

DEMOGRAM

Next Membership Meeting:

Olympic View Elementary

Thursday, May 18th

7:00 PM Social

7:30 PM Mtg Begins



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR by Scott White



New Action Committees Created for YOU!

The 46th Executive Board has been hard at work to help Democrats win and create opportunities for YOU to get involved in 2006 fall election cycle! To help us achieve our goals, we have created two new "Action Committees": 1) the **Resources Committee**, and 2) the **Campaign Committee**. Each Committee has a sphere of important responsibilities and will develop a work program that YOU can be a part of NOW!

The **Resources Committee** will work to build the internal capacity of the 46th District Democrats and ensure that we are a driving force during the elections this fall. To accomplish this goal, the Resources Committee will focus on PCO recruitment/coordination and on building our Membership rolls. Remember: we have strength in numbers. That is why it is critical for us to have a strong local grassroots infrastructure built around PCOs and members. YOU are the backbone of our Party and we need a strong base to help ensure victory. If you are interested in working on the Resources Committee, then please contact Committee Co-Chair **Betty Means** at 523-5702 or bmeans56@comcast.net.

The **Campaign Committee** will work to help the actual campaign operations for Democrats and endorsed ballot measures in the 46th. There will be two specific sub-committees: one that works on ballot measures and another that works closely with the Coordinated Campaign that is managed by the State Party. Folks... this is a very important election year. The more people who are engaged and carrying the Democratic message, then the higher the Democratic voter turnout in 46th LD—which benefits all of our cam-

paings. If you are interested in working on the Campaign Committee, then please contact Committee Co-Chair **Dana O'Day-Senior** at 380-9459 or paleogymnast@hotmail.com

Remember, this is YOUR party. If you would like to get involved in any of these committees, please contact the chair of that committee. More info at the May 18th meeting.

46th LD Caucus is a Great Success!

Adoption of platform and guest speakers highlight busy day

On Saturday, April 22nd, the 46th District Democrats hosted the 2006 46th Legislative District Caucus at Eckstein Middle School. There was a good sized crowd of over 130 in attendance as we elected our Delegates and Alternates to the State Convention in Yakima and adopted the 2006 Platform for the 46th Legislative District. This was a great turnout and a productive Caucus, especially given the beautiful weather that was our competition on this day. Special thanks to all Exec Board members, PCOs, delegates and volunteers who helped to make sure the day ran smoothly.

Please see page 3 for a complete recap of the Caucus events and a list of our 46th LD Delegates and Alternates to the 2006 WA State Democratic Convention.

I look forward to working with you to strengthen OUR communities and to bring victory to Democrats this fall...

Scott



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PROGRAM: Finish Work of the LD Caucus

Consider Resolutions, Review 2006 Ballot Measures

SPEAKER: Seattle Councilmember Richard Conlin



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In Memoriam...

Arthur Lester Malmgren, 1925-2006

The 46th District lost a good friend when Arthur Malmgren passed away on April 13th after a difficult battle with lung cancer. Nancy Malmgren's husband of 55 years, "Les" worked with Nancy on the Carkeek Watershed Community Action Project, the restoration of Pipers Creek, salmon conservation, and many other community causes. Les will be missed by his many family members and friends.



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! Please send to: **chadlupkes@gmail.com** or **Scott.White46@comcast.net**

Poll Workers Needed

The 2004 Primary and General Elections showed all of us the importance of having accurate and efficient workers staffing our polling locations. The credibility and integrity of each election is dependent upon our appointees doing their respective jobs. Our poll workers and official observers need to ensure all absentee and provisional ballots that are properly cast and verified, are counted according to the same standards and rules.

The two major parties in Washington are responsible for assigning inspectors, judges, and observers for elections. As Democrats, if we do not fill all our allotted positions, the King County Election Office has the right to fill vacancies without regard to party affiliation.

If you or a Democrat you know might be interested, then please contact **Sylvia Haven**, 46th LD Poll Worker Coordinator, at 522-3943 or **sbhaven@qwest.net** **Thank you for your support!**



We are thrilled to announce the newest Democrat in the district

Barrett James White

Born Sunday May 7, 2006

5 lb. 5 oz.

*Parents **Scott White** and **Alison Carl White** are basking in the joy of new parenthood. We wish them all the best.*

Vacant Sergeant-At-Arms Position...

Marks Saporito's departure leaves a vacancy on the Executive Board. If you are interested in serving as the Sergeant-At-Arms, then please contact Scott White for more information. This position is a full voting position on the Executive Board **and** is responsible for arriving early at meetings to set up chairs, make coffee and other meeting-prep duties. The vacancy was announced at the March meeting and will be filled via election at the May 18th meeting.

