

Advertisement

Advertisement



# THE ARGUS FOUNDATION

## Cast Your Vote

"A share in the sovereignty of the state, which is exercised by the citizens at large, in voting at elections is one of the most important rights of the subject, and in a republic ought to stand foremost in the estimation of the law."

**Alexander Hamilton**  
*The Papers of Alexander Hamilton*

"Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual — or at least that he ought not so to do, but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country."

**Samuel Adams**  
*The Writings of Samuel Adams*

"Impress upon children the truth that the exercise of the elective franchise is a social duty of as solemn a nature as man can be called to perform; that a man may not innocently trifle with his vote; that every elector is a trustee as

well for others as himself and that every measure he supports has an important bearing on the interests of others as well as on his own."

**Daniel Webster**  
*The Works of Daniel Webster*

"Now more than ever the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness and corruption."

**James Garfield**  
*"A Century of Congress," July 1877*

The comments of these acknowledged national leaders and forefathers of the United States express the importance of voting. To be sure, the success of our republic — nationally and locally — depends on an engaged electorate that exercises its privilege to vote.

But alas, and sadly, in Sarasota County and the city of Sarasota, voter apathy is prevalent when it comes to local elections.

In the most recent county and city elections in March, only 23% of Sarasota County's 237,921 registered voters participated in the special election on the sales tax and super majority. Only 22% of the city of Sarasota's 31,000 registered voters participated in the City Commission elections; only 20% participated in the vote on issuing bonds for Ed Smith Stadium.

In contrast, 73% and 81% of Sarasota County's registered voters exercised their votes in the 2000 and 2004 presidential elections, respectively.

Low turnouts have serious consequences. Think what happens to our community and our country when so few vote. In Sarasota County elections, low voter turnouts mean the majorities are ceding power to the minority. We are ruled by the wishes of the few.

Our futures depend on your vote. Though you vote alone, you cast your ballot as your responsibility to make Sarasota and our nation great.

We urge everyone to fulfill this solemn trust and social duty. Don't complain. VOTE!

## Sarasota Voter Hall of Fame

How many voters in Sarasota County have voted in every county election for the past 10 years ending in November 2007, and how many voted in every election for the past five years?

To our shock and amazement, of the county's 241,480 registered voters, the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections reports that only 251 voters have participated in every election over the past 10 years and only 5,302 voters have participated in every election in the past five years.

To recognize and thank those who have taken the time to care about how we are governed, The Argus Foundation presents its "Sarasota Voter Hall of Fame." And to those 227 registered Republicans, 19 Democrats and five voters with no party

affiliation, we say "thank you!"

To the three elected officials who are included in this list, Kathy Kleinlein (school board), Lou Ann Palmer (mayor of the city of Sarasota) and Nora Patterson (Sarasota County commissioner), congratulations for supporting the process that put you in the position to represent the people of this community.

If you are not included in this list, or not among those 5,302 who voted in all county elections in the past five years, we urge you to think what happens to our community when so few participate in the electoral process. And we urge you to emulate those whose names make up the Sarasota Voter Hall of Fame.

The following list contains the names of the Sarasota County citizens who have voted in every countywide election from 1997 to 2007.

### Republicans

(112,382 Total Registered Voters)  
Andrick, Carol Lou  
Andrick, Ronald  
Arkenau, William E  
Austin, Ann H.  
Averill, Doris B  
Azar, Guy Sylvio, Jr.  
Bailey, Charles D., Jr.  
Bailey, Nancy S.  
Baker, Joan M.  
Baker, Sandra Helen  
Bankauf, William F., Jr.  
Barton, John R.  
Becker, Charles W.

