

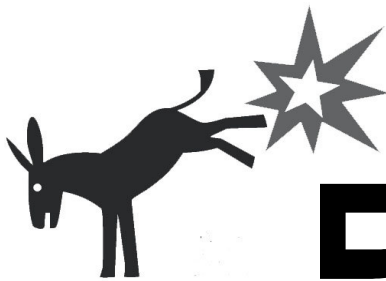
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34th District Democrats

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All Hands on Deck

Precinct caucuses are upon us, Saturday, February 9, and we need YOU to make them successful—for more reasons that we already have heard.

We have heard about the state party challenge, and the reasons for it. We have our goals for turnout, voter registration, and voter ID. Our members should know by now what they can do to help at the caucuses themselves, if they have not been assigned tasks already (If not, please DO ask your PCO or your Area Caucus Coordinator).

So this message is about the caucuses themselves, and why we conduct them the way we do, so that if you encounter voters who just don't get it, or who don't want to get it, you might share some of these perspectives with them.

Have we all heard these questions and complaints by now:

- “Why can't we pick delegates with a primary?”
- “Caucuses are not democratic.”
- “I shouldn't have to say I'm a Democrat.”
- “I want my open primary back.”

Certainly I have heard all of this—even at Democratic Party meetings. Here's what I tell people. Maybe it will be helpful.

The “open” primary isn't coming back. Court after court has ruled it unconstitutional. Parties can set their own rules for choosing the candidates who will represent them in a general election. In other words, general elections belong to all the people, but primaries belong to the parties.

There's a good reason for that. Remember Ellen Craswell? She thought we were all working for Satan. Yes, THAT Satan—the devil. In Ellen Craswell's world, if you didn't share her fundamentalist religion and her righter-than-right-wing politics, you might as well be an instrument of the devil. That meant me—and you—and all Democrats.

That sounded good to me, so I voted for her—for Governor—in the “open” primary. I wanted her to be the Republican nominee, and the law said I could, so I did what the law allowed, and so did a lot of other people.

And we got our wish. Our dear Ellen was the Republican nominee for governor in 1996, many voters looked upon her with horror, and Gary Locke duly trounced her.

Were the Republicans happy about that? They were not, so they joined with the Democrats in the successful challenge to the “open primary.”

We don't have partisan registration here, like most other states have, so to vote in a primary or to participate in a party's caucus, voters are required, by law, to state a preference for one party or another. Some voters don't like that. But it's the law here.

Meeting Notice

February 13, 2008

6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting
The Hall at Fauntleroy
9131 California Ave SW
Across from the YMCA

Agenda Items

Legislative report from Joe McDermott, Eileen Cody or Sharon Larson, if they are available.

Debrief the caucuses

Discussion of Back Office software the district is considering.

Explanation of the next steps in the caucus and convention process.

Election of Second Vice Chair

Approve Appointment of Les Treall and Steve Karbowski as Outreach Co-Chairs

We have two resolutions to approve:
A resolution Concerning Pay for Jurors
A resolution in Support of the Westwood Neighborhood Council Concerning the Sealth/Denny School project

Potluck Snacks

Keep those potluck snacks coming.

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Answers to the Most Commonly Asked Caucus Questions

If you cannot attend:

You may be elected a delegate but you will not be able to vote. Sign a statement saying that you are a Democrat and are willing to be known as such, that you are willing to serve as delegate if elected, and the name of the candidate you want to be a delegate for, and give this to your PCO or send it in with someone else going to the caucus. This does not guarantee you a vote. If you cannot attend because of religious observance, military service, or disability, I'm afraid you missed the for the Surrogate Affidavit which allowed for a vote, but you may still be elected a delegate if you sign the above. If you must leave the caucus early, your vote will still count.

You can register to vote at the caucus.

We will have voter registration forms at each location. If this is a change of address, be sure to caucus in the precinct where you are living. If you are not yet eighteen but your eighteenth birthday is before the election, you may vote and be elected a delegate at the caucus.

