



## COCONUT CREEK DEMOCRATIC CLUB

P.O. Box 970033, Coconut Creek, FL 33097

Date	Tuesday, July 12, 2016
Time	7:30 pm
Location	Coconut Creek Community Center

### Judicial Forum

President Gregory Gayle called the Judicial Forum to order at 7:30 pm. He introduced judicial candidates to the club members. The candidates were running for either Circuit Court or County Court positions. Each candidate was given two minutes for introduction and state his/her platform. County Court candidates presented in the following order:

Russell Miller Thompson  
Judge Kal Evans (incumbent)  
Mark Kushner  
Adam Geller  
Brad Peterson  
Betsy Benson  
Florence Taylor Barner  
Rhoda Sokoloff  
Deborah Carpenter-Toye  
Alfreda Coward  
Phyllis Pritcher

The candidates for Circuit Court Judge presented in the following order:

Matthew Destry (incumbent)  
Mindy Solomon  
Kathleen McCarthy

Candidates for political offices also presented to the members. They were:

Robin Bartleman, for re-election to the Broward County School Board  
Martin Kiar (former Mayor of Broward County), running for Property Appraiser.  
Teresa Williams, running for Broward County State Attorney  
Santiago Vasquez, running for Broward County Sheriff  
Jim Fondo, running for Broward County Sheriff



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Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates.

### **Meeting Start**

The Official Club meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m.

Maggie Davidson led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Gayle played a recording of Lady Gaga singing the National Anthem. Gayle led the meeting.

- 1) Gayle explained that the Board had reviewed a motion that recommended the prohibition of audio visual recordings at club meetings. After discussion of the matter, the Board decided not to support the motion.
- 2) Gayle presented four initiatives for 2016-2017 for the members to consider. They were:
  - ☑ Revitalizing the membership. The plan is to increase current paid membership from 35 to 70 by June 2017.
  - ☑ Enhancing the club's web presence. The plan is to increase the public's awareness of the club. A club website was created to achieve this goal. He contacted former president Bari Goldberg concerning the club's inactive Facebook page. She has agreed to delete it and he intends to start a new Facebook page.
  - ☑ Increasing the club's reserves. The club needs to increase its reserves by holding fundraisers. Josh Rydell recommended hosting either a BBQ or luncheon to raise funds.
  - ☑ In a lighter moment, Gayle told members that he would email the initiatives to the group as he had forgotten his fourth initiative.

At the end of the meeting, Gayle reflected on the tumultuous week that the nation had experienced. Instead of speaking about it, he showed a six-minute video. The video showed Robert F. Kennedy speaking to supporters in Indianapolis on the night of the Martin L. King, Jr's. assassination.

Dave Brown presented himself as a candidate for Supervisor of Elections.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.