

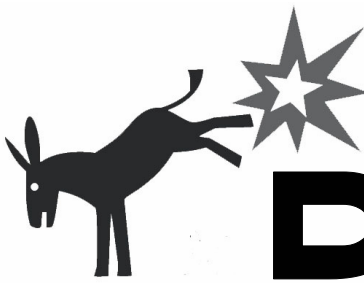
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January 2011

Greetings Democrats,

Happy New Year! With the end of 2010 came repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," tax cut extensions for middle class Americans, and the signing of START, which will reduce the nuclear stock piles of the US and Russia. Although it's been a bumpy road, the last two years have been the most prolific for any President in generations. Change never comes easy and requires massive efforts by many people. That's where we come in.

With the help of millions of Americans eager to chart a new path for our country, we elected President Obama. Over the last two years we have advocated for major legislation. Some of it we got. Some of it we didn't. And some of it was not good enough. With a split Congress, the next two years are certain to be difficult. Plus, we have two major battles to win here at home: ensuring Washington's electoral votes go for President Obama and re-electing Senator Maria Cantwell.

In the meantime, the state budget is as brutal as we've ever seen it. The Governor has announced major cuts to programs and the complete elimination of others. Senator Nelson and Representatives Cody and Fitzgibbon will need support to protect critical funding and programs. And the Legislature must get serious about how government functions and how we raise revenue. Change is afoot and it is up to us to ensure it leaves us better off down the road rather than worse for the wear.

Change is also happening within the Democratic Party. In December, the King County Democrats reorganized. Ann Martin (who recently received a Cherisse Luxa Lifetime Achievement Award from the 34th!) was re-elected as the State Committeewoman and Jeff Uptegrove won election as Treasurer. Be sure to offer your congratulations next time you see them.

The newly elected Chair of the King County Democrats is Steve Zemke, former co-Chair of the Legislative Action Committee. He's got big shoes to fill following the footsteps of Suzie Sheary, but Steve brings big ideas, lot's of energy, and years of organizing experience.

On January 12th, the King County Democrats will call our own reorganization to order. PCOs will elect the Chair and Vice Chairs, King County Committee Man and Woman and Alternates, and State Committee Man and Woman. All members will elect our Treasurer and Secretary. You can read messages from candidates for these positions inside the newsletter. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact us to receive a copy of the member list so you can round up support.

I hope your holidays were peaceful and full of love. We look forward to working with you in 2011 and beyond. Thanks for all that you do.

Cheers,

Meeting Notice

January 12, 2011

6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting

The Hall at Fautleroy

9131 California Ave SW

Across from the YMCA

District Reorganization

The Meeting will be called to order by an official of the King County Democratic Central Committee who will preside until a new Chair is elected.

Only Elected PCOs vote for all offices except Secretary and Treasurer. All members may vote for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer

Approval of Agenda and Rules

Approval of Current Bylaws

Election of Chair followed by passing of the gavel to the new Chair.

Election of remaining officers:

First Vice Chair

Second Vice Chair

King County Committeeman

King County Committeewoman

King County Committeeman Alternate

King County Committeewoman Alternate

State Committeeman

State Committeewoman

Secretary

Treasurer

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34th District Democrats Recognition Awards

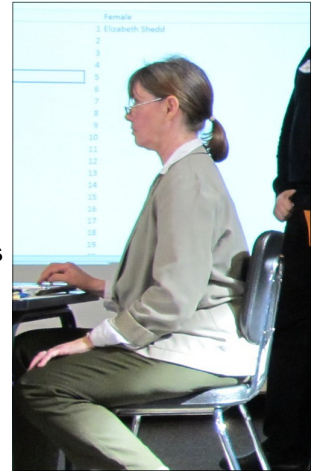
This year the 34th District Democrats have instituted a new program recognizing those members who have done exceptional work for the 34th District Democrats. This year the committee is recognizing three people, based on input from you, the members: Ann Martin is the recipient of the Cherrisse Luxa Lifetime Achievement Award; Les Treall is the Executive Member of the Year, and Karl de Jong is the Member of the Year

Ann Martin - Cherrisse Luxa Lifetime Achievement Award

There are some of us who have been members of this organization for a long time, but Ann Martin makes the rest of us look like newcomers. She has been a Precinct Committee Officer for thirty years.

