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Chair's Message for November

Left, Right and Wrong

In less than 2 years this Republican administration has attempted a Muslim ban, the Republican president refused to condemn Nazi violence, consistently calls our free press - a fundamental pillar of a free and open democracy - an enemy of the people, and repeatedly claims that Democrats hate America and want to destroy it. He insults and alienates our allies while cozying up to autocrats and despots. He made a sport a woman whose lasting memory of the trauma she suffered is the laughter of the perpetrators, including watching one of them ascend to the highest court in the land. He seeks to undo the 14th Amendment guarantee of birthright citizenship by executive order, to erase trans people, to disenfranchise people of color, to silence any and all opposition, and almost daily to use immigrants as scapegoats for dangers that exist only in his deranged psyche.

Over this period, the Washington Post reports that the Republican president has gone from telling an average of 8 lies a day in the first months of his presidency to more than 30 lies per day in the past 7 weeks. In recent weeks it seems no lie is a lie too far for the Republican president and his party. As a caravan of refugees seeking asylum from a situation visited upon them by decades of Republican interventionist policies in Central America, he made the absurd claim that Democrats were somehow funding this caravan, in yet another lie bordering on insanity, had also claimed had been miraculously infiltrated by Middle Eastern terrorists.

Last week we saw the results of these constant lies, when several of his gullible supporters, believing every lie he'd told them, took it upon themselves to commit acts of murderous terrorism against innocent people who happened to look different, worship different, or God forbid - criticize the Republican president by telling and reporting the truth.

A recent poll by Huffington Post/YouGov found that 80% of American voters are concerned that incivility in our politics will lead to more violence. Unsurprisingly, 92% of Democrats polled shared this view.

This vile and dangerous incivility is spreading throughout American society, including here in Washington where Spokane area representative Matt Shea has this week found himself under investigation for a manifesto he penned describing how to kill non-believers, gays and others he doesn't like. And we're not immune even here in the 34th. During the campaign for Burien City Council last year we saw despicable acts - many of them funded and

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November 14, 2018 Meeting Notice

The Hall at Fauntleroy, 9131 California Ave SW

Across from the YMCA - Parking behind the Hall Accessible by Metro "C" Line

6:30 Potluck Social Time

7:00 Call to Order

Opening Ceremonies

Review and Approval of the Minutes and Agenda

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Chair's Report

Membership and Treasurer's Report

7:15 Program Items

Post-election Wrap-Up

Reorganization

PCO Censure Resolution

I-1000 Resolution

Discussion of Membership Dues Levels

Presentation of Executive Board roles

8:50 Good of the Order

9:00 Adjourn to Whiskey West

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KCDCC Meeting Notes for October 30, 2018

In the Chairs opening remarks, we learned that Allison Taylor, Chair of the 30th LD Democrats, is still at Harborview Hospital from wounds suffered in a domestic violence incident on October 7. She apparently needs another surgery and her spirits are waning. Please keep her in your thoughts and here is a link to a "Go Fund Me" page for her,

<https://www.gofundme.com/move-allison-and-sam?fbclid=IwAR20qpM3pRZamYr17EhM8u8cYsiDXdozdRNCUS89Zo6Oisc5DUo4pJMly84#>

There was a treasurer's report. Currently negative \$10,269, due to a long term obligation of \$24,070. Currently, there is \$13.3K in the bank. They are working hard to fundraise and a \$500 change was made to the budget to pay for refreshments for the Holiday Party fundraiser.

The Holiday Party will be at the Aerospace Machinist's Hall in South Park on December 9th at 4PM.

There were 3 committee Reports:

Endorsements are planning to meet on November 17th, to review the bylaws as they apply to endorsements, so they can make recommendations to the new board next year. The meeting location is to be announced soon.

Candidate Support Committee has several GOTV events between now and the election. All will be completed by November 3.

Training held a PCO training in Lake Forest Park in October. They are planning others for next year and have divided the county into 3 regions, East, South and West and have coordinators in each to run PCO trainings in them.

They are working on a candidate training for early next year to be run by Dylan Cate from WA State Democrats. Time and location TBD.

The reorganization meeting will be held on December 1st. There was a long discussion on the proposed rules for the reorg meeting. Several items (mainly related to new definitions of gender) were flagged and then discussed, with changes voted on to be made to the rules. The major significant change was a proposal to elect the state committeepersons on a single ballot.

