

46th Legislative District Democrats

DEMOGRAM



June 2001

Notes From the Chair The Sweet and the Bitter

by Janet Miller

Well again, they have told us not to gloat! How can we not? Democrats in control of the US Senate after only 5 short months of Republican gloating... how sweet it is. I will admit, I know nothing about Senator Jeffords except what I learned on KUOW, but he is my new favorite former Republican politician. Maria Cantwell's victory is even more wonderful now that she and Sen. Murray are in the majority. I am keeping my fingers crossed that the Senate Democrats will use this advantage wisely so that we can make it an even stronger majority in a year and half.

But some of my glee is tempered by the recent passage of the tax cut. Sure, we'll probably get \$600, that will go directly to the contractor who is working our house. But what

about social security when I get to retirement age? I remember when I started working and having FICA taken out of my checks. My attitude at that point was "This is money for my grandparents' Social Security. I'll never see it myself." I shared this sentiment with an older friend of mine who admonished me to get off my rear end and do something about that. Continuing to elect Democrats is the way to work toward this. Had Democrats been in control of the US Senate for the last 5 months, we might have at least had 1/3 of a Trillion dollars more for social security, schools, health care... you get the picture.

On a local level, last week I went into my bank. The Chief Loan Officer made a joke about the \$600 check I could be expecting soon. I shared with him that I was very

unhappy with this new tax plan, I'd rather the Federal Government keep this, along with everyone else's little checks and do good work with it. "Let's face it, I'm a Tax-Me Democrat." He laughed and said, "Well, I'm a Fiscally Responsible Republican, and I agree that it is a terrible plan."

So here we are, things will be great for the wealthy (in terms of taxes) until 2011. I predict the baby boomers will be looking to retire in droves, all federal surpluses will long be gone, deficits will abound and, SURPRISE, there will be no social security for people of my generation. Democrats need to secure and hold tight control of Congress. We then need to hold our electeds' feet to the fire. We cannot afford to think only of this summer's checks, but the decades of summers ahead.



June Membership Meeting Growth Management

by Scott White

Please join us **June 21, 2001** at **Olympic View Church** for our June membership meeting. This month will feature **PCO training at 6:30pm** and **King County Councilwoman Cynthia Sullivan**, who will be speaking on Growth Man-

agement and the recently adopted King County Council's Growth Comprehensive Plan at **7:30pm**. Councilwoman Sullivan is chair of the Council's **Growth Management** Committee and has been a strong advocate for smart growth and environmental concerns for over 2 decades.

Come by and say hello to your neighbors!



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LET THEM HEAR FROM YOU

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* No Membership Meeting in July - see calender

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Did You Miss It?

Here are some of the highlights from our
May 17, 2001 Membership Meeting.

- **Scott White** reported on recent fundraising efforts which are going well.
- A report from Treasurer **Ray Cole** announced the current bank balance is close to \$6,000.
- Kudos to Chair, **Janet Miller** who was honored by King County Democrats as Female **Democrat of the Year** at their Banquet.
- Reports from Olympia from **Rep. Phyllis Kenney** and **Rep. Jim McIntire**. "It's been a difficult session." Major issues include funding for education, dealing with the primary election process, and transportation. Kudos to **Rep. Kenney** for her honor as **Legislator of the Year** at the Cinco De Mayo Dinner for her work with farm workers and housing issues.
- We had a potpourri of candidates throughout the evening. Time allowed us to ask each of these candidates a couple of questions. **Rep. Carolyn Edmonds** and **Deborah Chase** are both candidates for the 1st Council District of King County for the seat being vacated by Magie Fimia. King County Councilmember **Greg Nickles** is running for Mayor of Seattle. **Curt Firestone** is challenging Jan Drago for the Seattle City Council. City Councilmember **Richard McIver** is seeking reelection. **Tom Carr** is running for Seattle City Attorney.
- Attorney, and former candidate for judge, **Robert Bryan**, came seeking and receiving our support for his appointment to the King County Superior Court. (Since our meeting, the Governor appointed another former candidate, Paris Callis to the seat.)
- Four of our active members have recently been to The Other Washington to be citizen lobbyists. **Gerry Pollet**, **Marie Yamamoto**, **Kristin Mitchell** and **Jeff Kirtland** each shared some of their experiences and insights into the



Congratulations Janet Miller!!

