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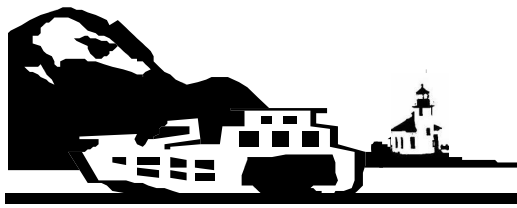
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Meeting Agenda

January 12, 2005

7:00 Social, 7:30 Meeting
The Hall at Fautleroy
9131 California Ave SW

7:30 p.m. – Call to Order

- Flag Salute
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- Chair's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports

Program

Congressman Jim McDermott will present a preview of the next session of Congress with an emphasis on Social Security.

New Business

PCO Appointments

Old Business

Good of the Order

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Message From the Chair

It is my great privilege to assume the chairmanship of the 34th District, and I look forward with great eagerness to serving fellow Democrats.

For those of you who may not know me, I have been active in the District organization since mid-2002. I have lived on Vashon Island for 28 years, and in the Seattle area since 1966. From 1968 to 2000, I worked nights on the copy desk at the Seattle Times, which kept me from being active in District affairs, but sure kept me well-informed about politics and government.

From mid-2002 till the end of 2003, I was a Business Agent for Teamsters Local 763, which got me into District activities in a big way, with the Seattle School Board and City Council races. I became the 34th District's Communications Director.

This year I worked as a Field Organizer in the 25th District for the Washington State Democratic Party's Coordinated Campaign. I would not have thought about running for Chairman in the 34th before then, but being a Field Organizer immersed me totally in the "nuts and bolts" of party work, and gave me the perspective I had lacked before.

Now that we (finally) have a Democratic governor, and have recaptured the state Senate, we have a great opportunity for accomplishment in Washington. If we in the 34th can even approach the same involvement we showed in the 2004 election and apply it toward enacting a Democratic agenda in the upcoming Legislative session, we will supply our elected Democrats in Olympia and in Washington DC with a lot of muscle.

In addition, County Councilman Dow Constantine, Mayor Greg Nickels, four Seattle City Council members, three Seattle School Board Directors, and three Burien City Council members are up for re-election in 2005. So our work is cut out for us.

I am excited to serve with our new, energetic Executive Board members, and the holdover Board members who provide experience, expertise, and plenty of energy of their own. We have a lot of bold plans for the District, which will take everyone's help to fulfill.

But we need to hear from you as well. Our phone numbers and e-mail addresses are in this newsletter, and on the District's Web site. We are not here just to carry out our own programs. We are here for yours, too. Please call or e-mail us, and tell us what's on your mind, how you would like to help, and how we can help you. And don't be surprised if we call you first.

Thanks for reading this far. See you at the January meeting.

Ivan Weiss

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Meet the 34th District's Officers for 2005=2006



From left to right, Sarah Earl, Treasurer; Lara Ann Jordan, 1st Vice Chair; Tim Nuse, 2nd Vice Chair; Leesa Tucker, Secretary; Ann Martin, KC Committeewoman; Leslie Harris peeking out from behind, State Committeewoman; Tanya Aguilar, KC Alternate; Robin Hess, KC Committeeman; Bruce Stotler, State Committeeman; and chair, Ivan Weiss in front.

Ivan Weiss is the first 34th District chair from Vashon Island that anyone can remember. To find out about his experience, check out his Chair Report on the first page. One of the things that Ivan has done for the district was to instigate and push through the UFCW, United Food and Commercial Workers button project. This project not only made people aware of the workers concerns but also raised needed money for their strike fund. Ivan has a lot of energy and a lot of great ideas. It's going to be a rip-roaring two years.

Lara-Ann Jordan, our First Vice Chair, is a summa cum laude graduate of Seattle University's Political Science Department and currently works as a Fund Development and Communications Program Officer for Impact Capital, a community development financial institution. She became involved in the 34th District while working for the Howard Dean presidential campaign. She has worked on a variety of political campaigns and program development issues and has worked with a variety of community leaders..

Tim Nuse, Second Vice Chair, became involved in the 34th District as a member of the Get Out the Vote and Voter Registration Committees. He graduated from Pacific Lutheran University with degrees in Geoscience and Environmental Affairs. He spent some time as a campus organizer at UMass in Amherst for the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group and taught a course on community organizing. He worked at the first Starbucks store in the Pike Place Market and now works in the Environmental Affairs department.