Ann has taken on just about every job this district has to offer. She has worked on platforms for both the 34th District and King County and Washington State Democrats, she has served as King County Committeewoman, Treasurer, First Vice Chair, she and has filled in as Secretary when needed, and is presently serving as State Committeewoman from King County.

In addition, Ann is always willing to cheerfully lend a hand: working on tally committees, calling poll workers (when we had poll workers), and many other jobs that are more tedious than glamorous. Ann is the epitome of a team player and an effective leader.



Ann keeping tally at caucus



Les at White Center Cleanup

Les Treall—Executive Board Member of the Year

Les was nominated for this honor by members from all corners: by fellow board members, from members of the Outreach Committee, and other members who had worked with him.

Les joined the 34th District Democrats in 2006 looking for something he could do to make things better. He tried Fundraising because it was the only job open, but it wasn't really his cup of tea. When Outreach was without a chair, he took on that job and that's where he really found his niche. He was at just about every parade and every community event that had a place for a table. He was always the first to arrive; last to leave. And he didn't just organize time slots for volunteers; he always stuck around to make sure things worked out okay for the volunteer. Les has found his way to make this a better place.

Those who have worked with him describe his attitude as "constantly positive and courteous to even the loudest protestor."

Karl de Jong - Member of the Year

Karl became involved with the 34th District Democrats during Dow Constantine's campaign for election as King County Executive. Since that time he has put in countless hours phone banking, doorbelling, and encouraging members to do the same. Karl is everywhere, and he has an energy that is hard to resist.

In addition, he chaired the King County Democrats' Endorsement Committee where he interviewed nearly every candidate for just about every office in the County.

A member who nominated him describes his "quick wit, tenacity and a hunger for getting anyone with a set of ears and a brain involved."

"He epitomizes all that is good and right with our organization; he is a shining example of what is possible with hard work and a clear vision of the future of the Democratic Party."



Karl wearing his myriad of buttons and great smile

34TH DISTRICT BULLETIN BOARD

Volunteer Opportunities, Meeting Announcements, Notices

Meetings

Executive Board

Wednesday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.

Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common Room, 7020 18th Ave SW
Anyone is welcome to attend any and all meetings of the 34th District Democrats, but be sure to check the website for any changes in time or place that may be made by the new Executive Board.

First Thursday Democrats

Thursday, January 7, 11:30 a.m.

Daystar, Across from Westwood Village on Barton Street
The First Thursday Democrats are back to the usual meeting time: the first Thursday of the month. Lunch is \$8 and includes dessert and beverage.

Evergreen Democratic Club

Tuesday, January 11, 11:30 a.m.

Angelo's Restaurant, 601 SW 153rd in Burien
This will be the first meeting with the officers elected at the last meeting: Martha Koester, 11th District, is the new President; Tara Jo Heinecke, 34th District, is the Vice President; Rachael Levine, 11th District is Treasurer, and Nancy Corr, 33rd District, is Secretary. Lunch is \$12.00 and includes salad and beverage. This month's program is on establishing of a state bank. And be sure to check out the Evergreen Democratic Club on Facebook.

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.

Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Ave N

Drinking Liberally in Burien

Wednesday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. or so

Mick Kelly's Irish Pub, 435 SW 152nd

A chance to get together with other liberal-minded folks and share a brew and talk about the day's news, or "talk a little treason" in an Irish pub.

West Seattle Democratic Women

Thursday, January 27; registration at 11:15, Meeting at 11:30
Discussion Group at 10:30: Exchange of "I Was There When"
West Seattle Golf Course

The guest speaker for the January meeting is Democratic political strategist Cathy Allen who will speak on running a campaign, women as candidates/leadership roles and her recent experience aiding Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska in her successful write-in reelection campaign. The cost of lunch is \$12 for members; \$15 for non-members, or coffee/tea and dessert only, for \$5. Please contact WSDW by noon Wednesday, January 26 at 935-3216 or wsdwomen@yahoo.com to ensure a seat at the Thursday meeting.

34th District Democrats Reorganization

Every two years, on the odd numbered year, districts in the State of Washington reorganize and elect new officers. Our reorganization will be at our regular meeting time at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday January 12.

