



JULY 2017

34TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

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Chair’s Message for July

It's officially summer, and that means picnics, parades, GOTV and our annual Garden Party! Here's a roster of our upcoming events:

Seattle Pride

Last weekend the 34th District Democrats marched along with the King County Democrats in Seattle's annual Pride Parade. Next year we plan to liven things up a bit to make our presence even more colorful and fun, stay tuned.

Burien 4th of July

We had a tremendous turnout, as we marched with the 33rd LD Democrats. We were joined by Pramila Jayapal and 15-20 of her fellow supporters. Several of our endorsed Burien City Council candidates along with some of their volunteers also helped give Democrats a strong (and well-received) showing.

West Seattle Grand Parade

Saturday, July 22nd, 11AM-2PM

Assemble at 10:30am in the assembly area on 45th Ave. SW, South of SW Lander St - again, just look for our banner. The route runs south on California Ave SW and SW Lander St. and ends at SW Edmunds St.

White Center Jubilee Days Parade

Sunday, July 23, 11AM- 12PM

Assemble at 10:30am at the staging area on 16th Ave SW between SW 112 and SW 114 - you'll find us with our banner. The route runs north on 16th Ave SW, starting at SW 112th St, ending near the Main Stage at SW 100 St.

GOTV

PCO Chair Brooks Salazar is getting our PCOs setup with walk lists in MiniVAN as well as old-fashioned printed lists. Brooks will have walk lists and literature available for PCOs and other volunteers at our July member meeting on July 12th. We still don't have a PCO for every precinct, and some of our PCOs need

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**July 12, 2017
Meeting Notice**

The Hall at Fautleroy, 9131 California Ave SW

Across from the YMCA - Parking behind the Hall

Accessible by Metro “C” Line

6:30 Potluck Social Time, please bring a dish to share

7:00 Call to Order

Program:

Mayoral Endorsement

8:55 Good of the Order

9:00 Adjourn to Whiskey West

A note about voting: according to our bylaws:

“Only members in good standing by the end of the prior month's meeting may vote, except that any member who had paid dues in the previous calendar year may vote if the membership is renewed at or before the meeting where the endorsement takes place.”

If you were a member last year but haven't renewed yet, pay your dues and renew your membership in time for the July meeting by using the link below.

Renew or Become a Member at

34dems.org

www.34dems.org/contribute/

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KCDCC Report for June 27

The June KCDCC Monthly Meeting was brought to order with 57 in attendance and the agenda was approved. We began with Public Announcements, in which John Urquhart – spoke about recent shootings. He requires pepper spray as well as taser for all of his officers. He also purchased 100 beanbag shotguns today. Dow Constantine is giving him more money for training. The officers undergo de-escalation and implicit bias training every year. He ended by saying, “We cannot get to a high place taking the low road.”

This month’s meeting focused on Endorsements. We started off with the Endorsements Committee sharing their recommendations for endorsements:

- Seattle School Board Position 4 – Eden Mack
- Seattle School Board Position 5 – Zachary DeWolf and Andre Helmstetter
- Seattle School Board Position 7 – Betty Patu
- Bothell City Council Position 7 – Aaron Moreau-Cook
- Federal Way City Council Position 4 – Sharry Edwards
- Fire District 10 Commissioner Position 1 – Gloria Hatcher-Mays
- Renton City Council Position 6 – Jami Smith

After Jenny Durkan, Jessyn Farrell, Scott Lindsey and King County Prop 1 were removed from the slate, it was approved with the above candidates being endorsed.

Endorsement Decisions:

- King County Council District 3 - John Murphy
- King County Council Position 9 - Denise Carnahan
(Mitzi Johanknecht – King County Sheriff moved for endorsement - Failed)
- Port of Seattle Position 3 – Ahmed Abdi
- Port of Seattle Position 4 – John Persak
(Peter Steinbrueck – TABLED)
- Auburn Mayor – Nancy Backus
- Auburn City council position 6 – Larry Brown
- Bellevue City Council position 6 – Lynn robinson
- Burien City Council position 1 – Pedro Olguin
- Des Moines City Council position 1 – Anthony Martinelli
- Federal Way Mayor – Jim Ferrell
- Kenmore City Council – Nigel Herbig
- Kirkland City Council Position 7 – Jon Pascal
- Lake Forest Park City Council position 3 – Benjamin Gonzales O’Brien
- Lake Forest Park City Council Postion 5 – Mark Phillips
- Seattle Mayor: Bob Hasagawa
(Jenny Durkan – moved and seconded – Failed)
(Jessyn Farrell – moved and seconded – Failed)
(Cary Moon – moved and seconded – Failed)
- Seattle City Attorney – Scott Lindsay – Failed
- Shoreline City Council Position 5 – Susan Chang
(Carolyn Ahlgreem - Failed)
- Tukwila City council position 7 - De’Sean Quinn
- Mercer Island School Director Pos 4 – Diana Lein
- Northshore School Board Director Position 2 – Bob Swain
- Proposition 1 – YES

Amended budget passed and the KCDCC will be hiring a full time Executive Director. They will be taking applications for the position soon. Also approved in the budget was to expand insurance coverage for the officers in the King County Democrats.

