



FDTC Newsletter, October, 2014

Megan English Braga, Chair, noted that the primary objective of this meeting was to get people to sign up for activities related to Getting Out the Vote (GOTV) and supporting our Democratic candidates for the Nov. 4th election. A sign-up sheet was passed around for activities that need volunteers: Telephone Calls, Canvassing/Door Hanging, Visibility/Sign Holding and Poll Watching. It is up to our group to do the work for Falmouth and all our data goes back to the various campaigns to help them plan where to put resources. If you wish to volunteer and were not at the meeting, you can call the Headquarters at 508 457 9900 or visit at 704 D Main Street to complete a volunteer form.

Penny Duby, in charge of phoning, said that research showed phone calls get people out to the polls. Volunteers can pick up lists at the office for phoning at home, or come to the Headquarters Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to make calls. Calls are also being made on Saturday afternoons from the Headquarters.

Lou Turner, in charge of canvassing, asked volunteers to come to Headquarters at 10 a.m. on Saturdays to join another volunteer and pick up a list of the voters in the areas in which they will work. **Nan Logan** asked for a simple way to describe the difference between Coakley and Baker while canvassing. **Mary Harris** suggested that volunteers could say that "The election comes down to a Republican candidate who values money and the bottom line versus a Democratic candidate who values people." Lou emphasized that he has not had any ugly confrontations while canvassing and that people are polite for the most part.

Mary Ellen Williams noted the need for more lawn signs in visible spots. **Judy Fenwick** has 25 signs out and is putting more out over the weekend. More lawn signs were delivered recently and some were made by volunteers working from a



Mary Ann Williams and Thelma Goldstein 1

model **Lou Turner** had done. **Kirstin Moritz** reviewed the times for stand outs: 10 a.m. to noon on Oct. 18, 25th and Nov. 1 as well as at the polls on Nov. 4. (On Oct. 18th, 13 people stood out at the Stop



Stand out at Hospital Lights 1

and Shop and Hospital Lights....compared to one Republican!)

Alec Ziss asked for an explanation of Poll- Watching. The object of poll-watching is to keep track of those who have already voted, allowing the campaign directors to target those who have not yet voted and give them an additional phone call. Poll-watching is done in bellwether precincts which have already been identified as good indicators of the way the election is trending.

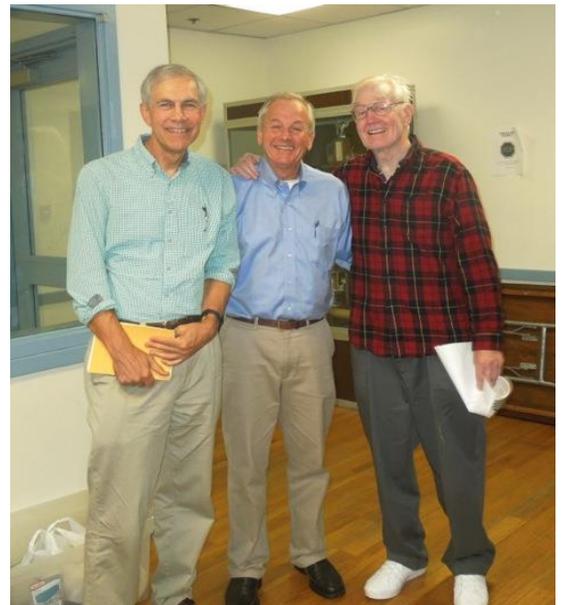
Cal Brown, from Congressman Keating's campaign, made a presentation. He noted that people power was needed on behalf of Keating to counter the money power of the opponent. He discussed the need for people to do Hub Dialing from home for Keating. These calls are being made to unenrolled voters and the calls are made using a computer. Please contact Cal at cal@billkeating.org if you wish to help.

Hugh Gregory sent a report through **Megan** that he had a good meeting with some high school students and recent grads, encouraging them to become active politically. He is putting special focus on the honor society students, whose status requires them to do community service. He referred to a new Facebook page for FDTC which is a new rendition of our committee's page.

Finally, **Matt Patrick** spoke. He has new palm cards and Dear Friend cards and thanked those who have been helping his election effort. Former Governor Dukakis is helping out in Plymouth. Matt emphasized the need to get out younger people and women for the vote to support him.



Matt Patrick speaks to the October mtg. 1



Scott Simenas, Matt Patrick, Lou Turner 1

Calendar: the big date, of course, is Nov. 4, Election Day. Polls open at 7 a.m. For other events, please see the D Newsletter which **Megan English Braga** puts out regularly. In it are listed all calendar events, including such events as the fundraiser for **Bill Keating** which is Oct. 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Flying Bridge. See the D Newsletter for how to RSVP.

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