

DEMOGRAM

Next Membership Meeting:

Olympic View Elementary

Thursday, May 17th

6:30 PM Social

7:00 PM Mtg Begins



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR by Scott White



Campaigns Start Early in 2007

Campaigns for School Board, Port Commission, Seattle City Council and King County Council are starting a little earlier than normal this year. This is because 2007 marks the first year of a new dynamic for campaigns in Washington State as the Primary Election will be held one month earlier—on the third Tuesday in August *instead* of the third Tuesday in September. This means that our candidate forum and primary endorsement meetings will also move up to coincide with the new electoral schedule. The new schedule is as follows:

- **46th Candidate Forum – Thursday, May 17.** Candidates are invited to attend meeting that will include questions about their positions on the issues. (More info on page 2.)
- **46th Primary Endorsement Mtg – Thursday, June 21.** Members of the 46th vote on endorsements for the Primary election.
- **Primary Election – Tuesday, August 21.** Don't forget to vote!
- **46th General Election Endorsement Mtg – Thursday, September 20.** Members vote on endorsements for the General election.
- **General Election – Tuesday, Nov 6.** Don't forget to vote!

Given that we are a very active local Democratic organization, receiving the endorsement of the 46th District Democrats can be very helpful to the candidates running for local office this fall. If candidates have the 46th stamp of approval it means they are listed as "Endorsed" on our 46th Sample Ballot and their campaign litera-

ture 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 an important responsibility.



46th Dist Dems visit prior to a meeting. Our Candidate Forum and Endorsement Meetings are coming up on May 17 & June 21!

As members of the 46th District Democrats, we must consider and endorse who we think is the best candidate. When people ask for guidance on endorsements, I always say it is important to support candidates who will move the Democratic policy agenda forward. To that end, my recommendation is to review our adopted platform and resolutions, attend our candidate forum to learn more about each of the candidates, then show up at our endorsement meeting and vote!

A Special Assignment for All of Us!

Above I mentioned that your participation in our endorsement process is an important responsibility. As a bottom-up grassroots organization, our strength depends on the involvement of our members like you—and our collective efforts to educate and involve our friends and neighbors to strengthen our community. Your special assignment is to bring a new guest to our Candidate Forum on Thursday, May 17th. If they haven't been to a public candidate forum before, they will likely appreciate the opportunity to meet and learn more about the candidates... and make a few friends along the way!

Thanks for your continued support! ~ *Scott White, Chair*

Next General Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 17th

Special Program:

*** **Candidate Forum** ***

Special Time:

6:30 Social w/ Dessert Buffet

7:00pm Meeting Begins

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

(See page 2 for more information about the May 17th program)



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

Program for May 17th Meeting: CANDIDATE FORUM!

There are several important local offices on the ballot in 2007. Competitive races for the Seattle School Board, Seattle City Council and Port of Seattle Commission are already getting much attention in the media and by grassroots organizations. To kick off this campaign season, we invite you to join us on Thursday, May 17th for our Annual Candidate Forum and Dessert Buffet!



The **46th District Democrats' Candidate Forum** is always one of our most interesting and most widely attended meetings of the year. Come meet the candidates in person and hear their answers to challenging questions. Candidates are also encouraged to bring a dessert of their choice for our annual Dessert Buffet.

PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIAL START TIME... the meeting will start 30 minutes ahead of the usual time as follows:

6:30 Social and Dessert Buffet

7:00 Candidate Forum Begins

Please join us for a informative evening with good friends, tasty treats and informative political discussions!



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

Renew Your Membership for 2007 and Secure your Right to Vote in our Endorsement Process

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 grassroots and help to elect Democrats. Thank you!!!

See page 5 for more details.

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

The right timing made it possible for the 46th Democrats to publicly weigh in on the attempt to extend the \$339,841 salary and benefits of retired port Chief Executive Mic Dinsmore for up to one year past his March 2007 retirement. In light of the controversy, the 46th at its April 19 meeting passed a resolution calling for a full investigation into the authorization memo signed by Port Commissioner **Pat Davis**. The resolution and a comment from **Chair Scott White** were reported in the Seattle P-I the next morning. The April meeting also included a talk by long-time Port activist **Fred Felleman**, who discussed the many issues at stake for the future of the Port of Seattle.