Leslie Harris, State Committeewoman, was chair of the 11th District and joined the 34th District after the last redistricting. She is a paralegal and is married and has a daughter named Monica.

Bruce Stotler, State Committeeman, has been a Democrat since before he was able to vote and is a long-time member of the 34th District. In 2003 he won the Maggie Award for Outstanding Committeeman of the Year. He retired from the Citizens Service Bureau a couple of years ago and volunteers his time at the Washington State Democrats office.

Ann Martin, King County Committeewoman, is a Principal Transportation Planner for King County. She has lived in West Seattle and been active in Democratic politics for almost 29 years serving the District Organization in several positions including Treasurer, Platform chair/co-chair, and Legislative Action Committee representative. She has a husband, a 22-year old daughter and a 15-year old son, all of whom consider themselves Democrats.

Tanya Aguilar, King County Committeewoman was involved in the Get Out the Vote and Voter Registration Committee. She grew up in West Seattle and Graduated from the UW in 1991. She has been a member of the Mexican folkloric dance group Bailadores de Bronce for 9 years. She worked with the Latino Vote Project of the Washington State Democratic Party as the team captain for the South Seattle area during the 2004 election and hopes to continue to work with the Latino community.

Robin Hess, King County Committeeman, was a union activist, a minister, and spent 12 years in private business. He is a life-long Democrat and whenever he moved to a new house he always checked to see if there was a PCO in that particular precinct—except for his last move to Vashon Island. He was Chairman of the Thurston County Democratic Central Committee for two years and chaired the 2004 District Platform Committee and also served on the County and State Platform Committees.

Brian Earl, King County Committeeman, Alternate, is a former chair of the 34th District Democrats and has identified himself as a Democrat since 1980. He is an attorney presently employed by the Graphics Communications Union Local 767 M. Brian is married to Sarah, our Treasurer. He and Sarah have lived in West Seattle since 1998 when they moved here from Portland, Oregon.

Leesa Tucker, Secretary, moved to Seattle from Santa Cruz with her son in 1993 and moved to West Seattle when she and Price, her partner of 13 years, bought a house that they have been fixing up ever since. Leesa lives a couple of blocks from Russ Brubaker and thus isn't a PCO. However, in the last election she walked two precincts with Amy Portz. The precincts were first and second in turnout for Kerry. Pretty darned good.

Sarah Earl, Treasurer, started out early walking precincts. She was around five years old when her father figured out that when you bring your three pretty daughters with you, people are a lot nicer to you. Sarah is an engineer who has her own business which she runs from her house. She is married to our King County Committee, Alternate.

Legislative Action Committee Report

So many legislative issues for 2005; so difficult to decide which the 34th Democrats' Legislative Advocacy Committee (LAC) will develop for member training and advocacy. The national budget and trade deficits, increasing uninsured and the need for universal health care, continued environmental degradation, protection of voting rights, rescission of human rights, ethics in government, appointment of right wing justices- to name a few issues that continue each year and a new concern, GW's proposal to privatize Social Security, are many of the issues being considered by the LAC. Together with the 34th board the LAC has been considering mechanisms by which we can educate our members about issues with advocacy follow-up. We want to offer a variety of issues that are or will be considered at each level of government (federal, state, county, city (Seattle and Burien), and local (monorail, fire, school, sewer, Vashon-Maury, etc) as well as a fair assessment of their pros and cons. This is formidable task. An "Issues Fair" and surveying our members for their legislative priorities and interests was suggested at the last board meeting and plans are being developed for both.

The LAC welcomes new members who would be interested in following a specific legislative issue. This includes background research, tracking the progress (which may include attending committee meetings and hearings) and reporting updates to the LAC and full membership. The LAC meets monthly and corresponds by email regularly. We envision active members who are intrigued by the legislative process, possibly invigorated by a special issue (s), and have an interest in sharing specific legislative developments with our members either by writing in the newsletter and/or reporting during the monthly meeting and possibly at special meetings. Members of the LAC are currently developing two issues for further training: the pitfalls of privatizing the Social Security Program and election reform. We are pleased that Congressman Jim McDermott is able to join us at our

January meeting to share with us the Democratic Party's perspective about the GW's plan to destroy the greatest social program the US government developed in the 20th century. The Congressman will also give us his prognosis for the new 109th Congress.

