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Chair's Message for February

Get Involved in the Year of Resurgence!

Fellow 34th District Democrats,

As I said in my Chair's Message last month, 2018 will be a Year of Resurgence in the Democratic Party. While there are almost daily atrocities coming from the Trump Kleptocracy, it's important that we keep our eyes on the prize and build the strength of this organization, just as other local party organizations do the same thing. If we're successful, our collective strength will bubble up and retake Congress in November. Here are some of the opportunities to help build the 2018 Blue Wave right here in the 34th:

Become a PCO

First and foremost, we need PCOs to fill vacant positions - we currently have dozens of precincts without PCOs and we don't want to leave a single precinct behind in our efforts this year. PCOs are the lifeblood of the party and this is one of the most impactful things someone interested in making a difference can do. We'll be creating welcome packets for PCOs, improving our training (including how to build walk lists and how to get them to work with MiniVAN). You can learn more about what a PCO does and how to become a PCO on our website: www.34dems.org/get-active/pco/.

Become a PCO Area Coordinator

If you're already a PCO and would like to help enable other nearby PCOs you can step up to become a PCO Area Coordinator. We'll be recruiting PCO Area Coordinators throughout the district from Alki to Talequah. If you'd like to serve as a PCO Area Coordinator please contact PCO Chair Brooks Salazar: pco@34dems.org.

Join the Executive Board

People move, and we've had several executive board members move out of the district recently, leaving a number of very important roles open. The Executive Board meets monthly and serves as the steering committee for the 34th. Positions currently open include:

King County Committeewoman

The King County Committeewoman is one of our two elected roles to represent the 34th District Democrats on the King County Democrats Central Committee (KCDCC). Committee members have voting rights on the Central Committee. This is a great way to get involved at a higher

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February 14, 2018

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

Opening Ceremonies

Pledge of Allegiance

VIP Acknowledgements

Review and Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

Adoption of the Agenda

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Reports of Officers

Chair's Report

Membership and Treasurer's Report

Program

- Housing for All - Seattle's Homeless Crisis
- A Discussion of Safe Injection Sites

Unfinished Business

8:30 New Business

8:50 Good of the Order

Adjourn to Whiskey West

Renew or Become a Member at

34dems.org

www.34dems.org/contribute

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Executive Board

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KCDCC Report for January 25th 2018

Due to the recent government shutdown, Congressman Adam Smith was unable to appear at KCDCC tonight. His campaign chair spoke about the shutdown and stated that Adam voted against the budget deal.

Baily's Chairs Report – King County Dems have been super busy. There were 160 people at the Holiday party. Also, the 4th Vice Chair has resigned. Will begin the process to elect a new 4th Vice Chair next month.

Lobby Day is President's Day. Registration is up and live on the KCDCC website. \$20 carpools. Want a large group of people to go and they urge you to schedule meetings with your representatives. Questions regarding Lobby Day should go to the Legislative Action Committee (Chris Porter). The morning keynote speaker will be Cyrus Habib and Wagner's bakery will provide the food. There will soon be a video available for viewing that explains what Lobby Day is.

KCDCC is in the process of revamping the Progress Fund – lowest possible donation is \$3 per month.

Committee Reports:

- **Treasury PDC Report** \$17,000 in the bank now. \$111,000 raised in 2017.
- **Inclusion and Outreach** needs 3-5 volunteers for each event and need help with construction of a booth for events
- **Candidate Support Committee** – Candidate education, recruitment looking for more people to join the committee. See the KCDCC website for information.
- **Endorsements Committee** is working on rules for endorsements and new questionnaire for the 2018 election season.

Four Resolutions were presented:

- Resolution Opposing the Tacoma Liquefied Natural Gas Plant. It was Passed Unanimously.
- Resolution Urging our US Senators to Co-Sponsor S1804, Single Payer Health Care. It passed Unanimously.
- Resolution to "Repeal and Replace I-200: Diversity Resolution". The Resolution was tabled due to lack of information on its origin.
- Resolution to Ban Source-of-Income Discrimination in Rental Housing was also passed.

