

Timeline of Benefits of Health Care Reform

Some Completed Changes:

Small business eligible for tax credits to offset cost; Crackdown on health care fraud returned \$2.8B to Medicare Fund; States eligible to cover more through Medicaid; Expanded coverage for early retirees; HealthCare.gov goes live, puts comparative insurance info online; Preventative care covered; Children with pre-existing conditions **MUST** be covered; Ins. companies held accountable for unreasonable rate hikes; Investment in prevention and public health programs to keep Americans healthy; Began closing senior's drug hole; Free preventive care for seniors; Reform of Medicare Advantage programs.

Coming Changes:

Full closure of senior's drug hole; Paperwork and administrative cost reduction; Linking payment to quality; Improvement in preventative coverage for all; Increase in Medicaid to primary care physicians; Additional funding for CHIP; Establishment of insurance exchanges; Prohibit insurers from dropping persons participating in clinical trials; Elimination of annual limits on insurance coverage.

The South Shore Democratic Club meets monthly, September through June at the South Shore Regional Library. *Unless we are having a quarterly evening meeting*, we meet on the second Thursday of the month. Refreshments at 1PM, Meeting at 1:30 PM.

The South Shore Democratic Club



Jan 12, 2011

**South Shore Regional Library
15816 Beth Shields Way
Ruskin, FL 33573**

*Refreshments 1PM, Program 1:30 PM
All Democrats and Like-Minded Persons Welcome*

Announcements

Next South Shore Democratic Club Meeting. TUESDAY, Feb 7th. Refreshments 6:30PM, meeting 7:00 PM. Speaker: Rev. Charles McKinsey. Topic: Voter Suppression.

Mar Club Meeting - Thur., Mar 8th. Refreshments 1:00PM, meeting 1:30 PM.

Feb 2 & Mar 1 – Board Meeting, 1:30PM. American Momentum Bank, Sun Center Center. Open to all members.

2012 Dues – Now being accepted. Dues are \$15.00 per person per year.

Roe on the Rocks - Women's lives and health are more under attack than ever, regardless of the claim of concern for "life". Learn what bills have been introduced in the Fl. Leg. in 2012, and to discuss YOUR ideas for fighting back. LeeRoy Selmon's, 4302 W. Boy Scout Blvd (across from International Mall), Sat., Jan 14. 2:30 – 4:30. Call Vera at 813-545-9105 for a ride.

Membership Applications – Available at the sign-in desk and on our web site.

Vote By Mail House Parties – We are looking for volunteers to hold small house parties (between now and late summer) to which you invite your Democratic neighbors and tell them about voting law changes. We will provide the names of Democrats on your street, forms, a speaker, and party planning assistance. Please help us spread the word and get to know your neighbors better! Contact Jean Becker at 813-633-2615 or jbeckerwrites@tampabay.rr.com

To sign up for our newsletter, send an email to ssdemclub@earthlink.net with subject **newsletter subscribe**.

Visit our REVISED website for events, news, and info
<http://www.southshoredemocraticclub.org>

Program

Welcome	Arnie Frigeri
Pledge of Allegiance	All
Greet Your Neighbor	All
Treasurer's Report	Adriane Lunny
Announcements	Arnie Frigeri, Jean Becker, Vera Chapman
2012 Board Elections	Arnie Frigeri
Speaker Introduction	Bob Price
Speaker	Dr. Jason Wilson
Door Prize	Bob Price

Our Purpose: To stimulate active interest in political and governmental affairs; to strengthen and to further the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party; to promote participation among Democrats to support and help elect the duly selected nominees of the Democratic Party; and to foster good fellowship among Democrats.

Engage With the 2012 Florida Legislative Session

Our 'friends' in Tallahassee begin their 2012 session on January 10th. There are several things you can do!

Senate and House Web Sites:

<http://www.flsenate.gov/>

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>

Both pages have menu items that permit tracking of bills and committees. Both pages link to all members. All members have email info on their page.

South Shore Reps:

Sen. Rhonda Storms, Dist 10: (850) 487-5072

Rep. Darryl Rouson, Dist 55: (850) 488-0925

Rep. Rachel Burgin, Dist 56: (850) 488-9910

Rep. Seth McKeel, Dist 63: (850) 488-9890

Rep. Greg Stube, Dist 67: (850) 488-6341

GENERAL TIPS FOR CONTACTING REPS:

- Tell your representative what effect you think a particular bill, if it becomes law, will have on you, your children, business, or community. Be concise, but specific.
- Be polite. Your communication will be more effective if you are reasonable in your approach.
- Suggest a course of action and offer assistance. Don't make promises or threats.

WRITING EFFECTIVE LETTERS AND EMAILS

- Retrieve USPS mailing address from the lawmakers web page
- Type or print legibly. Sign your name neatly and provide your address or email address so they can respond to your letter.
- Keep letters and e-mails brief and to cover only one issue per letter. Never write more than one page.
- Identify your issue or opinion at the beginning of the letter, don't bury your main point.
- Try not to use form letters or send mass emails.

CALLING OR VISITING YOUR REP:

- Plan your call or visit carefully. Keep to the point and discuss only one issue.
- When visiting, make an appointment if possible.
- Prepare a one-page fact sheet concerning your issue to give to your representative. This will help him or her better retain what you present.



Open BOCC Advisory Board Positions

Applications are due by Jan. 26, 2012

Hillsborough County Commissioners are seeking volunteer resident, registered Hillsborough voters to serve on several County citizen advisory boards and councils. These are voluntary positions. Applicants may apply to more than one board, but may only serve on one board at a time.

For more information, contact [Luann Finley](#), Director of Board Services, at 813-272-5826.

Openings:

- AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD - 4 positions
- ANTI-BULLYING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 2 positions
- HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY - 1 position
- CHILD CARE FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD - 3 positions
- CHILD CARE LICENSING HEARING OFFICER - 1 position
- FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME ADVISORY BOARD - 3 positions
- HEALTH COUNCIL OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC. - 1 position
- BUILDING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, APPEALS & EXAMINERS - 1 position
- CENTRAL PARK COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 1 position
- HISTORIC RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD - 4 positions
- HOSPITAL AUTHORITY - 2 positions
- MECHANICAL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, APPEALS & EXAMINERS - 3 position
- PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE - 1 position

Press release of all openings

https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/communications/news/release/output.cfm?r_id=11265

Application:

<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/bocc/resources/forms/boardscouncils/countyappointmentquestionnaire.pdf>

Descriptions of each board/council

<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/bocc/boardscouncils/>

Democratic Candidates and Campaigns Pertinent to South Shore (So Far)

[Kevin Beckner](#), candidate for re-election for Hillsborough County Commissioner District 6 County-wide.

[Kathy Castor](#), candidate for re-election to the US House of Representatives (former District 11).

[Craig Latimer](#), candidate for Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections.

