



34th District Democrats

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

Chair's Message for December

On this day after Thanksgiving, I feel thankful for the honor to have led the 34th District Democrats. Challenging and rewarding to be sure but the 34th Dems' work is far from done. Now, more than ever, we need to re-commit to fight actual evil poised to lead our country to ruin. Abuse of power in our nation is not new but the hubris of this newly-elected President is unparalleled and should challenge us to action. A stranger to truth and civil discourse, he can't be fought with resolutions or infernally slow process. We must challenge him door-to-door, neighbor-by-neighbor. We live in a blue district but we can make a difference in the 2018 Congressional and state house elections. What can you personally do to help local party organizations? Do you have the energy, the funds, or the time to engage? Did you help this year in the 41st or the 30th, where out-of-district volunteers really made a difference? If you didn't help, I hope that bubble you live in has permanently burst because the country can't afford you now. Recently, I've been contacted by many new folks who want to find out how they can help the local party. Each conversation, I've had to start from scratch. It takes more than one person. What can you do to help your neighbor, your district, your country? Show up. Just show up. Out of many, one.

My sincere thanks to everyone whoever did anything to help during my terms! You know who you are.

Please celebrate the season with the 34th Dems on December 14th at 6:30. Please bring a main dish, appetizer, or dessert to share. If you picked up a Navos Giving Tree card, please remember to bring your unwrapped item.

The last Drinking Liberally of 2016 is December 6th. Please join me at Pizzeria 22 in Admiral for conversation and great food and drink.

Marcee Stone-Vekich

Join us at our annual



Dec. 14, 2016
6:30pm

Please bring a main dish, appetizer or dessert to share.

At The Hall at Fautleroy
9131 California Ave SW
Across from the YMCA

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King County Democrats Reorganization Sunday, December 4, 12pm

Seattle Machinists Hall, 9125 15th Place S., Seattle

Every person elected as a PCO this past August is part of the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) for 2017-2018. If you have been elected as a PCO, it is extremely important that you plan to attend on December 4th, because you are the only person who may cast votes on behalf of your precinct at that meeting. We have nine countywide elected officer positions:

Chair

First Vice Chair

Second Vice Chair

Third Vice Chair

Fourth Vice Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

State Committee Member (must be a person identifying as male)

State Committee Member (must be a person identifying as female)

More information at www.kcdems.org/

34th Legislative District Reorganization Wednesday, January 11, 7pm

**Make plans to attend our January meeting as we select
the officers for the next 2 years.**

All 34th LD Democratic PCO's elected in 2016 will be voting for the following officers:

Chair

King County Committeewoman

First Vice Chair

King County Committeeman

Second Vice Chair

King County Committeewoman Alt.

State Committeewoman

King County Committeeman Alt.

State Committeeman

All members will vote for these officers:

Secretary

Treasurer

More information coming soon. Watch our website: www.34dems.org/

34th District Bulletin Board

34th District Democrats Meetings

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

Executive Board

No Executive Board meeting is scheduled for December.

Other Meetings or Events:

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Pizzeria 22, 4213 SW College St.
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6:00 p.m.

Evergreen Democratic Club

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St., Burien
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 11:30 a.m.

Metropolitan Democratic Club

Winter Holiday Party

Colman Mansion,
Home of Maryanne Tagney and
David Jones
9343 Fauntleroy Way SW
Sunday, Dec. 11, 5-8pm

Burien Drinking Liberally

No Meeting Scheduled for December

West Seattle Democratic Women Holiday Party

Luncheon and "White Donkey"
Gift exchange. Help prepare packets for
the White Center Food Bank

Thursday, Dec. 22 10:30

Check westseattledemocraticwomen.org
For information.

Town Hall Seattle events that may be of interest:

Can Rapid Rehousing Solve Seattle's Homelessness Crisis?

6:00PM, Thursday, December 8, 2016

Great Hall - Free

As the problem of homelessness in Seattle becomes ever more prevalent, debates over the best course of action are heating up. Seattle's newest plan involves Rapid Rehousing—rent subsidies that get people housed but only last a few months. Can this lead to long-term stability when rent is skyrocketing? How can our community address the root causes of housing instability? Join Solid Ground for a panel discussion, moderated by KUOW's Liz Jones.