You do not have to be a delegate at one level to be elected a delegate to the next.

You will not be able to vote, but you may still run for election.

How long will the caucus last?

The area caucus starts at 1:00 and the individual precinct caucuses cannot begin before 1:30 and cannot end before 2:00. Thankfully, they must end by 4:30.

If you don't know your caucus location

Go to wa-democrats.org, or kcdems.net and use the Caucus Locator. All you have to do is punch in your precinct, or your name and zip code, and your location will pop up like magic.

King County Elections is not in any way involved in the caucus system.

What's next?

The **34th District Caucus** will be held on April 5. Delegates to the State Convention and the Congressional District Caucuses will be elected.



The **King County Convention** will be held on April 12 at 9:00. Note that this is a date change. The original date was the first day of Passover which was not a good idea. Resolutions will be considered at the County Convention.

Congressional District Caucuses will be held on Saturday May 17. It is at this caucus where we elect delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Denver. If you want to be elected a delegate, you need to work. There will be many Democrats who want to go to Denver and you will have some convincing to do.

The **State Convention**, where we adopt resolutions and platform will be held on Saturday, June 14 in Spokane.

The Latest on Charlestown Street Café

At our September 2007 meeting we approved a resolution in support of this West Seattle Restaurant. The Charlestown Street Cafe has been a gathering place for locals for years and the neighbors did not want to see it replaced with a big-box Petco in their residential neighborhood. Well, sometimes we actually win one. It appears that the Charlestown Street Cafe has won round one and that the developer has pulled out. The landlord still wants to develop the lot, but it is highly likely that it will include space for the restaurant. For the latest information go to westseattleblog.com.



34TH DISTRICT BULLETIN BOARD

Volunteer Opportunities, Committee Meeting Announcements, Notices

Volunteer Activities

A Fun Party— and You're Invited!

Okay, it's a mailing party, but it'll still be fun! And I'll have snacks! It's mindless work which makes it very easy to carry on a conversation about how awful George Bush is and who you want to replace him, or latest book you read, or your kids. We plan to send the March newsletter to everyone who attended the caucus. There's a lot of interest in the caucuses and if they all show up this could make for a very large mailing. And we are going to need a lot of help. The plan so far is to do this on February 1 at 11:00. If you can help with this not-to-miss event, call Jackie Dupras at 935-9683.

Precinct Caucuses

The precinct caucuses are this Saturday and we could still use more volunteers. There's been a lot of interest in the caucuses and we expect a huge turnout. The race, as of this date, is still wide open. Whatever your interest, I am sure we have a job for you. We need people for set up, sign in, secretaries and tally clerks for individual precincts. You may contact your PCO or Area Caucus Coordinator or Tim Nuse, the Jurisdiction Caucus Coordinator. If you don't know who to contact, you may call Jackie Dupras who will put you in touch with the right person.

34th District Caucus

Once the precinct caucuses are over, it's time to start work on the 34th District Caucus. Call Tim Nuse to volunteer.

White Center Food Bank

The 34th District Democrats are partnering with the Fauntleroy Church to provide volunteers for the evening of the fourth Wednesday of the month (February 27) from 5:00 to 8:00. If you are interested in being part of this, call Beth Grieser at 938-5706.

Meetings

Executive Board

The Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, February 20, at the common room of the Puget Ridge Co-housing, 7020 18th Ave SW. All members are welcome to attend.

West Seattle Democratic Women

The next meeting of the West Seattle Democratic Women will be on Thursday, February 28 at 11:30. Arrive by 11:15 to sign in, visit with your friends, and check out the library. Price of lunch has increased to a whopping \$7.00 and still includes coffee and dessert. Men are welcome to attend and to become members.

Evergreen Democratic Club

The Evergreen Democratic Club will meet at Angelo's Restaurant, 691 SW 153rd. at 11:30 on Tuesday, February 12. Lunch, including tip, salad, garlic bread and coffee, is \$12.00. The guest speaker is Tara Jo Heinecke of the King County Charter Review Commission. There will be time for comments on the February 9 presidential caucuses.

