



34th District Democrats

West Seattle, Burien , White Center, Vashon and Maury Islands ★ 34dems.org

Chairs Message for April

Together we gathered to choose a Democratic nominee for President of the United States. 12,000 strong! The votes for delegates were approximately 70% for Sanders and 30% for Clinton. Neighbors were engaged with each other and passions were strong. Not a single person was removed for being disagreeable. Not a single ID was checked in order to participate. There were cheers for candidates and no jeers at anyone. How different is this from a Trump rally?

All of this accomplished by volunteers! There is no way to thank each one personally. So many did so much. I don't want to leave anyone out, but here's a few names that really stand out! Ann Martin, Steve Butts, Ted Barker, Les Treall, March Twisdale, Carol Frillman, Karen Chilcutt, and each of the 14 area caucus coordinators. These folks really stepped up and spent hours in meetings working towards a successful caucus.

We saved for 3 years and spent it all on outreach, rent, and supplies at 14 locations. Thank you to all who have contributed approximately \$11,000. A lot for sure but less than a dollar a person was given. If you took a contribution envelope with you, please return it with what you can afford. We still have expenses this year and a legislative district caucus coming up! Make a contribution online here now. Any amount will help. We need your support to get out the 2016 vote –up and down the ballot. Can you make your contribution today?

The Legislative District Caucus is on Sunday April 17th at West Seattle High School at 1:00 p.m. Doors will open at Noon. We have partnered with the White Center and West Seattle Food Banks and ask you to bring a non-perishable food item that day. At this caucus, the precinct level delegates will likely choose 38 delegates and 19 Alternates to go to the State Convention (May 1st and the 7th Congressional District Caucus (May 21st). All delegates and alternates will be contacted with more information as soon as possible.

Our April 13th meeting will feature a candidate forum for Lieutenant Governor, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and State Auditor. We will also have a feedback session on the Precinct Caucus and a preview of the Legislative District Caucus.

Many Thanks,
Marcee Stone-Vekich

April 13, 2016

Meeting Notice

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

Program

Candidate Forum

Lieutenant Governor

Superintendent of

Public Instruction

State Auditor

**Feedback session on the
Precinct Caucuses and a
preview of the
Legislative District Caucus**

**Endorsements may be
Considered**

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Over 40 restaurants, breweries, and bakeries expected. Be one of the 600 in attendance on May 26th, 2016. Tickets on sale March 8th!

West Seattle Helpline's 11th Annual Taste of West Seattle will be held on Thursday, May 26 at 6:00 p.m. This is a very popular event and tickets sell out fast, so get your tickets soon. The VIP tickets have already sold out. General admission tickets are \$57.92 including a \$2.92 service fee, and include unlimited tastes and three drinks.

Food and drinks from 50 different restaurants, breweries, wineries, coffee shops, bakeries, chocolatiers, special food stores and more will be featured. There will be musical entertainment, the chance to win gift cards to participating food and drink establishments and other local business. There will be a photo booth, and competition for the titles of best taste, best pour and best sweet.

This is a 21 and over event. ALL IDs will be checked at the door.

West Seattle Helpline has been helping neighbors since 1989. The Clothesline provides three outfits (pants and shirt) new or gently used, shoes, every three months, and a coat once a year. The Helpline has provided over 70,000 in assistance to prevent evictions or shutoffs, and more than 10,000 for bus tickets .

34th District Bulletin Board

34th District Democrats Meetings

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

Executive Board

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.

Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House 7020 - 18th Ave SW

Other Meetings or Events

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Tuesday, April 5, 6:00 p.m.

Pizzeria 22, 4213 College St.

Evergreen Democratic Club

Wednesday, April 13 and 27, Noon - 1:30 pm

Plaza 600 Building, 205,600

Burien Drinking Liberally

Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.

Mark Restaurant 918 SW 152nd St
in Old Burien

West Seattle Democratic Women

Check westseattledemocraticwomen.org
for information

Metropolitan Democratic Club

April 13 and 20, 1:00 lunch meeting

Plaza 600 Building

September 18, Diamond Jubilee save the date!

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Ave N

Fundraiser for Joe McDermott for Congress

Sunday, April 24, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

7120 39th Ave SW

See Page 5 for More Information on this fundraiser

Town Hall Events That might be of interest to Democrats

350 Presents

Bill McKibbin

7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 4

Keeping Fossil Fuel

Underground

Great Hall

\$15 General Admission

\$5 discounted for students, activists,
those on a tight budget

Veterans for Peace Present:

War Is a Lie

Friday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

Downstairs

Free

Political sway of the New Working Class

April 18, 7:30 p.m.

Downstairs \$5

Amy Goodman

Inside "Democracy Now

May 6, 7:30 p.m.

Great Hall, \$5

Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

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The Final “Celebrating Our Roots Potato Festival”



Treasurer's Report

Newsletter deadline and bank communication problem doesn't allow for April 1 bank reconciliation; however, March 31, 2016 balance is \$9,948.89. Caucus donations and limited expenses are still coming in. A detailed report will be presented at the upcoming membership meeting.

If you intend and haven't yet sent your donation, please charge it via our 34dems.org website or mail it to 3a4th District Democrats, 6523 box 183 California Ave sw

Congressman Jim McDermott held a fundraising celebration of his Irish roots around St. Patrick's Day annually for many years. This year's festival was the last one. After 28 years of service to the 7th Congressional District, our “Congressman for Life”, Jim McDermott is retiring. His plan for retirement is to do all those things he didn't have time to do when he was in Congress.

