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**Monthly meeting:
 Thursday, April 14**

Prescription Drug Costs

Our next monthly meeting will be at the Gloucester House Thursday evening, April 14. As usual, we'll gather for friendly conversation at 7pm. The formal meeting will run from 7:30 to 9. Light refreshments will be served.

Our speaker will be Rich Sagall, Chair of the Gloucester Board of Health and President of NeedyMeds, a national non-profit that helps people find programs to assist them with the costs of medications and healthcare. He is a graduate of the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo and practiced family medicine in Bangor, Maine, for 20 plus years and in Philadelphia for eight years.



Spending on prescription drugs in the U.S. is growing at a fast pace, affecting all consumers, and most of the annual increases are accounted for by brand-name products. Many pharmaceutical companies spend more on marketing new or slightly modified products than they do on research and development. Reforms to this "system" of drug pricing and payments are possible, but they would depend on many needed corrections that require the cooperation of government agencies, pharmaceutical companies, and organizations representing consumers and payers.

DEMOCRATS LIGHTING THE WAY!

Join us for the **GDCC Annual Brunch on Sunday, April 24, 11:30 a.m.**, at the Elks at Bass Rocks, 97 Atlantic Road, Gloucester. Ticket and event info available at www.gloucesterdemocrats.org

GDCC Officers named for 2016-2017

Congratulations to GDCC members who were newly elected or re-elected 2016-2017 officers and Ward Chairs last month. Please check the side bar for updated contact information.

Thank you and best wishes to outgoing Chair, Michael Wheeler, who masterfully led the GDCC for the past term.

More 2016 Dates for your calendar:

- Thursday, April 14**, 7 to 9 p.m.: Monthly meeting
- Sunday, April 24**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: Annual GDCC Brunch
- Thursday, May 12**, 7 to 9 p.m.: Monthly meeting
- Saturday, June 4**: State Convention (Lowell)
- Thursday, June 9**, 7 to 9 p.m.: Monthly meeting
- July 25-28**: National Convention (Philadelphia)

All Monthly Meetings held @ Gloucester House

Democratic Dialogue

State Committee Member Matt Murray will interview Ruth Salinger, a lifelong Democrat, who is very good at grass-roots and person-to-person conversation, on "how to talk politics." Matt just became the Communications Director for the newly organized Massachusetts Democratic Senate PAC. Our job this election season is to act as a resource for members of the Democratic Caucus of the State Senate in their reelection campaigns.

Each week at 3 convenient times: Sundays 7 p.m., Thursdays 9:30 p.m., Fridays at 4 p.m.

Comcast Ch. 12; videos of recent shows at :

<http://capeanntv.org/video/>

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