

DEMOGRAM

Next General Meeting

Olympic ViewElementary School

March 17, 2005

7:30PM



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR by Scott White



Grassroots Keep Democratic Party Strong

While we may have lost the race for The White House in 2004, it was still a banner year for the 46th legislative district as our Democrats turned out in droves! Participation by Democrats in all forms—volunteers, new members, donations, new PCOs, attendance at meetings and more—set new records that would have made FDR proud! Democratic voter turnout in the 46th helped carry the vote for our statewide candidates, and it was no surprise that the 46th District Democrats was a leader in mobilizing and organizing our grassroots. But that was last year, and we still have much work to do!

One of the things that helped the 46th District Democrats be successful last year was the strong increase in our membership and the wonderful participation by those new members. With that in mind, it is critical that we keep the momentum going and continue to grow our organization so that we can continue to advocate for the Democratic platform!

Time to Renew Your Membership!

The first step towards accomplishing our goals in 2005 and beyond is to build and maintain a strong **local** Democratic organization. The 46th District Democrats are preparing to meet the challenges of the coming years, but we need the help of our friends and

neighbors. We have a proven record of leveraging the strength and infrastructure of our organization to reach out to voters. **If you believe in a strong Democratic Party with progressive values and strong grassroots support, then please consider renewing your membership with the 46th District Dems!**

Please take a moment to look at your name as it's printed on this newsletter's Address Label. If "**2005**" appears after your name, then congratulations and many thanks! You are a dues-paying member of the 46th Legislative District Democrats. If "**2005**" does not appear, we hope you will send in your Membership Dues today in the enclosed envelope. If you are already a member, then please pass on the envelope to a friend. We need the help and support of everyone as we organize and strengthen our base in preparation for the 2005 elections.



Above: Masses of Democrats swamp a local elementary school for the Precinct Caucuses on February 7th of *last year*. Scenes like this were common throughout North Seattle. What can you do to help keep the momentum going in 2005?

Remember... the 46th District Democrats is **your local** progressive political organization. Our door is

always open and we are

always happy to talk to you about the organization's activities and plans. Again, thank you for your support in past years and for taking a moment to renew your membership with the 46th District Democrats. I look forward to working with you in 2005!

Peace, **Scott**

NEXT 46TH LD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Thursday, March 17th, 7:30 PM ~ St. Patrick's Day!
Olympic View Elementary School ~ NE 95th St. & 8th Ave. NE

Special Guest Speakers:

Jan Drago ~ Seattle City Council President and Candidate
Dwight Pelz ~ King County Councilmember and City Council Candidate

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A Call for Content

Please send us ideas, articles and pictures for this newsletter and our website. This is your district organization, and we want to know what you are doing to help engage, educate and empower the people in our district and beyond!

Action Committees

Here is a list of committees at work within the 46th LD Democrats. If you are interested in helping with one of these ongoing projects, please contact the committee chair.

These are the committees that are in our bylaws, as well as some new groups that we hope will give everyone more opportunities to get involved. Remember, this is YOUR party. If you would like to get involved in any of these committees, please contact the chair of that committee. Contact information for each of us is to the left.

Program Committee	Gerry Pollet (Chair) Scott White (Vice-Chair)
Legislative Action & Research Committee	Sarajane Siegfriedt (Co-Chair) Chad Lupkes (Co-Chair)
Community Outreach Committee	Bev Marcus (Chair)
Finance Committee	Gail Chiarello (Chair)
Membership & PCO Committee	Betty Means (Chair) Janet Miller (Vice-Chair) Jan Ames (Volunteer Coordinator)
Bylaws Committee	Dean Fournier (Chair)
Platform & Resolutions	Jim Mullins (Chair)

Deadline for Submitting Suggested Changes to the Bylaws is March 17th

The Bylaws Committee is currently working to update our bylaws document so that it may more effectively govern how our organization operates by taking into account the growth and changes to our organization since the last major review. **Dean Fournier**, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, and the rest of the Committee would love to hear your ideas. But don't wait, as the deadline for submitting suggestions is March 17th. Dean can be emailed at marydeanf@cs.com.

