

DEMOGRAM

Next Membership Meeting:

Olympic View Elementary

Thursday, March 15th

7:00 PM Social

7:30 PM Mtg Begins



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR by Scott White



46th Dems Prepare for 2007-08 Cycle

We have a lot of work ahead of us in the next two years and the best way to prepare is organize, organize, organize! Local elections for Seattle City Council, King County Council, Seattle Port Commission and Seattle School Board will occupy much of our time this year. We will also focus a great deal of energy on building our infrastructure in preparation for these local elections, and for the federal and state elections in 2008. Planning and organizing *now* will help make sure that we have the internal capacity to grow our organization, educate our members and voters in the 46th, and advocate for issues that align with our platform and resolutions throughout the next two years. This important work will also help ensure that the precinct caucuses are a big success in February 2008! To get ready for this two-year cycle, the 46th District Democrats Executive Board met for several hours on Saturday, February 24th to review and develop work programs for key committees and functional areas for our District. Read on to learn about how YOU can help...

The 46th District Democrats have several committees that provide structure and carry out the work of our organization. In the past, much of this work has fallen on the shoulders of the members of the Executive Board, but *in order to achieve our potential as a true bottom-up grassroots organization we need everyone to get involved!* We are very fortunate to have such a talented group of Executive Board members who have developed strong work programs, but we need your help! Work programs mean nothing without dedicated volunteers to help execute the plans. Please consider joining one of these committees

and helping with the work program for 2007:

- Program Committee—Gerry Pollet, chair
- Membership Committee—Betty Means, chair
- Legislative Action Committee—Sarajane Siegfriedt, chair
- Finance Committee—Donna Boysen, chair
- Platform and Resolutions Committee—Dean Fournier, chair
- Community Outreach Committee—Mike Thompson, chair
- PCO Recruitment Committee—Janet Miller, chair
- Precinct Caucus Planning Committee—Scott White, chair

It is going to be a busy and fun year. Again, please consider joining one of these committees and help move the Democratic Party forward! More information and sign-ups will be available at the March 15th General Membership meeting. You can also contact any of the people listed above via their contact info listed on page 2 of this Demogram. They would be happy to answer questions and help identify what is the best Committee for you!

I hope you will join us—your contribution of a little time and a little money are what fuels this organization. YOU are the backbone of the progressive movement! When we work together, we are strong; when we work together as a well organized team, we are unstoppable!

Thanks for your continued support!

~ *Scott White, Chair*



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Two Special Program Items

1) **Movie: "The Corporal's Boots" + discussion w/ Doris Kent, Gold Star mother whose son was killed in Iraq**

2) **Seattle City Councilmember David Della**

(See page 2 for more information about the March 15th program)



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Next Demogram Deadline: April 4, 2007

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Please check our Website for all the latest information, meeting minutes, and calendars: www.46dems.COM

Special Program at March 15th Meeting

We are very fortunate to have two special guests for our March General Membership Meeting:

First, **Doris Kent**, Gold Star mother whose son Jonathan was killed in Iraq. Doris led the inspiring effort to have Bellingham become the first city in Washington to pass a resolution against the war. Plus, the short movie "*The Corporal's Boots*" produced by the 46th's own Patricia Boiko. Join us for an inspiring and emotional evening, and find a way to be involved.

Then, Seattle City Councilmember **David Della** will provide us with a brief update on city issues and take questions from the audience.

Please join us for what is sure to be a very special evening.

WANTED: Experienced Newsletter Volunteer

Got skills creating newsletters using MS Publisher? Want to help out the 46th by playing a key role in creating and publishing the best grassroots newsletter in the entire state? We need your help!!! This is a fun way to help the district and stay up to speed on Democratic events. If you are interested, then please contact Chair Scott White at 363-9522 or Scott.White46@comcast.net

Resolution for March 15th Membership Mtg:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 46th District Democrats oppose SB6003 / HB1983, and we request that our State Legislators oppose these bills which giveaway of our existing rights under current law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats urge all Democratic Party organizations in WA State to oppose SB6003/HB1983 & request their legislators to oppose them;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats urge our members to tell friends and neighbors about this threat to our communications rights, and urge them to call or write their legislators and friends in opposition to SB 6003 / HB1983.

