

# DEMOGRAM

MONTHLY MEETING  
Olympic View Church  
March 18, 2004  
7:30PM

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR by Scott White

### Senator Kerry on the Road to The White House

U.S. Senator John Kerry will be the Democratic Party's nominee for President. At the time of this writing, he had won 27 of 30 state elections/caucuses, including 9 of 10 key states on the March 2nd 'Super Tuesday' election. These victories have provided him with enough delegates to secure the nomination at the national convention in Boston this July. Senator Kerry's momentum and strength as a candidate give promise to a winning campaign, but we still have much work to do before we can cheer at the election night parties on November 2nd.



Many thanks to Governor Howard Dean, Senator John Edwards, General Wesley Clark, Congressman Dennis Kucinich and their supporters who all ran strong campaigns and raised public awareness on the many reasons why Bush must be defeated. The fact that the nomination was contested, and the issues were thoroughly debated, played a pivotal role in redirecting the media coverage away from Bush. As a result, we

have a more educated electorate, a stronger Democratic candidate and a weaker Republican incumbent.

Make no mistake, it will be a long, hard struggle to win this presidential campaign. The press has already reported that Bush's campaign ads exploit tragedy in their stark use of imagery related to the Sept. 11 attacks. Karl Rove and his right-wing campaign strategists will spend over \$60 million to bombard the airwaves with images of fear, suggesting that citizens will be unsafe with a Democrat as President. We must not falter and we must not allow our neighbors to be swayed by the politics of fear. We must be steadfast and maintain our ethos of peace, prosperity and good will.

Folks, this is very serious business. This is probably the most important Presidential election of our lifetimes. As a result, we each have a responsibility to do what we can to help elect Senator John Kerry as the next President of the United States. Even if you have never worked on a campaign before, please consider helping our community and our nation by volunteering to support Senator John Kerry.

Peace, **Scott**

**Thursday, March 18th 7:30 PM**

**Olympic View Community Church ~ NE 95th St. & 5th Ave. NE**

**Updates from all of the Presidential Campaigns,**

**Special Guest Deborah Senn, PCO appointments, and MORE!!!**



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### **All Labor Donated**

## **March 20th - Global Day of Peace THE WORLD STILL SAYS NO TO WAR**

### **The World Against the War on Iraq!**

A global day of protest

on the one-year anniversary of the Iraq War,

co-sponsored by the 46th Legislative District Democrats!

11:00AM: Memorial Interfaith Service. 1st Baptist Church at  
Harvard & Seneca on First Hill

Noon: March begins. Gather at Harvard & Seneca.

1:00-2:00PM: Rally downtown at a place to be announced.

Special speaker Ed Asner.

**Volunteers are needed!**

Learn more at **United for Peace and Justice:**

[m20\\_endorse@jvaseattle.org](mailto:m20_endorse@jvaseattle.org).

## **BANNER, BANNER, WHO'S GOT OUR BANNER?**



The banner for the **46th Legislative District** has gone missing. Is it sitting in YOUR basement or carport? Please contact Mark Saporito 729-0430 or Janet Miller 528-0078.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH MAY 1st LD CAUCUS**

**If you are available to assist with the May  
1st Legislative District Caucus,**

**Please contact**

**Jan Ames**

**Volunteer Coordinator**

[janames@nwlinc.com](mailto:janames@nwlinc.com)

**206-525-7387**

## In Case You Missed It—EXCITING DAYs IN THE 46TH:

A big turnout for the Feb. 19th meeting at Olympic View Elementary School—200-300 people, with lots of Dean supporters in attendance. Chair **Scott White** started out by giving special thanks to **Ted** Ellis and **Sarajane** Siegfriedt and to **Team** Bryant for their assistance with the monster caucuses. He announced the next meeting will be at Olympic View Church, but at Olympic View Elementary School thereafter.

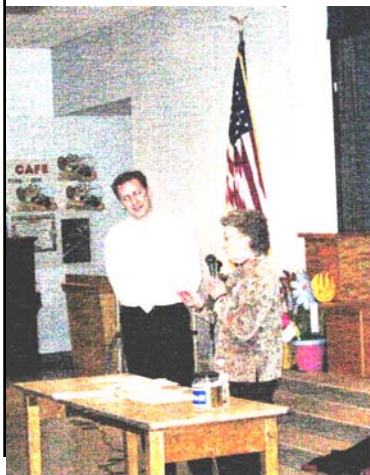
Kristin Mitchell, Treasurer, reported donations at the caucuses revved up the treasury—\$1,420 in expenses are offset by \$7,586 in income; current bank balance is \$8,335. Betty Means, Membership Chair, reported 385 new members in 2003, 133% of goal; but 300 new members have come on board in just the first two months of 2004!! The revised 2004 goal is 600 new members.