Steve Tolliver and David McIntyre are very knowledgeable about voting systems integrity and legislation that addresses multiple aspects of this issue. They joined the LAC last year and we are grateful for their expertise. Because of the importance of this issue we plan to have them give a presentation and update us regularly. Steve wrote the following for this column: "During last year's State Legislative session several bills (about voting systems integrity) were introduced. Two of the most comprehensive were HB 2978 and SB 6717. We expect to see some new bills this year, probably something from Sam Reed's office and also probably from citizen groups for fair voting. One issue of paramount importance that remains is that any and all systems produce voter verified paper ballots. As of this writing committee bills and bill sponsors are still unknown".

A final note- the state House Democratic Caucus announced committee assignments this week and Joe McDermott has been newly appointed to the very important Appropriations Committee and remains on Education and State Government. Eileen Cody continues as chair of the Health Care Committee and also remains on Appropriations. 34th members will be well represented in the State Legislature.

We hope to be able to follow the activity in these committees and other legislative venues and offer our members information and updates. The Committee will meet January 10 at 7 p.m. at my house. We welcome new members!

Toni Lysen, LAC Chair

Making History Counting Votes for the Governor — Interesting, in a Boring Sort of Way

There were nine of us from the 34th District Democrats: Dorene Carrel, Kathleen Dellplain, Susan Harmon, Sharon Kasahara, Tony Martin, Charla Mustard-Foote, Dan Schueler, Bob Shields and me, Jackie Dupras. We were a small part of history—the first state-wide hand recount of votes in the United States—and while our job was undeniably mundane and involved much waiting, we became minor celebrities of a sort. Dan was interviewed on Air America twice, unfortunately on a program that was not carried in Seattle. Dorene received a call from KING -5 asking if she would be willing to participate in an interview program. Most of us were told by friends that they saw us on the news on different local television stations, and Kathy saw herself on CNN. There were cameras everywhere filming the most mundane tasks.

On our first day, the most interesting thing that happened was that Dan Schueler, yes, Democracy Dan, became a Republican. Our badges were color coded and ours were an icky lime green while the Republicans' badges were purple. The election workers were new to this too and Dan somehow ended out with a purple badge. The Republicans at the tables around him generously welcomed him to the party and complimented him on coming to his senses until he got a nice new lime green badge.

Sitting at a table with a Republican who very well could be as rabid a Republican as you are Democrat could be a challenge, but for the most part we got along. There were exceptions. My first day of counting was spent sitting next to a woman who told me that people from foreign countries were bringing false gods into this country. If I had any sense I would have just answered "That's nice" and gone about my business. But I have no sense. So I asked her sweetly and innocently to explain what she meant by "false gods" and I got an answer that I couldn't follow but it involved the old testament. This was a very long day. Dan was assigned to this same person on his last day of counting after another person—not me - had a problem with her. At first he couldn't figure out what the problem was—maybe a personality conflict. She told him, as she told me, that she got along with Democrats and was open minded. But then she told him how she liked to make buttons with elephants stomping on donkeys' heads until their eyes popped out of their sockets.

We were not allowed to bring anything into the room where the ballots were being counted. We were all given pens with green ink so that we would be unable to make any marks on the ballot. It was rare to find a ballot that was marked in green, and if there was it went to the canvassing board. There was a checkroom for our coats, lunches, etc., but you had to wait in line to check your stuff and then wait in line again to get it back. Many of us chose to leave our coats and lunches in the car. Fortunately, it didn't rain so we didn't get soaked running from the car to the building.

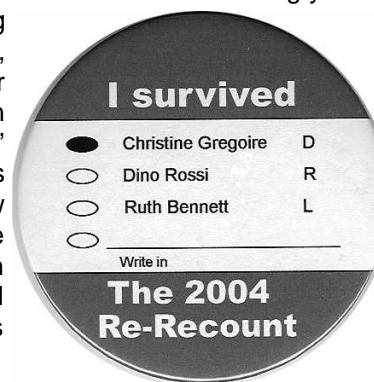
The actual counting was a pretty simple process. Dorene said that one of the greatest challenges was to stay focused while her partner counted in an entirely different rhythm and pace. There was a lot of time spent waiting for the other person to finish. The process involved sorting the ballots into stacks for each candidate and then each counter counted a stack, wrote the total on a tally sheet that the other counter could not see, and then we traded stacks and counted them again. If our totals did not match, we counted the whole thing again. Some precincts were quite large. The largest had 1,470 ballots. We counted it right the first time and received a round of applause.