Benson, Laura A.  
Berkel, Elmer G.  
Berkel, Ruth D.  
Berman, Jay W.  
Beschoner, Diana R.  
Bessler, Derwood  
Bessler, Grace L.  
Blair, Betty C.  
Blakeley, Frank J.  
Bopp, Kirt F.  
Bradley, Janet W.  
Brady, Veronica B.  
Brinton, Joan C.  
Buck, Patricia C.  
Bucy, Darwin E.  
Bush, Janet S.  
Caless, Dorothy  
Caproon, Patricia E.  
Carlson, Audrey F.  
Carlson, John E.  
Carroll, Ira Greene  
Briggs  
Carter, Robert J.  
Chaney, Donald L.  
Ciricco, Joseph V.

Claes, James C.  
Clarke, Donna L.  
Connelly, William J.  
Cook, Shirley A.  
Cory, Claire D.  
Couch, William W., Jr.  
Daniel, Maryanna Y.  
Davies, Doris A.  
Day, Catherine B.  
DeForest, Daniel K.  
Deal, Linda Gordon  
Dixon, Maureen Anne  
Downing, Donald B., Sr.  
Downing, Harriett S.  
Farrell, Adelaide F.  
Farrell, Reid D.  
Garriott, Raymond H.  
Gault, Doris v.  
Gentry, Dana C.  
Gentry, W. Milles, Jr.  
Glynn, Jean W.  
Glynn, Paul M.  
Godde, Bernard E.  
Gorski, Leonard F.

Gray, Stella L.  
Greig, Gerald W.  
Haley Virginia J.  
Hallman, James A.  
Hallman, Nancy S.  
Harrison, James L.  
Hatfield, Carroll G.  
Henderson, Casandra K.  
Hendrick, Mabel L.  
Houk, Ralph E.  
Hoyt, Helen C.  
Huber, James C.  
Hughes, Ellen  
Hunt, Susan V.  
Hutchinson, D. Glenn  
Hutchison, William P.  
Huth, Jacqueline M.  
Jackson, Barbara H.  
Jackson, Mae L.  
Jacobson, Earl E., Jr.  
Jelks, Allen N., Sr.  
Jelks, Mary L.  
Johnson, Robert M.  
Johnston, Eileen B.  
Johnston, George S.  
Jones, Alfred W., Jr.  
Kabcenell, Martin J.  
Kallop, Eleanor M.  
Kallop, John W.  
Kernan, Christopher J.  
Keer, J. Douglas  
Kiehl, Kenneth C.  
Kiehl, Lois T.  
Kirschner, Kerry G.  
Klanke, Marcella B.  
Kleinlein, Kathy L.  
Kleinlein, Kenneth R., Sr.  
Kline, Pamela A.  
Kline, William G.  
Koester, JoAnne E.  
Koester, Roy G.  
Kratovich, Jean M.  
Kretlow, Frederick P.  
Kuprenko, Edward F.  
Kuprenko, Josephine M.  
La Brie, Mary C.  
La Brie, Richard M.  
Lambright, Eleanor F.  
Laurini, Vincent T.

Layton, Cathy L.  
Leib, James A.  
Leigh, David J.  
Leonard, Sarah E.  
Loos, Donald A.  
Luer, Carl A.  
Luer, Jane P.  
Lyons, Thomas J.  
Maggio, Dorothy D.  
Mahofski, George A.  
Mahofski, Sally C.  
May, Barbara L.  
McCulloch, Nathalie W.  
McGuire, Carroll P.  
McKenzie, Carolyn E.  
Mikos, Andrew S.  
Miller, Keith S.  
Milliman, Rockalle A.  
Mills, David R.  
Minster, Diana M.  
Minster, Richard B.  
Mitchell, David M.  
Mitchell, Jean B.  
Morrison, Ralph G.  
Myers, Cielo S.  
Naples, Gene P.  
Naples, Helen L.  
Neynaber, Cleo F.  
Neynaber, Clifford C.  
Nichols, Richard A.  
Nikla, Carolyn L.  
Nopper, John C.  
Nunan, Thomas E.  
Orben, Mary-Beth  
Orben, W.W.  
Page, Ruth L.  
Palmer, Lou Ann R.  
Patsch, Charles Alan  
Patterson, Leonore K.  
Paxson, Paul R.  
Paxton, Thomas  
Peters, Robert A.  
Piatchuk, Samuel  
Porteous, J. B.  
Poston, Jesse L.  
Powell, James D.  
Price, Alice B.  
Price, Edwin F.  
Pryor, Barbara J.  
Reuss, Frank A.  
Reuss, Phyllis J.

