



**REPUBLICAN PARTY**  
— OF SARASOTA COUNTY —



**Newsletter**  
April 16, 2024

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Chairman's Message

# **Sarasota Young Republicans dominate state awards**



CUTLINE: From left to right: Courtney Allen, C.J Cullen, Florida YR Chairman Brandon Ludwig, Werther Marciales (SRQYR Membership Director), Sebastian Girstl, Joe Schneider (SRQYR Secretary) and Mali Nelson (SRQYR Creative Director)

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The Sarasota Young Republican Club cleaned up at the annual Florida YRs meeting over the weekend.

The club won the Florida YR's County Club of the Year Award for the second consecutive year. And Werther Marciales, Sarasota YR Membership Director, won the 2024 Florida YR Man of the Year Award for helping to author and pass the education on communism and atrocities bill.

We are so proud of the work C.J. and his dedicated and energetic young Republicans do to help our party thrive and our candidates win. They are active socially, and they can be counted on to go door-knocking for candidates, help with voter registration and get out the vote projects and educate their members.

Well done!

Jack Brill  
Chairman  
Republican Party of Sarasota County

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**State Attorney Ed Brodsky  
at the West Villages Republican Club**



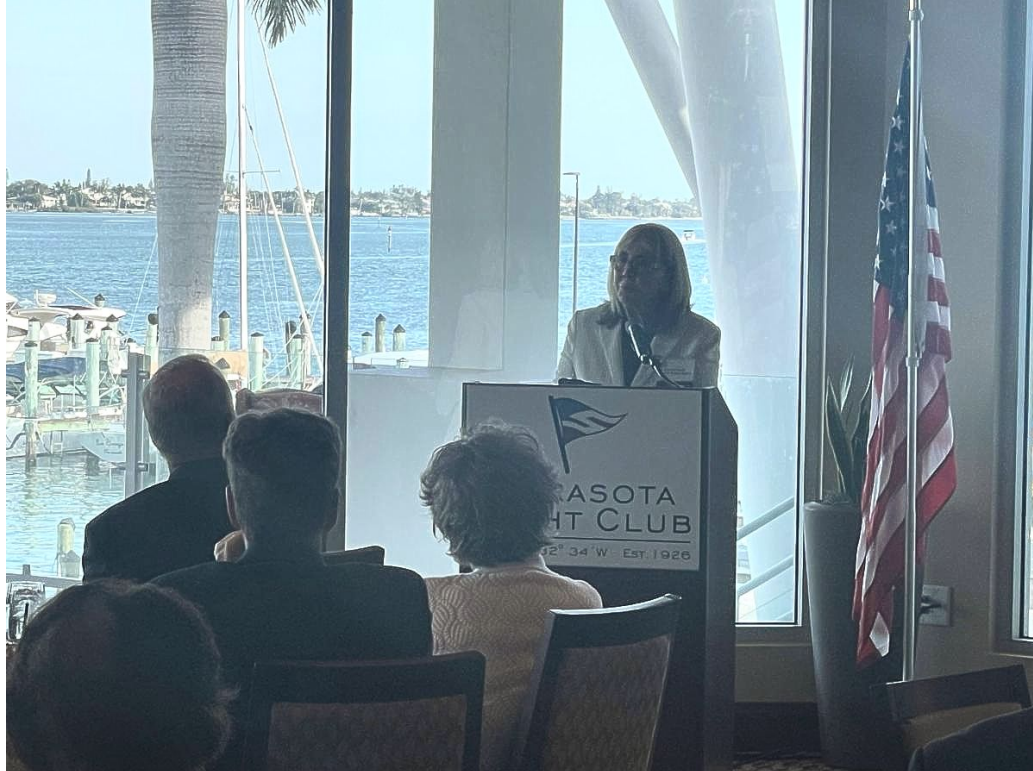
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**County Commissioner Ron Cutsinger at the  
Republican Club of South Sarasota County**



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Longboat Key Republican Club speakers School Board  
Chair Karen Rose, Hospital Board candidates  
Kevin Cooper and Dr. Stephen Guffanti



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Sen. Joe Gruters at NOVA Republican Club



**Karen Rose fundraiser at Andrick & Associates new facility**



Republican Party of Sarasota County  
at the Sarasota Chamber Expo



# 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



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AJ JANSEN  
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CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO A  
FUNDRAISING EVENT SUPPORTING THE  
RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN OF

**JAMES** **BUCHANAN**  
★ ★ ★ ★ FOR THE FLORIDA HOUSE  
DISTRICT 74 • REPUBLICAN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024  
5:30PM

Gold Coast Eagle Distributing  
7051 Wireless Ct  
Sarasota, FL

TO RSVP EMAIL:  
[EVENTS@CAPITALRESOURCESFL.COM](mailto:EVENTS@CAPITALRESOURCESFL.COM)

Contributions are not deductible for federal income tax purposes.  
The maximum allowable contribution per Florida Law is \$1,000.00 per individual or business entity.  
Paid by James Buchanan, Republican, House District 74.



for

## SARASOTA CITY COMMISSION

APRIL 25, 2024 • 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

The Host Committee Cordially, Invite you to a Reception In support of

### *Erik Arroyo for City Commission*

Margaret Wise & Tom Taylor  
RITZ-CARLTON RESIDENCE  
35 Watergate Drive • PH #1802, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sarasota, Florida 34236



#### HOST COMMITTEE

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To Reply, please contact Margaret Wise at 941-955-9626 or Email [MargaretWise5@gmail.com](mailto:MargaretWise5@gmail.com)

Checks are to be made payable to the ERIK ARROYO CAMPAIGN.  
Contributions can also be made at [ARROYO2024.COM](http://ARROYO2024.COM)  
and are limited to \$1,000 per person or entity.

Paid for and approved by Erik Arroyo for Sarasota City Commission, District 3



## **Katie & Rod Hollingsworth**

Cordially Invite You to a Fundraising Reception  
Honoring

## **Fiona McFarland**

State Representative, District 73

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**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@KDLlogisticsinc.com by 5/6/24***

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Please make checks payable to:

Fiona McFarland Campaign • 133 Harbor Drive S. • Venice, FL 34285  
or donate online at [FionaForFlorida.com](http://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.

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## ***Next REC Meeting***

**7 PM, April 17**

**The Potter Building**

**3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34237**

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## **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](mailto: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.

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## 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>



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## 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

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## 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.

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

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### Sarasota Republican Club

Richard Corcoran

April 18 | 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

**James Buchanan  
and  
Michelle Pozzie**

April 22 | 6 PM

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

President: Mark  
Frandsen

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### 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

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### West Villages Republican Club

Rep. James Buchanan

### Republican Women's Club of Sarasota

### Republican Club of South Sarasota County

May 6 | 5:30 PM |

Gran Paradiso  
20061 Galleria Blvd, Venice

President John Coughlin

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### School Board Candidates

May 5 | 11:30-1:00 PM |

Michaels on East

1212 S. East Ave.,  
Sarasota, FL 34239

President: Lourdes  
Ramirez

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### Rep. James Buchanan

May 8 | 11:30 AM

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

President: Donna  
Carter

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### 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

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### 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

### 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

**Sheriff Kurt  
Hoffman**

April 16 | 7 PM

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

President: Cullen  
Morgan

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