A Legislative Agenda was created for use on Lobby Day. It outlines our values as a party and urges State congress members to approve certain bills before them. This agenda will be available on the KCDCC website.

A Code Of Conduct was passed for King County Democrats. These rules will only apply to the King County organization, not to the individual LD's.

Submitted by Carrie Alexander, KCDCC Committeewoman

2018 WA State Democrats Crab Feed

4:00pm Sunday, February 25th

at the McGavick Conference Center at Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood.

Enjoy a locally-sourced seafood buffet, live music and a speaking program featuring some of our top elected Democrats. Prior to the Crab Feed there will also be an Organizing Academy as part of their Grassroots Forum.



Learn more about the event and sign up here:

<https://www.wa-democrats.org/form/3895194123322263296>

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, February 21, 7:00 p.m.

Other Meetings or Events:

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Pizzeria 22, 4213 SW College St.
Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00 pm

Evergreen Democratic Club

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St., Burien
Tuesday, February 13, 11:30 am

Metropolitan Democratic Club

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

Burien Drinking Liberally

Angelo's Italian Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St.
New Day - Wednesday February 28, 6:30 pm

West Seattle Democratic Women

West Seattle YMCA's Rotary Room, 3622 SW
Snoqualmie St.
Check www.westseattledemocraticwomen.org
For information

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

Teamsters Hall in Tukwila
14675 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila, 98168
Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 pm

King County Democrats 2018 LOBBY DAY

President's Day February 19, 9:00 AM

WA State Labor Council • 906 Columbia St. SW, Olympia

Join Democrats of the 34th and from King County for a day of discussion, updates on OUR 2018 legislative agenda items and a chance to interact with your representatives. This is a way to make your voice heard on the issues that matter most to you at a critical point in the session.

The initial program will run from 9am to 1pm. at the Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO office 906 Columbia St. SW, a couple of blocks north of the Capitol Campus. Meet your lawmakers after 1pm. Estimated end time is 4pm.

Please register below. You will receive follow-up info a more detailed agenda and lunch options later.

Transportation can be facilitated for those who need help getting to and from Olympia. **If you have any immediate questions, please email natalia@kcdems.org**

Register at:

https://actionnetwork.org/ticketed_events/lobby-day-2018

Host Contact Info: info@kcdems.org



PSARA House Concert With "Rebel Voices"

Saturday Feb. 17th at
2:00pm.

You'll love this fundraising concert! Support **Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action** by listening to "Rebel Voices", featuring Janet Stecher and Susan Lewis.

Their songs focus on the struggles and triumphs of real people - workers from many lands and times. Hear the voices of today's rebels: union activists, gays and lesbians, pro-choice advocates, environmental activists, persons with disabilities and those who are frequently voiceless: children, immigrants & political prisoners.

Beer, wine and finger food is provided. It's a give-what-you-can fundraiser...checks to **PSARA**,. Cash donations also accepted.

At the home of Robby Stern and Dina Bernstein. Limit is 40, so reserve soon.

**Contact: organizer@psara.org
or call Mike Andrew at 206-261-8110 before February 14th.**

2018 Senior Lobby Day

by Washington State Senior Citizens' Foundation

**Thursday Feb. 22, 2018, 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM
at United Churches, 110 11th Ave SE, Olympia**

Speakers and panel discussions on issues such as the Health Care, Budget, Revenue, Long Term Care Support and Services, and Retirement and Pensions. Governor Jay Inslee has been invited to speak. WA State Legislators have been invited.

More info at WA State Senior Citizens' Foundation
<http://www.waseniorlobby.org/>

Tickets at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-senior-lobby-day-tickets-40926132163>

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 March newsletter will be Thursday March 1.

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

Save the Date For the

2018 34th District Democratic Caucus

Saturday March 24, 10am - 1pm

At Evergreen High School, 830 SW 116th St.

