

COCONUT CREEK DEMOCRATIC CLUB MINUTES

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Date	Tuesday, Jan 9, 2018
Time	7:30 pm
Location	Coconut Creek Community Center, Room 137

Meeting start

- President Gayle called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Member Nora Rupert led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- A recording of the Star-Spangled Banner, sung by [Tim Kelly](#) at the 2016 Democratic National Convention, was shown.
- President Gayle welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that the planned tour of Fire Station 50 (South Creek) was being re-scheduled for another meeting.

Old Business

- None.

Club Reports

- None

New Business

- The Club is planning a membership event / fundraiser scheduled for March / April 2018.

News and Announcements

- On Mon, Jan 22, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mayor [Phillip Levine](#) will be speaking at the Margate Democratic Club at 7 pm. This is a joint meeting with both the Margate and Deerfield Beach Democratic Clubs.
- On Sat, Jan 20, there will be an Impeachment march to Mar-a-Lago (Palm Beach County). More information is [HERE](#).
- On Sun, Jan 21, the Women's Day of Action will be held in Miami. Click [HERE](#).
- On Sat, Feb 24 from 1-4 pm, we will be participating in the Butterfly Festival with the Margate Democratic Club. The festival will be in Sabal Pines Park (5005 NW 39th Avenue). We need volunteers.

- On **Tues, March 13**, State Representative [Kristin Jacobs](#) will be our guest speaker. The Club will also be conducting its annual elections.
- Margate Democratic Club President and club member August Mangeney updated members on the state's Constitutional Revision Commission process.
 - The Commission meets every 20 years and proposes changes for voter consideration. Proposed amendments are not reviewed by the Florida Supreme Court which allows for highly partisan laws.
 - The Commission members are overwhelming Republican.
 - There will be a public hearing on **Tues, Feb 6 at 1pm** at Nova Southeastern University.
 - The Broward Democratic Party is reviewing all proposed amendments and will be offering its opinion soon.
 - Board member Nora Rupert encouraged members to review any amendment that reduces the state's support of public schools and its teachers.
- Area 2 Leader Ronny Sydney spoke about the Broward Democratic Party's plans for the 2018 elections.
 - Not waiting until a few months before an election, the Party is conducting a continuous campaign of voter registration, education, and organizational readiness.
 - Anyone interested in volunteering should contact her.

Discussion

- President Gayle showed two clips and then members had a discussion on wealth inequality in the United States and the recently passed federal tax law. The clips were:
 - Wealth inequality in America. Click [HERE](#).
 - Disney heiress will seriously benefit from the GOP tax bill. Click [HERE](#).

Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.