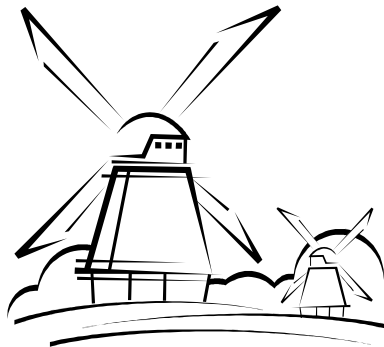


The King County Democrat



ANNUAL HONORS BANQUET SUNDAY JANUARY 17th - 5:00 pm

The King County Democrats will host their major fundraiser on Sunday January 17, 2010, 5:00 pm at the IAM Hall, 9125 15th Place South, Seattle, WA 98108.



A lovely East Indian meal is being prepared by Raja Cuisine of India in Kirkland and children's dancing group with entertain.

Congressman Jim McDermott will introduce Congressman Jay Inslee, our main honoree. Volunteer Awards will be presented and the program includes some surprises, too.

Linnea Peterson has put together an outstanding live/silent auction and raffle that will start the same time as reception, 5:00 pm.

Plan on attending - for additional details, please see the KCDCC website at www.kcdems.org.

Last Day to Purchase Program Ads: Wednesday January 13th - Noon. Contact Betty Means at bmeans56@comcast.net soon.

Two Positions Open on KCDCC Board:

KCDCC needs a new recording secretary and a new endorsements committee chair.

Considerations will be made at the next general meeting, Tuesday January 26, 2010.

2010 Questionnaire Forms Available at the KCDCC Website

CY 2010 versions of the general and judicial questionnaires are available to legislative districts and candidates at www.kcdems.org, left navigational bar.

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Caucus/Convention Cycle

The 2010 caucus/convention cycle is around the corner with the legislative district caucuses on March 14, 2010.

Vice Chairs Chad Lupkes and Joel Ware are working on the online collaborative application for platform work. They will make a formal introduction soon.

Michael Snyder represents both the WSDCC and the KCDCC on precinct changes for 2010 - and there will be changes that will be sent to all legislative district chairs as soon as they become available.

To the legislative district chairs: If you have identified your site and need insurance, be sure to let Susan Sheary know.

We keep an updated version of the sites/contacts at, <http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AiyJkonGsMANdFIRNkt0eIFLOUh3UU9QQ1RtSnc1eHc&hl=en>

Jaxon Ravens will be a guest speaker at the Chairs meeting on Saturday January 30th to discuss the cycle and answer any queries.

2010 Proposed Bylaws Change

A special KCDCC Chair's task force met in December 30th to review the KCDCC bylaws for correctness, consistency, and needed updates for new committees/assignments. The proposal is available at, <http://wa-demchairs.org/kcdems/bylaws/proposal.20100126.pdf>

Official Call

King County Democratic Central Committee
Monthly Meeting

Tuesday January 26, 2010 - 7:00 pm

Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North - Renton

Confirmation of New Secretarial and Endorsement Chair Appointments
will Be Considered

Agenda

- ◆ Call to Order
- ◆ Flag Salute
- ◆ Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- ◆ Approval of Proposed Agenda
- ◆ Introductions and Announcements including
 - Candidates for King County Superior Court Appointment
 - Schools First! Presentation by Keri Cooley-Stroum
 - (Seattle Proposition 1 and 2)
- ◆ Officer and District Reports

Break

- ◆ New Business
 - Confirmation of New Secretarial Appointment
 - LAC - 2010 Legislative Agenda
 - WSDCC Chair Requested - Proposed Resolution on
Washington State Tax Increase (see Page 9)
 - KCDCC Chair's Task Force - Bylaws Review
- ◆ Old Business
 - Event Planning and Reporting
 - Honors Banquet
 - Governor Rosellini Turns 100!
 - An Evening with the King County Democrats
 - Special Appointment Session
 - LAC Day in Olympia
- ◆ Drawing
- ◆ Good of the Order
- ◆ Adjourn

Save The Date
Legislative Action Committee Day in Olympia
President's Day - Monday February 15, 2010 - State Capitol in Olympia
Save The Date

King County Democratic Central Committee October 28, 2009 - Meeting Minutes

The KCDCC Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Douglas Bell leading the pledge of allegiance. The previous meeting minutes were approved as well as the proposed agenda being adopted.

