings or Pickup
- Concealment Devices
- Surveillance, Counter Surveillance
- Undercovers
- Initial Report
- Research
- Legal Paperwork
- Citizens' Arrest Laws
- Good Samaritan Laws
- Warning Order
- Operational Considerations
- The Operation
- Point A to Point B
- Conducting A Safe Pick-Up
- Surveillance Detection Routes
- ARC Example – "Moana" Case
- Safe Transport
- Safe House
- Long Term Care

DAY 6: OPERATIONS ORDER and PRACTICAL EXERCISE

- 5 Paragraph Operations Order
- Group Practical Exercise
- CERTIFICATION

INSTRUCTORS

BAZZEL BAZ: ARC Founder and President



Baz is a former CIA Intelligence Special Operations Officer, a Citadel graduate, recipient of the Intelligence Commendation Medal and a former counter-terrorism officer in the Marine Corps. Baz is well-known globally for his extraordinary skillset, and has been called on by CNN and MSNBC as an advisor and spokesperson on the war on Terror and Homeland Security. He is also a well-known author, film/television writer, producer and actor.

TINA BAZ: Human Trafficking Program Director



For several years Tina has been combating sex trafficking in the US, specializing in prevention, locating victims, victim advocacy and victim services. Having worked extensively with victims being trafficked and those in recovery, she possesses a wealth of street-level insight into the vulnerabilities, traumas, and the needs of victims as well as the inner workings of the commercial sex trade and the human trafficking criminal enterprise.

West Villages Fellowship

**West Villages
Republican Club
2nd Annual**

Cigar Night



• **March 31** •

• **6:00 pm** •

• **Venice Cigar Lounge**

701 Shamrock Blvd, Venice

941-445-4173 •

Cash
Bar
Available

\$60 per person

Includes Cigar, Bourbon
Tasting and 1 Beer

RSVP by March 20th
Chip6340@yahoo.com



Next REC Meeting

April 10

7 pm, doors open at 6:15 pm

Location: TBD

*This a closed meeting and only for REC members in good standing
and those that have submitted paperwork to join.*

REMINDER:

Excused absences need to be ahead of REC meetings

Please direct absence requests to recabsence@gmail.com. This will keep the list up to date to make sure we are following our rules and bylaws. Remember that three consecutive unexcused absences result 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 did in 2024, 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>



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 and a hope-for-American attitude.

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

Ray Collins

February 20 | 6:00
PM Social | 6:30 PM
Dinner & Speaker

Marina Jacks, 2
Marina Plaza

President: Greg "Tex"

Republican Club of North Port

**State Attorney
Ed Brodsky**

February 24 | 6 PM

VFW POST
4860 Trott Circle North Port,
Florida 34287

President: Mark

NOVA Republican Club

TBD

March | 6:30 PM

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

President: Michael

Bukowski

Frandsen

Sollitto

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April 9 speaker: Kurt Hoffman

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

West Villages Republican Club

Sheriff Kurt Hoffman

March 10 | 6:30 PM |

Grand Paradiso
20125 Galleria Blvd,
North Port

President John Coughlin

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

Republican Women's Club of Sarasota

**Ed Brodsky
Lifetime of Justice and
Leadership Award**

March 5 | 11 – 2 PM

Michael's on East, 1212 S. East
Ave., Sarasota, FL

President: Linda Ivell

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

Republican Club of South Sarasota County

**Sarasota County Tax
Collector Mike Moran**

March 12 | 11:30 AM

Venice United Church of Christ,
620 Shamrock Blvd, Venice

President: Donna Carter

April 9 speaker: Kurt Hoffman
May 14 speaker: Tom Knight

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

Gulf Coast Republican Women Federated

**Gary Heffner
Faith and Education**

March 19 | 6 PM |

Gecko's, 5585 Palmer
Crossing Circle
Sarasota FL 34233

[RSVP by EMAIL](#)

President: Maryellin
Kirkwood

[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

March 18

Zota Beach Resort,
4711 Gulf of Mexico
Dr, Longboat Key

President: Nick
Gladding

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

Village Walk Republicans

**Paula Wiggins, Sarasota County
Transportation Planning Manager**

April 14 | 7 PM

Sarasota County Young Republicans

TBD

March 18 | 6:30 PM

Barbados Ballroom
Village Walk of
Sarasota Palmer Ranch

President, Barbara Freeborn
248-797-9046

[EMAIL](#)

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

President: Sebastian Girstl

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