

DEMOGRAM

Next Membership Meeting:

Olympic View Elementary

Thursday, January 19th

7:00 PM Social

7:30 PM Mtg Begins



◀ NOTES FROM THE CHAIR - Chad Lupkes ▶



“Change is the only constant in the universe.”

Heraclitus or Einstein (take your pick)

2011 is behind us. I could write pages about what has happened to our organization over the last year. But those pages have already been written. 2012 is upon us. We’re moving forward.

The Washington State Redistricting Commission has completed their work. (Ok, as of the time I’m typing this no, but hopefully by the time you read this they will be done.) The LD maps of Northwestern Washington were agreed upon by Commissioners Gorton and Ceis in mid December, and it significantly changes the 46th LD along with many other districts in our area. We get new territory, which means a lot of things are on the table and we’ll have some exciting challenges as we go into the caucus cycle and election season.

Specifically, welcome to our new PCOs and members in Lake Forest Park and Kenmore, which will likely become part of the new 46th District! This is a huge change for us. Over the last 10 years our northern border was 145th, and in the 1990’s we were focused more around Wedgwood and the U District. I’m always interested in maps and learning election history, but I think it’s been several decades since the 46th District covered areas outside of Seattle. So we have a lot to learn, and a bunch of new involved jurisdictions to be involved with over the next 10 years. (Page 4)

As soon as I saw the map, I started working on updating our database with the new precincts and asked the chair of the 32nd District, Carin Chase, for the list of PCOs and paid members within the two cities. We are going to treat paid members of the local party with the respect they are due, and they are now on our mailing list to receive this newsletter. The next thing we would

like to do is hold a meet-and-greet for our new members so I can present the bylaws, operating rules and the culture of the 46th before our General Meeting on January 19th. Watch our calendar for that.

In addition to gaining new areas North, we also lost some. The precincts West of Aurora were moved either into the 32nd District or the 36th District, and that means we lost several very good friends to our neighbors. Dean Fournier has been active in the 46th since the 2001 redistricting, and now returns to his previous district the 32nd. Jason Osgood was a candidate in 2008 for Secretary of State. I don’t have room for the full list of dear friends who now find themselves in a new district, and we know they will stay engaged despite the change. The work we all do is too important.

Please review some bylaws changes that are being proposed on page 5-6. We have expanded our territory, and I believe that means we should expand our executive board. And we want to make sure we have representation from all of our municipal jurisdictions. In addition, we have an election coming up for the King Conservation District, and we’re going to address a missing piece in our rules so that we can express our voice in these races from now on.

Please renew your membership for 2012 if you have not yet done so! The work never ends!

Chad Lupkes

Chair, 46th District Democrats



Next General Membership Meeting

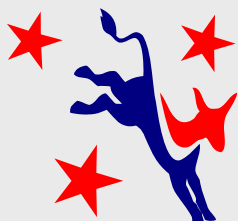
Thursday, January 19th

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

Dinner at 7:00pm, meeting starts at 7:30pm

Introducing the new 46th Legislative District!

(Complete Agenda on Page 2)



**46th District
DEMOCRATS**

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1 Open seat!

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Agenda for January 19th

Pork, Beef, Chicken
BBO Sandwiches!
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Tickets for Barbara's Desserts!

Mac ~ N ~ Cheese

- ***Welcome***
- ***Pledge of Allegiance***
- ***Approval of November Minutes (Please review the minutes posted on our website!)***
- ***Chair's Report***
- ***Officer Musical Chairs***
- ***Introducing the new 46th!***
- ***DESSERT RAFFLE!***

Committee Reports

- ***Bylaws Amendments***
- ***Legislative Action***
- ***Finance & Treasurer's Report***
- ***State/County Party Reports***
- ***Old Business***
- ***New Business***
- ***Good of the Order***
- ***Adjourn***

Please check our Website for all the latest information, meeting minutes, calendars and ***an expanded online Demogram:***

In Case You Missed It

By Jan Ames

Eight candidates vying for the 46th District open seat in the State House of Representatives answered questions and presented their views at the general membership meeting of the 46th Democrats held November 17, 2011. In addition, **Bob Ferguson, King County Councilmember** and candidate for State Attorney General, talked briefly about the upcoming election in 2012.

After newly-appointed State Senator David Frockt led the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for late **State Senator Scott White**. **Chair Chad Lupkes** welcomed first-time visitors, PCOs, members, new members, and elected officials. The October meeting minutes were approved, as well as the proposed agenda. Lupkes mentioned how busy the next year will be, laying out what will need to be done, month by month, during the coming year.