At the King County Democrats' Annual Dinner, Janet was named "King County Democrat of the Year." She was selected from several prominent nominees. This comes as no surprise to us in the 46th. Janet has done such a wonderful job in our district as chair, she should be rewarded for it!!

She has done a lot of work to build up our district and make it well represented by PCOs, including myself! Janet takes time to talk to absolutely everyone and get their ideas for the district and she tries to incorporate them in any way that she can. Janet worked tirelessly, as always, on the Cantwell-Gore coordinated campaign. For several months she worked to get over 140 volunteers to help on or about election day. She made sure that the 46th was repeatedly walked. Janet also volunteered to monitor the vote count for Maria Cantwell in Pierce County. As if Janet didn't have her hands in the party enough, she was also elected First Vice Chair of the King County Democrats this year. Janet you are an awesome woman and a progressive and open minded chair. We are all proud to have you and thank you for all of your hard work!!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS - IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



The Washington State Redistricting Commission, the five-member commission charged with redrawing legislative and congressional district boundaries, will hold a series of public hearings throughout the state, starting May 16 through July 26, 2001. Commissioners will solicit public testimony and accept comments regarding redistricting priorities, boundaries and related issues.

All meetings will be held from 5:30pm to 8:30 pm. The dates and locations are as follows:

Thursday June 7, 2001

Olympia, John A. Cherberg Building,

Senate Hearing Room 1.

Thursday June 14, 2001

Shoreline, Shoreline Conference Center, Shoreline Room

Friday June 15, 2001

Sea Tac, Sea Tac City Hall, Council Chambers

Monday July 23, 2001

Tacoma, Pierce County Public Services Building, Room A

Wednesday July 25, 2001

Mount Vernon, PUD#1 of Skagit County, Aqua Room

Thursday July 26, 2001

Everett, Snohomish County Administration Building, Ginni

Stevens Hearing Room

Thursday August 2, 2001

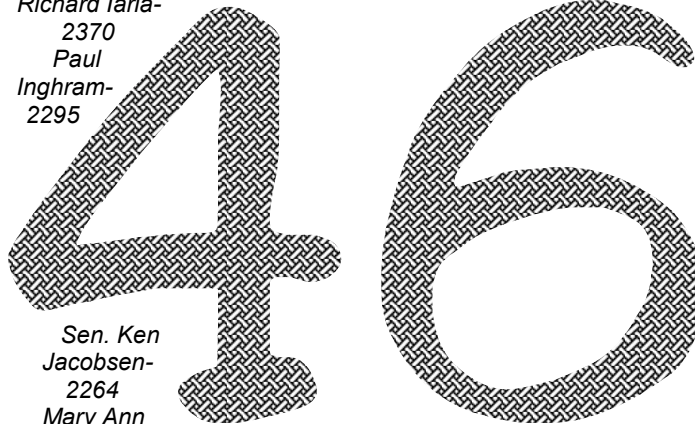
Seattle - specific location to be announced.

For more information regarding public meetings, please contact Filiz Satir at (360) 586-9000. In the near future, the commission will provide additional directions to meeting locations on its web site. For more on public hearings and redistricting in general, please visit the web site: www.redistricting.wa.gov

HIP-HIP-HOORAY FOR THE PCOs IN THE 46TH!! THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP!

Jan Ames-1961
Dick Anderson-1966
Basil Anex-2305
Patty Arnold-2094
Maia Krahl Astley-2308
Lorraine Atwood-2323
Brad Axel-2230
James Bardeen-2248
Belva Baxter-2375
Sheila Belcher-2333
Rebecca Benton-2127
Leta Blackwell-2373
Rosemary Blackmore-2249
Bob Bliss-2276
Beverly Blum-2252
Noreen Boatsman-2334
Rocky Boss-3250
Elma Boyle-2098
Steven Brown-1406
Alden Buckles-2319
Mark Buckley-2298
Sandra Burga-2244
Fred Carter-1275
Joe Chalverus-2344
Helen Chatalas-2292
Charlotte Clark-Mahoney-2260
Raymond Cole-2285
Corinne Davies-2328
Bill Dershowitz-2237
Craig Dupler-2247
Patricia Emerson-1953
Sam Fahrer-1271
Lynn Ferguson-1957
Clifford Floberg-1964
Albert Forget-2353