With the business part of the meeting out of the way, Scott moved on to precinct caucuses. **Jan Ames** awarded gift certificates to Scott White and **Janet Miller** (in absentia) for their heroic work pre- and post-caucus, allowing them to select from “Trim the Shrub!,” “Dude, Where Is My Country?,” “The Bush Dynasty,” “Lying Liars,” and “Bush Whacked”—all must-reads for the politically savvy!. **Scott White** then gave special thanks to all of the site coordinators who managed the precinct caucuses at locations throughout the district, to PCOs for all of their efforts and to the many volunteers who helped make the caucuses such a tremendous success. Also thanked were **Ted** Ellis and **Sarajane** Siegfriedt and to **Team** Bryant for their assistance with the monster caucuses and expressed LOTs of appreciation for the outstanding turnout. (Everyone who attended one of the caucuses knows how packed it was everywhere.) Total turnout for the 46th District was about 7000!. The biggest turnout for a single precinct was 79 people in one 4-delegate precinct! Of the 960 maximum possible delegates for the 46th District, 959 delegates were selected. The final delegate allocation numbers are available on the 46th LD web site, <http://www.46dems.org>.

Next was a unanimous adoption of a resolution opposing Tim Eyman's new I-684 anti-property tax initiative, followed by State Representatives Phyllis Kenney and Jim McIntire, who described legislative initiatives they're working on—early childhood education, property tax reform, home health care worker pay and the importation of Canadian prescription drugs. Rep. McIntire got a big round of applause for his support of Dr. Dean and all the good Doctor has done to “...give the Party back its backbone...”! Jim also mentioned a pending State income tax, as recommended by the Gates Commission, on which he sits.

The last major business was an overview of the ongoing caucus process. The Legislative District caucus will take place Sat., May 1st at Ingraham High School. Tentative start times are as follows: Check-in will begin about 8:45 a.m. and the meeting will start 9:45 a.m. The process will be similar to the Precinct caucuses, with the exception that ONLY elected delegates may vote on Congressional District Caucus delegates. It is important that all elected delegates and alternates attend this meeting! (If you are an alternate, and the elected delegate can't make it, you'll be the voting delegate.) Delegates and alternates should receive a credentials packet ten days before the caucus. If you are not a delegate or alternate, you can still participate in discussions and nominate yourself as a delegate to the Congressional District, if you wish. Also, Precinct Committee Officers (PCO's) may be allowed to vote on platform issues, although this is still not firmly settled.

On May 8th the King County Convention will hammer out the platform and resolutions. King County Convention delegates will consist of Precinct delegates and alternates. The delegates that move on to the Congressional District Caucus, May 29th, choose the delegates and alternates to the National Convention, and seven of the nine Presidential Electors from Washington State (the final two are chosen at the State Convention). I apologize if I've rambled on too long... check the LD web site, <http://www.46dems.org>, from time to time for more updates on local Party activity.



*(Summary provided by Don Horman Proud Dean Delegate of precinct 46-3252 and forwarded to the Demogram by Marie Yamamoto.)*

**Left:** Jan Ames presents Scott White with a gift certificate for all his work on the caucuses...



**Right:** Over 200 Democratic Faithful convene at View Ridge Elementary School on Feb. 19th, 2004 ...

## Next Steps: 46th LD Caucus, County Convention, Congressional Caucus and State Convention

**46th Legislative District Caucus** will be held on Saturday, May 1 at Ingraham High School. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. The business of the 46th Legislative District caucus shall be the election of delegates and alternates to the Congressional District caucuses and the 2004 Democratic State Convention, and consideration of the district platform. A packet with proposed rules, draft platform and delegate information will be sent out 10-20 days prior to the 46th LD caucus.

**King County Convention** will be on May 8th (Location TBD). The business of the county convention shall include the adoption of a platform or resolutions. Delegates to the county convention shall be the duly elected delegates or alternates from the precincts within the county.