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Time to Renew Your Membership for 2007



If you haven't already renewed for 2007, then please contact Betty Means, Vice Chair for Membership at 523-5702 or bmeans56@comcast.net

Your dues help support the Democratic grassroots, move forward the progressive policy agenda and help to elect Democrats.

Thank you!!! See page 5 for more details.

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

Members attending the February 15th membership meeting had an opportunity to discuss 46th District platform issues in small groups and to come up with actions that will make a difference on these issues.

Chair Scott White welcomed PCOs and new members and renewed his challenge to bring new members to each meeting as a way to help the organization grow.

Speaking before being confirmed as a new PCO in precinct 2221, **Ellen Coyle** said that changes in the next few years should be changes that “benefit us.” She was confirmed by a unanimous vote.

State Committeeman **John Webber** reported on the Washington State Democratic Central Committee’s reorganization meeting held January 27 in Olympia. He is on the Rules Committee, and State Committee Woman **Janet Miller** is on the Elections Committee.



In his report on the King County Democratic Central Committee meeting, **Chad Lupkes**, King County Male Delegate from the 46th, reported that King County Chair Suzie Sheary wants to see more PCOs in each area and that the County organization is looking at Port of Seattle Commission races. King County Democrats is a separate organization from the Legislative District organizations, and 46th members are encouraged to join the County organization.

White introduced City Council members **David Della** and **Peter Steinbrueck** and County Council member **Larry Phillips**. Speaking later in the meeting, **Phillips** indicated that he sponsored a letter that was signed by the Democrats on the Council calling for a public vote before approving any tax levy to support a new sports facility in Renton for the Sonics.

Since Treasurer **Donna Boysen** is out of the country, **White** reported a balance of more than \$6,000 in the treasury. A motion to continue the 2006 budget until a new budget is adopted in April was **approved** by voice vote.

Membership Chair **Betty Means** reported that dues are coming in and that the District currently has 283 paid members.

Program Chair **Gerry Pollet** explained the format for the evening’s Issues Forum, a participatory event with breakout groups discussing major portions of the 46th Platform. Members met in the following groups to discuss the issues and to come up with actions to promote interests on the issues: Education, Environment, Election Reform/Clean Elections, Globalization, Transportation,



Stopping the War, and Health Care.

After reconvening, the group considered two resolutions publicized in the February Demogram. The resolution urging the 46th State Legislative delegation and all legislators to support SJM 8003 and HJM 4004, which oppose the “surge” of troops in Iraq, to join in calling for a public hearing before the Senate and House Committees was **passed** by a show of hands.

A second resolution to preserve the Campfire USA property and trees on the site and to designate the land as a “pocket park” and unique asset to the District and community was **passed unanimously**.

A motion to suspend the rules in order to consider a motion to oppose Proposition 2 (the vote on aerial rebuild of the viaduct) was passed. After hearing speakers for and against the resolution, the motion to take a “no” position on Proposition 2 was **passed** overwhelmingly by a show of hands.

Since platform development for 2008 is not that far away, the Issues Forum gave members an opportunity to begin thinking about what the 46th District wants to see in future platforms. The forum served as a start to the work that needs to be done during the 2007-2008 cycle leading up to the presidential election.

For more details about the meeting, go to www.46dems.com.



Who Killed the Electric Car?

Join Washington Public Campaigns for a fundraiser to support their efforts to ensure clean elections in our great state. See this acclaimed documentary that examines the question: was it the auto and oil industries and the US government that sabotaged this revolutionary and environmentally friendly vehicle? Courtesy of the **Majestic Bay Theatre**, 2044 NW Market St in Ballard.

When: Saturday, March 24th ~ 9:30-11:00 AM

Tickets: \$10, or \$5 students. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve a spot to: marcee@washclean.org

Learn more about clean elections:

www.washclean.org

Save a Tree, Go Online — An online version of the *Demogram* is available by sending your email address to:

gerry-pollet@msn.com

Democrats Spend Presidents' Day in Olympia

Lobbying, Training & Eating Crab! by Jan Ames & Scott White

Several 46th District Democrats took part in the PCO training, Legislative Action Day, and the annual Crab Feed held in Olympia on Monday, February 19.

