

January 2018 Gloucester Democratic City Committee

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Calendar

Thursday, Jan 11. First monthly meeting of the new year.

Saturday, Jan. 13. Martin Luther King Day of Service for Open Door (see article).

Jan. 19-21. Campaign Institute in Lowell.

Feb. 8. Monthly meeting at the Gloucester House, 63 Rogers St.

March 8. Delegate selection caucuses for the state convention in June.

Opioid crisis to be the topic at GDCC meeting on Jan. 11

The opioid crisis and ways to combat it will be the topic of discussion at our monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11.

Our guest speakers will be John Rosenthal and Dr. Yvonne Smikle.

Rosenthal, co-chairman of the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative (PAARI), an organization founded here in Gloucester that assists addicts in finding paths to recovery, will talk about his organization and the successes and challenges it has faced since its founding in 2015.

Dr. Smikle has recently come to Gloucester to start a branch of Middlesex Recovery here. Middlesex Recovery, PC was established in 2010 by Dr. Brian O'Connor to treat persons with opioid dependence. The program has since developed to include treatment for patients that are alcohol dependent. Dr. Smikle has



John Rosenthal



Dr. Yvonne Smikle

practiced in the area of addiction treatment for many years, aiming to treat persons suffering from opioid and alcohol dependence with appropriate medication in an environment of empathy and respect.

She works at Middlesex Recovery's satellite office at 61 Prospect St. serving persons in the Cape Ann area.

Meetings are held at the Gloucester House Restaurant, 63 Rogers St at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a social hour at 7.

Public service out to catch a ton of tuna

Our Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is fast approaching and we are calling on you to help us catch a ton of tuna for The Open Door Food Pantry.

On **Saturday, Jan. 13**, we will be at Market Basket from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. handing out flyers to patrons and collecting food. From 3 to 5 p.m. we will bring our "catch" to The Open Door and unload the truck.

We will need six people on each shift at Market Basket and 4 people for The Open Door shift. The shifts are 9 to 11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,



1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. If you are able to help please email Bernadette Merenda at vitable@comcast.net to sign up for a shift.

State party plans campaign institute in January

The Massachusetts Democratic Party will hold a 2018 Democratic Campaign Institute, in Lowell from **Jan. 19 to 21**.

The Democratic Campaign Institute brings together campaign managers, candidates, town committee members, and activists from across the Commonwealth to learn from one another and leading political experts to hone their political strategy and grassroots organizing skills. Everyone is encouraged to attend, no matter their level of experience or skills – from those just becoming active to seasoned campaign leaders.

This three-day program will feature top political operatives and activists from Massachusetts and across the nation. Participants

will receive hands-on training on all elements of successful campaigning including campaign plan development, strategic messaging, fundraising basics, and more.

Where: UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center

When: Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. to Jan. 21 at 2p.m.

Who: You!

Tickets for the institute are \$75. Some financial assistance for tickets is also available.

There will be a very limited number of hotel rooms available for \$119 plus taxes and fees at the UMass Lowell Inn, though many participants will choose to commute. Please contact DCI@massdems.org for hotel room information.

Democratic Dialogue

The Gloucester Democratic City Committee's public access television program, Democratic Dialogue, will air on Cape Ann TV, Ch. 12, on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 9:30 p.m. and repeat on Thursdays at 9:30 p.m., Fridays at 4 p.m., and Sundays at 7 p.m. through the month.

Host **David Rhineland** will talk with

guests **Sten afKlinterberg**, a long-time Gloucester resident whose Democratic activism began with hearing Franklin D. Roosevelt's radio talks, and **Lacey Rose Dysthe**, a recent arrival from Texas, with children ranging in age from 7 to 18, who describes herself as a social equity advocate. They will look back at recent history and forward to the challenges of 2018.



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