

# DEMOGRAM

**Next Membership Meeting:**

Olympic View Elementary

Thursday, August 3rd

7:00 PM Social

7:30 PM Mtg Begins



## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR by Scott White



### Summertime Brings the Start of Campaign Season... and the Responsibilities of Being a Grassroots Democrat

The long hot days of summer are upon us and this time of year always brings many great events and opportunities to get involved and support Democrats.

The **2006 Democratic Picnic** sponsored by the 46th District Democrats and King County Democrats will be at 12 noon on Saturday, July 29th at Lower Woodland Park near Greenlake. This event has grown to be one of our best events of the year. It is a great time to meet elected officials and candidates to chat one-on-one and learn more about their positions on the issues. Please join your Democratic friends on July 29th for some good food and conversation. Proceeds will benefit the King County Democrats. Many thanks to King County Chair Suzie Sheary for her leadership to make this event a success. *(See the ad for the picnic on page 5.)*

Even-numbered years also mean **Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) recruitment** time! Old and new PCOs must file as a candidate by July 29th to stand for election on the September primary ballot. This is a critical time to build our grassroots infrastructure because the PCOs we elect this fall will be the backbone for electing a Democrat to the White House in 2008. That may seem like a long ways off, but the 2008 precinct caucuses and convention cycle will be here before you know it and our planning starts now! If you are interested in being a PCO, have questions or haven't already filed to be the PCO in your precinct, then please contact Betty Means as soon as possible—but no later than July 28th. Betty is coordinating all of our PCO filings. *(Her contact info can be found on page 2.)*

The **46th District Democrats Endorsement Meeting** will be on Thursday, August 3rd. This is always one of our most popular and informative meetings of the year—both for members and candidates! As members of the 46th District Democrats we all have a responsibility to consider and endorse who we think is the best candidate. People often ask me for guidance on endorsements. I always say... it is important to support candidates who can and will move the Democratic policy agenda forward. To that end, my recommendation is to review our adopted platform and resolutions as a starting point, learn as much about each of the candidates as possible and then show up to our endorsement meeting and vote! *(Please review our proposed endorsement rules on page 4.)*

As one of the most active Democratic organizations in the state, receiving the endorsement of the 46th District Dems can be very helpful to candidates. If candidates have the 46th stamp of approval it means they are listed as "Endorsed" on our 46th Sample Ballot and their campaign literature is made available to our PCOs for delivery to voters. And, of course, candidates who receive our endorsement often proudly list the 46th as an endorser on their campaign literature. In short, the endorsement of the 46th District Democrats *matters* and your participation to determine who we endorse is both a privilege and a responsibility.

The 2006 elections include many critical races and ballot measures. I know it is hard to believe, but sometimes we Democrats disagree—and that is OK. However, I look forward to working with you all to ensure the future success and health of **OUR** neighborhoods, state, nation and world. See you on August 3rd.

Onward... *Scott*



### Next General Membership Meeting

**Special Day: Thursday, August 3rd**

7:00 Social ~ 7:30pm Meeting Begins

Olympic View Elementary School ~ NE 95th St. & 8th Ave. NE

### ENDORSEMENT MEETING

**and our Famous Annual Dessert Buffet!**

(Candidates are encouraged to bring a dessert of their choice)



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Please check our Website for all the latest information, meeting minutes, and calendars: [www.46dems.COM](http://www.46dems.COM)

## 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](mailto:sbhaven@qwest.net) **Thank you for your support!**



## 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@earthlink.net](mailto:chadlupkes@earthlink.net) or [Scott.White46@comcast.net](mailto:Scott.White46@comcast.net)

**Save a Tree, Go Online** — An online version of the *Demogram* is available by sending your email address to: [gerry-pollet@msn.com](mailto:gerry-pollet@msn.com)

## Time to Renew Your Membership

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

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



**Thank you for your support!!!**



## Vacant Executive Board Position: King County Male Delegate Alternate

There is a vacancy on the Executive Board for the position of *King County Male Delegate Alternate*. If you are interested in serving in this position, then please contact Chair Scott White for more information. This position is a full voting position on the Executive Board and is responsible for attending KCDCC meetings when the regular Male Delegate can't attend. You **must** be a Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) to be eligible to fill this position. **The vacancy will be filled by election at the August 3rd meeting.**

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

The June 15<sup>th</sup> membership was meeting highly informative...