Current happenings indicate how important the Port election will be this fall, with incumbents **Alec Fisk** and **Bob Edwards** up for election. Fisk, a member of the 46th Democrats and a progressive member of the Port Commission, is a frequent critic of business as usual at the Port. **Bill Bryant**, a trade lobbyist and Republican, has filed against Fisk. Incumbent Edwards is known as a conservative commissioner, and he is being challenged by **Gael Tarleton** and **Jack Block, Jr.**

After calling the meeting to order, **Chair White** led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence in memory of the lives lost at Virginia Tech. White welcomed PCOs and new members and urged all members to complete the membership survey included in the April Demogram.

King County Councilmember Larry Phillips, District 4, spoke briefly about trends and direction at the state and national levels. Phillips spoke in favor of the Parks Levy and the 911 Emergency Levy, both of which must be renewed this fall. He reported that Sound Transit II will extend Light Rail to Northgate in the north and toward Tacoma in the south. Phillips is not enthusiastic about swapping King County Airport for the railroad right-of-way to use as a trail. A good question and answer session followed his talk. Seeking re-election this fall, Phillips will hold a salmon bake on Saturday, May 19, from 1-4 p.m. at Daybreak Star Center.

After Bylaws Chair **Dean Fournier** reviewed changes proposed by the Bylaws Committee, the motion to accept the proposed Bylaws was passed by a show of hands. The Chair thanked Dean & the Committee.



Dean Fournier presents the proposed Bylaws.

Stan Sorscher introduced a resolution to oppose renewal of Trade Promotion Authority (Fast Track). The resolution also included wording to advocate for a fair trade policy, including a trade negotiating process that allows for broad participation by all sectors of society and ensures that commercial and investor interests are

balanced with the general public interest in human rights, labor rights, environmental protection, and public health protection. Motion was passed unanimously by show of hands.

Audit Committee chair **Norma Miller** reported that the committee had used a modified audit process from Auditnet.org to review the District's financial transactions and controls for calendar year 2006. The Audit Committee was lead by Ms. Miller and included members **Jeff Douthwaite** and **Treasurer Donna Boysen**. The committee concluded that the books for 2006 are complete, comprehensive, and thorough and thanked past Treasurer **Gail Chiarello** for her exemplary work.

Treasurer Boysen presented the 2007 budget. After a question about projected expenses for donations to political campaigns, **Chair White** suggested accepting the budget as presented, with follow-up by the Executive Board and a revision

to be printed in an upcoming Demogram. Motion to accept the budget and amend it later passed by a show of hands.

Brief reports were given by representatives to the Washington State and King County Central Committees, as well as by the 46th District membership chair.

The following candidates were introduced and briefly spoke:

- **Gael Tarleton**, candidate for Port Commission against Edwards
- **Venus Velazquez**, candidate for position 3, Seattle City Council
- **Tim Burgess**, candidate for position 7, Seattle City Council
- **Sally Clark**, incumbent/candidate, position 9, Seattle City Council
- **Bruce Harrell**, candidate for position 3, Seattle City Council
- **Sherry Carr**, candidate for Seattle School Board District 2
- **Lisa Stuebing**, candidate for Seattle School Board District 2
- **Peter Maier**, candidate for School Board District 1
- **Sally Soriano**, incumbent in School Board District 1

Good of the order included: 1) a request by **Sylvia Haven** for volunteers to work in polling locations; 2) an announcement by **Barbara Whitt** about movie night with the movie *Kilowatt Ours* to be held at 7 p.m. on April 24 at the Olympic View Church; 3) comments by **David Garcia** about the inclusion of Hispanic American contributions in World War II in the forthcoming Ken Burns' documentary on the War; and 4) caution from **Steve Zemke** to be careful about posting to washingtonvotes.org because the information can be used for political targeting.