Any changes to the bylaws must be approved by a vote at a general membership meeting. Members can make amendments on the floor, but the goal is to have the Committee review proposed changes ahead of time. The Committee anticipates bringing forward the *proposed* Bylaws for a vote in April.

46th LD Democrats *Proposed* 2005 Budget

For consideration and approval at the March 17th General Membership Meeting.

		2004		2005
		<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
REVENUES				
3000	Opening Balance (Carryforward)	2,800	3,537	4,414
4110	4600 Club	3,000	4,940	3,000
4120	Friends of the 46th	3,000	3,643	2,500
4140	General Memberships	6,000	8,372	4,000
4210	4600 Club New Events (Arabian Nights, etc.)		--	1,000
4220	Friends 46 New Events (Chair's Breakfast, etc.)		--	1,000
4230	4230 · Holiday Party`	1,000	1,107	1,100
4240	Summer Picnic	300	0	0
4250	Dessert Buffet	250	0	250
4300	Caucus Contributions	6,500	13,509	--
4330	Contributions from Elected Officials	1,500	500	1,000
4420	"Pass-the-hat" at Monthly Meetings	500	2,697	1,000
4430	Other Miscellaneous	350	0	--
Subtotal Revenues		25,200	38,305	19,264
EXPENSES				
6100	Meeting Hall Rental	1,400	0	--
6111	Olympic View Elementary School		1,057	1,740
6112	Olympic View Church		225	150
6200	USPS Mailing Expense		3,448	--
6201	Bulk Mail Permit	150	300	150
6202	PO Box Rental	58	58	58
6203	Returned Mail Postage Expense		14	25
6400	Caucus Expenses (No Caucuses 2005)	6,700	8,055	--
6510	Holiday Party Expense	300	1,909	500
6560	Kerry Watch Party	0	776	
6611	Demogram Printing: 10 issues	5,000	6,026	3,500
6612	Demogram Mailing: 10 issues	3,500	0	1,350
6651	Other Printing	1,000	619	1,000
6652	Other Mailing	492	74	300
6712	PCO Recruitment	400	714	150
6800	Other Party Building & Campaign Support	500	170	150
6810	King County Democrats	500	500	500
6820	Institute for a Democratic Future (IDF)	300	300	300
6830	Young Democrats	300	200	200
6840	League of Women Voters	100	0	200
6850	Political Campaigns	3,500	4,761	500
6861	Sample Ballots-Printing Expense		3,403	3,500
6862	Sample Ballots-Plastic Bag Expense		781	0
6910	Travel	500	0	500
6920	Web Site Hosting & Domain Name		0	135
6930	Office Supplies	500	214	300
6940	Software: Quickbooks Non-Profit Edition		0	315
6970	Other Miscellaneous		287	250
Subtotal Expenses		25,200	33,891	16,028
Carryforward: 2004 to 2005, and 2005 to 2006			4,414	3,236
Estimated Expenses for Spring 2006 Caucus Process				1,800
Carryforward Balance Remaining After Est. Caucus Expenses				1,436

Resolutions to be Considered at the March 17th Membership Meeting:

1. Resolution Calling for the Resignation of Mark Sidran from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

WHEREAS, Mark Sidran was recently appointed to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, and

WHEREAS, while Mark Sidran was City Attorney for the City of Seattle he created a "cover up environment" within city government making it impossible for citizens to complain about the behavior of the City Attorney's office and Animal Control, and

WHEREAS, during Mark Sidran's tenure as City Attorney, his lack of leadership and oversight had a negative impact on public safety issues in the City of Seattle, and

WHEREAS, Mark Sidran was responsible for many revisions to the municipal justice system that did not benefit the citizens of Seattle;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats call for the resignation of Mark Sidran from the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