**Congressional District Caucuses** are held on

Saturday, May 29, at 10:00 AM. (Location TBD) The principal business of the congressional district caucuses shall be the election of delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention.

An individual can qualify as a candidate for congressional district-level delegate or alternate to the 2004 National Convention by filing a statement of candidacy with the State Party by no later than May 14, 2004.

**State Convention** is on June 5th, in Tacoma. The business of the State Convention shall include the election of (2) Presidential Electors and alternates, one male and one female each.

**Democratic National Convention** will be in Boston from July 23-26.

For more information about the caucus and convention cycle please check: [www.46dems.org](http://www.46dems.org)

## Update on Magnuson Park by Gail Chiarello

As we go to press, the future of our beloved Warren G. Magnuson Park is hanging in the balance.

A spate of op-ed pieces (Seattle Times, Opinion, Fri., Feb. 27th) and newspaper articles (Seattle Times, Wed., Mar. 4th: "Magnuson Park Viewed in New Light," Seattle Sun, and King County Journal), draws attention to the efforts of citizen activists to downsize the oversized adult sports complex planned by Seattle Dept. of Parks and Recreation under its Superintendent, Ken Bounds.

Opposition to the plan focuses on the forest of 22 acres of halide lights to be installed to meet the needs of adult sports leagues and tournament play; the sheer amount of real estate to be consumed by the sports complex (22 acres for the lighted ballfields alone, but almost half of the existing open space when access roads, parking, and so-called "vegetative buffers" to separate the fields are included). Fill dirt needed to level the athletic fields will be excavated from an additional 67 acres of wetlands and uplands. The remaining hole will become a drainage pond for the 11 synthetically-turfed fields. Field Turf--a mixture of ground up tennis shoes and glue--may result in harmful chemicals leaking into the run-off and ultimately into Lake Washington.

Voters approved an additional five playing fields at Magnuson Park in the Pro Parks Levy passed in 2000. The levy made no mention of lights nor synthetic turf. Adding these five voter-approved fields to the four existing grassy fields ("the Sports Meadow") yields a total of nine very large playing fields for children at Magnuson Park. Anything more than this is, as former Councilmember Jeanette Williams says, "over-taking"--a conversion of the City's open space/green

space to meet the needs of a single user group.

The matter is before City Council right now for consideration and approval. Letters and e-mails sent to Council before April 23, 2004 will become part of the public record. Please write in your own words to members of City Council expressing why you oppose the current plan and what compromise or balance (if any) you could accept. The new chair of the Parks Committee, David Della, is interested in hearing from reasonable individuals on both sides of the issue, to see if a solution could be crafted which takes into account the needs of all the parks users. For updates go to: [www.saveourpark.org](http://www.saveourpark.org), the home-page of Friends of Magnuson Park.

### Schedule of Hearings

<b>March 17</b>	<b>2:00PM Parks Committee</b> <b>Follow-up from March 3rd meeting</b>
<b>April 5</b>	<b>2:00PM Presentation by Parks Dept. to Full City Council</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>2:00PM Parks Committee</b> <b>Committee discussion of the plan.</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>6:00PM Public Hearing</b>

All meetings held in City Council Chambers. Enter on 5th Ave. between James & Cherry. Public Comment will be taken at the start of each meeting. The entire Public Hearing will consist of citizen comment..

For contact information for City Council members, to go: [www.cityofseattle.net/council/default.htm](http://www.cityofseattle.net/council/default.htm)

# Washington Voter Registration Project:

## In the 46th, of the 46th, but for the Whole State and Country!

At its Mar. 3rd meeting, Washington Voter Registration Project (AKA "Seattle Peace Voters") celebrated its first year of citizen activism. On Feb. 15, 2003, 46th LDers **Jan Ames, Sarajane Siegfriedt, Kim Wells, Kristin Mitchell, and Gail Chiarello**, along **Deborah Caplow** and Chair **Judith Hines** of the 43rd LD, Eastsider **Andrea Partel**, and then-Steilacoomer **Ethan Clark**, set up **BUSH NO MORE IN 2004** signs under an overhang at the Experience Music Project and registered 122 new and change-of-address voters at the Peace Rally at Seattle Center. Since then the group has added over 20 new members, including co-Chair **Kathryn Gardow**. Working with Washington Young Democrats' President, **Gayatri Eassey**, members went into Seattle high schools last spring to educate graduating seniors; set up **WAR NO MORE IN 2004** banners at the University District, Lake City, and Columbia City Farmers Markets, the Fremont Sunday Market, and--most successful of all--registered voters at Seattle's August HempFest. This yielded 261 new and change-of-address voters, some of them homeless; many of them first-time voters. To date over 650 voters have been registered. Maria Cantwell won her Senate seat over Slade Gorton by only 1732 votes. Grass-roots voter registration is going to make a difference.

