

DEMOGRAM

Next Membership Meeting:

Olympic View Elementary

Thursday, Nov. 15th

7:00 PM Social

7:30 PM Mtg Begins



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR



Wrapping-Up 2007 and Getting Ready for an Exciting 2008

Transition

Last month, I was elected by the Precinct Committee Officers as your new Chair. Thank you. I am fortunate to inherit a strong organization and membership. With your continued support, we will do what it takes to finish 2007 strong and prepare us for a busy 2008. Precinct caucuses take place in February, the Legislative, County, and State Conventions following in the Spring, and then on to a busy and important election - electing a Democratic President, re-electing Governor Gregoire, and electing a new state representative to succeed Jim McIntire. We have lots of work to do - and I know we will do what it takes to make it happen.

Holiday Party

Please save the date of Sunday, December 9, 2007, for our annual Holiday Party. As this month's newsletter goes to print, we're still working on finalizing the location and the logistics. Look for a special mailing in late November with all the details. But we promise that it will once again be a fantastic event to enjoy an evening during the holiday season among your friends and neighbors. Our silent auction, as is customary, something you don't want to miss!

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR POSITION OF AT-LARGE EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITION

7:30 pm, Nov. 15th @ Olympic View Elementary

At-Large Board Position

At our November meeting, we will be electing someone to fill a vacant at-large position on our Executive Board. Although this position is "at-large", the candidate who is elected will be expected to assume the duties of being in charge of the monthly Demogram. If you've ever thought about serving on the executive of the most active Democratic District organization in the state, here's a great opportunity for you. If you are interested in serving or have any questions, please contact me. All pco's and dues-paying members are eligible to vote.

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Next General Membership Meeting

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7:00 Social ~ 7:30 p.m. Meeting Begins

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

Program Items:

*** Special Election to fill At-Large Board Position

*** Guest Speakers: Representatives from the 2008 Presidential Campaigns

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1 Position Vacant

Next Demogram Deadline: December 30, 2007
(There is no newsletter in December)

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

Program for Oct. 18th Membership Meeting:

7:00pm Social and Snacks

7:30pm Regular Meeting Begins

- Call to Order and Pledge
- Chair's Report
- Election of At-Large Boardmember

8:00 Program: 2008 Presidential Campaigns

8:45

- Officer Reports
- Resolutions
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9:00

- Adjourn



SAVE THE DATE

**46th DISTRICT DEMOCRATS
HOLIDAY PARTY**

Sunday, December 9, 2007

Time and Place to Be Determined

**Look for a special mailing later this
month on the details or check the
46th District website!!!!**

Save a Tree, Go Online

An online version of the **Demogram** is available by sending your email address to:
gerry-pollet@msn.com

In Case You Missed It.....

By Jan Ames, 1st Vice Chair

Election of an interim chair, thank you's by and for the past chair, and a presentation on gun violence highlighted the October 18 meeting of the 46th District Democrats.

Running unopposed, long-time Democratic political leader **Javier Valdez** was elected by acclamation as new chair of the 46th Legislative District. Valdez replaces **Scott White**, who has stepped down as Chair. **King County Chair Suzie Sheary** chaired the meeting until after the election was held.

White, who worked his way up the ranks, started out as a regular member, later was named as a PCO, and then was elected chair, a position he held for the past five years. He resigned to run for the State Legislature in 2008 to fill the seat being vacated by **Representative Jim McIntire**, who is running for State Treasurer in 2008.

Scott thanked the Executive Board, PCOs, and members for their support and hard work during his tenure as chair. On behalf of the 46th Executive Board and membership, **Jan Ames, First Vice Chair**, thanked White and presented a globe/clock desk award to him, along with a gift certificate. On behalf of the King County Democratic Central Committee, **Sheary** gave White a pair of sweat pants and shirt with the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) logo.

Valdez served three terms as chair of the 43rd Legislative District, from 1997-2002. He was the first chair of the King County Young Democrats in 1993, and he currently is the male delegate from King County on the Washington State Democratic Central Committee and serves on the Executive Board for the State Party.

Brief reports were given. **Membership Chair Betty Means** reported that current membership was 459, which includes 58 members in the Friends of the 46th and 44 members in the 4600 Club. A prospect mailing to 4,650 households has been sent out, and returns are beginning to come in. Memberships received after the first of October will cover dues for the remainder of the year and 2008.

In **Treasurer Donna Boysen's** absence, **Jan Ames** reported that income since the September meeting totaled \$824, with expenses of \$5,584, leaving a balance of \$2,897.48. Expenses included \$1,700 in campaign contributions, \$2,500 for membership printing and mailing, and \$900 on printing Slim Jims, informational handouts on 46th District Democrats.