Notices

Election of Second Vice Chair

An election will be held at the February meeting to fill the position of second vice chair, which was vacated when Tim Nuse was elected first vice chair. Ann Martin was nominated and elected to that position but, since the new vacancy in the office of second vice chair had not been advertised in the newsletter as required by our bylaws, a new election will need to be held. Any member interested in serving in this position may be nominated at the February meeting. Ann has indicated a willingness to serve if nominated and elected.

New Executive Board Members

We have three new board members and one board member who moved up: Tim Nuse has moved from Second Vice Chair to First Vice Chair, Marcee Stone was elected King County Committeewoman and Laura Feinstein was elected King County Committeewoman Alternate. Mitch Feller is our new Secretary.

Thriftway, Metropolitan Market Receipts

Don't forget—the easy way to donate to the West Seattle Food Bank is by saving those receipts. These two stores will donate 1% of the total of receipts that are dated within the last six months to the food bank. Just drop them off at the sign in table at the next meeting.

The Library is Back

The library took a little vacation but is back in business. If you have any political books, or other books that might be of interest to Democrats, that are kicking around gathering dust, consider donating them to the 34th District so that others can read them. Topical books get dated fast, so let's get the most out of them.

Presidents' Day Events

It will be difficult to choose what to do on Presidents' Day: the PCO Training at St. Martin's University in Lacey followed by the Annual Crab Feed, or to Olympia for Legislative Action Day. To coordinate carpools, call Jackie Dupras, 935-9683. See page 5 for more details on these events.

Resolution in Support of the Westwood Neighborhood Council

This resolution was submitted for membership approval by Susan Harman, Pablo Lambinico and Maria Ramirez.

WHEREAS, the voters approved a new Denny Middle School and renovation of Chief Sealth High School and instead are getting a project where there has been no vision or authentic planning that appears to have been conceived as a money saving move that leaves equity and involvement of the stakeholders out of the equation; and

WHEREAS, the staff of Chief Sealth High School, parents and Westwood neighbors have requested several times for the Seattle Public Schools (SPS) to address the academic benefits for our students in the decision to co-locate the campuses and received no adequate response, and;

WHEREAS, the plan that followed for combining the two schools on one campus has never included an authentic open process for all the stakeholders to become informed and to provide input, even though community involvement is mandated in any process of SPS; and

WHEREAS, The Westwood Neighborhood Council has been very cooperative with Seattle Schools on this issue. They have organized several public meetings and have offered time and again to assist Schools in having authentic public meetings to get the community input; and

WHEREAS, SPS Administrative staff have admitted that there was not an adequate effort to notify all the stakeholders and involve them in the process; and

WHEREAS, Concerns of parents and staff regarding the safety of mixing the age groups have not been adequately addressed; and

WHEREAS, it is the paramount duty of the State is to provide for common education of all residents of the State and the Denny Sealth Capital Project represents a significant programmatic change with decades long consequences to one of the most needy educational communities in the State; and

WHEREAS, The plan would alter or destroy work already done at Sealth under Building Excellence (BEX) II and Buildings, Technology and Academics (BTA).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative District Democrats call on the Seattle School Board and District Administration to direct Building Excellence (BEX) III/ Facilities to provide an option for rebuilding Denny at the current Denny site and completing the required upgrades in order to meet code for Chief Sealth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative District Democrats request that the SPS establish a genuine process, consistent with public engagement requirements for community, students and staff input for the construction and renovation project.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative District Democrats call on the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) work with the Westwood Neighborhood Council, parents and School staff to ensure that all provisions of WAC 392 341-346 (State assistance in providing school plant facilities) and any other provisions requiring public comment are complied with; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 34th Legislative District Democrats will support the Westwood Neighborhood Council, the Seattle Education Association, parents and students by attending public meetings, contacting School Board members, and receiving updates from the supporters of this Resolution.