A tax reform panel discussion by 46<sup>th</sup> District **State Representative Jim McIntire** and local super lawyer **Hugh Spitzer** of Foster Pepper & Shefelman, and reports from **City Councilmember Richard Conlin** and **Councilmember David Della** highlighted the June 15<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting.

Representative Jim McIntire is chair of the House Finance Committee, and Hugh Spitzer is an Affiliate Law Professor at the University of Washington School of Law. Both are long-time authorities on tax legislation and tax policy, and both were members of the 2002 Washington State Tax Structure Study Committee chaired by William H. Gates, Sr.

Spitzer gave a presentation on the Gates' Committee report, showing that sales and use taxes account for 58% of Washington State's revenues. Washington's tax system is regressive, and revenues are falling behind, even as economic activity improves.

Sales taxes are more volatile than economic activity, and the tax base is eroding. Spitzer outlined the various alternatives that the committee had recommended to replace the current system. For more information on the Committee's report, go to: [www.dor.wa.gov](http://www.dor.wa.gov)

Representative McIntire mentioned that some of the Committee's recommendations already have been addressed. After 25 years of work on taxes, he would like to see changes in the way education is funded, changes on the spending limit, and changes that would improve the tax structure so that

tax revenues grow as needs grow. Any solution to the State's tax issue, including the Business and Occupation tax, will need to come from a bi-partisan coalition of business, workers, farmers, unions, and other politically-active groups.

Both Councilmember Conlin and Councilmember Della thanked the 46<sup>th</sup> District for its support. Councilmember Conlin discussed his work with the Northgate housing project, the library and community center scheduled to open July 15 in the Northgate area, salmon recovery, the City's compliance with the Kyoto Treaty, plans for the SR-520 bridge, his opposition to public support for the Sonics remodel of Key Arena, and the Alaskan Way Viaduct issue.



Rep. Jim McIntire is Chair of the House Finance Committee and a leader in progressive tax reform.



Hugh Spitzer was Vice Chair of the WA State Tax Structure Study in 2002.

Seattle City Councilmembers David Della (L) and Richard Conlin (R) gave reports to the 46th at our June meeting. Both were endorsed by the 46th in their most recent elections (Della in '03 and Conlin in '05).



Councilman Della chairs the Parks, Education, Libraries, and Labor committee. He is vice-chair of the Energy and Technology committee, which oversees City Light. He also sits on the Finance and Budget committee. Although the City Council chose the tunnel option as the preferred alternative for replacing the viaduct, he believes funding is not available for that option. He would like to rethink the purpose and goals of the Seattle Center and how the Sonics might fit into that vision.

**Precinct Committee Officers (PCO)** must file during the week of July 24-28<sup>th</sup> in order to have their names on the primary ballot. With 90 PCOs committed to run, 100 precincts still need to be filled. Contact Janet Miller at 528-0078 for more information. PCOs are encouraged to walk their precincts before the September 19 election in order to ensure PCO election.

**Representative Phyllis Kenney** announced that former Governor Mike Lowry will speak about low-income housing at her fiesta campaign kick-off at the Community Center (formerly known as the "Brig") at Magnuson Park on July 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Representative Jim McIntire's** kick-off campaign is July 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Agua Verde in the U-District.

Volunteers are needed to help with both the *Resources Committee* (which includes PCO Coordination and Membership) co-chaired by **Betty Means** and **Janet Miller**, as well as the *Campaign Committee* (which includes work with Initiatives and the Coordinated Campaign), which is co-chaired by **Dana O'Day-Senior**. Members are encouraged to call the co-chairs and become involved.

Speaking for the Audit Committee (**Norma Miller, Jeff Douthwaite, and Kim Wells**) that reviewed the District's financial records, Miller reported that the Treasurer's records were well organized and well documented. Committee recommendations included allocating the mailing account in a different way and moving the funds to an interest-paying account. A motion by Chair Scott White to approve the report of the Audit Committee and to thank Treasurer Gail Chiarello for her outstanding work as Treasurer passed unanimously.

Chair Scott White thanked **Jim Mullins** and **Sarajane Siegfriedt**, co-chairs, for their work on the Platform Committee. The State and County Platforms included many planks from the 46<sup>th</sup> District's platform.



Chair Scott White introduced **Aiko Akers**, field organizer for the Coordinated Campaign, and **Kirk Shirley**, from the McDermott campaign.

After the bylaws regarding advance notice were suspended, **Dean Fournier** moved that the 46<sup>th</sup> District strongly urge the Seattle School Board to reconsider its decision to close Viewlands Elementary School. The resolution was **passed**.