Submitted by Les Treall and Martha Koester, KCDCC Committeepersons

Become more active in the 34th! **Become a Committee Chair**

Help is still needed for Hospitality duties and signing in members at our meetings. Both the Hospitality and Membership committee chairs are currently open. Consider taking on or assisting with one of these roles.

These positions will need to be filled for next year as we reorganize in January. Other committee chairs could also be open. Get involved and help make the 34th District Democrats a strong organization!

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, November 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
Please note new start time:
Tuesday, November 13, 12pm

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.

Special Holiday Date:

Wednesday December 5, 6:30 pm

West Seattle Democratic Women

Contact Rachel Glass at werdachel@aol.com
For more information regarding the next meeting

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting

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



34th District Democratic Volunteers have completed enough cleanup parties over the past two years to qualify for a street sign recognizing our efforts on 16th Ave SW. Look for it soon facing south on the corner of 16th Ave at SW Henderson Street.

Join the next work party this coming spring!

The 34th District Democrats can make the holidays brighter for children, youth, and adults in our community by participating in the **NAVOS Holiday Gift Card Drive**

Joy Pakulak will be bringing card requests to our November meeting. See her to help this cause!



Navos' Holiday Gift Card Drive provides low-income clients and families with gift cards during the winter holiday season.

While gift giving can be a positive and impactful gesture, there is an issue around the dual relationship between the therapist and client, and this interferes with the professional role of the therapist in our Outpatient Program. To honor this important therapeutic relationship, we seek out gift cards from caring community members like you so that our Outpatient clients can shop for their own needs; this is both an empowering and uplifting experience for our clients.



Annual 39th Birthday

Tuesday, November 13 | 5:30PM
Kells Irish Pub • 1916 Post Alley, Seattle

Ticket Levels:

I want to help. \$57
I really want to help. \$100
Seriously... \$250
List me as a sponsor! \$500
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RSVP online at www.DowConstantine.com/birthday18

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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 December newsletter will be Thursday November 29, 2018.

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

In Case You Missed Our October Meeting...



Chair David Ginsberg gives his Chair's message

In his opening message, Chair David Ginsberg reminded us that the election was only 26 days away. He said that the 2016 was the most "important" election in our lives in its effect...and this year we have the chance to start to correct for it. We need to get out and talk to people face to face, as this method of communication is our most important tool. Phoning, emailing and texting are also good means of getting people to vote but canvassing is the most effective activity we can do. Don't give headlines and polls undue attention.



PCO Chair Brooks Salazar talks about canvassing in the 34th for the November 6 election.

PCO Committee Chair Brooks Salazar brought walking lists for our Precinct Committee Officers and others to canvass the district, along with our "sample ballot" that lists our endorsed candidates.

We were encouraged to use the smart phone app "Minivan" to upload information directly from the field as we doorbell to

grade voters.



An organizer for I-1631 asks for our help.

An organizer for the YES on I-1631 spoke to us and encouraged us to sign up to help their canvassing campaign. They have a goal of knocking 90,000 doors before the election. She said that support for I-1631 had grown to over 400 businesses and organizations, and that Bill Gates had just announced his approval and contribution the day before.

A good portion of the meeting involved the presentation of recommendations put together by an ad hoc committee tasked with examining our current

membership dues structure and levels. Michael Taylor-Judd walked us through the proposal and led the active discussion that followed.

We were told that the current dues level of the basic \$34 a year, the “Friend of the 34th” level that many members pay, was insufficient. If all members paid at that amount it would not allow us to do the activities and donations we usually do - \$34 only covers our monthly meeting expenses, at our typical annual membership count.

Committee Recommendation:
Make dues reflect actual expenses

Monthly payment:	Single payment:
\$___ Choose Your Support	\$___ Choose Your Support
\$15 Sustaining	\$180 Sustaining
\$34 Friend of the 34 th	\$400 Friend of the 34 th
\$50 Benefactor	\$600 Benefactor
\$100 Hero	\$1200 Hero

Involvement: www.wselectioncenter.com/

Suggested categories of future membership levels.

An analysis done by the Executive Board has determined that the cost per member was more like \$180 a year. While many members have been paying more than \$34, there is no set dues amount, and we have always allowed anyone to join at whatever they can afford. The upshot is that we have been over-reliant on large donations from a few individuals who make up the deficit.