Westwood Neighborhood Council Meeting

The next public meeting of the Westwood Neighborhood Council (WNC) on the Sealth/Denny Project will be held on Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sealth High School Commons, 2600 SW Thistle St. Please consult the WNC website for details. Thank you.

Steve Sundquist, Seattle School Board, District 6

Resolution in Support of Increasing Juror Pay to Minimum Wage

This resolution was submitted for membership approval by John Kennedy.

Whereas King County, Washington State, and the entire legal system in the state of Washington including the Bar are continuously operating contrary to the spirit of the will of the people and in violation of the laws of the State of Washington as well as federal laws, by operating a jury system in which the compensation for jury duty is \$10 per day.

And whereas King County has a budget of some \$4.8 Billion;

And whereas a payment of \$10 per day is insulting and hypocritical;

Be it resolved the 34th District Democrats will instruct all elected officials from the 34th District to introduce legislation making it mandatory that the legal system operate in conformity with the minimum wage laws of the State of Washington.

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 Jackie Dupras, 1920 – 46th SW, Seattle, WA 98116 or jdupras@quidnunc.net.

Presidents' Day Events

You have two choices for Presidents' Day: PCO Training in Lacey or Legislative Action Day in Olympia. And you can end the day at the Washington State Democrats' Annual Crab Feed

Let's Save on Gas and Carpool!

These events are in Lacey or the Capitol, so carpooling is the best choice. If you want to find a ride, or find someone to ride with you to share expenses, call or e-mail Jackie Dupras and she will try to match you up with someone who lives reasonably close and is going to the same events.

Legislative Action Day in Olympia

The day starts with a continental breakfast at 9:30 in the Columbia Room in the Capitol Building. Last year the Governor met with us and spoke and answered questions. We are hoping she will be doing this again this year.

Lunch with King County Legislators is from 11:45 to 1:00. The legislators in the County come by during lunch and give us updates on what bills they are sponsoring, and what they hope to accomplish. This is a lively and informative session not to be missed.

After lunch, you have the option of touring the Capitol or attending committee meetings and see the sausage actually being made.

PCO Training

Every year the Washington State Democrats put on an all-day PCO training before the annual Crab Feed. This training isn't just for PCOs but for anyone who wants to get involved in this important election. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. And when it's over, you can stay for the Annual Crab Feed.

Washington State Democrats Annual Presidents' Day Crab Feed

Monday, February 18 at 5:00
right after the PCO training
St. Martin's University in Lacey

Guest Speaker:
Senator John Tester of Montana

Other guests include
Governor Chris Gregoire
Senator Patty Murray
Congressmen Baird, Larson,
McDermott and Smith



\$40 per person, \$10 children under 12

KCDCC Report—January 22

The meeting began with a report from our own Bill Moyer on the Backbone Campaign. With the likelihood of a Democratic President, the Campaign needs to be defined not by what it opposes, but by what it proposes. Backbone is currently in competition for a \$50,000 prize for the non-profit organization bringing in the most donations by January 31. [Good luck to Backbone.]

Peter Goldmark was introduced as candidate for Public Lands Commissioner. He pointed out three main problems with the present commissioner – an irresponsible forestry policy that allows clear-cutting that, for instance, magnified the flood problems for the Chehalis area; indifference for the Puget Sound ecology, for instance when a delegation met with present Commissioner to object to the mining of Maury Island, he referred to “my friends at Glacier;” and misadministration of State Trust lands, for instance, he just traded away a large amount of Trust Land to a so-called timber company for some other land, mostly already denuded. We suspended rules so Goldmark could get our early and unanimous endorsement and donation. Suzie was ready with a \$300 check for him.

Sharon Mast had been elected to fill the DNC position left vacant with the death of Karen Marchioro, but she is now running to be elected to a permanent position.

Lona Wilbur of the Swinomish Native Americans is also running. Two women are to be elected. She reminded us that there are 20,000 Native Americans in King County and in 2000, Native Americans contributed 55,000 voters to get rid of Slade Gorton. She has been a Democrat from childhood.

