

DEMOGRAM



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR by Scott White



June is a busy month for the Democratic Party. Lawsuits, a Candidate Forum, grassroots training and a nominating convention headline the next several weeks. Here's the scoop...

Governor's Election Lawsuit — By the time this Demogram is mailed, Judge Bridges in Chelan will have ruled on the lawsuit challenging the legal election of Governor Gregoire. Democrats are optimistic that the Republicans have no basis for their case. No matter the ruling, you can expect the lawsuit to be immediately appealed to the State Supreme Court. Governor Gregoire has established herself as a strong and effective leader during the first six months of her term. We look forward to having her as our Governor for the remainder of her term.

Primary Election Lawsuit — The Democrat and Republican Parties went to court in mid-May in an attempt to get rid of Washington's "top-two" primary system. The lawsuit potentially could end up before the U.S. Supreme Court. The Parties argue that earlier court rulings clearly say Parties have the right to pick their candidates. Expect more information in the coming weeks.

46th District Democrats Candidate Forum — The 46th will host it's annual candidate forum at our regular meeting on Thursday, June 16th at Olympic View Elementary School. Always an exciting and well attended event, plan to arrive early at 7:00 to meet the candidates and let them know your concerns. Meeting starts at 7:30 with statements and Q&A with the candidates for Seattle City Council and King County Council.

If you have a question that you would like to pose to a candidate, then you must submit it no later than June 12th to either Gerry Pollet, Program Chair, at gerry-pollet@msn.com or 528-0078, or to Scott White, Chair, at scott.white46@comcast.net. Questions will not be taken from the floor.

PCO and Member Training — On Saturday, June 18th the 46th District Democrats will host a special training session for PCOs and members at Olympic View Community Church. This training will serve as the kick off for both the 2005 campaign season and for the beginning of our Area Coordinator Program. All PCOs and members are invited to learn how they can help Democratic candidates win in 2005. Registration begins at 9:30am, training runs from 10:00am to 12 noon. Lunch served at 12 noon. Please RSVP to Betty Means via email at bmeans56@comcast.net or by phone at (206) 713-9849. Please indicate if you will stay for lunch!

Nominating Convention — On Tuesday, June 28th the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) will host our first Democratic Nominating Convention at Bellevue Community College. Elected and appointed PCOs will have voting credentials, but all Democrats are invited to attend. The Party nomination process only affects partisan races and the only partisan races on the ballot in 2005 are those for King County Executive and the nine County Council positions. The Convention rules and agenda can be found on the King County Democrats website at www.kcdems.org If you have thoughts about who you would like to see nominated for any partisan public office, then please contact your local PCO.



Thank you for your support of the Democratic Party... Scott

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NEXT 46TH LD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

2005 Candidate Forum

7:00pm Social w/ candidates, 7:30pm Meeting Begins
Thursday, June 16th

Olympic View Elementary School ~ NE 95th St. & 8th Ave. NE
Learn where the candidates stand on the issues!

Come early to meet candidates and ask questions one on one.



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Training Session for PCO & Members

Come learn what we will be doing during the 2005 elections and how you can help.

Saturday, June 18th, 2005

**Olympic View Community Church
(425 NE 95th St)**

Registration begins at 9:30

Training begins at 10:00; Lunch at 12:00

Please RSVP to Betty Means via email at bmeans56@comcast.net or by phone at (206) 713-9849. Please indicate if you will stay for lunch!

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. Remember, this is YOUR party. If you would like to get involved in any of these committees, please contact the chair of that committee.

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)

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

Our May meeting was filled with guest speakers, several announcements and a presentation on instant runoff voting. With well over 100 members in attendance, its exciting to see Democrats keeping the momentum going in 2005!

The meeting began with an observance of the passing of **Dick Anderson** and **Dean Anderson**, both long time Democrats who have died within the last few months. They will be missed.

Our first guest speaker was our own **King County Executive Ron Sims**. He is running for re-election in 2005 and his campaign theme is looking ahead to the future. He wants to add 100,000 acres to the County conservation program. Ron also mentioned the recent news about the Burlington Northern train corridor from Renton to Woodinville being sold to the County. The final plan for the corridor has yet to be decided, but it might become part of the County trail system.