Introductions and Announcements

Chad Lupkes, KCDCC First Vice Chair and 46th District Chair, was awarded the 2009 Washington State Democrats - Male Volunteer of the Year. Alec Stephens, 37th District, received the State Committee Man of the Year award.

Candidates Max Vekich, Jim Flynn and Robert Rosenberger joined the KCDCC in a pre-meeting, sign-waving event.

Kudos to Jeff Smith and Betty Means who brought much needed funding to the Eastside Dinner by selling advertisements in the event program, adding to the success of the event.

Program

Approve R-71 - Noel Frame, Campaign Deputy Manager addressed the group. She brought more campaign literature and remarked on the encouraging turn in the most recent polls. Washington Bus is activating young people with Trick or Vote activities this weekend.

No on 1033 - David Frockt spoke for the No on 1033 campaign. Polls in the last few days are looking positive, versus early September polling. He passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet and offered signs and literature.

Officers and Committee Reports

Justice Works! is a partnering KCDCC organization that supports the cause of helping felons work their way back into society. The Chair circulated a collection box for holiday gifts for children of the incarcerated.

Chad Lupkes, First Vice Chair of Communications, announced application for Honors Banquet Volunteer Awards would be available soon at the website.

Joel Ware, Second Vice Chair of Platform and Resolutions, presented a resolution drafted by David Spring and passed by both the LAC and the Platform and Resolutions Committee. The Resolution to Recover Overpayments Owed by Retro Agencies states that interest owed the state by BIAW going back to 1991. With 1 % per month interest, it adds up to \$500 million. Attorney General Rob McKenna is refusing to enforce the law and someone has to officially make a complaint, via a demand letter, to initiate a process to get him to enforce the law.

Resolution in support of Senate Bill 482 requiring electronic filing of campaign disclosure information by U.S. Senate candidates was passed without comment by overwhelming vote.

Resolution in support of public financing of campaigns for the Washington State Supreme Court was passed without opposition.

Andrew Peabody, Treasurer, reported September month-end position - For September we budgeted and brought in \$4,990, but we are \$8,000 below budget with \$2,000 in outstanding liabilities. The Chair is behind over \$3,000 in pay as of the end of September.

Javier Valdez, State Committee Man reported that the WSDCC met in Walla Walla at the end of September. The committee has approximately \$46,000 cash on hand, but owes second-to-last \$25,000 fine to the Public Disclosure Commission before the end of the year. The 2010 state convention will be in Vancouver, just two weeks after the Republican state convention there.

The WSDCC adopted a caucus and convention plan for 2010 with legislative districts set for Sunday March 14th, Counties on Saturday, April 10 and the state convention June 25-26. There will be no official precinct caucuses, but local meetings may be held. The rules for the selection of Democratic candidates were adopted. The nominating conventions for legislative district candidates must be at least 14 days before filing, with 45 day notice. The county chair has an option of calling a meeting if any legislative district does not hold a nominating convention. Congressional candidates will be nominated at the January meeting. Members residing in each Congressional District will caucus and the whole state committee will vote to nominate candidates for Congress.

Sarajane Siegfriedt and Steve Zemke, Legislative Action Committee Co-Chairs - On November 15th, the LAC will meet with Speaker Frank Chopp and will hear the House Democrats' legislative priorities; we will be present our proposed legislative priorities. All are welcome to attend and participate. There will be champagne and other refreshments, as this will be a pre-function of the November 15th party. The LAC Lobby Day in Olympia will be on President's Day, February 15th --Please save the date and plan on joining up in February in Olympia.

District Reports

41st Chair Jeff Smith introduced their new female alternate, Doreen Robinson. Jeff congratulated the Chair for filing the PDC complaint against Susan Hutchinson.

October 28, 2009 Meeting Minutes (continued)

43rd Rep Will Afleck-Ash reported they had a presentation from "Democrats Work" which helps activate younger voters. "No one agrees upon anything." They have a party November 10th.

36th Rep Toby Thaler reported that Jeanne Kohl-Welles post-election fundraiser is Thursday, November 19th at Hale's Ale with the 36th District sharing in the activities with their annual silent auction..

47th Chair Bryan Kesterson announced their holiday party will be at the Kent Senior Center.