The new recommendations also included an appeal for members to donate monthly via credit card. A new dues scheme was presented with 4 monthly levels ranging from \$15 to \$100. Alternatively 4 levels for one-time donations of corresponding values could also be made. There would also be an option for “other” dollar amounts of any value, one-time or monthly.



Michael Taylor-Judd leads the discussion of new membership donation categories.

There was discussion. Some members thought that the new levels were too high. There was concern about the face the new dues publication would project to the broader community. It was asked whether there were people on fixed incomes and persons of color on the committee. Should we do

a study of other district organizations? A new member, having just signed up that evening, remarked that the minimal “Living Lightly” level of 3 dollars made her comfortable as she was currently unemployed...the higher levels might have discouraged her.

Throughout the debate and questions from members it was stressed that there would be no financial barrier to joining the 34th District Democrats, and that people could easily use the “Other” donation level to become a member at their most comfortable amount. It was generally felt that messaging would be a key to not turning folks off. The discussion was tabled and the dues issue was to be revisited and revised by the committee.



Art Chippendale takes part in the discussion of proposed changes to our membership dues levels.

We were told that we had \$1000 we could donate to campaigns. It was determined that we are unable to donate to candidates outside of our district, so the amount went to the ballot initiatives. Motions were made. We gave \$500 to I-1631, and then \$100 to I-1639. The remaining \$400 was split between I-1639, I-940, and Seattle Prop 1.



Tai Yang-Abreu live-streaming our October meeting to Facebook.

The meeting concluded with a period during which members were allowed to speak of their remembrances of Jackie Dupras, our late friend and the “soul” of the 34th to many. Ivan Weiss, Steve Butts and Joe McDermott were among those who jointed Jackie’s husband Ed to speak.

Photos by Jon Shields

Resolution in support of signature gathering for Initiative 1000 by the 34th District Democrats of the State of Washington

WHEREAS, America's greatest strength is our diversity, an asset which sets our country apart from any other nation in the world; and

WHEREAS, according to Washington state's Office of Financial Management (OFM), as of 2017, Washington 7.3 million population was 50% women and over 30% people of color; and

WHEREAS, 20 years ago on November 3, 1998, Washington State passed Initiative 200, sponsored by right-wing conservatives Tim Eyman and John Carlson, which banned the use of race and gender in Affirmative Action programs in public education, public contracting and public employment; and

WHEREAS, since 1998, numerous studies have documented Washington's severe education, employment and public contracting disparities, particularly for women and people of color; and

WHEREAS, Washington's Office of Women and Minority Business Enterprises has reported that since the passage of I-200, state spending with certified minority and woman-owned businesses has dropped from 10% to 3%, causing a devastating \$3.8 billion dollar 20 year loss to small, minority and women-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, the People of Washington State have consistently shown overwhelming support for voting to repeal I-200 and restore Affirmative Action in Washington State law to prevent discrimination against women, honorably discharged veterans, the disabled and minorities in public education, public contracting and public employment; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1000 would create a Governor's Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; redefine Affirmative Action without quotas and preferential treatment; and expand the military veterans covered under Affirmative Action beyond Vietnam era and disabled veterans to now include all honorably discharged veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the 34th District Democrats support the Initiative 1000 signature gathering campaign and urge all 34th District Democrats to sign and, if it qualifies for the ballot, vote for I-1000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the 34th District Democrat's urge the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDDC) to support signature gathering for I-1000; and

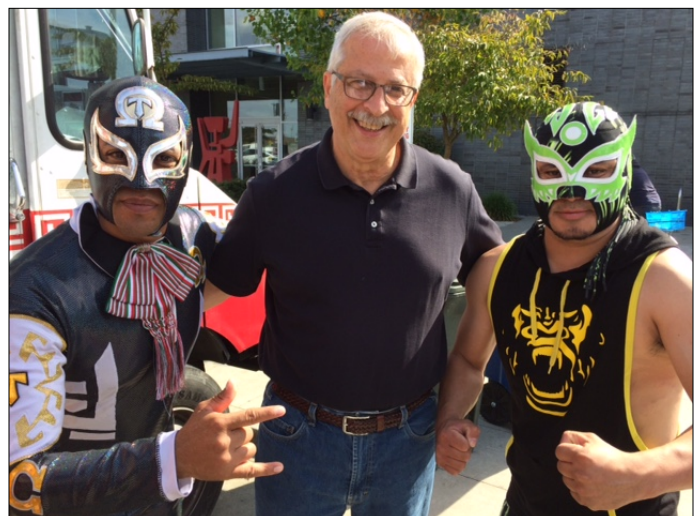
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT: we urge all legislative and congressional candidates endorsed by the 34TH Legislative District to endorse, sign and if it qualify for the ballot, vote for I-1000.

