



**REPUBLICAN PARTY**  
— OF SARASOTA COUNTY —



**Newsletter**  
April 22, 2025

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## Chairman's Message

# A vibrant, unified REC



We swore in 18 new members to the Republican Executive Committee at our most recent meeting in a powerful demonstration of the renewed energy and

determination to ensure that Republicans win at every level and conservative principles that have served Sarasota and Florida so well continue to prevail in our community.

It's clear that we cannot allow the currently constituted Democratic Party to have any control with their radical ideas that are antithetical to America and what made our nation great.

The REC is vibrant and unified, setting the foundations in place for sweeping Republican victories in 2026.

Thank you

Jack Brill  
Chairman  
Republican Party of Sarasota County

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## **New Republican Club for Palmer Ranch**

We are excited to announce that a new Republican Club is forming for the Palmer Ranch area of Sarasota County. The first organizational meeting will be 6 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at GOP Headquarters, 5971 Cattlemen Lane, Sarasota. Anyone interested should contact Mark Frandsen at 708-307-4318 or email Mark at [iamcars@yahoo.com](mailto:iamcars@yahoo.com).

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## **Sheriff Hoffman at the Republican Club of South Sarasota County**



## **Next REC Meeting**

**June 12**

**7 pm, doors open at 6:15 pm**

**Location: Potter Building next to Robarts Arena  
3000 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, FL**

**Speaker: RPOF Vice Chair Jovante Teague**

*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](mailto: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.*

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## Fundraisers





*You Are Cordially Invited to Attend a Reception*

*Honoring*

***Congressman Vern Buchanan***

*Florida's 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional District*

With

**Special Guest**

***Chairman Jim Jordan***

***House Judiciary Committee***

**Saturday May 10, 2025**

**5:30 PM**

**Location**

**St. Regis Longboat Key**

<b>CHAIRS/CO-CHAIRS</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>PACS</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>RECEPTION</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

RSVP/Questions call/email to Celena at 941-809-1026/[Celena@VernBuchanan.com](mailto:Celena@VernBuchanan.com)  
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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 Republican 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>



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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 and a hope-for-American attitude.

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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**

**TBD**

May 15 | 6 PM Social  
| 6:30 PM Dinner &  
Speaker

Marina Jacks, 2  
Marina Plaza

President: Greg "Tex"  
Bukowski

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#### **Republican Club of North Port**

**NP Mayor Phil Stokes  
and Deputy City  
Manager Jason  
Yarborough**

April 28 | 6 PM

VFW POST

4860 Trott Circle North Port,  
Florida 34287

President: Mark  
Frandsen

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#### **NOVA Republican Club**

**TBD**

May 20 | 6:30 PM

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

President: Michael  
Sollitto

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#### **West Villages Republican Club**

**TBD**

May 12 | 6 PM |

Grand Paradiso  
20125 Galleria Blvd,  
North Port

President John Coughlin

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#### **Republican Women's Club of Sarasota**

**Tunnels for Towers**

May 2 | 11 – 1 PM

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

President: Linda Ivell

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#### **Republican Club of South Sarasota County**

**Commissioner  
Tom Knight**

May 14 | 11:30 AM

Venice United Church of Christ,  
620 Shamrock Blvd, Venice

President: Donna Carter

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## Gulf Coast Republican Women Federated

Rep. Fiona McFarland

May 21 | 6 PM

Gecko's, 5585 Palmer  
Crossing Circle Sarasota  
FL 34233

[RSVP by EMAIL](#)

President: Maryellin  
Kirkwood

June 18: Commissioner  
Mark Smith

[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  
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## Republican Club of Longboat Key

**Rick Piccolo  
CEO of SRQ**

April 29 | 5:30 PM

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

President: Nick  
Gladding

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## Sarasota County Young Republicans

**School Board Member  
Robyn Marinelli**

April 29 | 6:30 PM

Loaded Cannon Distillery  
3115 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard  
Lakewood Ranch

President: Sebastian Girstl

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