While you're working you are surrounded by people watching you. Kathy described it as theatre in the round.

There was a whole line-up of observers both Democratic and Republican. And if anybody had a job that was more boring than ours, it was theirs. Some of them really needed something to do and were looking for anything out of the ordinary to break up the sameness.

This was an exacting process and I am confident that the final total is more accurate than the machine recount. Some of the precincts were counted as many as four times because they didn't agree with

the machine count. One thing that we noticed was that there were ballots with X's instead of filled-in ovals or ovals filled in with No. 3 pencil. I couldn't help wondering whether the computer was able to read these. For some reason, as in Florida, it seems to be mostly Democrats who have difficulty properly filling out a ballot. This could explain some of the difference between the machine and hand count. We all are proud to have been part of this process and we are looking forward to having a legitimately elected Democrat as our governor for the next four years. It was worth it.



It Really Could be Your Last Newsletter

Last June we had planned on removing from the mailing list the delegates and alternates that we had added after the Precinct caucuses. We told you then that it would be your last issue. But we decided that since this was such an important election and you were so enthusiastic we decided to leave you on the list until after the election to keep you informed about what was going on in the district and we hoped you would join us. And many of you did join the 34th District Democrats and our membership numbers nearly tripled. We would love to leave the rest of you on our list, but mailing this newsletter is expensive, so this time I'm afraid we really mean it. If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter, send us a check in the attached envelope. Otherwise, check our website: www.34dems.org. The newsletter's there along with a wealth of other information.

34TH DISTRICT BULLETIN BOARD

Volunteer Opportunities, Meeting Announcements, Notices

Volunteer Opportunities

Newsletter Mailing Party

The newsletter will be mailed on either Saturday, January 28 or Sunday, January 29. If you would like to help, contact Jackie Dupras at 935-9683 or jdupras@quidnunc.net.

Meeting Announcements

34th District Meeting

The monthly meeting will be held at the Hall At Fauntleroy on Wednesday, January 12. Our speaker this month will be 7th District Congressman Jim McDermott who will present a preview of the next session of Congress with an emphasis on Social Security.

Executive Board Meeting

The 34th District Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, January 19 at Ann Martin's home.

Legislative Action Committee

The committee will meet on January 10 at Toni Lysen's home at 12864 SW Shorecrest Drive. Call Toni at 244-6611 for directions.

West Seattle Democratic Women

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 27 at 11:30 at Merrill Gardens.

Notices

Public Disclosure Training

A special PDC class will be conducted for Chairs and Treasurers (however, it is open to public and is free) by PDC personnel at the Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Avenue North, at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 15.

34th District Representatives to King County Legislative Action Committee

Ivan Weiss, the 34th District Chair, will appoint two representatives to attend monthly King County Legislative Action Committee meetings.

It's That Time Again—Dues are Due

We need you now more than ever! George Bush is still in office, but we won the governor's race and we have control of the State Legislature. So maybe we can finally get something done. There are so many things we want to do this year, starting with an Issues Fair, and we need your support. We've made it easy for you by enclosing an envelope and membership form.

The 34th District Needs You!

Are you looking to get more active? Does grass-roots political activity excite you? Do you want to help push the 34th District Democrats forward? If so, we have some exciting opportunities for you at the committee level, where our organization-building gets done.

Volunteer Coordinator: Builds and maintains lists of volunteers and their contact information. Recruits volunteers and assigns them to activities and tasks initiated by the Executive Board or by committees. Helps train volunteers and monitors their work. Collects and turns in all data collected by volunteers. Appointed by Chair, reports to Executive Board.

Bylaws Committee Chair: Reviews, updates and revises the bylaws which govern the district organization. Conducts Bylaws Committee meetings. Appointed by Chair, reports to Executive Board.

Hospitality Committee Chair: Organizes and purchases refreshments for District events, including the monthly meeting. Expenses incurred are reimbursed by Treasurer. Recruits and supervises Hospitality Committee members. Appointed by Chair, reports to Executive Board.

Platform Committee Chair: Recruits and supervises committee that develops platform items for the District, which are voted on by the membership. Appointed by Chair, reports to Executive Board.

Communications Director: Writes articles announcing District activities, meetings, and events, and submits them to community newspapers for publication before such events. Must possess news-writing skills and must comply with all publication deadlines. Appointed by Chair, reports to Executive Board.