Rice, Fay P.  
Richardson, Robert A.  
Richmond, John F.  
Roberts, Eileen M.  
Saah, Elaine K.  
Saah, George  
Samblanet, Rita J.  
Samblanet, Robert J.  
Satterlee, Richard R.  
Saunders, Michael R.  
Schaper, Laurence T.  
Schaub, Valerie D.  
Schultz, Mary V.  
Seace, Marlin C.  
Sergeti, Adam G.  
Shearson, C. Alec  
Shepard, Bert L.  
Shrimplin, Donna C.  
Sill, Patricia T.  
Silvers, Linda A.  
Small, Mildred E.  
Smally, Leonard A.  
Smith, Ben W.  
Smith, Elaine R.  
Smith, Janet E.  
Smith, Nancy L.  
Smith, Vernon R.  
Smith, Virginia A.  
Snyder, Shannon  
Specht, Dorisvan  
Specht, Harry O.  
Stiver, William J.  
Stoetzel, Fritz E.  
Stottlemeyer, Delores R.  
Strub, Kathryn R.  
Sweepston, Carol Sue  
Sweepston, Thomas D.  
Tewksbury, Barbara A.  
Tewksbury, Michael K.  
Theisen, Benedict P. II  
Thomas, B. Marvin  
Thomas, Sally G.  
Thompson, Charles G.  
Thorpe, Paul N., Jr.  
Tilley, Robert J.  
Tinney, Jon  
Vande Polder, Helen E.  
Vaughan-Birch, L. Norman  
Walrath, David B.

Watrous, William.  
Webster, Elizabeth A.  
Whetzel, Gwen E.  
Wilder, Ben F.  
Wilhelm, Henrietta L.  
Williams, Carol D.  
Williams, Gary L.  
Wilson, Brad D.  
Winston, Elizabeth M.  
Wood, Calvin J.  
Woodworth, Earl W.  
Woolley Stewart D.  
Worrad, Edward G.  
Worrad, Josephine B.  
Wylly, George P. III  
York, Joel L.  
York, Joyce E.

### Democrats

(75,748 Total Registered Voters)  
Bussetti, Marian  
Cardamone, Mollie C.  
Ciner, Mary E.  
Jacobsen, Rose  
Ludwig, Herbiana  
Miller, Bernice L.  
Milne, Florence E.  
Olsen, Ann M.  
Shapiro, Gerald L.  
Simmons, Carolyn E.  
Spurge, Anne H.  
Stivers, Eleanor C.  
Stoetzel, Maureen M.  
Taylor, Heidi K.  
Taylor, Paul R.  
Van Arsdale, Barbara D.  
Weilbacher, Adra  
Weiskotten, Evelyn H.  
Wilson, Joan R.

### 3rd Party or No Party Affiliation

(35,350 Total Registered Voters)  
Bush, Daniel W.  
Mihalik, Bonita M.  
Mihalik, Thomas M.  
Saunders, Dianne C.  
Winston, Sanford H.

Tell us what you think. Email us at [argus@earthlink.net](mailto:argus@earthlink.net) and let your voice be heard.

This advertisement is sponsored and paid for by The Argus Foundation.

**About Argus:** Founded in 1983, The Argus Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan organization of area leaders who have come together to address community matters. Membership represents major economic, business and professional interests in the community. The Argus concern is to understand the underlying nature of problems and apply private-sector experience to public problems. We attempt to keep a broad community perspective for effective community building. The Argus Foundation can be contacted at: 2033 Main Street, Suite 405, Sarasota, 34237; 365-4886; [www.argusfoundation.org](http://www.argusfoundation.org).