Jim Fridley-2357
Robert Gould-1958
Virginia Gunby-2290
Shirley Guterson-2251
Yadвига Halsey-2239
Ronald Hamrick-2134
Laura Hardman-2796
Tom Hartry-2131
Carol Houk-1954
Richard Iaria-2370
Paul Inghram-2295



Sen. Ken Jacobsen-2264
Mary Ann Jacobson-2142
Jennifer Johnson-1959
Lancer Jones-2352
Sheryl Kamph-2367
Steven Keehnel-2278
Charles Kempf-2133
Rep. Phyllis Kenney-2268
Aaron King-1281
Jeff Kirtland-2096
Gretchen Knappe-2255

Jane Koenig-2261
Amy Lang-2296
Deborah Lange-1310
Ann Lanning-2274
Richard Lee-2321
Susan Levy-2280
Judith Mafune-1279
Tim Mahoney-2302
Vicki Martinez-2369

Yolanda Martinez-2337
Rebecca Mattila-1312
Hannah Mc Carty-1404
David Mc Donald-2099
Norma Miller-1282
Janet Miller-2277
Michael Miller-2293
Anne Mini-2322
Rene Murry-2130
Dean Nielsen-2378

Andrew Noble-2263
Ronald Patula-2347
Fances Pennell-2270
Dee Ferguson-2283
Eric Pino-2518
Mike Purvis-2262
Jack Ravens-2100
Joan Reed-2345
John Rhodes-1278
Lisa Robbins-2237
Linda Roberts-2371
Pete Rogerson-2254
Doris Rolander-2056
Mary Jean Ryan-2259
Mark Saporito-2314
Winnie Sargent-2253
Jeff Sconyers-1311
Sarajane Siegfriedt-2372
Fred Slater-2339
Persis Sterling-1272
Cleve Stockmeyer-1314
Abdul Tarshi-2342
Matt Taylor-1402
Doris Tanning-2281
Fred Utevsky-2358
John Webber-2340
Sarah Wheeler-2343
Scott White-2361
Willard Wilcox-2095
John Wilkinson-2289
Jeanette Williams-2246
Brian Wilson-2351
Lynnette Woerne-2320
Claire Yurdin-2273

How To Be a Really Outstanding PCO

Come to the June Membership Meeting to Get an Earfull



By Scott White

Do you have questions about your duties as a PCO? Would you like to receive some free training on how to be a better PCO? If yes, then please consider attending the 46th District Democrats **PCO Training Session** at

6:30pm on Thursday, June 21st. For your convenience, the training session will be held right before our monthly membership meeting! This training will be put on by the fine folks at the Washington State Democrats and will be an excellent review of PCO resources, responsibilities and tips. Please call me, Vice Chair and PCO

Coordinator, at 363-9522 if you have any questions. The PCO training will begin at **6:30pm on Thursday, June 21st at Olympic View Church— corner of 56th Avenue and 95th Street.**



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

SIGN UP NOW!!!

YOUR CHANCE TO RECEIVE THE DEMOGRAM VIA E-MAIL!!

by Jeff Kirtland

Last month the 46th District Democrats launched its email group. You can subscribe by sending a message to 46-democrats-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Once you become a member, you can discuss issues important to the 46th District Democrats by posting a message at 46-democrats@yahoogroups.com.

This month will see the first addition of the new E-Demogram, an electronic edition of the Demogram. Twenty lucky Forty-sixers are already receiving



the E-Demogram. Interested? You can receive the E-Demogram by sending a message to E-Demogram-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Please remember that everyone who receives the E-Demogram will save

the 46th District Democrats roughly \$12/year, money that we can use to elect Democrats.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jam@drizzle.com or 206-524-8599.