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

46th LD Caucus a Success!

The 2006 46th LD Caucus was held on Saturday, April 22nd and was both a fun and productive morning as we elected Delegates and Alternates to the State Party Convention and adopted the 46th LD Democratic Platform.

This year the 46th LD was allotted 43 delegates and 22 alternates to the State Party Convention. (Delegates and alternates to the State Convention are allocated in proportion to the votes cast for John Kerry and Christine Gregoire in the 2004 general election.) Delegates to the State Convention will be able to vote on the planks in the State Platform. The State Party Convention will be held on June 2nd-4th at the Yakima Convention Center in Yakima. Delegates and Alternates are listed below.

Guest speakers during the day included U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell, State Senator Ken Jacobsen, State Representative Phyllis Kenney, and candidates for the U.S. Senate Mark Wilson and Hong Thi Tran. Seattle Councilmember Jean Godden, who is a PCO in the District, was introduced.

A special resolution of thanks and appreciation was read to honor Mark Saporito, who is retiring as Sergeant-at-Arms after many years of dedicated service to the 46th.

In adopting the platform, delegates were generally in tune with the platform as presented by the Platform Committee, chaired by Sarajane Siegfriedt and Jim Mullins. The Platform Committee had coordinated all those recommendations that had come from the precinct caucuses held March 4. In addition to a beginning statement of Values, the Platform includes 12 general sections: Economic Justice and Taxes, Energy and Environment, Civil and Human Rights, Media and Culture, Education, Foreign Policy,

Health Care, Human Services, Labor, Transportation, Law and Justice, and the Political Process.

Sections where there was agreement were adopted as proposed, and then those issues that were controversial, such as planks on the Middle East, were debated and then voted on.

Since time did not allow consideration of the resolutions brought forth, these items of immediate concern will be voted on at the May 18 membership meeting.

As Chair Scott White said, "the caucus was a day when we truly came together as Democrats, and the day's success was definitely a TEAM effort." A round of thanks goes to the following:

Platform Committee: Co-Chairs Sarajane Siegfriedt and Jim Mullins and Jamie Clausen, Dean Fournier, Sylvia Haven, Larry Smith, Stan Sorscher, Tom Rogers, and Steve Zemke.

Rules Committee: Scott White, Chair, and Bev Marcus, Gerry Pollet, Betty Means, and John Webber.

Credentials Committee: Janet Miller, Chair, and Betty Means and Dana O'Day-Senior.

Planning Committee: Chad Lupkes, Betty Means, Janet Miller, Dana O'Day-Senior, and Scott White.

More Thanks: Stan Sorscher, Secretary; Mark Saporito, Sergeant-at-Arms; Larry Smith, Parliamentarian; Jan Ames, Bev Marcus, and others, Registration/ Check-in; Javier Valdez, Balloting and Delegate Process; Barbara Whitt, Food Concessions; and Chad Lupkes, Sound System.

US Senator Maria Cantwell US Representative Jim McDermott

Peter House, Chair, 36th Dist. Democrats

Gwen Rench, Chair, 37th Dist. Democrats

Lisa Stuebing, Chair, 43rd Dist. Democrats

Scott White, Chair, 46th Dist. Democrats

Invite you and your family to support

King County Council Chair

Larry Phillips

at his Annual

SALMON BAKE

Saturday, May 13th

1:00pm to 4:00pm



**Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center
Discovery Park**

3801 West Government Way

Enjoy a traditional Indian Alder Baked Salmon Dinner

All Contributions Greatly Appreciated!

Children are Welcome and eat Free!

Congratulations to All of the 46th LD Delegates and Alternates to the WA State Convention!

Male Delegates

Basil Anex
Nathan Borgford-Parnell
Raymond S. Collins III
Stuart Ferguson
Dean Fournier
David Garcia
Jim Hardman
Wesley Irwin
Chad Lupkes
Peter Martinson
Brent MacFarlane
Michael Miller
Jason Osgood
Gerald Pollet
Steven Rude
Mark Saporito
Justin Simmons
Larry Smith
Stan Sorscher
Stephen Toy
Burt Webb
Scott White
Steve Zemke

Female Delegates

Gretchen Anex
Mary Kaye Bardue
Vickie Brodine
Gail Chiarello
Marilyn Griffin
Sal Gordon
Phyllis Gutierrez-Kenney
Sylvia Haven
Angela Henry
Julie Anne Kempf
Sara Lewis
Beverly Marcus
Betty Means
Dana O'Day-Senior
Juli Pettingill
Keela Rae-Williams
Emily Rude
Sarajane Siegfriedt
Barbara Stoner
Barbara Whitt