The District will join the King County Democrats for a **Summer Picnic** to be held at Lower Woodland Park (near Greenlake) Shelter #1, on Saturday, July 29, starting at noon.

No 46<sup>th</sup> District meeting will be held in July. However, **the next membership meeting will be the Endorsement Meeting to be held Thursday, August 3rd**. The meeting will include an election to fill the vacant position of King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) male alternate. You must be a PCO to run for this position.

*Thanks to Jan Ames for compiling "In Case You Missed It..."*

# Proposed Endorsement Rules

**Per Article XVI, Section 3 of the Bylaws, these Draft Rules are presented by the Executive Board for review and approval by the General Membership at the Endorsement Meeting on Thursday, August 3rd.**

## **I. Endorsement Meeting Schedule**

A. The general membership meeting held on August 3, 2006 will consider endorsements for:

1. All races and ballot measures on the September 2006 Primary Election Ballot, and
2. All races and ballot measures on the November 2006 General Election Ballot.

B. The general membership meeting held on September 21, 2006 may consider endorsements for races and ballot measures on the November 2006 General Election Ballot for which an endorsement has not yet been made or is not in effect.

## **II. Eligibility to Vote**

To be eligible to vote, or to speak at the endorsement meeting, you must be either a Precinct Committee Officer (PCO), or a resident 46<sup>th</sup> District voter who has paid dues at least 21 days in advance of the endorsement meeting (received or postmarked on or before July 13<sup>th</sup> for Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> mtg and on or before Aug 31<sup>st</sup> for Sept 21<sup>st</sup> mtg). Persons who were paid members in good standing of the 46th District Democrats in 2005 may renew their membership up to the time of the endorsement meeting and are exempt from the 21 day advance deadline. For purposes of these endorsement procedures, PCOs and resident 46<sup>th</sup> District voters who have paid dues at least 21 days in advance, or members from the previous year who renew prior to the meeting, shall be called "eligible voters". Voting by proxy is not allowed.

## **III. Eligibility for Endorsement**

To be eligible for endorsement, per Article XVI, Section 7 of the bylaws, a candidate for partisan office must file as a Democrat and declare affiliation only with the Democratic Party for a period of at least one year prior to the endorsement meeting. For non-partisan races other than judicial races, a candidate must have (a) declared affiliation only with the Democratic Party, or (b) publicly indicated non-affiliation with any political party for a period of at least one year prior to the endorsement meeting. In addition, for a candidate to be eligible for consideration (with the exception of Presidential candidates) he/she must sign and submit the King County Democrats' candidate questionnaire. This questionnaire must be received by the Chair of the 46th District Democrats by July 31<sup>st</sup>. (Check King County Democrats web page [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org) for questionnaire.)

## **IV. Endorsement Requirements**

Endorsements require a vote of 2/3 of the eligible voters present and voting. Abstentions are not considered votes, and will not be counted in determining the number of votes cast. Voting will be by written ballots issued to eligible voters before the vote. (A vote by show of hands may be called in the case of a Third Ballot as described in IV.B.3.)

## **V. Endorsement Procedures – Candidates**

### **A. Nominations**

1. For each race with candidates, the floor will be open to nominations/seconds for all eligible candidates and "No Endorsement". Only eligible voters may make motions to

endorse/nominate or speak on behalf of an endorsement/nomination. A motion to close nominations shall be out of order.

2. For each motion to endorse, a nomination speech of no more than two minutes and a seconding speech of not more than one minute will be allowed. Speakers shall identify themselves prior to making nomination speeches on behalf of any candidate or ballot measure. Eligible voters may NOT cede their time to anyone ineligible to vote at the meeting. Members will hear all nomination/seconding speeches on behalf of all candidates or "No Endorsement" for that race before the vote.

3. All eligible candidates who are nominated and "No Endorsement" will be an option on the First Ballot.

### **B. Voting**

1. **First Ballot:** Each eligible voter will vote for one nominated candidate or "No Endorsement." If any nominated candidate or "No Endorsement" receives 2/3, then that vote passes. If neither a candidate nor "No Endorsement" receives 2/3, then we will move to a second ballot. (Note: In the case of a race with only one candidate, the First Ballot is eliminated and we begin with the Second Ballot.)