Join us to elect delegates to the state convention and hear from candidates for office, including 34th LD state House and Senate seats.

In accordance with the charter of the Democratic Party of Washington State, every two years the party holds a State Convention where the party platform and rules are adopted. Those decisions are voted on democratically, by delegates elected at Local Party Organizations throughout the state.

The 34th District Democrats have been allocated 14 delegate slots to fill, along with 7 alternates.

The State Convention will be June 16, in Wenatchee.

Eligibility to Vote, Participate, Run or Be Elected Delegate:

To vote at the Caucus an individual must be a resident, registered voter in the 34th Legislative District, and sign a registration sheet stating that they are a Democrat, and agree to recordation of and public display of their attendance at the Caucus. Further, 17 year-olds who will turn 18 by election day, November 6, 2018, are allowed (and encouraged!) to fully participate and vote in the caucuses and conventions, and to run and serve as delegate.

Caucuses are a great way to dip your toe into Democratic Party activism. As an all-volunteer, grassroots organization, we love to see fresh faces, to hear diverse perspectives, and we can always use more helping hands.

More Information available at:

www.34dems.org/caucus



Holly Fulk and Anna Swartz are here to help Treasurer Gina Topp to collect your new membership or renewal contributions.

In Case You Missed Our January Meeting...

At our first monthly meeting of 2018 we hosted State Chair **Tina Podlodowski**, who briefed us on the activities the state party pursued in 2017, and what to expect as we are heading into the mid-term elections. She told us that Washington State and the West Coast can “right the wrongs of 2016”. She is hopeful going into 2018 and feels that we are in a good position to win races in the 5th and 8th CDs and maybe even the 3rd...possibly the 4th as well.



State Chair Tina Podlodowski

She wants to build a bench by competing in “every race in every place” with diverse candidates. Goals center around issues of wages, health care, education and apprenticeships, affordable housing and dignified retirement.

She said that it is important that we continue to maintain our “Holy Trinity”, that being control of both the State House and Senate in addition to the Governor’s office. Conservatives are perilously close to getting enough state governments to call for a 2nd constitutional convention, with one of the purposes being to require a Federal balanced budget.

For the first time, the DNC is sending money to the states. Washington is getting \$10,000 a month. This money helped hire an organizer and provide data support in the 45th last year. Podlodowski is seeking to increase the state party’s staff of organizers, currently there are three, but she is trying for 10. She has recently announced that four more will be added for such areas as the 31st, 47th and the 30th LDs. And one to work in Eastern Washington, where in Spokane an organizing and campaign workshop drew a great turnout: “People are pumped up in Eastern Washington”.

The “Summer of Canvass” campaign will help clean up Votebuilder. Democrats are also going to mirror the efforts of Republicans in using social media to better rank voters.

Last summer the party tested techniques in the 7th LD in the northeastern part of the state. They focused on Door-belling, texting (voter turnout increased 28% in Pend Oreille County by this means), and events to bring Democrats together. 4x8 foot signs are also part of a good rural strategy. A greater proportion of “Dem Leaners” turned out in the 7th than did in the 45th in 2017.

It is important to “Move the needle”. Since the 7th LD is within the 5th CD, 38% Democratic voter percentage is the goal to take back the seat from Cathy McMorris-Rogers.

The goals for 2018

- Reelect Maria Cantwell. She doesn’t have an opponent yet, and that hurts fundraising.
- Reelect our Representatives.
- Make inroads in Republican districts. Seattle LDs are asked to adopt Red LDs in the 8th CD.
- Maintain our control of the State House and Senate. Republicans are shooting to take the house, LDs such as the 34th must help against that and to turn Republican seats.



Dave Gamrath asks a question based on thoughts from the book “Dark Money”.

We also heard from WA Supreme Court Justice **Sheryl Gordon McCloud** as she spoke to her reelection bid. She emphasized her independence and her support for constitutional and individual rights.

