

Chair’s Message for April

Winning by Not Losing

At the national level we are an opposition party, and will be for the next 3 years and 10 months. So we won't be able to achieve any of the things we'd like to. At the national level, we need to put our positive agenda for the nation on hold while we fight the rightwing extremists who have taken over our government using dark money from oligarchs who now believe the end of democracy is within their grasp. But, just as we did recently, we will prove them wrong.

Celebrating our victories

While I'm extremely confident we'll win in the end, we're going to lose many fights in the coming years. So many that we'll get good at losing (like Trump's nominees). But sometimes, on the most important fights - like saving the ACA - we will win. And when we do it's important that we celebrate our victories so that we can recharge and inspire each other to continue the fight. That's what we did Friday, March 24 at Dakota Place Park, where we gathered and celebrated victory over the Republican attack on our health care.



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April 12, 2017 Meeting Notice

The Hall at Fautleroy,
9131 California Ave SW

Across from the YMCA - Parking is available behind the Hall

Accessible by Metro “C” Line

6:30 - Potluck Social Time

7:00 - Meeting

Program:

Seattle City Council Position 8 Forum

Get to know and learn about the 10 Candidates seeking to fill this open seat, then we will be making endorsements.

Our Endorsement Rules can be found here:

<http://www.34dems.org/bylaws/>

9:00 - Adjournment

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KCDCC Meeting Report for March

We began with Public Announcements, in which Matt Cantor from the King County Young Democrats stated that they are working to help fill vacant PCO spots, and that they would like to have a King County Young Democrats representative from each LD.

Brandon Dotson from the 47th LD spoke next and shared that on April 12th, at Cedar Heights Middle School, there will be an event called “Dave Reichart Empty Chair Town Hall” with Dave Upthegrove from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. It is called “Empty Chair” as Dave Reichart refuses to host a town hall meeting.

Jin-Ah Kim shared that she went to the Korean Action Commission and learned that Korean Ballots received 80% return, Vietnamese came in third. This was the first time that the ballots were in Korean, and she was really excited to see how many voted.

Bailey Stober began the Chairs Report by apologizing that he has been unavailable due to pneumonia over the past few weeks. He stated that they had their leadership team meeting and it was good. He also said that he had good news from King County Labor Council, who sent a check for \$5,000 and will match that \$5,000 with another check next month. They were happy to donate and were glad to have a seat at the table with our party.

Marvin Rosete had a great idea asked to work on a project to get Larry Phillips to pass on annual Salmon Bake, which made \$32,000/year in the past. The Salmon Bake will be in June.

Member of the month, Brandon Dotson, has been helping with events and committee work and organized the town hall mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Bailey said that Brian Gunn and the 31st LD had doubled attendance during their most recent meetings. Also, they held two meetings last weekend and Brian found the perfect candidate who has military and police experience. They are excited to have some good candidates in the 31st this year. It was also announced that there is a strong democratic candidate running against Reichart, though he didn't provide the name.

The KCDCC talked about a group called Democrats of South King County, who approached the KCDCC about partnering as they have in the past. They picked 40 precincts that had 16-20% turn out and hired an organizer who knocked on doors and asked people to vote, then came back later and told them about their ballots, and then helped them with their ballots and reminded them to vote. When they compared numbers with vote builder, they found that turn out went up to 82%. Bailey will follow up with the group and figure out a way to partner with them and then present it to the membership at our next meeting.

2017 budget was proposed. A couple of people had concerns about the percentage of funds going to candidates being too low, but ultimately the budget passed.

The next two hours were spent with the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee going through their proposed Bylaws changes. Some were tabled for further discussion, while others were passed. Endorsement rules were also discussed and endorsement questionnaires were passed around to review. There were about 5 different questionnaires for different types of candidates and they were approved.

*Submitted by
Carrie Alexander, KCDCC Councilwoman*

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, April 19, 7:00 p.m.

Other Meetings or Events:

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

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

Evergreen Democratic Club

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St., Burien
Tuesday, April 11, 11:30 am

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
601 SW 153rd St.
Thursday, April 27, 6:30 pm

West Seattle Democratic Women

West Seattle Golf Course Banquet Room
Thursday, April 27, 10:30 - 11:15 am
Check www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org
For information

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 pm


New Location:

Teamsters Hall in Tukwila
14675 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, 98168

March for Resistance and Solidarity...

It's time for Donald Trump to show us his papers.

Henry M. Jackson
Federal Building,
915 2nd Ave.
April 15 at 10 am-1 pm



BlackLivesMatter: March On Seattle 2.0



Demand Donald J. Trump release his tax returns as we deserve to know if he is financially responsible.

Wear a Black Beanie-
Representing equal taxation of America and putting America Back in the Black -
And supporting people of color.

Westlake Park - Sat, April 15, 2-6 pm



Science is the best method we have for understanding the world.

Join the anti-alternative fact brigade and march to show your support this Earth Day.