The PCO training led off with rousing remarks by Washington State Democratic Central Committee Chair **Dwight Pelz**. The day included talks by **Wes Beal**, Technology Director, and **Jaxon Ravens**, Executive Director of the State Democratic Party, who gave an overview of the February 2008 precinct caucus timetable. After lunch, **Aiko Schaefer**, Executive Director of the Statewide Poverty Action Network, relayed her experience in reaching out to new constituencies, and **Tania Maria Rosario**, Field Director of the Latino Vote Project, discussed setting goals and developing strategies and tactics to realize these goals. **Michael Shadow**, Shadow & Associates, led the PCOs through a captivating presentation on framing issues and how to engage neighbors and friends on everyday issues through storytelling. Eighth District Congressional Candidate Darcy Burner finished the day with a discussion of the three main jobs of the PCO: 1) talk to your neighbors; 2) recruit candidates and support them, and 3) hold the party accountable.

The Legislative Action Day was organized by our own 46th District Chair **Scott White** and 33rd District Chair **Tina Shamseldin**. Scott and Tina serve as the Co-Chairs of the King County Legislative Action Committee. Over 125 grassroots Democrats from all over King County attended

the morning session of the Legislative Action Day, titled "Democracy: It's Not a Spectator Sport," included updates on issues in the 2007 legislative platform that are being dealt

with in bills in the current Legislature. In addition, **Governor Chris Gregoire** talked about her legislative priorities and what has happened so far in the session. The luncheon with King County legislators included updates from them on legislative action in the current legislative session. After lunch, attendees either met with their legislators to discuss issues or attended committee hearings on issues in the County's platform.

The annual Crab Feed fundraiser at St. Martin's University Pavilion in Lacey featured **Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer** as the guest speaker. Schweitzer, a governor who wears jeans to work and takes his border collie with him, is a former mint farmer and populist who embraces gun rights. He talked about turning red states into blue states, using his election in Montana as an example.

In addition, Governor Chris Gregoire addressed the crowd. Others who spoke briefly were Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown (3rd District), State Representative Brendan Williams (22nd District), U.S. Representative Rick Larsen (2nd District), U.S. Representative Brian Baird (3rd District), and U.S. Representative Jim McDermott (7th District). As always, the crab and salmon were great!

46th District members who attended any of the three events left Olympia with the feeling of a day well spent!



Governor Gregoire addresses the crowd of grassroots Democrats at Legislative Action Day in Olympia.

State Party Hosts Chairs Conference in Ellensburg

On March 3-4, State Party Chairman **Dwight Pelz** hosted the first ever statewide Chairs Conference to bring together local LD and county party chairs and other officers from across the state and share ideas to prepare for the coming two year cycle. This was the first time such a meeting had ever been called by the State Party and it was a great success.

At this meeting, Pelz presented his "**Challenge from the Chair**" to the LD and county party organizations. Our challenge here in the 46th LD is ambitious, but our success in achieving these goals could make all the difference in the 2008 elections. Our challenge here in the 46th LD is as follows:

- 1) 100% voter registration and turnout,
- 2) 30% increase in turnout at the precinct caucuses, and
- 3) Deliver 5,000 more Democratic votes in 2008.

Other LD and county organizations across the state are pursuing similar goals that are customized for their area. (For example, an urban Democratic LD has different goals than a rural

Republican county or a suburban swing LD.) **The combined goal of all LD and county Democratic organizations is to deliver 100,000 new Democratic votes in 2008.** Again, this is ambitious but if all LDs and all counties then we can do it!

What we are witnessing is an important *transformation* in Democratic politics in Washington State and across the country. DNC Committee Chairman Howard Dean served as his local county party chairman before entering politics. State Party Chairman Dwight Pelz began his political career as a grassroots organizer working with social and economic justice groups before he entered politics. We now have leaders at the helm of both the National and State Party organizations with first hand experience, understanding and appreciation of the potential and importance of organizing the grassroots!