Alternates

Jeanine Ferguson
Jeff Carnegie
Gad Levy

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On Deck: Looking Ahead to the May 18th Meeting

Resolutions for consideration at the General Membership meeting:

1. **Impeach Bush** (*passed*)
2. **Impeach Cheney:** Be it resolved that we urge all Democratic Party National Representatives and Senators to demand Vice President Cheney's immediate resignation and take immediate steps to impeach him for the good of our nation and our prosperity.
3. **HR 676 – Universal Health Insurance:** Be it resolved that Members of Congress are hereby instructed to support and enact HR 676, to provide health care insurance coverage for all.
4. **Key Arena:** Be it resolved that we call upon all elected representatives to ensure that no further public funds be provided to renovate Key Arena.
5. **Department of Peace:** Be it resolved that Congress enact legislation to create a cabinet level Department of Peace for the purposes of implementing nonviolent approaches for domestic programs and foreign mediation.
6. **Endorse 937 – Renewable energy:** Be it resolved that we join with Washingtonians for Energy Security in endorsing Initiative 937 to the people that will ensure electric utilities purchase 15% of their power from clean, appropriately sited renewable resources by 2020, and realize all available cost-saving energy efficiency.
7. **Sen. Cantwell disappointment:** Be it resolved that we are deeply disappointed that Senator Maria Cantwell has not accepted our repeated invitations to come and speak with the 46th District Democrats at a monthly meeting.
8. **Fair Share Health Care – Wal-Mart Bill:** Be it resolved that we join with the Fair Share Care Coalition of church organizations, business leaders, unions and retirees in supporting Fair Share Care legislation in

the 2007 Washington State Legislative session to require large employers to provide adequate health care for their employees.

9. **SR 520 Development:** Be it resolved that we oppose (1) the construction of an interchange to SR 520 over Marsh Island in the Arboretum, (2) the conversion of Lake Washington Blvd into a bridge/freeway access road, and (3) the building of a freeway interchange to SR 520 on the University of Washington campus and the widening of either Montlake Blvd or NE Pacific Street to serve it.
10. **Military Action Against Iran:** Be it resolved that the 46th District Democrats direct their elected U.S. Representatives and Senators to exercise their Congressional oversight responsibilities by (1) opposing any and all actions leading to pre-emptive military strikes against Iran, (2) demanding the truth from the Bush administration about its goals and plans for a possible attack on Iran, and (3) demanding that the Bush Administration exhaust every diplomatic means to sanely resolve any issues with Iran.
11. **Sen. Cantwell disappointment:** Be it resolved that the 46th District Democrats declare to Senator Maria Cantwell in no uncertain terms their profound disappointment in the Senator's refusal to support the Alito filibuster and for her continued support of the Iraq war.
12. **King County Sheriff:** Be it resolved that we support the efforts of the Sheriff's Blue Ribbon Task Force to review management and discipline systems within the Sheriff's Office and identify opportunities for reforms.
13. **Oppose signature drive for Initiative 933:** Therefore be it resolved, that the 46th District Democrats endorse the campaign to oppose the signature drive for I-933 in Washington because the initiative could dismantle protections for our communities, farm and forest land, our local economy, and our quality of life.

Movie Review: An Inconvenient Truth

An informative and inspirational documentary on Al Gore's commitment to exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround global warming

By Janet Miller and Eileen Pollet

The last 5 ½ years have made all of us wonder what life would be like if Al Gore had been our president. Ah, but that is for day-dreamers to contemplate. Since the end of 2000, Gore has been on the campaign trail and it is coming to a theater near you. But this campaign really started when he was a much younger man.

Almost 30 years ago, Al Gore was in college. One of his professors shared 'new' research about the heating up of the earth's atmosphere. These early signs of global warming have been the thorn in his craw ever since. Today our former Vice President has dedicated his life to educating and ACTIVATING people around this issue. The newest part in that campaign is a recently released film: "An Inconvenient Truth."

The film is being billed as "*The most terrifying film you will ever see.*" Yes, terrifying, but also motivating. While we were shaken by the information, we were equally moved to act. Throughout the movie and in his informal remarks after the showing recently in Seattle, Mr. Gore talked about how this issue is not so much a political issue as it is a moral issue. Gore uses a part preacher, part politician, part scientist approach to taking a complicated issue and bringing it home. The science is startling and the time to act is now.

The inconvenient truth that this movie highlights is the undisputed, uncontroversial, undeniable fact that we humans are affecting climate change on our planet and we must make some changes before it is too late.