Voter Registration Committee Chair: Recruits, trains, and assigns volunteers to register voters and ensure that all forms are filled out completely and correctly. Ensures that all forms are turned in for data entry. Sponsors events and activities to increase voter registration and participation, e.g. registration drives at local fairs or events, or at specific sites in the District. Appointed by Chair, reports to Executive Board.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions, or have any questions about them, please contact Ivan Weiss. On behalf of the Executive Board and the committee chairs, we look forward to working with you.

Rule One—Count Every Vote

This article was published in *The Nation* on December 28. We rarely reprint articles from other sources, but since this one involves our governor-elect, we made an exception. In all fairness to Al Gore and John Kerry, though, Christine Gregoire had the advantage of an honest Republican serving as Secretary of State. jd

Politics is a game played by rules. And the most important rule regarding close elections is that you don't win by being conciliatory during the recount process. Indeed, the only way a candidate who trails on election night ends up taking the oath of office is by refusing to concede and then confidently demanding that every vote be counted -- even when the opposition, the media and the courts turn against you.

That is a rule that Al Gore failed to follow to its logical conclusion in 2000, and that John Kerry did not even attempt to apply this year. Both men were so determined to maintain their long-term political viability that they refused to fight like hell to assure that the votes of their supporters were counted. That refusal let their backers down. It also guaranteed that, despite convincing evidence that the Democrat won in 2000, and serious questions about the voting and recount processes in the critical state of Ohio in 2004, George W. Bush would waltz into the White House.

Maybe someday, if the Democrats really want to win the presidency, they will nominate someone like Christine Gregoire. Gregoire is the Washington state attorney general who this year was nominated by Democrats to run for governor of that state. She is hardly a perfect politician -- like too many Democrats, she is more of a manager than a visionary; and she is as ideologically drab as Gore or Kerry.

But Gregoire had one thing going for her, and that was her determination to win.

When the initial count showed her trailing Republican Dino Rossi by more than 200 votes, she refused to accept the result. Certain that there were Democratic votes that had yet to be tallied, she demanded a recount. The second review showed her trailing Rossi by 42 votes and -- as in the 2000 fight over recounting presidential ballots in Florida -- the Republicans accused Gregoire of traumatizing the state by continuing to demand that every vote be counted. "It's time to move forward," chirped Rossi, who ridiculed Democratic demands for a fuller, sounder recount. Rossi claimed that Gregoire wanted to count and recount the ballots until she was declared the winner. In a sense, Rossi was right.

Gregoire did want to keep counting until she won. But, of course, that is the point of the recount process: If you think that the votes are there to assure your victory, you keep demanding that they be counted and tabulated. This is the fundamental rule that neither Gore nor Kerry ever quite got.

As Christmas approached, the pressure on Gregoire to back off was intense. But the Democratic gubernatorial candidate and her supporters continued to press for a full review of the ballots -- paying more than \$700,000 for another count and going to court to defend the principle that every voted counts and every vote must be counted.

Two days before Christmas, with a go-ahead from the state Supreme Court, Gregoire got a full count. That reversed previous results and gave her a 130-vote lead over Rossi. The fight may not be over yet. Rossi is crying foul. But the likelihood is that, in Washington state, the Democrat, not the Republican, will be taking the oath of office in January. There are two reasons why this is the case. First, Christine Gregoire got more votes. Second, she demanded that they be counted.

John Nichols, The Nation

Letters

Book Review:

"The Right Nation, Conservative Power in America"

Many of us are wondering why George W. Bush got any votes at all! "The Right Nation, Conservative Power in America" by John Micklethwait and Adrian Woolridge has some ideas. The Oxford educated authors claim "In the rest of the world, conservatism is the creature of a political party - or faction of a political party. In America, it is a populist movement, vital and self-confident, prepared to work with the Republican Party if it is willing to toe the conservative line, but otherwise willing to spend as long as it takes in the wilderness."

They trace the origins of and reasons for America's "exceptional conservatism" from the founding of the nation. The founding fathers were prudent and prosperous men who initially were fighting to preserve for themselves ancient British rights such as trial by jury, due process, free assembly, and representation for taxation. The liberty they sought was the freedom for individuals to pursue their own ends unconstrained by government influence.

The authors point out that Americans routinely make decisions about current issues with reference to "eighteenth-century gentlemen that wore knee breeches and powdered wigs". As an example, just last week, at the close of the MOVEON cyber house parties Adam Ruben read a quote from Thomas Jefferson! The authors also discuss religiosity, the success of capitalism, and the role of the frontier in developing our "conservative" nation. I found both my liberal and conservative self in their writing and recommend it for a better understanding of our political heritage.

