

VARIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thelma Goldstein reminded us of the July 9 dinner at the Coonamessett Inn to honor State Senator **Therese Murray** for her 22 years of service. Thelma also said that she would like the Silent Auction items to be things that people could do for someone like a dinner for four or some kind of special outing. Therese's favorite charity is the Home for Little Wanderers, and Thelma suggested that people make a donation to this charity. Thelma said that checks should be made out to "The Home for Little Wanderers" and sent to Thelma at 8 Lakeview Avenue.

Zelda McGregor, **Matt Patrick's** campaign manager, announced two events for Matt in Plymouth. (Zelda is Falmouth's representative on the Democratic State Committee.) The first will be a kickoff reception on July 1 at 6:30 PM at the New World Tavern, 56 Main Street in downtown Plymouth. RSVP to Zelda 774-269-8867 or Zelda@votemattpatrick.org. The second will be a parade on July 4 that Matt will march in. Matt will be happy to have many of us attend either of both of these events. He would appreciate a show of support from us.

Our monthly meeting on July 16 will be at the Mashpee Senior Center sponsored by the Upper Cape Democratic Coalition. Bourne and Sandwich are the other two members of the Coalition. The speaker will be **Thomas McGee** who is the new Chairman of the State Democratic Committee. He is also a State Senator from Lynn. One major reason for creating the Coalition is attract speakers who might not be interested in speaking to a single town committee, but would be very interested in coming to a meeting where four towns will be represented. This means that a large representation from Falmouth should go to the meeting in Mashpee to show that we strongly support the creation of the Coalition.

Ben deRuyter came to the meeting on behalf of **Mark Forest** who is running for County Commissioner. He left behind a handout announcing a kickoff event on June 23.

Anthony Morse, an aide of **Bill Keating** told us that our FEMA map is flawed because it used West Coast ocean patterns rather than information that would apply to patterns on the East Coast. The maps will be revised.

He handed out information on three legislative efforts that Bill has initiated and supported. One is titled "Vector Borne Disease Research Transparency and Accountability Act of 2014. The bill will focus on vector-borne diseases with high incident rates one of which is Lyme disease--a common problem on the Cape.

Bill has authored a bill that will provide Gold Star parents with access to retail and commissary benefits currently only available to spouses and children. Representative Keating introduced the Gold Star Families Equality Act this week. It is estimated that this legislation will help upward of 57,000 military families.

Although the Act did not pass last year, **Representative Keating** reintroduced the STOPP Act of 2013, H.R. 486, to the House Committee on Energy & Commerce on February 4, 2013. This bill currently has five co-sponsors. If passed, this bill, which applies to both brand name and generic medications, would amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide an incentive to manufacturers to create abuse-deterrent medications. The Act has multiple provisions that act to create barriers to tampering with highly abused medications.

CALENDAR

- WEDNESDAY, JULY 9**—An evening in honor of Senate President **Therese Murray** at the Coonamessett Inn, 311 Gifford Street in Falmouth. Doors open at 6 PM. Classic Cape Cod Lobster Bake Dinner \$55 per person. Cash bar and silent auction. For information contact **Ruth Beckett** 508-563-6263. Notify **Elaine Hickey** or **Martha Gillis** if you have something for the silent auction. Elaine’s phone: 508-457-7601. Martha’s phone: 508-548-6525.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 16**—UCDC Monthly Meeting, Mashpee Senior Center, 26 Frank E. Hicks Drive. Frank E. Hicks Drive is a left turn off 151 a short distance before the Mashpee Circle. The speaker will be **Tom McGee**, the new chair of the Massachusetts Democratic Committee..
- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20**—FDTC annual summer picnic at **Elaine Hickey’s** home. Details will be given in the next Newsletter.

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