State Committee Man John Webber reported that business at the Washington State Democratic Central Committee meeting held September 29 in Wenatchee included election of **Sharon Mast** as the interim Democratic National Committeewoman to fill out the remaining term of the late Karen Marchioro. Mast is a long-time activist in the 41st Legislative District and with King County Democrats.

King County Male Delegate Chad Lupkes encouraged members to attend the KCDCC Honors Banquet to be held on Sunday, October 28, at 5 p.m. at the IAM Hall in South Park.

Kristen Comer, from Washington CeaseFire, discussed gun violence, gun ownership, and gun laws in the United States, Washington State, and King County. In spite of troubling statistics about the number of firearms and firearm homicides in this country, Comer believes something can be done about gun violence. A handout from CeaseFire suggested ten things each individual can do about gun violence. A brief question and answer period followed her presentation.

Because advance notice was not given in the October 2007 Demogram, a resolution supporting passage of legislation addressing condominium conversion was ruled out of order. A motion to suspend the rules to consider the resolution was defeated.

As always, details of the meeting can be found at www.46dems.com

King County Democrats Victory Celebration!!!



Friday, November 30, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

The College Club of Seattle, 505 Madison St.

For more info: www.kcdems.net or (206) 622-9157

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Become a 2008 Member of the 46th District Democrats!

---It's Time to Renew Your Membership---

Betty Means, Vice Chair for Membership

Membership dues in the 46th LD apply for the calendar year – from January through December. Each year in October, the District kicks off its annual membership drive for the following year.

For those who are current members, we'll be glad to accept membership dues NOW for 2008. For those who have been meaning to join, send us your 2008 dues now and get the remainder of 2007 gratis!

Membership dues are the primary source of District funds. We rely on them to follow through on our goals of informing the public, registering voters, recruiting and training precinct activists and – most importantly – electing Democrats! 2008 is a very important year, with our caucuses scheduled to take place on February 9.

Resolution Supporting Passage of Legislation Addressing Condominium Conversions

(submitted by Sarajane Siegfriedt, PCO)

This resolution will be considered for adoption at the November 15th meeting

Whereas, there is a crucial shortage of affordable rental housing within the 46th District, Seattle, and King County, and

Whereas, these losses greatly exceed the region's limited capacity to build subsidized replacement affordable housing,

Whereas, over 600 low income and affordable rental units in the District have already been converted from rental units to condominiums since January of 2004, and

Therefore, Be it Resolved that the 46th District Democratic Party Organization calls upon our District legislators, other House and Senate representatives, and the Governor to use their influence to work for passage of strong legislation in the upcoming legislative session that will return full authority to cities to place limits on the number of condominium conversions occurring in their communities, guarantee tenants facing conversion 180 days in which to find alternative housing, and require developers to reimburse renters for the full cost of moving and finding alternative housing due to a condominium conversion.

Whereas, many seniors and longtime residents will lose their homes with nowhere to go as a result of these conversions, and

Whereas, these losses continue to cause a dramatic escalation in the number of homeless in our communities, and



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 "2008" appears after your name, **Congratulations and Many Thanks!** You're a dues-paying member of the 46th Legislative District Democrats. If "2008" does **-not** appear, we hope you will mail us your dues right away. **Dues paid prior to the end of 2007** will count for the remainder of 2007 and all of 2008! Make checks payable to "46th District Democrats" & mail to **PO Box 15435, Seattle, WA 98115-0435.**

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- \$500 "Benefactor"
- \$100 "4600 Club"
- \$46 Friend of the 46th
- \$35 Couple/Family
- \$25 Individual
- \$5 Student/Retired/Fixed Income
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- Fri. Nov 20th, **King County Democrats Victory Celebration @** The College Club of Seattle - 505 Madison St., 7:00 pm More info at: www.kcdems.net or 206-622-9157.
- Sun. Dec 2nd, **Washington St. Democrats Holiday Party**, time and place t.b.d., More info at www.wa-democrats.org or (206) 583-0664
- Sun. Dec 9th, **46th Dems Holiday Party**, time and place t.b.d., More info at www.46dems.com or (206) 548-9510
- Thurs. Jan 17th, **46th Dems General Membership Meeting @** Olympic View Elementary School, 7:00pm Social, 7:30pm Mtg begins
- Tues. Oct 23rd, 7:00 pm **King County Democrats Central Committee (KCDCC) Executive Board Meeting @** Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Ave. More info at: www.kcdems.net or 206-622-9157
- Fri./Sat. Jan 25th/26th, **Washington St. Democrats State Committee (WSDCC) Winter Meeting**, Vancouver, WA. More info. at www.wa-democrats.org or (206) 583-0664
- Sat. Feb 9th, **Precinct Caucuses**, locations vary - see January 2008 newsletter or 46th website for your caucus location and info., 1:00 pm