34th Chair Tim Nuss, announced new KCDCC male alternate, Dorsal Plants. His district is working diligently at support of Candidate Dow Constantine.

5th Chair Jennifer Sutton announced that the Eastside Democratic Dinner was very successful. They had a great canvassing day and have gotten young people involved. Holiday Party – December 17th.

45th Chair Martin Chaney reported that the district had distributed 11,000 flyers during the campaign season, and that they had endorsed the opponent of one their representative's spouse, leading to a lot of press coverage.

33rd Rep Florence McMullin reported that the district had a meet and greet open house publicized by blog and flyers with all their elected officials there. It was very successful and well attended. On December 7th they'll have their Annual Kit Dexter Dinner that includes a live/silent auction.

46th Chair Chad Lupkes thanked everyone for their support after his bicycle accident last month. It was a reminder how much we need single-payer health care. The district elected Sylvester Cann as their KCDCC male alternate. The District November meeting will highlight the LAC's legislative agenda.

New Business

Jeff Smith stated candidates seeking endorsement must fill out a questionnaire and declare their affiliation, but many do not want to say they are Democrats. People are going elsewhere for their information on who will best represent their values. Is there an alternative approach where the party could evaluate candidates who do not come to us for support? Suzie says we take a hard look at everyone who has filed. Jeff asked, what about those who do not present themselves for endorsement. By not identifying them, Jeff feels we are doing a disservice to our voters. This is complicated by the fact that King County is now all non-partisan. The Chair suggested this may merit a committee.

The Chair sent a letter to all LD chairs asking if they wanted to pursue any changes in precinct boundaries. November 15th is the deadline, and she will carry changes forward to King County elections during annual post-election meeting. Michael Snyder has been selected to represent KCDCC on new Precinct Change team at KC Elections and Chris Porter will represent KCDCC on their Ballot Review Team.

Old Business—none

Good of the Order

Stacey Anderson, Congressman Adam Smith's Political Director, reported that Adam is much better and expects to be fully recovered soon after suffering a lung collapse.. Speaker Pelosi says Congress will be voting on the revised HB 3200 by the end of the week, with a public option. More is needed to "bend the cost curve down." It's an 1100-page bill and he will be revisiting it. He is Twittering, too. The Chair commended Congressman Smith for his excellent health care teleconference.

DNC Rep Sharon Mast was asked for her full report from the presidential caucus improvement task force, so that it could be posted on the web. *{ed. She has provided to the WSDCO webmaster.}*

The Young Democrats of Washington announced they will conduct their 2010 state convention in Seattle.

The 43rd election night party is at "Purr" on Capital Hill.

Announcement from the 32nd. - State Rep. Maralyn Chase (D-Shoreline) has been selected to a national working group of state leaders working with the White House to advance federal clean-energy legislation in Congress. Congratulations, Maralyn!!

34th Member Karl DeJong thanked everyone who helped pass the resolution on non-union talent at WSDCC meeting in Walla Walla, especially Marcee Stone.

The KCDCC Chair thanked everyone for a great year, filled with great events. We have the best volunteers!! This is our last business meeting of the year so please attend our party on November 15th. We will have the annual honors banquet in January 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarajane Siegfriedt, LAC Co-Chair and 46th District Rep

**PROPOSED
RESOLUTION ON RAISING STATE REVENUES TO AVOID
DEVASTATING CUTS TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS a no-new-revenue state budget would gut core services to the poor and suspend programs such as all-day kindergarten as a way to close a projected \$2.6 billion budget shortfall, and;

WHEREAS major cuts include a sharp reduction in financial aid for college students and eliminating state-subsidized Basic Health insurance for thousands of low-income workers, as well as \$339 a month and Medicaid eligibility to people who can't work because of disabilities (GA-U), and;

WHEREAS many transitional housing programs depend on GA-U for a significant part of their budgets, and eliminating GA-U would threaten their continuing existence, and;

WHEREAS half of the GA-U recipients have a diagnosis of mental illness and removing them from Medicaid would cause thousands to become homeless, without medication, and;

WHEREAS Gov. Gregoire stated, "This document is not true to the values I believe in and which have guided me through a 30-year career in public service," and;

WHEREAS Democratic leaders in the House and Senate joined the Governor recently in calling for new taxes to help close the budget gap, and;