Only Precinct Committee Officers elected in the August 17 Primary Election are eligible to vote for the offices of Chair, First and Second Vice Chairs, King County Committee Man and Woman and their Alternates, and the State Committee Man and Woman. The bylaws of the Washington State Democrats provide that, during the reorganization, only elected PCOs vote for those offices where only PCOs have a vote. This includes all offices except Secretary and Treasurer.

No PCOs will be appointed until after the election of officers. You may have heard otherwise, but this is new information. It had previously been reported that PCOs may be appointed before the election of officers and have voting rights. But the latest ruling from the Washington State Democrats' attorney, David McDonald, says otherwise.

Any voting member may vote for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

Any voting member (those residing inside the 34th District) may run for any office.

Those members who have stated an interest in running for office are:

Chair: Tim Nuse

First Vice Chair: Sabra Schneider

Second Vice Chair: Les Treall

King County Committeeman: Jimmy Haun

King County Committeeman Alternate: Dorsol Plants

King County Committeewoman: Lisa Plymate

King County Committeewoman Alternate: Betsy Shedd

State Committeeman: Chris Porter and Karl de Jong

State Committeewoman: Marcee Stone

Secretary: No one so far

Treasurer: Jeff Upthegrove

This list does not preclude any member from running for any office. Nominations will be taken from the floor and there is nothing to prevent you from deciding on January 12 that you want to run for a particular office. And no one so far has expressed interest in the office of Secretary.

If you do decide to run for any office, you may receive a list of eligible voters for that office, be it PCOs or all members. Please contact Tim Nuse for a list.

Candidates for Offices of the 34th District Democrats

On this page and the next are statements from candidates who are either running for the first time for a particular office, or who are running in a contested race. For those incumbents running unopposed, a short description is included to jog your memory as to who each candidate is.

Chair: Tim Nuse (incumbent)

If you've been to a meeting you certainly know Tim Nuse. He has been Chair of the 34th District Democrats for the last term. He was elected Second Vice Chair in 2005, and then was elected to First Vice Chair in 2008 when that position became vacant

First Vice Chair: Sabra Schneider

I have been a PCO in the 34th District for four years and I am excited about the possibility of serving the district as First Vice Chair. I bring more than 15 years of experience innovating in public service, between work at King County and teaching the workforce of the future at South Seattle Community College. I am a current member of IFPTE Local 17, and I have an MPA from the University of Washington and I live in Arbor Heights.

Second Vice Chair: Les Treall

My name is Les Treall (pronounced like trail), and I'm running for the second vice chair position. I have been an active member of the 34th since the fall of 2005, when I just had to do something to change the direction of the country. I have never been able to not get involved to the limits of my ability. I have been involved in the planning and implementation of the Clean Energy Futures forum held in the spring of 2007, the caucuses in 2008, the Garden Parties in 2009 and 2010, and I have chaired of the Outreach Committee since summer 2008.

If elected, I intend to continue all of those efforts (but delegate some of the committee work to others) and I intend to work with other active members to get **you** more involved in our efforts to elect Democrats to office, and to move our legislative agenda. If I am elected, you can expect to have me ask you to become more involved.

King County Committeeman: Jimmy Haun

My name is Jimmy Haun and it would truly be an honor to serve as your King County Committeeman. My commitment to the 34th was cemented at the first meeting I attended. Being surrounded by passionate and friendly Democrats inspired me to volunteer to serve as your Parliamentarian and as a PCO. As a Northwest Carpenters Union Representative in the 2010 election cycle, I was involved in the Legislative endorsements of several candidates in most of the Legislative Districts in King County. My experience in King County politics, along with my collaborative work ethic, would dovetail nicely with the King County Democrats Central Committee. Your consideration of my candidacy is both appreciated and a privilege.

King County Committeeman Alternate: Dorsol Plants (incumbent)

Dorsol Plants was elected King County Committeeman Alternate in October of 2009 after the resignation of Robin Hess. You may remember Dorsol as candidate for City Council when he impressed all of us with his eloquence.

King County Committeewoman: Lisa Plymate (incumbent)

Lisa Plymate was elected King County Committeewoman at our last reorganization. You might remember Lisa, a physician, as the person who organized the meeting with the largest attendance known for the 34th District Democrats—the Health Care Forum with Congressman Jim McDermott.