Signed by _____ David Ginsberg, Chair - 34th District Democrats

Submitted by Jennifer Zeisig of Vashon



Les Treall in a suit...a truly unusual sight! He wore one to Jackie Dupras' memorial on October 7. The last time he was similarly attired was for a fundraiser that featured Barak Obama - that's respect!



Nick Bonazza with luchadores from Lucha Libre Volcánica, the only school of the Lucha Libre Mexicana style of wrestling in the Northwest. He made these new friends at the B-Town Fiesta in late September.

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organized by a right wing hater the Republicans actually nominated to challenge Senator Maria Cantwell this cycle: Craig Keller. Even within our own organization we've seen a rise in incivility, including an incident this summer where a PCO used threats of violence and intimidation against a black family that had the audacity to move into his neighborhood.

Our shared ideals, and our shared commitment to those ideals call each of us to be better than this, to rise above the gutter politics practiced by a lawless Republican party unhinged from the norms of American society, and to show our neighbors, our communities and our fellow Americans a different path. A path where we strive to be inclusive, where we treat each other as imperfect equals, where we assume positive intent even from those who we may disagree with or not like, and where we accept facts and make choices informed by facts. This is the best path out of our current national morass, following the Republicans into the gutter leads only to more incivility, more destruction of norms, and the ever increasing possibility of more violence.

On Tuesday this country has a chance to choose a better path by rejecting Republican president's politics of hate and

electing Democrats, especially women, to offices big and small across this country. Even if we win big there will be no easy unity, in fact we may not see unity in this country again in many of our lifetimes. But to the extent that we reject the politics of lies and hatred we can at least stop this country's freefall into chaos and despair. Tuesday is our country's first referendum on the politics of division, hate, fear and lies, and I know from all the faces of the 34th that have showed up to help in the 47th LD and other parts of the 8th CD, that so many of us are working, day and night, to help turn things around and restore hope for the future. As we continue that work through the midterm elections and beyond, let's also remember that civility and civilization go hand in hand, and that the next generation, who doesn't yet have a vote, is counting on us not only to vote but also to be proper stewards of our civilization, because civilization and democracy are the only things that will give them a fighting chance in this world.

In solidarity,

David Ginsberg

Chair of the 34th District Democrats

Resolution in favor of censure of Dan Sherwood Gage, by the 34th District Democrats of the State of Washington

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party consists of a diversity of professionals and volunteers (community members) working together to promote a truly representative Democratic Party open to all who support its principles; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party pledges to make every effort to encourage maximum participation in the political process; and

WHEREAS, the 34th District Democrats and the Washington State Democrats have each implemented Codes of Conduct which prohibit bullying behavior; and

WHEREAS, on August 04, 2018 Dan Sherwood Gage, while speaking to the police department as a citizen, used his position as a PCO with the party to try influence the police into action "(Gage) escalated to him yelling the (sic) he ran the neighborhood and he was the PCO" (Police Report p. 6); and

WHEREAS, Marcenia Milligan stated that Gage yelled at her the following: "Get your goddamn dog off the sidewalk you nigger!" (Police Report p. 6); and

WHEREAS, Marcenia Milligan stated that Gage "called her racist names and mentioned he owned weapons to her hinting that he would use them to scare them out of the neighborhood" (Police Report p. 6); and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2018 with the authority of the executive board, Les Treall and Brooks Salazar spoke with Mr. Gage and politely asked him to step down as PCO. He declined and then called his neighbors "criminals";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The 34th District Democrats hereby censure Dan Sherwood Gage for conduct unbecoming a Precinct Committee Officer of the Democratic Party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Effective immediately, Dan Sherwood Gage will have no further access to Votebuilder or to precinct walk lists or other data for his precinct; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT:

The 34th District Democrats implore Dan Sherwood Gage to give serious consideration to the impact his words and actions have had on his neighbors, his community and this organization, and apologize to his neighbors for any harm done.



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- \$500 Underwriter

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