**Please Join Lynn Ingalls & Mike Wald
and Ann & Tony Martin
In supporting**

**Joe McDermott's
Campaign for Congress**

**Sunday, April 24,
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**At the home of Lynne Ingalls & Mike Wald
7120 39th Ave SW**



**Suggested
Contribution Levels***
Enthusiast . . . \$500
Supporter \$150
Friend \$100
Guest \$ 50

***Contributions of any
amount are greatly appreciated**

**Please RSVP to Peter at 206-328-2969 or
events@joemcdermott.org
Contribute or RSVP online at www.JoeMcDermott.org**

In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting . . .

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m., just after the PCO caucus training. Most of those attending the training stayed for the meeting; that, along with the many candidates attending, made for a much larger crowd than usual.

In her Treasurer's report, Karen Chilcutt reported our beginning balance on February was \$25,315. We received \$1,767 in revenue, mostly from membership dues. Expenses were \$15,969, including \$10,561 for printing caucus materials.

Marcee asked for volunteers to help with the caucuses and for PCO volunteers.

Conor Bronsdon spoke about the Save SODO group and asked for volunteers to attend the City Council meeting to comment about the plan for a new basketball/hockey stadium.

In her Chair Report, Marcee said that she had trained nearly 100 people for the caucuses. We then watched a video of the democratic caucus process and how to become a delegate. Many of our members have been working behind the scenes to make the caucuses work smoothly. She thanked Steve Butts for his work on the caucus flyer.

We heard from several candidates: Erin Jones is running for Superintendent of Public Instruction. She is the first black woman to run for statewide office. David Keenan is running for King County Superior Court, Department 26, Judge Steve Rosen is running for King County Superior Court Department 33; Eric Newman is running for King County Superior Court, Department 44; Judge Johanna Bender is running for her current position, King County Superior Court, Department 21; John McHale, King County Superior Court, Department 43; Nicole Gaines Phelps, King County Superior Department 14. All the above candidates are running unopposed. Later in the meeting, Mike Heavey moved that we endorse all the judges in the above list. This passed unanimously.

Chris Langler moved that we endorse Tina Podlodowski who is running for Secretary of State. The motion and endorsement of Tina Podlodowski passed unanimously,

The following PCOs were appointed by the PCOs in attendance:

Leigh Harrison, SEA 34-1460

Anca Scaesteanu, SEA 34-1250

Regan Conley SEA 34-1435

Harriet Husbands, SEA 34-1478

This is an informal summary of the meeting; it is not the minutes.
The minutes are available on our website, 34dems.org.

Report from KCDCC Meeting of March 29, 2016

A recommendation from the Endorsements Committee brought forth the nomination and endorsement of Tina Podlodowski for Secretary of State.

The bulk of the meeting centered on introductory speeches from candidates. First up were candidates for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Robin Fleming, a school nurse, returned to school to obtain a PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the U of W, and is currently the health services program administrator at the OSPI.

Erin Jones, raised in The Netherlands, has 25 years in education as a teacher, the last three as the Assistant Superintendent of Student Achievement at OSPI. She would like to see only 4 hours of standardized testing per year.

Larry Seaquist, a retired US Naval Officer lives in Gig Harbor. He pointed to his electoral success running as a progressive in a red area. He wants to define the cost of our state's obligation to fully fund education and press for tax reform to fund it, without relying on local levies.

All three candidates are against charter schools and the current required amount of state and federal testing.

Representative Chris Reykdal, a State Rep. from Tumwater is also an OSPI candidate and was scheduled to speak, but needed to remain in Olympia to take final session votes.

Since the original meeting agenda was light, there was time to hear from candidates running for King County Superior Court positions: Johanna Bender (Dept. 28), Nicole Gaines-Phelps (Dept. 14), David Keenan (Dept. 26), John McHale (Dept. 43), Eric Newman (Dept. 44) and Steve Rosen (Dept. 33).

Committee Reports:

Finance: Jayson Morris, a PCO and Executive Board member in the 36 LD, has agreed to be the Treasurer for the KCDCC, and was elected to that position.

Outreach: The Teen Feed program will be losing the Rainier Beach location, which may be picked up by an area church. A Kinship Resource Fair will be held April 23 and the Rainier Beach Community Center for parents and relatives raising children, and it is hoped KCDCC will have a voter registration table there.

Elections: Volunteers are wanted to oversee the April 26 special election ballot processing.

LAC: The March meeting featured visits from 48th LD State Rep. Patty Kuderer and 5th LD State Rep. candidate Darcy Burner. The April meeting time and location is has not yet been announced.

New Business was an appeal from the group "Save SoDo", asking us to contact the Seattle City Council to ask that they vote not to prematurely vacate a portion of Occidental Ave. S. in anticipation of a possible basketball arena.

Submitted by Steve Butts King County Committeeman

Caucuses and Conventions

The state party estimates that a record number of Democrats attended their precinct caucuses in Washington: approximately 230,000. enthusiastic Democrats. Those elected as delegates or alternates will go on to the Legislative District Caucus and to the King County Convention

Legislative District Caucus and King County Convention

The 34th legislative district caucus will be held on Sunday, April 17 at 1:00 p.m. at West Seattle High School. Delegates to the Congressional District Caucuses and the State Convention will be elected.

The King County convention will be held on Sunday, May 1 at 1:00 p.m. Resolutions and Platform are discussed and approved at the convention.

The Congressional District Caucuses will be held on Saturday, May 21. Six women and six men from the 7th Congressional District will be elected to attend the national convention, and one presidential elector and one alternate.

The Washington State Convention will be held in Tacoma on Friday, June 17 to Sunday, June 19. The convention is always a lot of fun, and while you must be a delegate in order to vote, you do not have to be a delegate to attend. The remaining presidential electors will be elected, the state party platform will be adopted, resolutions addressed, and delegates to the national convention will be elected.



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