King County Committeewoman Alternate: Betsy Shedd

I have been a 42 year resident of Washington state and I am a life long Democrat. Since 2004 I have worked with the Martin Luther King County Labor Council on the Council's Committee on Political Education (COPE). In 2004 I heard senator Patty Murray speak. She told us that what we all know of our democracy depends on our elections. At that point I gave up a promised one year of employment in Hawaii to stay in Washington and work on Senator Patty Murray's reelection campaign.

State Committeewoman: Marcee Stone (Incumbent)

Marcee Stone has served as our State Committeewoman since she was elected in 2009. and she was our endorsed candidate for State Representative Position 2 in the last election.

Treasurer: Jeff Upthegrove

Jeff has served as Treasurer for candidates, including our new State Representative Joe Fitzgibbon, and as Membership Chair for the last two years, working closely with the Treasurer. He was recently elected to the office of Treasurer for the King County Democratic Central Committee. He is well qualified to be our Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

Balance January 1, 2010	\$ 8,342
Income:	
Membership Dues	\$11,153
Caucus	505
Donor Fundraiser.....	3,450
Garden Party	9,087
Miscellaneous Income.....	1,104
Total Income	\$25,299
Total Expenses.....	\$26,158
Net Income	\$ (858)
Balance as of December 27, 2010	\$ 7,484

State Committeeman (contested race)

Chris Porter

During my two years as state committeeman and as fundraising chair for the 34th, I have accomplished the following while representing the 34th:

- Appointed as Vice - Chair of the Affirmative Action Committee (AAC) on the central committee.
- Helped re-write and approved the 2010 delegate selection plan.
- Attended an executive board meeting of the central committee as a proxy for the Affirmative Action (AA) Chair during his absence.
- Ran the Affirmative Action committee on the central committee during the absence of the (AA) Chair.
- Helped re-write the Affirmative Action Policy for Washington state Democrats
- Organized two successful garden parties.
- Held a donor reception to reach out to additional potential donors within the 34th.
- Marched in parades to support candidates of the 34th.
- Served as timer at some of our regular meetings.

I ask for your continued trust, support and vote.

Karl de Jong

This past November has once again reminded us that every vote counts and our focus will be to ensure that the Democratic Party has the confidence of voters. This past election cycle took me all over King County as an advisor and active volunteer for Democratic candidates. I believe my strong relationships with grassroots volunteers, elected officials, labor unions, and Democratic organizations provide an asset to the 34th District Democrats.

We need to work on not only 2011 but beyond. Let's move seamlessly from one election season to another making consistent progress. Let's be more methodical in how we advance our candidates. We need a professional organization that gives good candidates the confidence to run and they need to know they will always be proud of their association with us.

I ask for your support in setting the tone for the Democratic Party in Washington State, one that supports the legislative districts and county organizations, and takes the lead in recruiting and supporting Democratic candidates."

Editorial Policy

The opinions expressed in submitted articles and letters to the editor are those of the author and not necessarily those of the 34th District Democrats or the Executive Board. All letters are subject to editing for space and content. Please keep to 300 words or less. Photos and notices of upcoming events are strongly encouraged. Mail to Newsletter Editor, 6523 California Ave SW, Box 183.

Jennie Hodgson

November 16, 1930 - November 30, 2010



Jennie Hodgson was a long-time PCO and member of the 34th District Democrats and the Vashon Democratic Club. She was born in Maryland and lived on the east coast before moving out west. She had raised two daughters in Ithaca New York, and taught pre-school and ran a day care in New Hampshire before leaving for Vashon Island.

Jennie moved back to Maryland several months ago because of poor health, but her heart was always on Vashon Island. When she was 75 she marched in the Mother's Day Call for Peace and received the parade and festival award. When asked what she loved about Vashon, she explained that she loved it because it's weird. "The people are themselves. They're tolerant and like to engage people in important things."

She was an active member of the community. If you wanted something done and done right, you asked Jennie. She has been described as one of the best School Board members in Vashon's history, She was a member of the League of Women Voters, she belonged to a variety of clubs like the No Guilt Quilt Group, the Chess Club, and was always at the Vashon Democrats' booth at the Strawberry Festival wearing her hat decorated with years of Strawberry Festival buttons. She was also a prolific letter writer to the Vashon Beachcomber.