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

By Jan Ames



Movie Night

with the 46th District Democrats
presents:

the war tapes

Straight from the front lines in Iraq, *The War Tapes* is the first war movie filmed by soldiers themselves.

The War Tapes is Iraqi Freedom as filmed by three US Soldiers. Steve Pink is a wisecracking carpenter who aspires to be a writer. Zack Bazzi is a Lebanese-American university student who loves to travel and is fluent in Arabic. Mike Moriarty is a father and resolute patriot who rejoined the Army after 9/11.

These soldiers captured over 800 hours of footage, providing a glimpse of their lives in the midst of war. The result is a raw portrait of three men as they face, and struggle to understand, their duty. Discussion after film.

FREE Admission and Popcorn
7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 22nd
Olympic View Church Social Hall ~ 425 NE 95th St
(Donations accepted to cover room rental cost)

Report from WSDCC Meeting in Bellingham State Party Decides on Caucuses over Primary System

By your 46th District State Committee Members John Webber and Janet Miller

Even if you aren't 'committed' to any presidential candidate yet, we are all clearly aware that the campaign is off and running. While the candidates are raising money, scheduling debates, allocating resources and asking for endorsements, our national party is still deciding exactly how our candidate will be selected. One thing is for sure, in Denver, August 2008 we will nominate our candidate who will move into the White House. The steps to getting there are complicated and detailed.

For many years, the beginning of the Democratic Presidential Candidate Nominating process has been dominated by the caucuses of Iowa and the primary of New Hampshire. For better or worse, the voters in these two states have set the tone and direction of the entire campaign. But this year's process promises to challenge that stranglehold. In District, County and State party meetings throughout the country the caucus vs. primary debate has been the focus of agendas.

Washington State is no different. At our State Party Central Committee meeting the weekend of April 28, this debate was front and center. After many meetings, long debates, and several revised options, the Rules Committee proposed a plan which uses the precinct

caucus system to allocate our delegates to the National Convention. While it is similar to processes used in the past, the plan acknowledges the problems of some voters to participate in a Saturday afternoon event. Proxies will be available for voters unable to attend for religious reasons, home-bound disabilities or out-of-state Military service.

Supporters of using the Presidential Primary to choose our delegates made a case for improving our voter file and list of known Democrats. They argued that more people will participate if they can simply vote. But the caucuses plan carried the day, mainly due to the reason that this strategy will do more to build the party and encourage people-to-people contact with the Democrats. This plan also allows less influence by big money television campaigns.

So now the real work begins. Precinct caucuses will not be successful in building our party without the work and commitment of grassroots Democrats. Whether you are a Precinct Committee Officer or not, there is a way for you to help in this piece of taking over the White House.

As with every State Central Committee Meeting, the attendees are blanketed with a huge number of resolutions to consider. Of largest significance is the passage of a resolution calling for the impeachment of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney. You can view the exact language of this resolution at the 46th District website www.46dems.com. WSDCC resolutions are now available on the WA State Dems Home Page at: www.wa-democrats.org.

In addition to the business of the meeting, Karen Marchioro - DNC member and strong leader for decades, former WSD Chair, early '80's-'92 - was honored at a special dinner Friday night. About 120 attended, including former Governors Lowry and Gardner, Chair Pelz and former Chair Berendt and many many friends from over the years. Her accomplishments are astounding. In the early '80's there was no staff, no office, no voter list, donor list was very thin, not much of anything. With Karen at the helm things really turned around for our state party. There was an outpouring of great respect and affection for this remarkable person, plus a funny story or two. Once when she was a beginner, she held a Proxy at a Party meeting and voted the absent member for a progressive measure. The absent member's organization chair stormed up to her and said, "Fred would never have voted for that!" "Well, Sweetie", Karen said, "Fred just changed his mind." Karen continues to be a queenpin in both our state party, the Western Regional Caucus and at the national level of the Democratic National Committee. Her endless enthusiasm for the Democrats is inspiring. Thank you Karen.