WHEREAS as our platform states Democrats value: health care for all, high-quality public education and fighting poverty and ending homelessness, and;

WHEREAS non-performing tax exemptions cost the state billions in lost revenue, and;

WHEREAS the State has the most regressive tax system in the country, where the lowest income people pay 17% of their income in federal, state and local taxes, while the highest income people pay only 2.9% of their income in federal, state and local taxes and this violates the principle of economic justice;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Democrats urge the Legislature to repeal non-performing tax exemptions, beginning with the largest, and sunset all tax exemptions every 10 years, and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Democrats urge the Legislature to implement a state income tax on high-income earners, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Democrats urge the Legislature to raise at least two-thirds of the budget gap in revenues, balanced by one-third or less in cuts to services.

Adopted by _____ on _____

Requested by WSDCC Chair Dwight Pelz

Written by Sarajane Siegfriedt, KCDCC LAC Co-Chair and 46th District Democrats' KCDCC Rep

Dated December 30, 2009

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Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm
Canyon Park Junior High School
23723 23rd Avenue SE, Bothell

5th LD

Chair: Jennifer Sutton, 425.208.0023
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
King County Library Admin Building
960 Newport Way NW, Issaquah

11th LD

Chair: Kate Kruller, 206.853.9330
Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North, Renton

30th LD

Chair: Elizabeth Zubitis, 253.941.4515
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Federal Way Senior Center
4016 South 352nd St, Federal Way

31st LD

Chair: M.J. McGalliard, 360.802.5177
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Marion Grange Hall
27725 Buckley-Sumner Highway East

32nd LD

Chair: Carin Chase, 425.775.8449
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Meridian Park Elementary School
17077 Meridian Ave N, Shoreline

33rd LD

Chair: Omaha Sternberg, 206.618.5107
Meets 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm
Normandy Park Congregational Church
19247 1st Avenue South, Normandy Park

34th LD

Chair: Tim Nuse, 206.226.4849
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
The Hall at Fauntleroy
9131 California Avenue SW, Seattle

36th LD

Chair: Jason Bennett, 206.579.0644
Meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
Phinney Neighborhood Association
6532 Phinney Avenue North, Seattle

37th LD

Chair: Brendon Patrick, 206.310.8112
Meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 pm
Rainier Valley Cultural Center
3515 S. Alaska St (at Rainier Ave S.), Seattle

39th LD

Chair: Gary Sell, 360.691.0820
See website for meeting details,
<http://wa-democrats-39ld.org/>

41st LD

Chair: Jeffrey Smith, 206.420.2102
Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm
East Shore Unitarian Church
12700 SE 32nd St, Bellevue

43rd LD

Chair: Hillary Madsen, 253.227.8311
Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
University Heights Community Center
5031 University Way NE, Seattle

45th LD

Chair: Martin Chaney, 425.880.4220
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 pm
Old Redmond School House Community Center
16600 NE 80th Street, Redmond

46th LD

Chair: Chad Lupkes, 206.792.5440
Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm
Olympic View Elementary School
504 NE 95th Street, Seattle

47th LD

Chair: Bryan Kesterson, 206. 304.2701
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Auburn—IAM Hall
A Street SW at 2nd Street SW, Auburn

48th LD

Chair: Diane Lundeen Smith, 425.649.2096
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Lake Hills Clubhouse
15230 Lake Hills Boulevard, Bellevue

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(Officers 'n LD Chairs Meeting)
TBD**

**Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North
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**KCDCC—LAC
Sunday January 17, 2010
2:00 pm—4:00 pm
IAM Hall-Conference Room 2
9125 15th Place South— Seattle**

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Second Tuesday of each month
11:30 am
Angelo's of Burien
601 SW 153rd Street
Contact Stephen Lamphear
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11:30 am
West Seattle Golf Course Clubhouse
4470 35th Avenue SW
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Contact Elaine Phelps, President
206.546.5495
efphelps@earthlink.net

Metropolitan Democrats Club (MDC)
600 Stewart Street, Suite 203
Plaza Bldg in Seattle
Second and fourth Wednesday of
Each month at Noon
Contact President
Justin Simmons at 206.736.9882

King County Young Democrats
meet the second Tuesday
of each month
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January 29-30, 2010**

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