Executive Sims is also working hard to coordinate health care regionally through the Puget Sound Health Alliance, including all major health plans and providers. The goal is universal access to high quality care with lower cost. Features include more accurate diagnoses and managing health conditions instead of managing costs. The King County area is one of the best in the country in terms of health care excellence. UW participants have been influential in setting up this program. Three cheers for Ron for his leadership on health care issues!!!

Executive Sims also helped arrange a lawsuit which challenges the state law preventing same-sex marriages where he is a defendant. Now that's a lawsuit we need to lose!

Our next guest was **Robert Rosencrantz**, a candidate for Seattle City Council. He spoke about out-reach to minority communities and affordable housing.

The next event of the evening was a demonstration of Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). **Bob Glanzman** gave the presentation with the help of **Whitney Neufeld-Kaiser** and **Jim Mullins**. Bob is a non-voting member of the board of the state-wide IRV campaign. Bob differentiates between majority rule and plurality rule. In his sense of the words, plurality rule means "top vote getter" even if that candidate gets fewer than half the votes. In an IRV election, voters rank candidates in order of preference, allowing IRV to accomplish the

primary, general and (if necessary) run-off elections all in a single election. We ran a sample election with candidates represented by colors. Bob walked us through the election process. In the end, Blue had a very clear majority. Some questions were raised about the viability and suitability of using IRV and the potential impacts on the Party.

Our next guest was **Mike Thompson**, a candidate for Seattle City Council. He spoke about his work with neighborhoods and need for the City to be responsive to neighborhood concerns.

The 46th LD has a new Committee authorized by the Executive Board. The **Health Care Working Group** will be meeting on a regular basis to learn about the issues surrounding health care and what we can do to solve the problems. If you are interested in learning more about the committee, please contact Charles Heaney or Chad Lupkes and we'll let you know when the next meeting is so you can help.

Another guest was **Seattle City Councilman Richard Conlin**, who is running for re-election. He spoke of his long experience in community involvement and answered questions ranging from transportation planning, police response times to calls about abandoned cars and the replacement of the Alaska Way Viaduct.

David McDonald, DNC Member from Washington State and long-time member of the 46th LD, said a lawsuit was filed by the Republican Party, immediately joined by the Democratic and Libertarian Parties to prevent candidates from identifying with a party unless they are nominated by that party. They can form their own party or run as an Independent. Expect more information in the coming weeks.

David also spoke briefly about the Governor's election challenge in court. He indicated that the proportionate formula approach was neutralized when Democrats found discrepancies that offset the problem ballots found by Republicans. The Judge will make his ruling on Monday, June 6th.

The King County Nomination Convention will be held on June 28th at Bellevue Community College.

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Area Coordinator Program is a Great Success:

The 46th District Democrats now have Area Coordinators in all 14 of our designated areas. Many thanks to Janet Miller for her work on this project. A listing of the Area Coordinators and a map showing the precincts/PCOs in each Area can be viewed on our website www.46dems.com

Each Area Coordinator has been provided with information to help them be a resource for PCOs in their area. The intent of this program is to provide better support to our PCOs who are on the front lines of our Democracy!

A 2-hour PCO training session is scheduled for Saturday, June 18th at Olympic View Community Church and will serve as a Kick-Off for the 46th District's Area Coordinator program. Registration begins at 9:30, training starts at 10:00, and Lunch will follow at 12noon. Please RSVP to Betty Means via email at bmeans56@comcast.net or by phone at (206) 713-9849. Please indicate if you will stay for lunch!

Training will be open to Members as well as PCOs. We hope you can attend!!!



In Support of Schools

The 46th District Democrats support our schools through these business programs. Please join our efforts to support our children's future!



Box Tops for Education is a program from General Mills that helps our schools by guaranteeing donations based on the purchase of their products.



WaMoola for Schools is a program of Washington Mutual that helps our schools by donating money to your favorite school when you use their Visa Check Card.

If you know of other ways that we can join together as a community to support our schools, please let us know!

What's Wrong with CAFTA?

The Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) raises many issues. A recent Seattle Times editorial pointed to Central American leaders who promise that CAFTA will deliver prosperity and higher living standards.

The Times might also have mentioned that 250,000 Salvadorans protested to maintain their public health care system, and oppose language in CAFTA which would open El Salvador to ruinous lawsuits by foreign investors demanding to privatize their health care system. Central American citizens also oppose CAFTA's empty rhetoric and unenforceable labor rights language. The Salvadoran legislature ratified CAFTA in the middle of the night to avoid protests.