Register at <https://townhallseattle.org/event/solid-ground/>

Seattle Human Rights Day

Jose Antonio Vargas

7:30PM, Thursday, December 8, 2016

Seattle First Baptist Church - Free

This event is to be held off site at Seattle First Baptist Church at 1111 Harvard Ave. Doors open at 6:30PM.

This Human Rights Day celebration puts a spotlight on local organizations and initiatives who are making waves in the community, and places them in context with broader issues happening in America. Program features journalist, filmmaker, and immigrants' rights activist Jose Antonio Vargas.

Register at: <https://townhallseattle.org/event/human-rights-day/>

A Workshop:

Transforming Pain, Fear and Anger to Action

Sunday, Dec. 4th, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Westside Unitarian Universalist, 7141 California Ave SW

With Donald Trump's victory, our country now faces extensive uncertainty as Trump moves to address his campaign promises which pitted communities against each other, setting the table for continued anger and possible violence going forward.

This event is to counter this negativity and help bring our community closer while providing tools to help us all get back to working together. This will be educational and participatory and will provide tools for transforming pain, fear and anger to action. This forum will be professionally facilitated and is being supported by multiple partnering organizations.

Please register for forum at:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2716318>

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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 January newsletter will be **Wednesday Dec 21.**

Mail to Steve Butts,
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or email to swbutts@comcast.net

Back to Work...

On a Nov. 15 conference call with Democratic National Committee members, Barack Obama gave Democrats a prescription for post-election hope: 10 or so days of moping, followed by grass-roots organization across the country.

“ *I want to say how proud I am of Hillary Clinton on a history-making race. We did not get the result we wanted, but we took a step, in shattering a barrier that's still there. And little girls and little boys are going to have a different sense of the possible thanks to her nomination and her candidacy.*

That doesn't mean we don't hurt, for what was an unexpected loss. Expected losses are hard enough. Unexpected ones are just worse. And that's okay. I was telling my team: You're allowed to mope for a week and a half—maybe two if you really need it. But after that, we have to brush ourselves off and get back to work.”

Remembering Sandy Trent 1937 - 2016



Long-time 34th District Democrat Sandy Trent passed away recently at age 79. She was an elected Democratic PCO for 28 years.

Originally from San Francisco, she fell in love with Seattle while stationed at Ft. Lawton in the Magnolia neighborhood while serving in the US Women's Army Corps and upon her retirement, she settled in Seattle. In addition to her involvement with the local Democratic Party, she also was a staunch Presbyterian and assumed numerous positions within the larger regional Presbyterian Church organization. Sandy also took on roles in various community organizations, and on the boards of several neighborhood agencies.

She is survived by her daughter, Joyce Williams, her son Ian Hagemann, and a host of other relatives.

Election Results

We are disappointed with the outcome of the Presidential election, but Washington State did its part. State-wide and locally we held our own. King County had a turnout rate of 81%, and 84% of voters in the 34th LD returned their ballots...well outpacing the nation. Below are the results of the 2016 general elec-

Federal Office

Patty Murray, U.S. Senator
Pramila Jayapal, U.S. Representative Dist. 7

State Office

Jay Inslee, Governor
Cyrus Habib, Lieutenant Governor
Kim Wyman, Washington Secretary of State
Duane Davidson, Washington State Treasurer
Pat McCarthy, State Auditor
Bob Ferguson, State Attorney General
Hilary Franz, Commissioner of Public Lands
Chris Reykdal, Supt. of Public Instruction
Mike Kreidler, Insurance Commissioner
Mary Yu, State Supreme Court Justice Pos. 1
Barbara Madsen, Supreme Court Justice Pos. 5
Charlie Wiggins, Supreme Court Justice Pos. 6

State Legislature

Eileen Cody, State Representative, Pos. 1
Joe Fitzgibbon, State Representative, Pos. 2