Lastly, we voted on the replacement for Chad Lupkes as State Committeeman and Jon Culver won the position.

34th District Bulletin Board

34th District Democrats Meetings

All meetings of the 34th District Democrats are open to any of our members.

Executive Board

Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House
7020 18th Ave SW
Wednesday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.

Other Meetings or Events:

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Pizzeria 22, 4213 SW College St.
Tuesday, July 4, 6:00 pm

Evergreen Democratic Club

Please Note:

There will be no gatherings for the months of July or August

Metropolitan Democratic Club

Plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 12-1:30 pm

Burien Drinking Liberally

New Time and Location:

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St.
Thursday, July 27, 6:30 pm

West Seattle Democratic Women

West Seattle Golf Course Banquet Room
Check www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org
For information

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 pm
Teamsters Hall in Tukwila
14675 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, 98168

Treasurer's Report for 2017 July Newsletter	
Balance as of May 31, 2017	\$ 16,221.57
Add Revenues	\$ 1,166.00
Less Expenses	\$ 3,677.70
Balance as of Jun 30, 2017.....	\$ 13,709.87

Auction Items Needed

If you have items to donate, or wish to help procure items, please contact:

Carrie Alexander at: kcdccw@34dems.org

or **Chris Porter** at: [wsdcm@34dems.org](mailto:wsdccm@34dems.org)

Event volunteers are also needed.

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Letters and Submitted Articles

We are Democrats, and like most Democrats we have strong opinions and like to express them. We welcome letters and articles. .

All submissions are subject to editing. If submissions need to be shortened, you will be given the option of editing your own work.

Photos and notices of upcoming events are always welcome.

The deadline for the August newsletter is Wednesday, July 26.

Mail to Steve Butts,
10254 36th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98146
or email to swbutts@comcast.net

In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting...



Our June 14 meeting was on Flag Day. Unfortunately, we didn't have a flag available for a Pledge of Allegiance. In its place, the evening was started with a grand rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, sung by professional Tenor and Burien resident, Jose Iniguez.



Jason Cheung Speaks in favor of "Access for All"

We heard from a representative from King County Prop 1 – “Access for all”. This will provide funding via a rise in the county sales tax for giving students exposure to various arts experiences. During the debate Jason Cheung and Sean Riley gave reasons why it's important to give students opportunities to cultural events that they would not necessarily get. Opposing the initiative was Michael Taylor-Judd, who felt that another regressive tax didn't fit our

messaging to reform our tax system. Liz Giba felt that we should consider the segregation of our communities and to work to solve that as a way to overcome inequalities.

The body endorsed Prop 1 following the debate.

The Showdown in the 34th

Nine candidates of 21 candidates showed up for the 34th District Democrats' “Showdown in the 34th” - Mayoral Style. Chris Porter served as moderator. Each gave a 2

minute introduction of themselves and to speak and to their visions if elected. That was followed by YES/NO paddle questions posed to the group as a whole.

Those that took part were:

- Bob Hasegawa
- Jason Roberts
- Jessyn Farrell
- Tiniell Cato
- Jenny Durkan
- Michael Harris
- James Norton
- Carrie Moon
- Mike McGinn

After a vote by the members, the field was narrowed to 3 candidates: Bob Hasagawa, Jessyn Farrell and Jenny Durkin. They again were given a couple paddle questions, followed by one minute and 30 second questions pulled by the candidates themselves. All questions were submitted by members.

A second round of voting left us with two candidates left two remaining candidates: Hasagawa and Farrell. They fielded more questions, and were asked to respond to and play of one another's answers.

By night's end, we had a showdown winner poll - but not an endorsee - with the coveted "Showdown in the 34th cowboy hat" was awarded to Farrell by a vote of 53 to 39. Former chair, Marcee Stone-Vekich, asked the group to vote not to make an endorsement that night, given the crowded field and the possibility that Mayor Ed Murray would seek a write-in bid. The membership decided by vote to wait until the July meeting to make an endorsement.



Showdown winner Jessyn Farrell (Photo by Patrick Sand)



Candidates left to right – Jason Roberts, Jenny Durkan, Bob Hasegawa, Tiniell Cato, James Norton, Jessyn Farrell, Mike McGinn, Michael Harris, Cary Moon



James Norton, Jessyn Farrell, Tiniell Cato and Mike McGinn in agreement.



Bob Hasagawa and Jessyn Farrell in the final round.

We Are Out and About at Events Around the District!

And we're counting on your help to make our events a success! We're out registering voters, promoting our endorsed candidates at our booths and making our presence known by marching in parades and. Please consider volunteering for one (or more) of these fun events.

Please contact Karen Richter and Steve Butts at outreach@34dems.org or Treina Aronson at vicechair1@34dems.org



Peter Newbould, Karen Richter and Debbie Ehri at the Morgan Junction Festival

Upcoming Events

West Seattle Summerfest Friday - Sunday, July 14 - 16
Help Register Voters

The Big Weekend in the 34th...HELP!