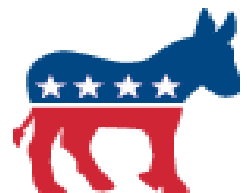
In Honduras, opponents project the loss of 700,000 jobs in agriculture, in exchange for 120,000 maquila jobs, reflecting devastation similar to the experience in Mexico. Hondurans occupied their Congress to block a midnight vote.

Corporate property rights will have top priority when trade tribunals settle questions about access to HIV/AIDS medicine, rights to seeds for family farmers, patents on indigenous plants ("biopiracy"), sustainable practices, and environmental safeguards.

CAFTA is not "just a trade agreement" and it will not build democracy.

CAFTA and other "trade" agreements subordinate the rights of local communities. The agreements help multinational companies privatize essential public services, erode environmental and human rights, polarize wealth and dominate decision-making in every area of public life.

~ *Stan Sorscher*





46th District Democrats...

You and your family are cordially invited to join

King County Executive Ron Sims

For the Re-election Campaign Kickoff Breakfast of

King County Councilmember

Carolyn Edmonds

Thursday, June 9th, 7:00 am Registration, 7:30 am Program begins
Shoreline Center, 18560 First Avenue N.E.

Come support the Democratic Candidate who will fight for OUR Democratic Party platform and progressive values on the County Council. All Contributions Greatly Appreciated. Children are welcome and eat free
All PCOs are invited to attend Free as Carolyn's guest to learn more about her grassroots campaign!

Endorsements Include: US Senator Patty Murray, US Congressman Jay Inslee, **State Senator Ken Jacobsen-46th**, **Rep. Phyllis Kenney-46th**, **Rep. Jim McIntire-46th**, Senator Darlene Fairley-32nd, Speaker Frank Chopp-43rd, Rep. Ruth Kagi-32nd, Rep. Ed Murray-43rd, King County Council Chair Larry Phillips, King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, King County Councilmember Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember Dow Constantine, Seattle Councilmember Richard Conlin, Virginia Gunby, Larry Kenney, Jim McDonald, Daniel Norton, **and many more!!!**

Paid for by Carolyn Edmonds for King County Council ~ Democrat More Information at www.CarolynEdmonds.com



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

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, **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. We need the help and support of everyone as we organize and strengthen our base in preparation for the 2005 elections. Make checks payable to: "46th District Democrats" & mail to: **PO Box 15435, Seattle, WA 98115-0435**

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King County Democrats

Nominating Convention

7:00pm Tuesday, June 28th
Bellevue Community College

More Info: www.kcdems.org

Carpool info at our June 16th mtg.

PCO Appointments

There will be no PCO appointments
at the June 16th General Member-
ship Meeting.

In Memoriam...

Dick Anderson, our friend and long-
time Democrat, passed away on April
19th of cancer. Dick, the PCO in 46-
1966, was passionate about Democratic
politics and his community. He is
survived by his wife Nancy Ito-Anderson
and will be missed by us all.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Thurs. June 16th, **46th Dems Membership Mtg-Candidate Forum**
@ Olympic View Elementary School, 7:00pm social, 7:30pm meeting
begins. Info: Scott White 363-9522 or www.46dems.COM
- Sat. June 18th, 10:00 am–12 noon. **46th Dems PCO Training @**
Olympic View Community Church, Info: Janet Miller 528-0078 or Betty
Means 713-9849
- Tues. June 28th, **King County Dems Nominating Convention**
registration 6:00pm; mtg starts 7:00pm @ Bellevue Community College,
3000 Landerholm Circle SE. Info: www.kcdems.org or 622-9157
- Sat. July 30th, 12noon, **King County Democrats Annual Picnic** at
Lower Woodland Park near Greenlake. Info: www.kcdems.org
- *** Remember... NO membership meeting in July!
- Tues. August 2nd, 7:30 pm, **46th Dems Executive Board Meeting**
@ Olympic View Community Church, Info: Scott White 363-9522
- Thurs. August 4th, **46th Dems ENDORSEMENT Meeting @**
Olympic View Elementary School, 7:00pm social, 7:30pm meeting
begins. Info: Scott White 363-9522

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7:00 PM SOCIAL ~ 7:30PM MTG. ~ THURSDAY JUNE 16TH

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