Jennie was involved in a car accident on November 10 and, while not seriously injured, she had difficulty breathing and was put on a respirator. Instead of getting better as everyone hoped, she became worse and did not recover. She passed away in her sleep, precisely at noon, on November 30.

King County Reorganization

On December 4, the PCOs in King County met to elect new officers for the next term. All candidates were unopposed, except for our very own Ann Martin and Jen Sutton for State Committeewoman. Ann Martin won reelection easily.

In addition to the elected officers listed below, 34th District PCO and former Chairman Ivan Weiss was appointed Minority Outreach Chair, a position that involves getting members of under-represented groups registered to vote.

Chair: Steve Zemke

Vice Chair: Megan Gustafson

2nd Vice Chair: Andrew Villeneuve

3rd Vice Chair: Chad Lupkes

4th Vice Chair: Omaha Sternberg

Secretary: Chris Maryatt

Treasurer: Jeff Upthegrove

State Committeeman: Javier Valdez

State Committeewoman: Ann Martin

In Case You Missed Our November Meeting . . .

The meeting was called to order shortly after 7:00.

After the flag salute and approval of the agenda and minutes, Chair Tim Nuse spoke of the reorganization to take place on January 12, 2011. Every two years Democratic organizations in Washington State reorganize and elect new officers. Anyone interested in being part of the leadership of the 34th District Democrats should consider running for office in January.

Michael Taylor spoke about classes offered by the Institute for Democratic Future which start in January and run until June. Michael is an alumnus of the Institute and graduated in 2002. This is a great program for our party so tell any firebrands that you know about this program.

Chair Tim Nuse spoke about the end of the thirteen year battle to stop expansion of the gravel pit on Maury Island. A press conference was held the day of our meeting to announce that a deal had finally been struck and the land belongs to the people.

Jimmy Haun announced that Local 14 of his Carpenters union sponsors a student every year. This year they are looking to sponsor a student and are offering \$500 for tuition. Let Jimmy know if you know of a student who is deserving and wants to participate in this.

Kim Becklund thanked Les Treall and Tamsen Spengler for holding down the table at the Gathering of Neighbors. This was the last commitment for Les and the Outreach Committee for this year. Norm Rice spoke at the event and spoke about how important our district is as a collection of partnerships. We are all pushing in the right direction.

The day of the meeting was Veterans Day. Dorsol Plants, a veteran, was to perform a ceremony as he had done last year, but unfortunately he was home with the flu. Instead, donations were requested for a Space for Veterans at South Seattle Community College.

Tim spoke about the last election and the initiatives that passed and those that didn't. Very little of it was good news. We did better with candidates, including getting Sanders out of the Supreme Court when we elected Charlie Wiggins even though he had been way behind on election night. Some people's votes were not counted because of signature challenges. Volunteers are needed to call them, or go to their doorstep if need be, to make sure that their votes are counted.

Joe McDermott, our new King County Councilmember, thanked all of us for our support of him throughout his campaign and invited us to his swearing in. Because Jan Drago was appointed, he will be sworn in as soon as the election is certified.

City Councilmember Sally Clark was our guest speaker. She spoke about the budget, which is bad, but not as bad as the county's or the state's. Still 67 million is a lot of money. To all those who went out and bought toasters or whatever the last few months, she says thank you. We need the sales tax revenue.

No parking meters on Sunday brought cheers from the membership. She explained, though, that the businesses really need the parking. Different areas need different treatment.

For instance, on Seahawks game days, there is no parking at all in the neighborhood and the local businesses would prefer metered parking for their customers, rather than no parking at all.

LeeAnne Beres, 34th District member and Executive Director of Earth Ministry spoke about reducing and eventually eliminating phosphorous pollution in fresh water. We have eliminated it from laundry and dishwasher detergents, and we can eliminate it from lawn fertilizer. She also focused on phasing out the coal plant in Centralia, but we must keep in mind that people have real jobs at that plant, and we need to work with labor. Solutions to pollution problems are heading towards polluter paying for the solution.