2. **Second Ballot:** The top two choices receiving votes from the First Ballot shall be on the Second Ballot.

a. Top two options are *both* candidates: If either of the two candidates receives 2/3, then that vote passes. If not, then move to Third Ballot.

b. Top two options are a candidate *and* "No Endorsement": If either of the two options receives 2/3, then that vote passes. If not, then no endorsement in the race is made.

3. **Third Ballot:** If no choice in the Second Ballot received 2/3, then a motion for dual endorsement will be entertained. This motion must pass by 2/3. If not, then no endorsement in the race is made. A show of hands may be called in the case of a Third Ballot.

## **VI. Endorsement Procedures – Ballot Measures**

### **A. Nominations**

1. Ballot Measures include all initiatives, referenda, levies, and other races without candidates. The question to endorse a Ballot Measure shall be considered in the form it would appear on the ballot. Nominations for a specific endorsement to support or oppose a Ballot Measure are not in order, as the endorsement—"Support", "Reject" or "Take no position"—will be determined by the voting.

2. For each motion to consider a Ballot Measure, a speech of not more than two minutes and a seconding speech of not more than one minute will be allowed for each of the 3 positions "Support", "Reject" and "Take no position". Only eligible voters may make motions to endorse/nominate or speak on behalf of an endorsement/nomination. Members will hear all speeches for that Ballot Issue before the vote.

### **B. Voting**

1. **First Ballot:** Each eligible voter will vote for "Support", "Reject" or "Take no position". If any option receives 2/3, then that vote passes. If no option receives 2/3 we move to a Second Ballot.

2. **Second Ballot:** The top two choices between "Support", "Reject" or "Take no position" will appear on the Second Ballot. If either option receives 2/3, then that vote passes. If no option receives 2/3, then the position of the 46th District Democrats will be "Take no position".



*The  
46th District Democrats  
and  
King County Democrats  
invite you to attend*



# The 2006 Democratic Picnic

**Saturday, July 29th ~ 12:00 noon  
Lower Woodland Park ~ Shelter #1**



**Join Democratic friends, elected officials and candidates  
for good food, cold drinks and lively conversation!**



**Suggested donation \$20  
Proceeds benefit King County Democrats**

## Resolutions for Consideration at August 3rd Meeting

The following four resolutions will be up for consideration at the August 3rd general membership meeting.

### **1. Second Resolution concerning City of Seattle's Code of Ethics:**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats support the existing Code of Ethics (SMC 4.16) and call on Seattle City Council to reject the proposed legislative changes to relax the existing Code of Ethics for advisory committee members.

*Recommend Do Pass by 46th Platform/Resolutions Committee*

### **2. Concerning City of Seattle Charter Amendment No. 3:**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats support proposed City Charter Amendment no. 3 requiring reconfirmation of all city department heads named in the City Charter (excepting the City Librarian) by Seattle City Council.

*Recommend Do Pass by 46th Platform/Resolutions Committee*

### **3. Concerning the KCDCC Candidate Questionnaire:**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats call on the King County Democratic Central Committee to develop candidate questionnaires that include substantive policy questions specifically related to individual offices, including Federal offices.

*Recommend Do Pass by 46th Platform/Resolutions Committee*

### **4. Concerning the proposal to create a new elected position of King County Auditor to manage Elections:**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats do hereby oppose the creation of a new elected position of King County Auditor that would be responsible for all elections functions in King County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats call on the King County Council to maintain the integrity of our elections system by publicly opposing the misguided and politically motivated effort to place this measure on the ballot.

*Recommend Do Pass by 46th Platform/Resolutions Committee*

# Special 46th Campaign Committee Gears Up for Action

*There are many campaigns for both candidates and ballot measures that need YOUR help!*

*By Dana O'Day-Senior and Dean Fournier, Committee Co-Chairs*

The 46th District Democrats Chair Scott White has created a Special Campaign Committee to help with the elections this fall. This Committee is comprised of two sub-committees to help target our efforts and resources, and lead us to victory in 2006...

## Issues Sub-Committee

In addition to the many races in this November's election, there are many important initiatives and other ballot measures for voters' consideration. The goal of the issues sub-committee of the Campaign Committee is to facilitate the participation and involvement of 46th District activists with initiative campaigns endorsed by the district, including the very important No on I-933 campaign (<http://noon933.org/index.php>), which seeks to stop the passage of the costly, environmentally-destructive, proposed initiative I-933. This initiative would impose a "pay or waive" system in Washington, forcing taxpayers to pay landowners and irresponsible developers to comply with zoning and environmental regulations or waive the regulations if unable to pay. The 46th District Campaign Committee will help connect and coordinate voters and volunteers within the 46th District with this and other important initiative campaigns; brainstorm and implement ways for the 46th District Democrats, as an organization, to help our endorsed initiative campaigns; and use our members' enthusiasm, concern, and interest in these initiatives as a tool to help get out the vote in the November election.