There are things that each of us can do right now to slow the progress of global warming. Many of them you will have heard before and they don't all cost the price of a new Prius. They range from moving the thermostat down 2 degrees in winter, using less hot water, buying organic and carpooling.

This film opens locally the weekend of June 3-4. At the time of this writing, over 32,000 folks have pledged to see the film on opening weekend. You can join their ranks by logging on to www.climatecrisis.net and going to the SEE THE TRUTH page.

You may not be a global climate change expert after seeing this film, but you will be motivated to talk to people about the issue and make some changes in the way you lead your daily life. Please go see "An Inconvenient Truth." Take younger people with you. This is a battle that we will need to wage for many generations to come. "Our ability to live, is what is at stake."

Janet's and Eileen's Rating: 3.5 out of 4 Dem Donkeys



Show Your Commitment to the 46th District Democrats.

Please take a moment to look at your name as it's printed on this newsletter's Address Label. If "2006" appears after your name, **Congratulations and Many Thanks!** You are a dues-paying member of the 46th Legislative District Democrats. If "2006" 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 2006 elections. Make checks payable to: "46th District Democrats" & mail to: **PO Box 15435, Seattle, WA 98115-0435 JOIN TODAY!**

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Hi I'm

BARBARA WHITT

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms

Precinct Committee Officer 46-2373

Hostess with the Mostest--Monthly Demogram Mailing Parties

Pro Tem Secretary 46th District Democrats

and Candidate for

Sergeant-at-Arms

46th District Democrats



Vote for Barbara

"She'll Keep the Coffee Hot!"

Election May 18, 2006 Membership Meeting

King County Democratic Convention a Success!

Several hundred Delegates elected at the Precinct Caucuses from across King County attended the **King County Democratic Convention** on Saturday, May 6th at the International Aerospace Machinists Hall in South Park. It was a great day as Democrats representing every legislative district in King County came together to hear from candidates and officials and to adopt our King County Platform .

Senator **Maria Cantwell**, Congressman **Jim McDermott**, Congressman **Jay Inslee** and Congressman **Adam Smith** fired up the crowd with optimism for the fall elections. Congressional Candidate **Darcy Burner** made it clear to everyone in the room that she is running hard, running strong and running to win in the 8th CD. Go Darcy, Go!

Special thanks to **Suzie Sheary**, King County Chair, for her leadership to make the Convention a success. **Sharon Mast** served as Chair of the Rules Committee, 46th member **Javier Valdez** served as Chair of the Credentials Committee, and **Joel Ware** served as Chair of the Platform Committee. Special thanks to **Sarajane Siegfriedt** of the 46th who played a critical role on the KCDCC Platform Committee. Our own **Scott White** was scheduled to serve as Chair of the Convention, but the birth of his first child prevented him from attending! Check the KCDCC website for more information and to view the platform: www.kcdems.org



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 18TH AT OLYMPIC VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7:00 PM SOCIAL ~ 7:30PM MEETING

***Time to Renew
 Your Membership***

If you haven't already renewed for 2006, then please contact Betty Means, our Vice Chair for Membership, at 523-5702 or bmeans56@comcast.net.

Membership rates: \$3 student/senior/fixed income; \$15 individual; \$25 family.

Thank you for your support!!!

**Agenda for May 18th
 Membership Meeting**

- Committee Reports
- Action Items: Consideration of Resolutions & Ballot Measures
- Program: Review Ballot Measures
- Program: Seattle City Council-member Richard Conlin
- Election of new Sergeant-At-Arms
- PCO Appointments
- Updates and reports



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Sat. May 13th, 1-4 pm **King County Council Chair Larry Phillips' Annual Salmon Bake** @ Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center, Discovery Park, 3801 West Government Way. Kids Welcome! (see pg 3)
- Thurs. May 18th, **46th Dist. Democrats Membership Meeting** @ Olympic View Elementary School 7:00pm Social, 7:30pm Mtg begins
- Sun. May 21st, 7:00 pm **King County Democrats Central Committee (KCDCC) Officers and Chairs Meeting** @ Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Ave. More info at: www.kcdems.org
- Tues. May 23rd, 7:00 pm **King County Democrats Central Committee (KCDCC) Executive Board Meeting** @ Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Ave. More info at: www.kcdems.org
- June 2-4, **WA State Democratic Convention** in Yakima. Meeting to adopt State Party Platform. More info at: www.wa-democrats.org
- Tues. June 6, 7:30 pm, **46th Dems Executive Board Meeting** @ Olympic View Community Church. Info: Scott White 363-9522

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