46th District Democratic Resolution on Snake River Salmon

Whereas: There is scientific consensus among federal, tribal, and state fisheries agencies that the best and possibly only way to recover Snake River salmon is with the removal of the 4 Lower Snake River dams, and

Whereas the 4 Snake River dams have been found to violate the Clean Water Act and could potentially violate the Endangered Species Act and tribal and international treaties, and

Whereas Federal Salmon plan outlines alternative salmon recovery measures besides dam removal, but has not yet

been funded, and

Whereas the Federal Salmon Recovery Plan may very well lead to dam removal in five years if the alternative measures fail to adequately recover salmon, and

Whereas the agricultural and energy benefits of the hydro-system on the Snake River can be maintained or replaced, and individuals and communities that may be adversely affected by removal of the 4 Lower Snake River dams can be adequately mitigated,

Therefore, be it resolved that the 46th District Democrats urge Congress to: fund the estuary

and tributary recovery efforts outlined in the Federal Salmon Recovery Plan, authorize the Corps of Engineers to remove the 4 Lower Snake River dams if those other efforts fail to fully recover salmon, and fund and begin an immediate study on how to mitigate for those communities that may be adversely affected by the removal of those dams.

Contributed by Jeff Kirtland.

Protecting Low-Income Residents amid Rising Energy

by Heidi Wills

Price increases for something as essential as electricity have a disproportionate effect on low-income residents of our community. The Council has taken several steps to assist low-income residents with their energy bills:

- Shielding our low-income customers from the 18% surcharge imposed in March and the 9% surcharge effective July 1.
- Expanding eligibility for our low-income rate assistance programs so more people qualify for assistance.
- Expanding eligibility for our free home weatherization service so more homeowners and renters qualify.
- Providing 1-to-1 matching funds to encourage more donations to Project Share.



Our low-income rate assistance program, Rate 27, offers a 50% discount on utility bills to low-income households. By expanding eligibility for Rate 27, a family of four making less than \$34,099 per year will now qualify. Before this change, a family of four making over \$21,312 would not have qualified. The new income eligibility threshold will assist an additional 12,000 households.

City Light's Rate 26 program provides a 50% discount to low-income senior and disabled residents with incomes of 70% of the state median income or less. For example, a family of two making less than \$27,612 qualifies.

The city also offers low-income customers free home weatherization, serving low-income single and multi-family households with structural energy-efficient upgrades. Services are entirely free and include wall, attic and underfloor insulation, venting, weatherstripping and window upgrades. The Council changed eligibility requirements for this program so an additional 7,000 households qualify. Under the program, the average low-income family will save over \$120 a year on their electricity bill.

The city will also provide 1-to-1 matching funds for Project Share to encourage more City Light ratepayers to voluntarily donate money in their bi-monthly bill to assist low-income ratepayers. Project Share assists people who are unable to pay their electricity bills to keep their lights on during difficult times.

Conservation is the lowest cost means of responding to the energy crisis and higher electricity costs. The less energy we all use, the less our individual utility bills will be, ultimately meaning lower energy rates for everyone.

For information on our energy assistance programs, call 684-0268 or the Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens at 684-0500. For information on Seattle Public Utility's programs for low-income residents, please contact 684-5900. Please contact my office at 684-8808 if you have any comments or questions.

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Your membership makes our efforts possible to elect Democrats and involve more Northeast Seattle voters. Thank you.



Calendar of Events

JUNE

- Tuesday, June 5

- Thursday, June 21

- Saturday, June 23

46th District Executive Committee Meeting

Olympic View Church, 7:30 pm

Monthly Membership Meeting

Olympic View Church, **6:30pm** for PCO Training and 7:30pm for our regularly scheduled program.

Annual Magnuson Awards

With Massachusetts Senator John Kerry (a probable presidential contender in '04), Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, and other special guests. Seattle Repertory Theater - 155 Mercer Street. The cost is \$100 per person. Please RSVP to Nick Demerice at 206-583-0664 or nick@wa-democrats.org

JULY

No Meetings This Month!!

AUGUST

- Thursday, August 2

Candidate Endorsement Meeting

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PCO Training and Cynthia Sullivan on Growth Management