Submitted by Mike Purvis

2. Resolution Supporting SEIU 1199NW in Negotiations with Northwest Hospital

WHEREAS, the platform of the 46th District Democrats states "We believe in equal pay for equal work; we oppose mandatory overtime; and we support payment of prevailing wage rates, and

WHEREAS, Northwest Hospital is increasingly struggling to attract and retain staff as wages and benefits fall behind other local hospitals, yet the hospital is in a stronger financial position than similar hospitals in the Puget Sound region, and

WHEREAS, the administration of Northwest Hospital is paid considerably more than any other hospital in the Puget Sound area, but they refuse to invest in the work force who make quality health care affordable in the 46th District, and

WHEREAS, Northwest Hospital has refused to honor its commitment to protect its employees from subcontracting, and

WHEREAS, Northwest Hospital has failed to provide affordable healthcare benefits and a living wage to a segment of its employees, and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Kenney, State Representative of the 46th District, has written a letter to Bill Schneider, CEO of Northwest Hospital in support of fair negotiations with SEIU 1199NW members of Northwest Hospital;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats support SEIU 1199NW members in their efforts to supply quality healthcare to the people of the 46th District by supporting SEIU 1199NW in its negotiation for a fair contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will call upon the State Democratic party to assist SEIU 1199NW members in the expeditious and equitable conclusion of their contract negotiations.

Submitted by Anne Mayton and Gail Chairello

Red, White and Blue

by Chad Lupkes

I would like to talk about what being an American means to me. To do that, I want to review the colors on our flag. Those colors are red, white and blue.

Blue represents opportunity. The blue sky on the horizon, a horizon that we constantly strive to reach. We may be distracted by the treasures and comfort that we find, but we must continue to strive to achieve, to learn new things, and find new paths.

White represents fairness. The white paper that we use to vote, the paper that we use to write our laws. With the rainbow of ideas, ideology, race and culture, the law must be written to be fair to everyone. This helps to ensure that we leave nobody behind as we strive toward that horizon.

Red represents sacrifice. The red blood that is spilled on the battlefield, the tears that we shed in memory of those who have sacrificed everything. The sweat that comes from our efforts to regain what was lost. We must never forget those that we have lost, and we must be there to help the ones who have sacrificed for us.

This is why we support our veterans and active military. Their sacrifice ensures our right to strive toward that blue horizon, writing our laws to leave no one behind.



3. Resolution Opposing I-330

WHEREAS, I-330 offers false promises to doctors and patients, and will do nothing to lower insurance premiums for doctors, nothing to increase patient safety, and nothing to reduce frivolous lawsuits or litigation costs; and

WHEREAS, I-330 undermines citizen rights, grants immunity to perpetrators of medical malpractice and shifts the cost of medical malpractice to Washington taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, caps on non-economic damages were declared unconstitutional by the Washington State Supreme Court 1989; and

WHEREAS, I-330 would allow insurance companies to avoid their responsibility to pay a malpractice victim's medical bills and shift those costs to Taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, I-330 would eliminate a woman's right to receive compensation if her reproductive capacity is damaged – often the most significant effect of many medical injuries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats support the No. on 330 campaign, and stand firmly in the corner of the Washington State Constitution and patients all across the state of WA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats will engage the constituents of the 46th Legislative District on the real problems with I-330 in the 2005 election cycle.

Submitted by John Hoglund

In Case You Missed It... Life in the Fabulous 46th!

The 46th District Democrats met on February 17th for our General Meeting. Here is a breakdown of what happened. You can read the complete minutes on our website...

Scott White, Chair, kicked off the meeting by reporting that **Gov. Howard Dean** has been elected Chair of the Democratic National Committee (DNC). As part of our effort to capitalize on the strength of our grassroots, the newly appointed chairs of standing committees within the 46th Dems organization were introduced. See the list on page 2. If you want to be involved, please contact us!