Bill Tracey, Commissioner on the SW Suburban Sewer Board invited us to an open house for their new facilities on March 1. City Councilmember **Lisa Herbold** rose to thank us for considering a resolution that would state our core Democratic values as plans for an infrastructure plan is to be considered in the US Congress. She fears that it will strip away environmental and labor protections. This resolution was later presented by **Ann Martin**, and was passed. **Joe McDermott** spoke to the importance of MLK Day. He also announced an opportunity to serve on a stakeholders advisory group that is forming to help plan transit options for West Seattle.

Our State Committee Woman **Lisa Plymate** announced that she is stepping down due to a health issue. She wants our voice to be continued to be heard via a strong and energetic person. **Ann Martin** was nominated and elected to fill the role. Ann has served on the State Committee in the past, as the female representative from the King County Democrats.

Bruce Stotler received recognition for his offer to the City of Seattle to sell his home for inclusion as part of Schmitz Park.



Keith Weir answers labor questions about the infrastructure resolution that was before us.

Member Letter - We Win When We Respect Organized Labor

Even though we have had some political victories in these last elections — due in part to a general revulsion to the man-child in the Whitehouse — I don't think it's time for Democrats to be moon walking in the end zone. I don't often agree with Steve Bannon, but one statement he made was to the effect that if Democrats kept pushing identity politics and Republicans keep pushing economic nationalism "we will win". I don't celebrate diversity for its own sake, but celebrate the fact that we elect diverse candidates that best represent what voters value.

Here in Burien we managed to elect four candidates in a divisive, bitter election which featured attempts by outside groups to capitalize on Trump-era appeals to white “victimhood” and anti-immigrant sentiment. That two women and two Latino men won was less about background or biology than the fact that they represented our ideals of fairness and common sense. We prevailed because the voter wasn't going target his neighbor or let outsiders prejudice his opinion.

Our victory was made possible in no small part by the energy and resources that organized labor supplied to this campaign. This brings me to the second part of why I think Steve Bannon has a point.

The Democrats around the time of the Clintons walked away from their traditional blue collar supporters in favor of the more affluent white collar professional class with the cynical assumption: “Where else does labor have to go? We can always take their support for granted.” This is documented by the journalist and historian Thomas Frank in his book "Listen Liberal" as well as my own experience.

What choice does labor have, where can they go? Well they found a place as the Republicans weaned them away with a faux populist message assisted by Fox News and fed them a sense of victimhood as NAFTA undercut Unions and outsourced their middle class jobs to other countries. Even though this started under Reagan it accelerated under President Clinton.

The labor movement, like all social justice movements such as the farm workers' strikes and civil rights struggle, was able to leverage the public's sense of fair play and empathy. Now blue collar labor seems to be viewed generally as low-paid high school dropouts stuck in dead end jobs.

Unionized labor seems to have fallen out of favor with a certain segment of the Democratic Party. Last year emboldened by the election of Trump, the Republicans in this state, pushed by the Freedom Foundation, attempted to make Washington a right-to-work state. They had open hearings in Olympia and 1000 hard hat workers showed up, many foregoing a day's pay. I rode down with a rep. from my local Piledrivers196. Every Union trade was there: Electricians, Carpenters, Laborers, Operators, Piledrivers. The crowd there was more diverse than our 34th Democrats meetings. Absent were our elected Democrats, or maybe I just missed them.

I started writing this before I had a chance to listen Tina Podlodowski. She was a breath of fresh air; one who talks bluntly and analytically about the problems facing Democrats, in this state and nationally. She is somebody who understands that people need a reason to vote for Democrats. We didn't have to listen to all the tired platitudes about representing progressive values or whatever. Someone should make a big sign saying:

"IF YOU DON'T WIN, YOU DON'T GOVERN"

Submitted by Chris Weiss, PCO for Bu1032



Jimmy Matta Selected as Burien Mayor

On January 22 Jimmy Matta, one of the candidates on our endorsed slate of “Fantastic Four” in the Burien City Council races last year, was chosen by fellow council members to serve as Burien City Mayor. Matta will serve a two-year term as mayor. 34th Democrats member Austin Bell was chosen as Deputy Mayor and will serve for one year.