*Karen Farnsworth
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Minutes of 34th District Democrats Reorganization Meeting, December 8

Call to Order- 7:30 p.m.

Toni LYSEN called the meeting to order as the representative from the King County Democratic Central Committee.

Kathy MINSCH led the organization in the Pledge of Allegiance. LYSEN thanked Kathy for all of her hard work and dedication she put gave to the District as the Chair for the past two years.

LYSEN appointed Bruce EKLUND as secretary, Alan MUNRO as parliamentarian, Jackie DUPRAS and Bill SCHRIER as the credential committee, and Lisa EKLUND and Chris JENKINS to tally votes for the Reorganization Meeting.

The agenda for the Reorganization Meeting was approved unanimously, along with the currently adopted version of the 34th District By-laws.

The credentials committee reported 44 voting members present at the time of the report.

The following candidates were unanimously elected as officers of the 34th District:

Chair-	Ivan WEISS
1 st Vice Chair	Lara Anne JORDAN
2 nd Vice Chair	Tim NUSE
State Committeeman	Bruce STOTLER
State Committeewoman	Leslie HARRIS
KC Committeeman (Alt.)	Brian EARL
KC Committeewoman	Ann MARTIN
KC Committeewoman (Alt.)	Tanya AGUILAR
Secretary	Leesa TUCKER
Treasurer	Sarah EARL

Robin HESS and Steve KARBOWSKI ran against each other for the position of King County Committeeman. HESS was elected by a 26-19 vote.

The following members were appointed and unanimously confirmed as Precinct Committee Officers for their respective precincts:

Joe MCDERMOTT	SEA 34-1481
Stuart YARFITZ 34-	SEA 34-1545 (acting)
Linda JOHNSON	SEA 34-1445 (acting)
Cathy MOORE	SEA 34-1479 (acting)
Greg DOSS	SEA 34-1465 (acting)
Tim NUSS	SEA 34-1437

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Treasurer's Report

Balance	\$3,531.27
Income	562.00
Expenses	420.00
Balance at end of December	<u>\$3,372.67</u>

Bruce STOTLER announced that PCO certificates of election and buttons are available by contacting him.

Toni LYSEN announced that the annual holiday potluck would be held at Highpoint Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m. on December 11. She also reported that the Legislative Action Committee would meet on December 13th at 7:00 p.m. at her home.

Elaine RUSSELL gave a report on religion and equity in America.

Newly elected District Chair, Ivan WEISS, reported his contact information is available on the District's website: www.34dems.org.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Eklund

Congratulations to Our New KCDCC Officers for 2005-06

Susan Sheary, former chair of the 11th District, our neighbor to the east, is the new KCDCC Chair. Congratulations, Suzie!

Rob Dolin is 1st Vice Chair for Communications and Membership Retention.

Marie Yamamoto is 2nd Vice Chair for Membership Recruitment and Community Outreach.

Robert Porterfield is 3rd Vice Chair for Finance

Gurine Nordby is 4th Vice Chair for Elections and Endorsements

Javier Valdez and Pat Taylor are the KCDCC Representatives to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee.

Angela Henry is Secretary.

Justin Simmons is Treasurer.

Toni Lysen Appointed to KCDCC Legislative Action Committee

Toni Lysen, former 34th District Chair and State Representative and present 34th District Legislative Action Committee Chair has been appointed by Susan Sheary to be chair of the KCDCC Legislative Action Committee.

Calendar

Wednesday, January 12,
7:00 social, 7:30 Meeting
**District Meeting– 7th District Congressman
Jim McDermott will be our Guest**
The Hall at Fautleroy

Wednesday, January 12
**If All Goes Well, Christine Gregoire Will Be
Sworn in as Second Woman to Be Governor
in the State of Washington**

January 19, 7:00
Executive Board Meeting
Ann Martin's Home

Saturday, January 22
Rossi's Last Day to Contest Election

Tuesday, January 25
KCDCC Meeting
Renton Carpenters Hall

Thursday, January 27, 11:30
West Seattle Democratic Women
Merrill Gardens

Friday and Saturday, January 28 and 29
Washington State Democrats Reorganization
Red Lion, Olympia

"As democracy is perfected, the office of president represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last and the White House will be adorned by a downright moron."

H.L. Mencken (1880 - 1956)



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