Cal Anderson Park on Capitol Hill
Sat, April 22 at 10 am-1 pm

Treasurer's Report for April 2017 Newsletter	
Balance as of Feb. 28, 2017	\$ 14,762.47
Add Revenues.....	\$ 2,531.11
Less Expenses	\$ 3,289.67
Balance as of March 31, 2017.....	\$ 14,003.91

May Day Rally and March

Rally - 11 a.m., May 1.

at Judkins Park, 2150 S. Norman St.

then March at 1 p.m.

March with the Labor contingent.

Gather at the Washington State Labor Council office,
321 16th Ave. S at 1 p.m.

Contact Information and Committee Assignments for Our Legislators

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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 May newsletter will be Wednesday, April 26.

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

Les Treall Assumes the Role of Candidate Support Committee Chair for KC Democrats



Les Treall (right) with Marcee Stone-Vekich and Laurence Redman canvassing in the 30th

Les, our KCDCC Male Committee-man, has been organizing our participation in the 30th LD helping to elect Democrats to the state legislature for the past 3 years. Last year we were able to boot 2 incumbent Republican State Representatives.

Now he is taking this effort county-wide as the leader of KCDCC's Candidate Support effort. This year there are several important special elections that could effect the partisan make-up of both the State House, and Les needs our help. The campaign has begun in the 31st, 45th and 48th LDs as they identify potential Democratic voters in advance of the fall get-out-the-vote campaign.

The 34th will not have a contested state race in 2017, so please consider volunteering in another district to maintain our edge in the House and re-take the Senate.

Contact Les Treall:

kcdccm@34dems.org or 206-948-5423.

Help the 31st remove Senator Republican Phil Fortunato. Assist with virtual phone banking or door knocking.

Contact:

Brian Gunn at gunnbl@comcast.net or 253-334-8614.

The 45th LD has a State Senate special election and is looking for phone bankers, drivers, door knockers over the next few months. Contact:

Robin at robinba137@gmail.com or 425-753-1847.

To help the 48th retain Sen. Patty Kuderer and Rep. Vandana Slatter in their special elections, contact:

Peace Keenen at Wadempiece@gmail.com



In Case You Missed the Last Meeting...

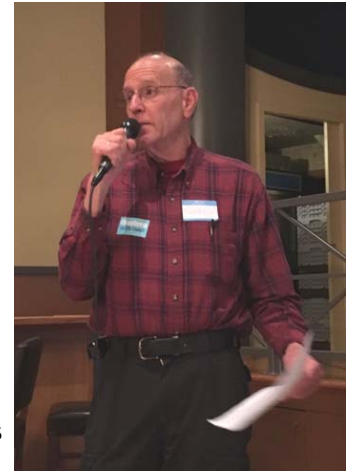
The program featured two important topics.

The first segment, presented by Robbie Stern of *Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action (PSARA)*, dealt with the threats to Social Security and Medicare. Robby spoke of the intergenerational significance of these entitlement programs and how they are under attack by the Republicans now in control of our government.

Some important facts:

- Pensions and retirement savings American households lag when compared to what they need to maintain their standard of living by the amount of \$7.7 trillion as of 2013,
- 47% of working-age families had nothing saved in retirement accounts, and the median working-age family had only \$5,000 saved, as of 2013
- One in three American families had no savings at all, and 56.3 percent of Americans had less than \$1,000 in their checking and savings accounts, as of 2015.

“Scrapping the Cap” on earnings subject to Social Security tax would solve these deficits. More information about PSARA can be found at <http://psara.org/>



Part two was delivered by **Velma Veloria**, former State Representative from the 11th LD, who gave us a presentation on International Trade Agreements and Human Trafficking.

Velma told us about her history with the issue of human trafficking, sharing stories of trafficking victims and drawing links between unintended consequences guest worker provisions in international trade agreements that have led to human trafficking, and how trafficking disproportionately impacts women, especially women of color.

Veloria authored and saw passed in 2003 a bill that makes human trafficking a crime in Washington State. Yet more remains to be done. She gave us several ways we can help, including encouraging our legislators to pass **SB 5029** and **SB 5030**.

We also received a update from **Mayor Ed Murray**, and **King County Sheriff John Urquhart** told us what he's doing in his role to resist having the department become an enforcement arm of federal immigration policy. Two candidates for Seattle City Council, **Teresa Mosqueda** and **Sheley Secrest** were on hand to speak to us as well.

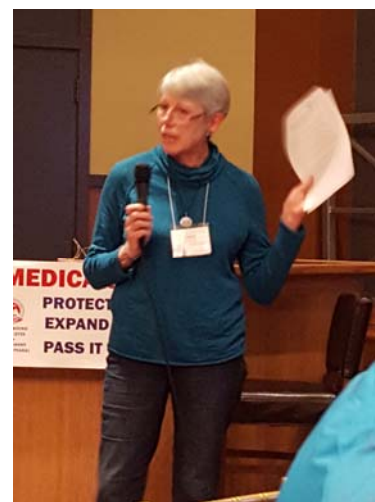
Four Resolutions were passed: Protecting Social Security and raising the cap, Supporting creation of a carbon tax to fund clean energy, Updating state carbon emission limits, and a resolution opposing attacks on our health care benefits. We also signed on to the WFSE letter in support of geographic cost of living considerations for state employees.