West Seattle Grand Parade Saturday, July 22

White Center Jubilee Days Saturday and Sunday, July 22, 23
Tabling

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Tabling

Delridge Day Saturday, August 12
Tabling



34th Democrats Adopt a Street Work Party
Saturday, August 5, 10am

Join our first work party as we clean up 16th Avenue SW, from Roxbury Street north to Elmgrove. The city will provide the tools, and your assistance will be appreciated.

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Treina Aronson, vicechair1@34dems.org



Endorsed Burien City Council candidate Pedro Olguin and children pose at our Burien Strawberry Festival booth

Volunteers Needed for the 34th Dems Booth at Vashon Strawberry Festival



Vashon's Strawberry Festival is a celebration of what makes Vashon Island unique. For the 108th year people from all over Seattle and the South Sound will join residents for a busy, fun-filled weekend. The Strawberry Festival Grand Parade kicks off on Saturday, July 22 at 11:00 am with a children's parade, marching bands, ukulele bands, floats, drill teams, performance art and tractors, and we're told there may be some surprise guests this year. Other events include a classic car show, music stages, street dances, arts & crafts vendors, a 10/5K run/walk, and lots of street food.

We need volunteers for the 34th Legislative District Democrats booth, where we will register eligible voters, let people know who the 34th District Democrats are, what we do and sign them up. We'll have information available about the work our electeds are doing at the city, state and federal levels.

If you are a member of the 34th District Democrats and would like to volunteer for a 2 hour shift on Saturday between 10 am - 7 pm; and/or Sunday 10 am - 5 pm please contact Nick Bonazza to sign up. No experience needed - just the desire to reach out and connect with people and talk about our shared values. Information on the voter registration process will be provided.

Please contact **Nick Bonazza** to sign up: **Nick5669@gmail.com**

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help, so if you're interested in helping Get Out The Vote for our wonderful endorsed Democratic candidates please contact Brooks: pco@34dems.org.

And mark your calendars and get your tickets now - the 34th District Democrats annual Garden Party is August 11th, and will feature a carnival theme this year:

34th District Democrats Carnival and BBQ: Resist and Persist

Friday, August 11, 7-10PM

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and this year we're turning up the FUN! It'll be a family-friendly "Resist and Persist" themed Carnival complete with carnival games and BBQ from Pecos Pit. The event will be held at West Seattle's beautiful Dakota Place Park on California Avenue SW at SW Dakota Street. Admission is still \$50 for general admission, which includes your meal

and two drink tickets. This year you also have the option to purchase VIP tickets with an unlimited drinks wristband for \$75 per person.

Please help us make this year's event a big success so we can continue to elect strong Democrats to represent us in the 34th!

You can get your tickets NOW on our website here: <http://www.34dems.org/party/>

Note: this event is limited to 160 and tickets are ON SALE NOW so please join me in purchasing yours today!

In solidarity,

David Ginsberg
Chair, 34th District Democrats

Remembering Long-Time Member Alix Pye

Alexandra (Alix) Pye passed away peacefully on April 9, 2017 at Providence Mt. St. Vincent, her home since 2009.

She was born in Faribault, Minnesota, and the family moved to Seattle in 1953. Alix made Alki her home where she lived an active community life for 45 years. The Alki News Bulletin reported "Survey the crowd in some civic event in West Seattle and the chances are you'll spot Alexandra Pye. If there was something happening, Alki Community Council meetings or sweeping leaves off the Schmitz Park Bridge sidewalk, Alix Pye was there.

Alix was a graduate of Antioch College and the University of Minnesota's School of Social Work, and began working with the aging as the second director of Seattle's Hamilton House.

She went to Germany as a recreation support to the US Army's Special Services. In 1959 she returned to work with developmentally disabled residents at Seattle's Fircrest School. She also studied world religions. I went to every church I could," she said, to figure out what I really believed." Travel to 18 diverse countries, including a two year Peace Corps assignment in Fiji at age 55, widened, yet confirmed, her perspective about people, "We have the same needs - food, shelter, clothing and connection."



Alix was passionate on protecting and providing natural areas and community green spaces. She belonged to the Alki Community Council, and when the Port sought expansion in the neighborhood, she fought for shoreline public access and later, for an addition to Me-Kwa Mooks Park. Her long connection with the League of Women Voters honored her family's activism in woman's suffrage. Before elections, Alix walked the Alki Beach area, and in her later years, Alix walked the Alki Beach area, In her last years, she roamed the halls of Providence, Mt. St. Vincent registering or reminding people to vote. In 2000, she chaired the League of Women Voters' comprehensive report, "Keeping the Green in Seattle."

She was an avid gardener She studied botany when she was in her 70s, was a certified UCCE Master Gardener. She also tutored local school children.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County 1620 18th Ave, Suite 101 Seattle WA 98122 or Providence Mt. St. Vincent Inter-Generational Learning Center 4831 35th Ave.

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