



**REPUBLICAN PARTY**  
— OF SARASOTA COUNTY —



**Newsletter**  
July 27, 2023

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## Chairman's Message

# Sarasota County Becomes More RED as Republican Voter Registration Surges

### *Strong, Competent, Energized Organization Pays Off*

Republican voter registration dominance continues to grow over Democrats in Sarasota County and the state of Florida.

In Sarasota County at the beginning of this year, Republicans had pushed up to a 52,987 registered voter lead over Democrats. But as of the end of June, that difference had expanded to a 57,036 voter advantage in just six months!

**That 4,049 voter difference represents a 7.6% expansion of our lead just since January!**

We said right after the huge election successes in the November 2022 Midterms that we were going to immediately shift back to voter registration emphasis. There can be no resting on our laurels and this diligence, combined with our tireless volunteers, continues to pay off.

And our local successes play directly into the Republican Party of Florida's continually expanding voter-registration advantage over the Florida Democratic Party.

The GOP had 5,263,269 registered voters as of June 30, while the Democratic Party had 4,721,471, according Florida Division of Elections.

That 541,798-voter edge was up from a 496,150-voter advantage at the end of

May.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing efforts to keep Sarasota County a solidly conservative Republican county.

Jack Brill  
Chairman  
Republican Party of Sarasota County

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## Senator Rick Scott Roundtable in Sarasota

Senator Rick Scott was in Sarasota this week hosting a roundtable for community leaders in conjunction with the Republican Party of Sarasota County. It was a strong event for the Senator who is in his first re-election campaign for U.S. Senate after two successful terms as Governor of Florida and we were happy to support him!







## Fake Journalist Seen Enjoying Our GOP Candidates



The fake "reporter" sitting in the middle attended the Sarasota Young Republicans meeting this week with a host of our candidates. This "reporter" once ran for chairman of the Democratic Party of Sarasota. He poses as an outraged

Republican accusing virtually every Republican office holder of being a RINO, at the behest of those who pay him to do so. He's undoubtedly frustrated over growing Republican victories countywide.

After accepting the Young Republicans hospitality this so-called "reporter" turned around and trashed every Republican candidate as RINOs the next day. Because his apparent job is to do oppo research against the Republican Party. Who needs Democrats? He should try the corporate media, they're always trashing Republicans, too. He'd fit right in.

Make no mistake when you read this guy's rantings. He is not conservative. He does not want a stronger Republican Party or Republican victories. He does not have Republicans' or conservatives' best interest at heart. Avoid dealing with him in any way.

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## 2nd Candidate Training School



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## Sheriff Kurt Hoffman at NOVA's July Meeting





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## Next REC Meeting Dates

**7 p.m., Thursday, September 14**

**Potter Building, next to Robarts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota**

**9 a.m., Saturday, October 14**

**Venice. Working meeting to support Venice candidates**

**Thursday, December 14 Christmas Dinner**

**Potter Building, next to Robarts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota**

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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:



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## Why Florida is Thriving

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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## 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.

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

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## Republican Club of South Sarasota County

**Meets Second Wednesday of the Month**

| 11 AM |

Venice Community Center, 326 S Nokomis Ave, Venice

President: Mike Stephenson

**[WEBSITE](#) | [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](#)**

## NOVA Republican Club

**Venice Mayor Nick Pachota**

August 15 | 6:30 PM

Venice Community Center, 326 South Nokomis Avenue, Venice, FL 34285, Room A

RSVP to [msollitto@comcast.net](mailto:msollitto@comcast.net)

President: Alice Rothbauer

Future Speakers:  
September - Ron Turner  
October - Fiona McFarland

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

## Republican Club of North Port

**TBA**

August 28 | 6 PM |

Austin's North Port Restaurant  
14415 Tamiami Trail, North Port

President: Mark Frandsen

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

## Republican Women's Club of Sarasota

**TBA**

Sept. 1 | 11:30-1:00 PM | Michaels on East

1212 S. East Ave.,  
Sarasota, FL 34239

President: Lourdes Ramirez

## Sarasota County Young Republicans

**Political Consultant Anthony Pedicini**

August 29 | 6:30 PM

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

President: Cullen

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## Gulf Coast Republican Women Federated

**Meets 3rd  
Wednesday of  
the month**

| 5:30-7:30 PM  
| Gecko's Grill

5585 Palmer Crossing  
Circle, Sarasota

RSVP required.

President: Maryellin  
Kirkwood

[EMAIL](#)

## Sarasota Republican Club

TBD

Sept. 21 | 6:00 PM  
Social | 6:30 PM  
Dinner & Speaker

Marina Jacks, 2  
Marina Plaza

President: Donna  
Barcomb

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## Republican Club of Longboat Key

**Summer Break**

President: Garnett  
Black

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## Village Walk Republicans

**Next Meeting: At the call of  
the President**

Village Walk of Sarasota Palmer  
Ranch

President, Roy Wells  
941-921-7847

[EMAIL](#)

## West Villages Republican Club

**Meets 2nd Wednesday  
of the month**

| 5:30-7:30 PM |

Gran Paradiso  
20061 Galleria Blvd, Venice

President John Coughlin

[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](#)

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