Linda Clifton, speaking for entire Jewish community, thanked King County and Chair Sheary for changing the date of the County Convention so it did not conflict with the Passover Shabbat.

The percent of precincts with PCO's in King county has risen from 37% to 46%.

Tina Shamseldin reported that all districts in King County are now represented on the Legislative Action Committee.

Three resolutions to be included in the County submissions to the State Resolutions Committee were passed unanimously: Impeach Bush and Cheney; Send to Governor Insurance Commissioner request to strengthen prescription privacy regulations; include Washington Health Security Trust (Universal Health Care) among those to be analyzed in study of methods of providing health care in Washington.

Robin Hess, King County Committeeman

Treasurer's Report

Balance end of December.....	\$13,224
January Revenue	5,252
January Expenses	2,319
Balance as of January 28	\$16,167

Minutes of January 9 Meeting of the 34th District Democrats

Chair Ivan Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:00. Susan Harmon led the flag salute.

Adoption of agenda Ann Martin moved to amend the agenda. She wanted to postpone the election of the four open E-board positions. Lucy Krakowiak also spoke in favor of the motion. Ivan Weiss and Robin Hess spoke against the motion. Both said those that were running for the positions were more than willing and that despite the differences the elections should not be postponed. Robin Hess also spoke to the importance of filling the positions at this meeting. Ann Martin asked for a point of privilege, so that she could give some explanation to the postponement of the elections. The motion to postpone failed as there was not a majority, 50 for and 50 against

Minutes of the Nov meeting were adopted. The treasurer's report was adopted.

Tim Burgess, Seattle City Council, thanked everyone for electing him to the Council. He mentioned how much he won by and that he was looking forward to working for us.

Bruce Stotler gave the State Committee report. He mentioned that there was going to be a VoteBuilder training session at the State Party meeting in Vancouver WA January 25-26.

Joe Grande gave brief remarks as to why we should vote for Hillary Clinton. Dina Johnson gave brief remarks as to why we should vote for John Edwards.

Bill Moyer, Backbone Campaign, spoke about what the organization has done, and continues to do. He also mentioned they are vying for a \$50,000 award. It's open to any organization that raises the most money by 31 Jan. Backbonecampaign.org is in the top 4 and if they stay there will win.

Lisa Herbold spoke about legislation that was introduced addressing Condo conversions. Rep. Maralyn Chase's bill would give local jurisdictions the option to limit the number of condos converted. It would also increase the amount of money it pays for moving expenses and the number of days notice given to the tenants.

Tim Nuse, Second Vice Chair was nominated and elected First Vice Chair by voice vote

Ann Martin nominated and elected, Second Vice Chair since Tim was elected into the First Vice Chair position.

Mitch Feller nominated and elected Secretary by voice vote.

Election of King County Committeewoman
Laura Feinstein and Marcee Stone were nominated King County Committeewoman
Marcee Stone was elected with 55 votes to Laura's 20

Election of King County Committeewoman Alternate
Laura Feinstein nominated and elected by voice vote.

Tim Nuse spoke about Caucus planning. He let everyone know of the two upcoming training sessions. He announced all of the Caucus sites and the people who would be responsible for each site. Stressed the importance of getting volunteers and gave a brief overview of the expectations.

Sasha Alessi was appointed PCO in SEA 3 4-1510 and
Shawna Ousse was appointed PCO in SEA 34-1416

Old Business:

\$1034.00 was donated to the King County Dems.
\$200.00 was donated to the League of Women Voters to aid with cost of the "They Represent You" they produce and print.

Better Way Committee (Robin Hess) reminded us of their organization and what they are doing. "Better way to conduct international Affairs: food, housing, education, etc."

New Business:

Joyce Williams moved to find out why the community was not informed of the name change for High Point Elementary, which is now known as West Seattle Elementary

Good of the Order:

Allan Munro spoke on behalf in support of Ivan's Chairmanship

Dan Fievez discussed the letter he created in July and its importance to the membership. He also touched briefly on the meeting he called to discuss Ivan's resignation. When reminded of his time limit, he argued that he would take as much time as he wanted. Time was called; he was reminded by several audience members that the rules applied to all, and that he needed to take his seat. He did so.