If you are interested in learning more about the ballot measures in the November election, if you would like to get in contact with an initiative campaign, if you are passionate about issues in the upcoming election, or if you have ideas for how the 46th can help our endorsed initiative campaigns to succeed, please sign up for the Campaign Committee today. The 46th Democrats and Washington State need your help and ideas to make this election a success.

**Dana O'Day-Senior, 380-9459** [paleogymnast@hotmail.com](mailto:paleogymnast@hotmail.com)

## Coordinated Campaign Sub-Committee

A key element of the 46th District Campaign Committee is our work with the Democrats' statewide "Coordinated Campaign," an effort to push Democrats to victory in all the 2006 electoral races. This means U.S. Senator, members of Congress, and state legislators. Because our

three 46th District legislators seldom have serious opposition, and because our 7th CD Congressman Jim McDermott is usually re-elected easily, we can afford to turn significant attention to other critical races.

This year's Bush Senate/Congressional Campaign Committees have set up two principal targets in our state, in areas where we can provide valuable help for our party's nominees. One is the Senate seat now held by our Maria Cantwell and contested by insurance tycoon Mike McGavick; the other is in the 8th Congressional District, where our highly promising newcomer Darcy Burner is contesting the seat now held by the GOP's Dave Reichart.



Why should we in the 46th spend time/money in the 8th CD, located east and south of Lake Washington? Because that seat is critical to our party's regaining control of the U.S. House of Reps, so that Democrats can get much needed legislation passed on the national level (e.g., health care reform) and so that we are no longer shut out of the agenda-setting process in Congress. Also, we in the 46th can spare some time and dollars to help Darcy replace Sheriff Dave! Democratic resources will make the difference in turning the 8th into a Democratic CD.

The Senate race has already drawn widespread attention, renewed recently when antiwar Democrat Mark Wilson withdrew and endorsed Senator Cantwell. Maria has been among the leaders in attempting to refocus our nation's energy policy away from gasoline dependency, and her courage in stepping into the forefront to save ANWR despite threats of heavy political retribution was exceptional. Whoever our party's nominee turns out to be, it is important that we all get behind her and provide the support needed to keep this important seat Democratic and give us a fighting chance to move into control of the Senate.

So how can we help the Coordinated Campaign for "Victory 2006"? There are many types of opportunities, including staffing phone banks (usually late afternoon or evenings); entering information into computers at the campaign office, registering voters or otherwise "carrying the flag" at public gatherings. Whatever/whenever suits you. I've been doing data entry one afternoon a week, and hope to be able to do more as time goes by. Contact me, or (Ms.) Aiko Akers (the Campaign's "field organizer" for the 46th LD), and we can see how best to fit you in.

**Dean Fournier, 364-4539 home** or [Marydeanf@cs.com](mailto:Marydeanf@cs.com)

**Aiko at Campaign HQ, 352-3963** or [aikoa@wa-democrats.org](mailto:aikoa@wa-democrats.org)

*Please contact Dana, Dean or Aiko to find out how you can help bring us Victory in 2006!*

## Your New King County Councilmember... Larry Gossett

For many residents in the southern part of the 46th LD, Councilmember **Larry Gossett** became your new representative on the King County in January 2006 as a result of the redistricting and election in 2005. Born and raised in Seattle, Larry's record of service to the community spans over 40 years. His work includes serving as a Vista Volunteer in the mid-60s, working as a student activist and leader at the UW in the late 1960s, serving as the Executive Director of CAMP (Central Area Motivational Program), and serving citizens on the King County Council since 1993.

Larry is a highly respected community leader who has advocated for the underrepresented and underprivileged in King County for many years. He has long been an advocate for programs that help inner-city youth and reduce racial and class disparities in the local criminal justice system. Larry has also been a strong voice for human services. As Co-Chair of the Healthy Families and

Communities Task Force, he is working with local human services providers to develop a long-range plan to secure funding that will meet the future demand for services in King County.

Larry is also the past Chair of the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee where he successfully guided King County's budget for two years. These days he is Vice Chair of the Council and Chair of the Committee of the Whole, which reviews some of the county's most complex issues.