Guest Speaker

King County Councilmember Ferguson talked about national health care, foreclosure fairness, budget issues, and how clear differences on the issues exist between him and his opponent. While Ferguson expects the campaign to be tough, he expects to win.

Campaign Forum

Eight individuals took part in the candidate forum: **Sylvester Cann, Dusty Hoerler, Gabe Meyer, Rene Murry, Gerry Pollet, Tony Provine, Sarajane Siegfriedt, and Javier Valdez**. The eight answered questions on how to close the gap in the State's budget; personal history; the role of State government in preparing students for a successful life; how to stay financially solvent at the local level; opinions on a state income tax; thoughts on the current Occupy Wall Street situation; what are the important issues for precincts north of 145th Street; and how King County can end homelessness by 2015. In addition, the group answered yes/no to several questions on current issues. At the end of questioning, all candidates gave closing comments.

New PCOs

PCO petitions were submitted and approved for **Tim Ames, Sandra Burga, Paula Rhyne, and Robert Stern**.

To learn how candidates answered the many questions posed, read **Secretary Stan Sorscher's** minutes on the 46th website at 46dems.com, and a video of the forum is available on our website.



COMMUNITY NEWS

J Peter Shapiro, editor
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Welcome, Lake Forest Park and Kenmore!

While it's not official as we go to press, the latest proposals from the Redistricting Commission have expanded the 46th LD to include Lake Forest Park and Kenmore. We're looking forward to welcoming our new members and learning more about their communities and concerns. Please send news for this column, and information about events for our Community Calendar, to outreach@46dems.com. We have a lot of "band width," so don't let space concerns stop you from writing.

Meanwhile here are some links that provide background information and news about our new jurisdictions:

City of Kenmore

- ◆ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenmore,_Washington
- ◆ <http://www.cityofkenmore.com/>
- ◆ <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/53/5335170.html>
- ◆ <http://www.perkinkenmore.org/>
(protection of the environment)
- ◆ <http://www.bothell-reporter.com/>
(includes Kenmore Reporter)

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For Your Convenience

If you find it difficult to be able to eat your dinner and still get to the meeting in time to sign in, we will be serving barbeque chicken, pork and beef sandwiches, coleslaw, chips (or a cookie) and a drink for \$5. Drinks include water, soda, coffee or tea. Mac n Cheese for you vegetarians).

So don't worry about rushing, relax and eat with us.

As always, snacks and drinks are available for the regular contribution.

(cont. from page 3.)

City of Lake Forest Park

- ◆ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Forest_Park,_Washington
- ◆ <http://www.cityoflfp.com/default.html>
- ◆ <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/53/5337270.html>
- ◆ <http://www.topix.com/city/lake-forest-park-wa>

Northshore School District

- ◆ <http://www.nsd.org>

Shoreline School District

- ◆ <http://www.shorelineschools.org>

Ronald Wastewater District (covers part of LFP)

- ◆ <http://www.ronaldwastewater.org>

Shoreline Water (covers part of LFP)

- ◆ <http://www.shorelinewater.org/>

Lake Forest Park Water District

- ◆ <http://www.lfpwd.org/>

Northshore Utility District

- ◆ <http://www.nud.net/>

Northshore Fire Department

- ◆ <http://www.northshorefire.com/>



Lake City Fire Station shelter opens

In September we voted overwhelmingly for a resolution supporting the work of the Lake City Task Force on Homelessness, and calling for prompt conversion of the former Fire Station for use as a day and night shelter as long as the need continues. Happily, the City has contracted with the Union Gospel Mission to operate the facility for such purposes, at least until March 31, and it opened on Thanksgiving Day. The shelter is welcoming 50 to 60 guests each day, providing meals, referral services, 24-hour supervision, and respite from the worst months of Seattle weather. The guests pitched in to erect partitions and paint the facility. They also do routine maintenance chores and repairs for the shelter, and perform litter cleanup for the neighborhood on a weekly basis.

Local volunteers are also helping and are pleased with the improvements they see. Melanie Neufeld, a leader of the Task Force on Homelessness, writes:

“We are happy to see so many friends sheltered on a regular basis this winter, and that people now have a choice to sleep inside every night. . . . I’ve heard our volunteer nursing professor from Seattle University comment on how in just one week people were looking healthier.

“I think the biggest support we can be as a community is to continue to build relationships with our outside neighbors. Come by the Fire Station for a tour, visit for a few hours every week, or bring in an activity that people can do with you.”

Let's give our neighbors all the support they need and deserve as they get back on their feet!



Lake City “Holiday After Hours”
was a Huge Success!