**Larry Gossett, Roberto Maestas
Bob Santos, & Phil Lane**

Invite you and your family to support

**King County
Councilmember**

**Larry
Phillips**



at his Annual

SALMON BAKE

**Saturday, May 19th
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!

Info: 206-284-7585 or LarryPhillips07@comcast.net

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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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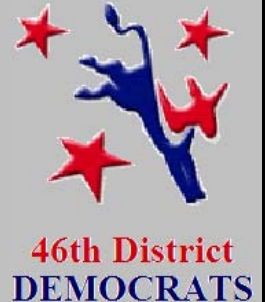
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Legislature Ends a Successful Session

Democrats Pass Many Important Bills to Benefit Washington Citizens

The 2007 legislative session has come to an end, and Democrats in the 46th Legislative District and across Washington State can be proud of the many achievements of our State Legislature. Our own legislative delegation of **Senator Ken Jacobsen, Representative Phyllis Kenney and Representative Jim McIntire** worked very hard to ensure that the Democrats were able to pass many important measures that will benefit citizens all across Washington State. **Governor Chris Gregoire** once again demonstrated her ability to work with the Legislature and different citizens groups to negotiate solutions to many of our most difficult public policy challenges.

Highlights of some major steps forward that our legislature made this session include:

- Providing for all-day kindergarten
- Climate Change Bill
- Requiring our public schools to teach only medically accurate sex education
- Expanding mental health parity
- Assuring that all the children of Washington State receive health care coverage
- Ensuring rights for domestic partners
- Allowing for online voter registration



L to R: Sen. Ken Jacobsen, Rep. Phyllis Kenney, and Rep. Jim McIntire recently finished another successful legislative session in Olympia. Providing leadership behind the scenes was **Governor Chris Gregoire**.

- Expanding the Opportunity Grant program
- A bill banning certain toxic flame retardants
- A bill helping to prevent teenagers from dropping out of school
- Placing a proposed amendment to the State Constitution on the ballot that would allow school levies to pass with a simple majority (50%).

The 2007 Legislative session has proven to be one of the most successful in recent memory. Our state is on solid financial ground and we are moving forward the progressive agenda step by step. If you happen see Sen. Jacobsen, Rep. Kenney, Rep. McIntire... or even Gov. Gregoire... at the grocery store or a community meeting, be sure to thank them for their hard work to move our state in the right direction!

By Scott White



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—CANDIDATE FORUM
THURSDAY, MAY 17TH AT OLYMPIC VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6:30 PM SOCIAL W/ DESSERT BUFFET ~ 7:00PM MEETING W/ CANDIDATE FORUM

**Items for May 17th
 Membership Meeting**

(Note Special Earlier Time)

6:30 Social w/ Dessert Buffet

7:00 Meeting Begins

- Call to Order and Pledge
- Program: **CANDIDATE FORUM**
- Reports and Resolutions
- Good of the Order
- Adjourn



**Time to Renew Your
 Membership for 2007**

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

Remember: you will need to renew your membership, or join if a new member, in order to vote at our Endorsement Meeting in June.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Thurs. May 17th, **46th Dems CANDIDATE FORUM Meeting @** Olympic View Elementary School, 6:30pm Social, 7:00pm Mtg begins
- Sat. May 19th, 1:00-4:00, **Larry Phillips Annual Salmon Bake @** Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center in Discovery Park - 3801 West Gov't Way. Info: 206-284-7585 or LarryPhillips07@comcast.net
- Sun. May 20th, 2:00 pm **King County Dems Legislative Action Committee Meeting.** Northgate Branch of Seattle Public Library.
- Sun. May 20th, 7:00 pm **KCDCC Officers and Chairs Meeting @** Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Ave. More info at: www.kcdems.org or 206-622-9157
- Tues. May 22nd, 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
- Mon. May 28th, **MEMORIAL DAY**
- Tues. June 5th, 7:00 pm, **46th Dems Executive Board Meeting @** Olympic View Community Church. Info: www.46dems.com

**Please check our Website for all the latest information, meeting minutes, activist tools and calendars at:
 www.46dems.com**