Russ Brubaker spoke to the importance of our elections and that we needed to move on since this was an important year ahead of us.

Ann Martin spoke against how our organization deals with its problems.

David McLanahan announced a meeting being held at UW on Feb 10, 08 dealing with the uninsured in America, and why it's driving up the cost for everyone. Congressman Jim McDermott, along with Washington's Insurance Commissioner, Mike Kreidler, will be speakers at the event.

Eileen Macoll, State Party Vice Chair from Pullman WA, spoke about the importance of the Caucuses and what the Dems in Pullman are doing to increase their numbers.

Bruce S. announced the date for the Delridge cleanup, Saturday, January 12.

9:00 Adjournment and clean up was moved and seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Mitch Feller, Secretary

Chairman's Report (Continued from Page 1)

If our "pick-a-party" primaries survive the final legal test, at the U.S. Supreme Court, look for the Grange and other enemies of partisan politics to submit an initiative that would make all statewide races nonpartisan. We hope that no one who reads this newsletter would sign that petition or vote for it, but we'll deal with that when it happens.

The Democratic Party decided, for several reasons, to select its delegates for the state and national nominating conventions with caucuses instead of primaries.

We want people to participate. We want them to engage their neighbors in political discussion and to organize for action with like-minded Democrats. That might sound trite, but experience tells us that it works, especially in the 34th District. If we can organize to select delegates for a national nominating convention, we can organize to accomplish many other things, from fixing potholes to electing presidents, and everything in between.

We understand that not everyone can attend a caucus, and that all voters can fill out ballots for a primary in their own homes. But there is a large positive tradeoff to holding caucuses that I like to emphasize, and usually it stops the critics right in their tracks.

We put our money where our mouth is. We fund our own caucuses, and we staff them with volunteer labor. Unlike primaries, our caucuses do not cost the taxpayers one thin dime. And all Democrats are welcome to attend, if they can. By contrast, the "beauty contest" primary February 19, which will not select a single Democratic delegate, will cost the taxpayers \$9.7 million, according to the Seattle P-I.

Everyone is forced to pay for a primary, whether they participate or not. If we caucus, we pay our own way. We think that's fair. We think it's "all the democracy you can handle." I hope this is helpful. Have a great caucus, and see you February 13.

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"When they're working, we're working
When they're sleeping, we're working."



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Saturday, February 9, 1:00
Democratic Precinct Caucuses

Tuesday, February 12, 7:00
Westwood Neighborhood Council Forum on the Denny/Sealth Project
 Sealth High School Commons, 2600 SW Thistle

Wednesday, February 13, 7:00
34th District Democrats' Monthly Meeting
 The Hall at Fauntleroy

Wednesday, February 13, 6:30
Future of Puget Sound Region Lecture and Reception, \$15
 Downstairs at Town Hall Seattle

Saturday, February 16, 6:00
Michael Weinstein, author of *With God on Our Side*
 Downstairs at Town Hall Seattle

Monday, February 18, 10:00—5:00
PCO/Party Activist Training
 St. Martin's University Pavilion in Lacey

Monday, February 18, 5:00
Washington State Democrats' Annual Crab Feed
 St. Martin's University Pavilion in Lacey

Monday, February 18
Legislative Action Day at the Capitol in Olympia

Tuesday, February 19
Presidential Primary

Wednesday, February 20, 7:00
Executive Board Meeting
 Common room, 7020 18th Ave SW

Tuesday, February 26, 7:00
King County Democrats' Monthly Meeting
 Renton Carpenters' Hall, 231 Burnett Ave North

Wednesday, February 27, 7:00
Drinking Liberally in Burien
 Mick Kelly's Irish Pub, 431 SW 152nd in Burien

Monday, March 10, 7:30
E. J. Dionne, author of *Souled Out*
 Great Hall at Town Hall Seattle



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