John Webber gave the State Party report. For the first time in a long time, all 39 counties and 49 districts sent representatives to the State Reorganization Meeting in Olympia in January. Congratulations to **Paul Berendt**, who was re-elected State Party Chair on the first ballot! **Eileen Macoll** from Eastern Washington was elected Vice-Chair.

Dean Fournier announced the new officers for the King County Party. **Ron Sims** received an early endorsement from the County Party in an "expedited" process. **Sarajane Siegfriedt** set a goal that each PCO should find one Democratic election judge who can work for pay all day at each of the elections days (primary, general, special) throughout the year. (NOTE: **Sylvia Haven** has volunteered to be our Poll Worker Coordinator. Please contact her if you know someone who might be interested.)

Betty Means and Janet Miller, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Membership Committee, have set up an Area Coordinator program to help us better recruit, train and serve PCOs and members. They have

organized the 46th LD into 14 areas, each with about 15 precincts. If you'd like to help as an Area Coordinator, then please contact Betty or Janet.

The big event of the evening was the **Issues Summit** where we broke out into 12 small groups based on issue areas corresponding to sections of the 46th LD Platform. For 45 minutes, we discussed the issues that were most important to us, and came up with 3-5 points of interest and action that will help focus our efforts in the coming year. Read the formal minutes on the web site for a good picture of what those ideas were... and if you have more ideas, please let us know!

After a very good debate, the motion to support the signature drive for **I-336** related to medical malpractice did not pass. We all learned that we have a lot more to learn about health care!

Democratic **Carolyn Edmonds** announced her re-election campaign to the King County Council. She discussed how her beginnings as a grassroots community activist and PTA mom led her to Olympia to advocate for progressive values as a State Legislator. **Carolyn** is well known for her work on the County Council to save our parks system, fund human services and protect the homeless.

Port Commissioner **Alec Fiskien** dropped by to discuss the importance of Port Commission races in '05. Several other candidates stopped by to introduce themselves, including: **Lawrence Malloy, Dan Becraft and Lloyd Hara**, all Port Commissioner Candidates. Seattle City Council candidate **Casey Corr** talked about his vision for the city.

While the meeting ran long, it was a great evening.

Show Your Commitment to the 46th District Democrats. JOIN NOW!

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PCO Appointments

We have two PCO appointments to approve at the March 17th General Membership Meeting:

Chris Robinson, 46-1303

Barbara Pistoresi, 46-1292

Notes and Stuff...

To receive future editions of the Demogram, join the 46th District Democrats today. An online version of the Demogram is also available by sending your email address to Janet Miller at gerry-pollet@msn.com

A quick note on the website. We are in the process of moving the website between servers. The following URL has the most current pages:

<http://eta.sitelutions.com/~wa46dems/index.php>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thurs. March 17th, 7:30pm, **46th Dems Membership Meeting** @ Olympic View Elementary School. Info: Scott White 363-9522
- Fri. March 18th, 6:00pm, **King County Democrats Honors Banquet**, Hilton Hotel. Special Guest, Gov. Chris Gregoire. Info: KC Dems 622-9157 and request to sit at the "46th LD Table".
- Sat. March 19th, 4:30-6:30pm, **Congressman Jim McDermott's 11th Annual "Celebrating Our Roots" Potato Festival** @ Town Hall, 8th and Seneca. RSVP and info: Angela (425) 489-9287
- Tues. March 22nd, 7:00 pm, **King County Democrats Monthly Meeting** @ Seattle Labor Temple, 2800 1st Avenue. Info: KC Dems 622-9157 or www.wuxx.com/kcdems
- Tues. March 29th, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., **7th Congressional District "Grass Roots" Meeting** sponsored by the State Party @ Town Hall (8th & Seneca) Info: Jaxon Ravens jaxon@wa-democrats.org or 583-0664
- Fri. April 1—Sat. April 2, **WA State Democrats Central Committee Quarterly Meeting** in Pasco. Call the WSDCC at 583-0664 for more information

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