Matta grew up in Central Washington and worked as a farm-worker before becoming a carpenter, then a labor organizer. He will be the city's first Latino mayor...a fitting conclusion to a divisive campaign that brought outside anti-immigrant sentiments and money into the Burien's 2017 election.

Photo by Jon Shields

...Chair's January Message, cont'd from page 1

level in the Democratic Party while representing the 34th District. This holder of this position is an elected officer of the 34th District Democrats, and voting for candidates for this role is limited to PCOs. You can learn more about KCDCC on their website here: www.kcdems.org

Digital Communications Committee Chair

The Digital Communications Committee uses technology like Facebook, Facebook Live, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram and the 34th Dems website to interact with the larger community, disseminating information about upcoming events and engaging activists to volunteer and get involved. This position is appointed by the Chair and confirmed by a vote of the membership. All members in good standing (e.g., who have paid their 2018 dues) may vote. You can learn more about the Digital Communications Committee on our website here: www.34dems.org/our-executive-board/digital-communications-committee/

Finance Committee Chair

The Finance Committee provides financial oversight for the organization. This includes budgeting and financial planning, as well as the creation and monitoring of internal controls and accountability policies. Duties of the Finance Committee include: Budgeting and Financial Planning, reporting and Internal Controls and Accountability Policies. This position is appointed by the Chair and confirmed by a vote of the membership. All members in good standing (e.g., who have paid their 2018 dues) may vote. You can learn more about the Finance Committee on our website here: www.34dems.org/our-executive-board/finances-committee/

Events Committee Chair

The Events Committee plans, organizes and puts on our events, and works with the Fundraising Committee on our biggest event: the 34th District Democrats Auction. Among the events the 34th typically hosts are an Earth Day fundraiser in April, the Auction in August, our Picnic in September and the Holiday Party in December, as well as trainings, phone banks and letter-writing parties. If you've got event planning skills this is a great way to make a visible contribution to the district. You can learn more about the Events

Committee on our website here: www.34dems.org/our-executive-board/events-committee/

Technology Committee Chair

The Technology Committee works to enable the goals of the district through technology. This includes building tools like our PCO Lookup Tool, as well as coming up with ways to empower our PCOs using data and data visualization. Work on this committee tends to be as necessary, and the Web Editor is an automatic member of this committee. We don't have information about this committee on our website yet (it will be up to the new Technology Committee Chair to write that description).

If you're interested in any of the Committee Chair roles, please send an email to chair@34dems.org.

Renew Your Membership

We will be voting on these roles as well as on endorsements and resolutions, and voting is only open to PCOs and members in good standing. Our treasurer tells us that it costs about \$120 per person per year to run the organization, so we recommend joining/renewing at the monthly contribution level of \$10. You can renew your membership in the 34th District Democrats today by clicking here: www.34dems.org/contribute/

We're looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on February 14th!

In solidarity,

David

David Ginsberg,
Chair, 34th District Democrats

| Treasurer's Report for February Newsletter | |
|---|--------------|
| Balance as of December 29, 2017 | \$ 22,101.94 |
| Add Revenues | \$ 5,799.95 |
| Less Expenses | \$ 692.59 |
| Balance as of February 2, 2018..... | \$ 27,209.30 |



Now that the Republicans in Congress have pushed through their budget-busting tax cut plan, their next step will be to assault our social safety net and the earned entitlements that our seniors depend upon.

Member Karen Richter, an officer for **Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action** suggested this short video: "The Fight Ahead", in which Robert Reich explains why we need to protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

<https://youtu.be/Ti74bDmqvZs>





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