Personally, I think this is a wonderful and powerful step forward. Read my *Notes From The Chair* on the front page to find out how YOU can help the 46th meet our challenge for 2008! ~ **Scott**

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 "2007" appears after your name, **Congratulations and Many Thanks!** You are a dues-paying member of the 46th Legislative District Democrats for the coming year. If "2007" does not appear, we hope you will send in your Membership Dues today in the enclosed envelope. Make checks payable to: "46th District Democrats" & mail to: **PO Box 15435, Seattle, WA 98115-0435 JOIN TODAY!**

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Gossett, Phillips and Fisken Receive Early Endorsement from King County Democrats

The King County Democrats have given an early endorsement to three GREAT Democrats: King County Council Chair **Larry Gossett**, King County Councilmember **Larry Phillips**, and Seattle Port Commissioner **Alec Fisken**. All three are well known for their strong progressive stance on issues and consistently supporting the platform and resolutions adopted by the Democratic Party.

Larry Gossett is an incumbent on the County Council representing District 2, which includes much of south east Seattle, north through Capital Hill and the southern half of the 46th Legislative District. As the current Chair of the Council, he is responsible for running day to day operations of the legislative branch of county government. He is a former chair of both the Budget Committee and the Law, Justice & Human Services Committee. He is well known for his activism for civil and human rights. Prior to serving on the Council, Gossett was the Executive Director of the Central Area Motivational Program (CAMP). Also, Larry was a peace activist at the UW during the late 1960s and a VISTA volunteer in New York. He has dedicated his life to strengthening our community and social justice!

Larry Phillips is an incumbent on the County Council representing District 2, which includes the neighborhoods in northwest Seattle, Ballard, Magnolia, Queen Anne, downtown and Capital Hill. Larry was previously elected by his colleagues to serve

three terms as Chair of the County Council where he guided the Council through many transitions. Prior to serving as Chair of the Council, he served as the Council's Budget Chair where he secured funding for human services, transportation and important environmental protection projects. Larry Phillips has been a PCO for over 20 years and he doorbelled in Ohio during the 2004



Larry Gossett (left) and Larry Phillips (center) have fought for Democratic values on the King County Council. Alec Fisken (right) is well known for his progressive voice on the Seattle Port Commission.

presidential election! Also, he was recently honored by the 36th LD, 46th LD and King County Democrats for his many years of grassroots activism and public service!

Alec Fisken was elected to the Port Commission in 2003, bringing a long record of accomplishments in publishing, finance and community service. As a Commissioner, Fisken believes the Port should focus on its core mission of supporting trade, tourism and maritime commerce to create jobs and strengthen the industrial economy of the region. He also supports a vigorous role for the Port in developing strategies for improving air and water quality and reducing pollution from seaport activities while also finding solutions that create jobs. Fisken is a resident and long time member of the 46th District Democrats! We are very lucky to have Alec representing us on the Port Commission, as he always leads the charge for progressive policies at the Port. He will need our help in his election this fall!



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7:00 PM SOCIAL ~ 7:30PM MEETING

**Items for March 15th
 Membership Meeting**

- Call to Order and Pledge
- Program:
 - 1) Movie: The Corporal's Boots,
Followed by discussion
 - 2) City Councilmember David Della
- Reports and Resolutions
- Good of the Order / Adjourn

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- \$5 student/senior/fixed income
- \$25 individual
- \$35 family
- \$46 Friend of the 46th
- \$100 4600 Club
- \$500 Benefactor

Thank you for your support!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Tues. March 13th, **Special Election: Future of Seattle Waterfront—Viaduct vs. Tunnel.**
- Thurs. March 15th, **46th Dems General Membership Meeting @ Olympic View Elementary School, 7:00pm Social, 7:30pm Mtg begins**
- Sun. March 18th, 2:00 pm **King County Dems Legislative Action Committee Meeting.** Location TBD.
- Sun. March 18th, 5:30 pm **Congressman McDermott's 13th Annual "Celebrating Our Roots" Potato Festival @ Town Hall, 1119 Eighth Ave.** For more info contact Anna Rising at 425.828.8969 or anna.rizing@verizon.net
- Tues. March 27th, 7:00 pm **King County Democrats Central Committee (KCDCC) Regular Meeting @ Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Ave.** More info at: www.kcdems.org or 206-622-9157
- Tues. April 3rd, 7:00 pm, **46th Dems Executive Board Meeting @ Olympic View Community Church.** Info: www.46dems.com
- April 20-21, **WA State Dems Central Committee Quarterly Mtg @ Bellingham.** Exact site TBD. Info: www.wa-democrats.org

**Please check our Website for all the latest information,
 meeting minutes, activist tools and calendars at:
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