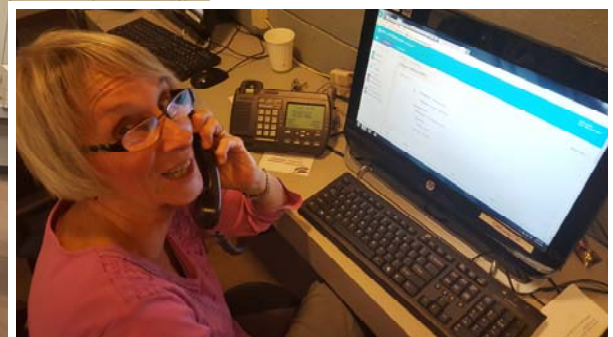
The 34th Democrats endorsed candidates and measures are highlighted in bold.

King County Court

Nicole Gaines-Phelps, Superior Court Pos. 14
David Keenan, Superior Court Pos. 26
Helen Halpert, Superior Court Pos. 31
Cathy Moore, Superior Court Pos. 44
Kristen Richardson, Superior Court Pos. 52
Mariane Spearman, Superior Court Pos. 53
Laurel Gibson, Southwest District Pos. 3
Lisa Paglisotti, West District Pos. 1
Gregg Hirakawa, West District Pos. 4

Measures

I-732 - Tax on Carbon- NO
I-735 - Overturn of Citizens United Decision - YES
I-1433 - Minimum Wage - YES
I-1491 - Extreme Protection Orders - YES
I-1464 concerns campaign finance laws and lobbyists.
I-1501 - Penalties for Crimes against Vulnerable Individuals - YES
Advisory Vote No. 14 - Repealed
Advisory Vote No. 15 - Repealed
SJR No. 8210 - Deadline for redistricting - Approved
Seattle I-124 - Hotel Workers Protections - YES
Sound Transit Prop. 1 - YES
Highline School District Bond Measure - YES



Here is a look at the phone bank operation at the Seattle Machinists Hall. Carol Zeigler (right) is using the predictive dialer program, calling across the state urging voters to return their ballots.

In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting . . .



Jason Chueng, who is half-Chinese, laments that the candidate endorsed by racists and Nazis is elected

The mood of the meeting was definitely mixed as we attempted to digest the outcome of the general election from the day before. The result of the presidential race was unexpected and many had yet to come to acceptance of a Trump administration and what form that would take. The Chair emphasized the need to gather and organize and, if necessary, take to the streets like hundreds did in Seattle, Portland, New York, Chicago and elsewhere today.

We toasted to our successes. We were reminded that we here in King County did our part, voting for Hillary Clinton by 72%. Here in the 34th district we distributed 7000 pieces of literature, and held many phone banks. Locally and State-wide, there were many successes for our endorsed candidates. Senator Nelson conveyed the message that Lisa Wellman won over incumbent Steve Litzow for State Senate for the 41st District. Two Democrats were also ahead in the 30th LD, a district that many of our members traveled to canvass and phone bank.

Dow Constantine, who was our vice chair in 1988, and swore at that time George HW Bush would not be elected president. And though he did win and it was painful, four years later we swept into office Patty Murray and Bill Clinton. He pointed to our numerous victories and was especially pleased that Sound Transit Proposition 1 passed overwhelmingly to continue the effort to create a regional transit system.

Other members gave thanks. Among them was Ann Martin, cheered by the passage of I-735, the effort to amend the US Constitution to overturn the Citizen's United decision and we join 18 other states in this goal.

Les Treall toasted to the fact we had a great election in Washington State, thanked those who worked hard in the 30th LD. Rep. Eileen Cody noted that we will have a majority of women in the State House Democratic Caucus for the first time. Sam Samanieg raised her glass to the West Seattle High School students for marching down California Avenue that day. A toast to the future of the party by Max Vekich and quoted JFK: "Don't get Angry. Get Even. Better yet, get elected."