If you ever have questions or concerns about county government Larry would love to hear from you! He can be reached at 296-1002 or [Larry.Gossett@metrokc.gov](mailto:Larry.Gossett@metrokc.gov)



Larry Gossett is a strong advocate for progressive issues.

# Show Your Commitment to the 46<sup>th</sup> 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 46<sup>th</sup> 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: "46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats" & mail to: **PO Box 15435, Seattle, WA 98115-0435 JOIN TODAY!**

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## Proposal to Adjust Annual Dues up for Consideration at the August 3rd Membership Meeting

Per our organizational Bylaws, the Executive Board of the 46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats has reviewed the rates for our annual membership dues and is submitting proposed adjustments to these rates for consideration and approval by the General Membership at the August 3rd meeting.

Increasing our dues is a serious decision and the recommendation by the Executive Board was made only after careful consideration. The Executive Board reviewed our rate structure and then compared it to other Democratic Legislative District organizations throughout King County, including the 11th LD, 34th LD, 36th LD, 41st LD, 43rd LD and 45th LD. As it turns out, the membership dues in the 46th LD were lower than a majority of the other LDs. This proposal brings our dues up to the going rates for organizations like ours. We are now on par with—*not above*—other Democratic LD organizations in King County. It is also worth noting that records and the memories of Executive Board members show that we have not adjusted our dues in over ten years! The proposal will be considered at the Aug 3rd mtg.

| Membership Type    | Current Rate | Proposed Rate |             |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Limited Income     | \$3          | \$5           | (+2)        |
| Individual         | \$15         | \$25          | (+10)       |
| Family             | \$25         | \$35          | (+10)       |
| Friend of the 46th | \$46         | \$46          | (no change) |
| 4600 Club          | \$100        | \$100         | (no change) |
| Benefactor         | NA           | \$500         | (new)       |

## Literature Pick Up and Doorbelling Training

10 am Saturday, August 26th at Janet and Gerry's house  
 7750 - 17th Ave NE (just south of NE 80th on 17th NE)

Have you been wondering about those fields on the walking lists? Wonder what to say when you are talking to your neighbors about this election season? Do you know the details of registering voters or changing addresses? These and many other mysteries will be revealed at this Doorbelling Training. It will be helpful for the first timer and seasoned doorbeller alike. Please join us for coffee and literature! Then we'll all be ready to hit the streets for a Democratic Victory!!!



**OUR WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED!**  
 All the latest info, meeting minutes, and calendars: [www.46dems.COM](http://www.46dems.COM)

## Deputy Treasurer Needed

The 46<sup>th</sup> District Democrats seek a Deputy Treasurer who would be interested in running for Treasurer during the January 2007 reorganization.

This is a key role in the day-to-day mechanics of the 46<sup>th</sup> District. It is a good opportunity to learn campaign finance disclosure law and to see how a very active, highly successful Democratic LD organization manages its financial affairs. For more information, call me at 206-523-0715 or 206-679-3659, or call Scott at 206-310-7970.

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—PRIMARY ENDORSEMENT MTG  
 THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD 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!!!

**Items for August 3rd  
 Membership Meeting**

- Committee Reports
- Endorsements
- Proposal to Increase Annual Membership Dues
- Election of Vacant Position on Executive Board — *KCDCC Male Alternate*
- Resolutions see page 5



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



- Sat. July 29th, 12 noon, **KCDCC and 46th Dems Summer Picnic** @ Lower Woodland Park (south of Greenlake) Shelter #1. JOIN US!!!
- Thurs. August 3rd, **46th District Democrats ENDORSEMENT MEETING and DESSERT BUFFET**. *Remember:* the July and August meetings are combined for our annual endorsement meeting held on the first Thursday in August. Candidates, please bring a dessert to share. See page 4 for proposed endorsement rules.
- Sun. August 20th, 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. August 22nd, 7:00 pm **King County Democrats Central Committee (KCDCC) ENDORSEMENT MEETING** @ Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Ave. More info at: www.kcdems.org
- Sat. August 26th, 10:00 am **Primary Literature Pick-Up and Doorbell Training** @ Janet and Gerry's House - 7750 17th Ave NE. All PCOs and volunteers welcome! Coffee & Donuts to get energized!
- Sept 5th, **46th Dems Executive Board Meeting** @ Olympic View Community Church. Info: Scott White 363-9522

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