Our column last October waxed optimistic about community activities in Lake City. “The creation of the First Annual Lake City Folklife Festival (November 5th at the Community Center) demonstrates the energy and creativity of its citizens. A Fall neighborhood cleanup, ‘safe walks’ with the North Precinct community policing officer, plans for ‘Holiday Art Carts’ [which generously supported the food bank operated by North Helpline], and the work of the Lake City Development Council all point to a bright future.”

Here’s another example, from the Chamber of Commerce: “If you didn’t make it to the Chamber Holiday After Hours in December, you’ve really missed something. With a record-breaking attendance of over 80 people, the Lake City Professional Center was hopping. From east to west and upstairs, too, guests set about their quest to visit each sponsor’s office where assorted beverages were offered. Oh, what a night indeed! Chamber President Tracy Heims announced that he’d like to see a Business After Hours event held every month in 2012 and that after this event, the bar of excellence has been raised.”

Congratulations, one and all, for the success of these community projects!

OUR MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Hoerler Attends Harvard Program

Dusty Hoerler, 46th District member and union activist, is currently spending an intensive six-week executive training program at the Harvard Trade Union Program designed for trade union leaders.

The program was started by Garment Workers in New York City 101 years ago. The current program, in existence since 1942, is designed to meet the challenge of dynamic leadership within their unions and society. The training helps union leaders develop keener analytical, managerial, and problem solving skills and discover ways to deepen public understanding of the value and importance of labor unions. The program teaches the essential skills for the management and leadership of unions and provides a unique opportunity to explore key issues for the labor movement.

Hoerler coordinated a North Seattle Community Dinner held last April which was partially funded by the Cole Fund. He coordinated additional support from the labor community to help finance the event. He also ran for the recent vacancy in the 46th District in the House of Representatives. He is a member of United Association Local 32 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union, Project Manager and past Board Member of Sustainable Works, and winner of the 2009 Rising Star Award from the Washington State Labor Council.



Bylaws Proposal by Dean Fournier

As what will presumably be my parting shot in the 46th (at least until 2022!), Chad asked me to draft, for publication in the Demogram, three proposed amendments to the Bylaws. The first is to enable “early” endorsements of such widely accepted Democratic candidates as Jay Inslee and Bob Ferguson, where a supermajority so chooses, to enable

them to get an earlier start in our LD against expected tough Republican opposition. The same amendment will also enable endorsements in such off-schedule elections as those of the “King Conservation District.”

1. Amend **Article XV** by adding the sentence shown in italics below:

Section 1: The District Chair shall call endorsement meetings to be held annually (a) after the close of the filing period for candidates but before the primary election, and (b) after the primary election but before the November general election. *Subject to the notice provisions of Article IV, endorsements may be made at any other meeting upon a 2/3 vote of members present and voting.* When applicable, the Executive Board may call an endorsement meeting to be held prior to a Party nominating convention.

2. The other two proposed amendments are to assure that each of the three cities in our redistricted LD will have representation on our Executive Board, by changing **Section 2 of Article V** in two places:

- In **Section 2.e**, increase the number of “Members-at-Large” from “five” to “seven”.
- Amend **Section 2’s** concluding sentence by adding the proviso shown in italics below: “Any member in good standing may be elected to the foregoing offices; *provided, however, that if the officers elected at the biennial reorganization meeting do not include at least one from each of Seattle, Kenmore, and Lake Forest Park, an appropriate number of Member-at-Large slots shall be assigned as necessary to assure at least one Board member from each city.*”

Two things should be understood by the above language: It is by no means intended to relegate our two less-populated cities to “at-Large” positions, or to provide that an officer-position vacancy occurring in midterm must be filled by someone from the same city.

Editors Note: During the Eboard email discussion of these proposals, Gerry Pollet, our 2nd Vice Chair came up with some alternate language.

Alternate Bylaws Proposal by Gerry Pollet

- In **Section 2.e**, increase the number of “Members-at-Large” from “five” to “seven”.
- Amend **Section 2’s** concluding sentence by adding the proviso shown in italics below: “Any member in good standing may be elected to the foregoing offices; *provided, at least one at large position shall be filled by a resident from each of Seattle, Kenmore, and Lake Forest*

Park; and, if the Chair and Vice-Chair are from Seattle, then, at least one second vice-chair position must be filled by a resident of either Lake Forest Park or Kenmore. Rules for conducting the vote shall be adopted which ensure this distribution requirement will be met.”

This would allow us to adopt rules to designate on the ballot at least one slot for each city for at-large positions and one 2nd vice-chair slot required to be filled by a candidate from either LFP or Kenmore. Otherwise, we will conduct an election for 7 slots and may still find that the elected people are all from Seattle. I don't know how we can democratically elect people, and then, after the fact say we need to change representation. I also believe it is vitally important that we designate one of the 2nd vice chair slots to someone from outside Seattle to provide a meaningful leadership position to our new membership and their District organization, if both the Chair and Vice-Chair are from Seattle. If we want to effectively welcome and meld our two District organizations, we need to act affirmatively and show we are willing to give up some seats from Seattleites.