Lisa Plymate presents her health care resolution.



Grace Stiller has a resolution on greenhouse gas emission limits



Karen Richter asks us to support her resolution on protecting Social Security

PCO Training at Camp Long



PCOs learn doorbelling strategies



PCO Chair Brooks Salazar



David Ginsberg and Brooks set up Vote-Builder on the screen

A PCO training session was held on March 18 at Camp Long. Approximately 25 people attended...long-time and new PCOs, as well as others interested assuming the role. King County Executive Dow Constantine and KC Council Chair Joe McDermott relayed their experiences as PCOs and stressed the importance of grassroots activism and face-to-face engagement with our neighbors.

PCO Committee Chair Brooks Salazar laid out doorbelling tips and best approaches to voters. He reviewed the online VoteBuilder database that we will be using, and how we can sort voters into various categories for shaping our conversations as we canvass our precincts.

White Center Food Bank Leads Retire

34th Dems have been volunteering at the WC food bank for over ten years, and we have gotten to know and respect the staff.

The two managers announced at the beginning of the year that they would be retiring. The first was Director Rick Jump, a good friend of the 34th. He left in February, with plans to settle in the Olympia area. Then shortly after that, Audrey Zemke, the Operations Manager, said that she would be retiring as well. She remains in West Seattle.

While we will miss them, we wish them the best as they enjoy their well-earned retirement.



Rick Jump



Audrey Zemke

34th Dems Run (and Walk) in White Center



Saturday, March 25 was the date for the 5th annual White Center 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by the White Center Community Development Association. Six 34th Dems along with two family members (and one small dog) took part in the race, most opting to walk the route.

In addition to participating in the race, we also staffed an information booth.

Sean and Kate Riley (pictured at left) helped carry our banner. Sean is our Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair, while Kate is our new leader of the Hospitality Committee.

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The next fight we'll win if we continue to stand up and stick together: tax reform

The republican leadership had two major goals for this Congress: repeal the ACA and reform the tax code. Both are designed to give huge tax breaks to the wealthy oligarchs who fund the Republican Party, at the expense of the poor, the middle class, and democracy itself. The Republicans chose to use a budgetary procedure called reconciliation to pass their draconian agenda, because budget reconciliation allows them to avoid the possibility of a Democratic filibuster in the Senate. And they chose to repeal the ACA first because the budget resolution for the current fiscal year dictates that any reconciliation measure must reduce the deficit, which the Republican ACA repeal was designed to do. Republicans then could draft a new budget resolution for the upcoming fiscal year with easier deficit targets, allowing for more aggressive tax cuts. On March 24th, they saw their plans go up in flames. Any tax cuts for the super wealthy will now have to be smaller than they would if the measure had passed. And the political challenges the Republicans faced with the ACA repeal aren't going away any time soon. They have to deal not only with an American electorate that is against them, but with extremist factions within their own party that demand ideological purity that moderates can't stomach. On this fight, just as with the repeal fight we just won, if we stand up and stick together, we will win.

Coming up in April: Seattle City Council Position 8 Showdown in the Wild West

There are now 10 declared candidates for Seattle City Council Position 8. How do you choose from such a large field? We know the approach the Republicans took last year ended in national disaster. We also know that a candidate forum in which 10 candidates get equal time isn't necessarily effective in leading to a decision. So we're trying something different:

After brief introductory comments from each of the candidates they'll each draw a question at random and answer it, and after each has had a chance at answering one of our questions we're

going to let you choose which candidates you want to hear more from through a process of elimination. All of the ten candidates have enthusiastically said they'll be there.

Note:

If you have a question you'd like to hear the candidates answer please submit it to Chris Porter at wsdccb@34dems.org.

At the end of the evening we'll endorse one (or more) of the candidates. We want it to be fun, interesting, informative and valuable for our members and for the candidates alike. Hope to see you there!

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, you can click use the link below to pay your dues and renew your membership in time for the April meeting. If you weren't a member by the end of the last meeting you won't be eligible to vote at the April meeting but can join now to be eligible to vote at our big May endorsements meeting.

<http://www.34dems.org/contribute/>

In solidarity,

David

Become a PCO!

Precinct Committee Officers are the backbone of our party. Consider taking on this vital role as either an appointed or acting PCO.

Contact Brooks Salazar at:
pco@34dems.org

Check to see if your precinct is vacant:
www.34dems.org/get-active/pco/



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- \$34 Friend of the 34th
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- \$500 Underwriter

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