Newly elected State Representative Joe Fitzgibbon and Representative Eileen Cody spoke about the upcoming legislative session and the budget. Newly elected State Senator Sharon Nelson was scheduled to be at our meeting, but after the good news about Maury Island, something she had worked on for thirteen years, she deserved to stay home to celebrate.

The budget was the topic of discussion. Eileen Cody, who is now the senior member of the house, said that they can't quite figure out what the voters were telling them. They don't want tax increases but they want services. When she returned to work at Group Health after the election, many of her fellow workers told her that they need to cut something that the middle class will understand. — get their attention. People recognize that the hurt is in the lower classes and the middle class isn't feeling it.

Eileen thinks that a lot of Republicans in congress will try to stop Health Care Reform, but there are more Republican governors and their states need money in Medicaid. She wonders what kind of pressure they can put on Congress that will help us out since we are all in the same position.

Joe Fitzgibbon, the youngest member of the State Legislature, spoke about the initiatives that passed. He was pleased that I-1082 passed and that the liquor initiatives failed, but there wasn't much else that was good. Most of the impact would be from I-1053 requiring a 2/3's vote to pass any tax increase, and fees are considered a tax. Like LeeAnne Beres, he feels that we are moving closer to projects paying for themselves.

Helen Daniel, Russ Brubaker and Bruce Stotler were elected to serve on the Financial Review Committee. According to our bylaws, this committee must be formed yearly to go over our finances.

The Code of Conduct that was printed in the November newsletter was approved by the membership.

Pete Spalding was recognized for being one of four People's Choice Award winners from the City Club People that Matters

In good of order Stewart Wechsler spoke about how locally, our democracy seems to be fine. But nationally our democracy is not functioning. We have faith-based voting where machines seem to vote for non-viable candidates. We need more outrage about stolen elections.

Town Hall Events That May Be of Interest to Democrats

Allison Stranger, Outsourcing American Power, Monday, January 10, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Downstairs, \$5

Private contractors have become an integral part of American foreign policy, often in scandalous ways—but Middlebury College Professor Allison Stanger maintains that contractors aren't the problem; the absence of good government is. In fact, says the author of *One Nation Under Contract*, outsourcing done right is indispensable to America's interests—and since public-private partnerships are here to stay, we had better learn to do them right.

Eric Alterman, No Progressive Presidency, Yet, Wednesday, January 12, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Downstairs, \$5

Eric Alterman sparked political fires with his *Nation* column arguing that while Obama's presidency undoubtedly has disappointed liberals, its concessions do not signal strategic errors or a failure of imagination—rather, our political system's structural impediments to democracy are rigged against progressive change. Now Alterman, author of *Kabuki Democracy*, expands on that thesis, arguing that real reform will come only when accompanied by resurgent civic engagement.

William Hartung, An Expose of Lockheed Martin, Thursday, January 13, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Downstairs, \$5

As a full-service weapons maker, Lockheed Martin is America's largest military contractor, receiving more than \$25 billion a year in Pentagon contracts. From aircraft and munitions to the Star Wars program and phone-monitoring spy satellites, it reaches into all areas of American defense and life. William Hartung, author of *Prophets of War*, follows the company's meteoric growth and explains how this arms-industry giant has shaped our foreign policy for decades.

Philip Howard, The Internet and Muslim Democratization, Friday, January 14, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Downstairs, \$5

Information technologies play an increasing role in political transformation: Globally, 1 in 10 Internet users is a Muslim in a populous Muslim community, where young people are developing political identities online, and digital technologies are helping society build independent communication systems. UW Associate Professor Philip Howard (*The Digital Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*) finds that while democratic revolutions are not caused by new information technologies, democratization in the Muslim world is no longer possible without them.

Izzeldin Abuelaish, The Story of the Gaza Doctor, Wednesday, January 19, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., Downstairs, \$5

In 2009, Israeli shells hit the Gaza Strip home of Palestinian physician and lifelong peace advocate Izzeldin Abuelaish, killing three of his daughters. His response—a continued call for understanding, respect, and peace—captured hearts and headlines around the world. Now known as “the Gaza doctor,” Abuelaish, author of the memoir *I Shall Not Hate*, says his deepest hope is that his daughters will be the last sacrifice on the road to peace.

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