The remainder of the meeting was given over to members that wished to express their concerns. David Ginsberg announced his candidacy for chair, citing concern for his daughter. Catherine Tlapak passionately urged the party to support the working class, a note that was also made by Chris Weiss. Ann Martin asked us to support organizations that will provide help to those most affected by Republican policies. Bill Shrier expressed concern that our organization has become too automatic in our support for raising taxes and to the economic affect that can have on our constituents.

Marcee Stone-Vekich spoke to the new Seattle Democracy Voucher program that will begin in 2017. Eligible Seattle residents will receive four paper certificates they can use to support participating Seattle City Council or Seattle City Attorney candidates. Two at-large city council members and the City Attorney are up for election in 2017.

New business involved voting on a resolution by Martha Koester supporting the Coalition to Build 1000 Homes by diverting the funding for a new police precinct building, so there is bonding capacity to support the construction of these homes. It was passed.



Mike Heavey cheers us up with a ray of hope:

"Only 1464 days until the next election."

KCDCC Meeting Report for Nov. 22, 2016

Robert Dickinson of the Sound Alliance (a coalition of labor, environmental and other organizations) has set up another coalition All In For Washington, dedicated to raising state revenue to fully fund education without sustaining cuts to other essential services. Their current efforts are devoted to enacting a capital gains tax (WA State is one of only nine states not to have one) which would apply to earnings over \$50K, with income from a sale of a primary residence exempted. The B&O tax is highly regressive, penalizing small businesses the most, as is the sales tax. See <http://www.allinforwa.org/> for more information.

Rich Erwin congratulated all of the people who helped with voter contact. We won two house seats in the 30th LD and a senate seat in the 41st LD, retained our senate seat in the 5th LD and came close in the house races. The KCDCC reorganization will take place on December 5th at the South Park Machinists Hall. Rich is running for reelection. He requested help for running the meetings which will be necessary to replace our legislators in the 43rd, the 37th and the 48th LDs.

Mary Wirta thanked all who participated in PCO and VoteBuilder use trainings this year, and brought some food to share in their honor.

The WSDCC reorganization will take place the last weekend of January. Ann Martin is running for her position again. Javier Valdez has stepped down after serving in this position for 16 years. Chad Lupkes of the 46th LD announced his intention to run for the position.

The Resolutions Committee presented a Resolution of Opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline and Resolution Supporting the Protection of Standing Rock Sioux

Lands. Both were passed, the latter with minor modifications.

The Elections Committee reported a big increase in the number of qualified elections observers. We now have 57, and still more people want to take the training that will be offered in January. There were more than a million ballots cast in King County this year.

The Legislative Action Committee sought approval by the body of its 2017 legislative agenda (available at <https://www.kcdems.org/tag/draft-2017-legislative-agenda/>). This embodies some changes from 2016, removing items that were passed as legislation with some additions. The agenda was approved with minor modification. Lobby Day will be over Presidents Day as usual. After the first of the year, the committee will submit an amended agenda with actual bill numbers attached.

The Finance Committee reported that we raised \$78K this year.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$6700, after candidate expenditures. These went over the \$25K limit due to last minute donations by the trial lawyers to support Justice Wiggins. A resolution to amend the approval process to deal with such emergencies in the future passed unanimously.

Under new business, it was proposed that we send a message to the Clinton campaign to challenge the vote count in MI, WI and PA. This passed unanimously.

Submitted by Martha Koester, KCDCC Female Representative

Martha Koester Named President of Health Care for All - Washington



Health Care for All-Washington (HCFA-WA) advocates for secure, affordable, and comprehensive health care coverage for all Washington residents implemented through a unified financing system.

HCFA-WA is committed to working with allies in a broad-based movement for social justice, including state-based universal healthcare coverage.

<http://www.healthcareforallwa.org/>

Treasurer's Report for November 2016

Balance as of October 27, 2016.....	\$ 3,904.59
Add Revenues	\$ 1,399.00
Less Expenses	\$ 932.50
Balance as of November 27, 2016	\$ 4,371.09



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\$34 is the actual cost per member of running the organization.

"If interested in paying your dues in monthly installments, contact the treasurer for more info."

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