◆ Amend **Section 4:** Section 4: Endorsement of candidates in special elections, or in special purpose district elections, levies or referenda, held other than at the time of the Primary or General Election; decisions regarding contributions to candidates for special elections; and, endorsements of or contributions to ballot issues may be considered at any District meeting, given notice as required by Article IV of these Bylaws.

The stated goal of the amendment which Chad asked Dean Fournier to draw up is to allow for endorsement in such races as the King County Conservation District. It was not to provide an early endorsement in statewide races, where our early endorsement does not provide any significant assistance to the candidate.

Editors Note: The Executive Board will be discussing these proposals at our meeting on January 3rd, and we will bring forward to the membership the final proposal on January 19th. We will post the final language immediately following our meeting.



Read more in the online extended Demogram!

The Printed Demogram is everything that we can fit on 8 pages. Anything else is available online, including pictures in full color and whatever else we want to put up. The website grows and changes every single day. Please visit each day to see what's new! Also, please join our online social networking efforts! Facebook, LinkedIn, you name it, we're there!

**Announcing:
46th District Town Hall!**

**With Senator David Frockt,
Representative Phyllis Kenney
and Representative Gerry Pollet**

**Saturday, January 7, 2012
from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**

**North Seattle Community College
Concert Hall
9600 College Way North,
first floor of the library building**

- Meet with members of the 46th Legislative District as they prepare for the 2012 Session.
- Inform your lawmakers of issues important to you and your community.
- Learn about the issues facing lawmakers as they return to Olympia.
- Receive an update on action taken during the special session and the continuing budget process.

Your input is important to us. Let's join efforts to make our district a better place to live and work.

If you can't come, be sure to call our offices or visit our websites for meeting opportunities in the future.

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Also, we have all been invited by the 36th LD to a meet and greet! Here are the details From Elizabeth Walker:

I, as the 36th LD Membership Coordinator, am organizing a happy hour/mixer for all LDs in our area. The goal is to get members from multiple LDs together for fun, and give us a chance to meet and get to know each other. Would you be willing to post this notice in your newsletter and on your website? I can't make it to your next meeting to make an announcement to your membership, but maybe someone else could announce it on my behalf?

It is not a fundraiser it is just a mixer. I have chosen to do it at Amore Infused because the owner is a good Democrat and a kind soul. Every year he fixes a big Thanksgiving dinner and opens up his restaurant to feed the homeless. This year he fed 800 people. Some years it has been up to 1500. Democratic Legislative District Happy Hour Mixer at Amore Infused in Belltown. Let's have fun and get to know each other. All LD's invited.

*Monday January 30th, 4:30pm – 7:00 pm
Amore Infused, 522 Wall St.*

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
 THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH
 OLYMPIC VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 7:00 PM SOCIAL / BBQ
 7:30 PM MEETING**



Items for January 19th Membership Meeting

- 7:00 - 7:30 Social, BBQ & Setup**
- 7:30 Membership Meeting Begins**
- 7:35 Approval of Minutes**
Report from the Chair
- 7:45 Introducing the new 46th,
 Officer Musical Chairs**
- 8:30 Pie Raffle!**
- 8:35 Committee & Party Reports,
 Bylaws Amendments**
- 9:19 Old & New Business**
Good of the Order
Adjourn

Please see page 2 for the complete agenda

Next Demogram Deadline: January 27th



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- **Tues, Jan 3rd: 46dems Executive Board Meeting, Olympic View Church, 7:15pm, contact Chad Lupkes**
- **Sat, Jan 7th, 46th LD Town Hall, North Seattle Community College, See page 6.**
- **Sun, Jan 8th, KCDCC Leadership Council, Renton Carpenters Hall, 7:00pm, contact Steve Zemke, info@kcdems.org**
- **Mon, Jan 9th, 2012 Legislative Session begins in Olympia, make your voice heard!**
- **Tue, Jan 10th, 46dems meet-and-greet in Lake Forest Park & Kenmore, Location TBD, contact Chad Lupkes**
- **Thurs, Jan 19th, 46dems General Meeting, Olympic View Elementary School, 7:00pm, contact Chad Lupkes**
- **Tue, Jan 24th, KCDCC Executive Board Meeting, Renton Carpenters Hall, 7:00pm, contact Steve Zemke**

- **For more events, see our online calendars! <http://46dems.com>**