A new initiative is the **SWING STATE/BIG STATE** project. Members are researching voter registration requirements in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, and all the swing states and big states on which the November 2004 election will hinge--in order to write personal e-mails to friends and families in those key states, explaining how easy and how much fun it is to register voters. We will emphasize peace rallies, Cinco de Mayo parades, and other progressive events. We will not recommend setting up at NASCAR races and gun shows!

We will staff a table at the upcoming Global Day of Peace Action rally and march on March 20th and have permission to set up at the Folk Life Festival for Memorial Day weekend, May 28-31, 2004. We are also working with Poverty Action, an organization reaching out to low-income voters and people of color. They are seeking volunteers for door-belling and voter registration in south King County the morning of March 20th. Call Kim Justice 206-694-6781 or e-mail [kim@povertyaction.org](mailto:kim@povertyaction.org) if interested. The next meeting of the Washington Voter Registration Project is Apr. 1st 7:30PM. E-mail Kathryn Gardow at: [kgardow@aol.com](mailto:kgardow@aol.com) for information.



(l. to r.) Charles Sleicher, Kathryn Gardow (Co-Chair), Nora & Ken Van Doren flash the updated King County Voter Registration Forms at the March 3rd meeting.

### Show Your Commitment to the 46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats. JOIN NOW!

Please take a moment to look at your name as it is printed on this newsletter's Address Label. If "2004" appears after your name, **Congratulations and Many Thanks!** You are a dues-paying member of the 46<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats. If "2004" does not appear, we hope you will send in your Membership Dues today.. We need the help and support of everyone as we organize and strengthen our base in preparation for the 2004 elections. Make checks payable to "46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats" & mail to **PO Box 15435, Seattle, WA 98115-0435**

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## CALLING ALL PCOs:

The following 37 PCO candidates will be considered at the March meeting:

Paul Kostek 1313	Jeremy Ritzer 2307
Stuart Ferguson 1401	James Corbett 2308
Michael Mallick 1955	Amy Lang 2309
Kerry Quint 1965	Eric Paulus 2316
Patricia Boiko 1970	Marie Cook 2322
Lucille Townsend 1974	Chad Lupkes 2323
Cyrus Knowles 1978	Susan Park 2327
Jaxon Ravens 2100	John Thoe 2328
Geralyn Rudolph 2129	Julius Debro 2331
Kenan Isitt 2134	Jack Hirschfelder 2332
Cara Plata 2142	Matt May 2338
Sean Castor 2145	Virginia Green 2341
Jane Griffin 2153	John Kelly 2342
Gregory Theurer 2202	George Hoover 2347
Jim Larson 2234	Mike Kasprezak 2352
Jim McIntire 2247	Cere Davis 2359
Karen Demorest 2289	Garth Lien 2376
John Streich 2290	James Moore 2423
Ed Messerly 2306	

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Thurs. Mar. 18th: 46th LD Membership Meeting, Olympic View Church. 7:30PM. Info: Jan Ames (206-525-7387)**
- **Sat. Mar. 20th: Global Day of Peace Action sponsored by SNOW Coalition. [www.SNOWcoalition.org](http://www.SNOWcoalition.org)**
- **Sat. Mar. 20th: Celebrating Our Roots—Jim McDermott's Annual Potato Fest at Town Hall. 4:30-6:30PM \$35. Info: Alice Woldt (206-789-3908)**
- **Mar. 26-28th: Washington State Young Democrats Statewide Convention, Vancouver, WA. Info Gayatri Eassey (206 856-1044)**
- **Tues. April 6th: 46th LD Executive Board Meeting, Olympic View Church. 7:30PM. Info: Jan Ames (206-525-7387)**
- **Sat. May 1st: 46th Legislative District Caucus, Ingraham High School. More information to come!**

Check our district website for more information

[www.46dems.org](http://www.46dems.org)



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