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King County Democrats Legislative Action Day In Olympia

- ◆ Monday February 19, 2007
- ◆ Morning Reception with the Governor
- ◆ Luncheon with *Your* Legislators

Join the Legislative Action Committee (LAC)
As we team up to pass a progressive
legislative agenda!

Sponsored by IBEW Union Local 77

Schedule

- 9:30 am **Check-in at the Columbia Room**
The Legislative Building (dome) on the ground floor
— Coffee and donuts provided.
- 9:45 am **Welcome/Prep for the Day**
- 10:00 am **Meeting with Washington State
Governor, Christine Gregoire**
- 10:30 am **Committee Hearings and Meetings
with Your Legislators**
Hearing schedules will be available. Please note
that our appointments with your legislators need to
be set up by your LD Chair or LAC member.
- 11:30 pm **Luncheon with Your King County
- Legislative District Legislators**
Hearing Room A, O'Brien Building
Deli Luncheon including vegetarian Option
- 1:00 pm **Committee Hearings and Meetings
with Your Legislators**

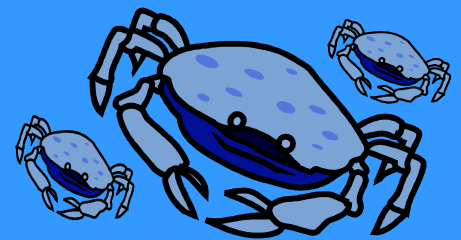
After attending the special
events of LAC Day
in Olympia,
motor over to Lacey
for the

WSDCC Annual Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) Training and Crab Feed

Special guest
Montana Governor
Brian Schweitzer

Monday
February 19, 2007
St. Martin's University
Pavilion
5300 Pacific Ave SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Crab Feed—5:00 pm
Suggested Donation \$40



For more info, visit
www.wa-democrats.org

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**KCDCC
Officers and Chairs Meeting**

Sunday February 18, 2007
7:00 pm
Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North

**KCDCC
LAC Meeting**

**No February Meeting
Replaced with
LAC Day in Olympia
Meet at the Columbia Room
Legislative Building
9:30 am**

The Evergreen Democratic Club
meets the second Tuesday
of each month at

Angelo's of Burien
601 SW 153rd Street
11:30 am
Contact Stephen Lamphear
206.439.7362

The West Seattle Democratic Women
meet the fourth Thursday
of each month at

The Daystar Retirement Village
2615 SW Barton Street
Seattle
11:30 am
Contact Beth Grieser
206.938.5706

**Metropolitan Democrats Club
(MDC)**

The MDC meets in Seattle at the Plaza
Building—600 Stewart Street, Suite 203
(across Westlake Avenue from the
Westin Hotel).

They meet on the second and fourth
Wednesday of each month at noon.

Visit www.metrodems.org
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2007
King County
Democratic Central Committee
Yes, I want to make a difference!



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Thank you!

P.O. Box 58337, Renton, Washington 98058
Susan C. Sheary, Chair

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King County Democratic Central Committee
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday January 23, 2007

Renton Carpenters Hall—231 Burnett Avenue North—Renton

- ◆ Call to Order
- ◆ Flag Salute
- ◆ Previous Meeting Minutes and Proposed Meeting Agenda approved
- ◆ Announcements
 - KCDCC Goals for 2007
 - Increase PCO and membership numbers
 - Train Democrats to build base
 - Multiple Training offerings—PCO, PDC, Chairs, Caucusing, and New Candidates
 - Status on 2008 Convention Bid — to hold WSDCC Convention in King County in 2008
 - Tabling at the 1/27 WSDCC Quarterly Meeting; Official Presentation 4/28
- ◆ King County Records and Elections Staff presentation on “How to Conduct Voter Registration”
Program was well received as well as handouts.
- ◆ King County Council Chair Larry Gossett addressed the group
Motion made by 46th LD Chair to endorse Larry Gossett for re-election. Vote by acclamation—m/s/p
- ◆ Introduction of all newly-elected, County and LD officers
- ◆ Break
- ◆ Officers and Committee Reports
 - ◆ 1st Vice Chair Rob Dolin discussed the volunteer function of the website and talked about introduction of web sites for 2008 presidential candidates
 - ◆ 3rd Vice Chair—Sharon Mast, present, no report
 - ◆ 4th Vice Chair—Emily Willoughby announced the need for each LD to provide an elections coordinator by February 15th. She will conduct a training class and provide pertinent information.
 - ◆ Treasurer Chuck Laney reported year-end position and partial January report. (Year-end financial was available in hard copy). Chuck also reminded the group of PDC Class on Saturday February 3rd at the Carpenters Specialties Center in Kent
 - ◆ Legislative Action Committee (LAC) - Tina Shamseldin and Scott White.
 - Clean Elections Resolution (as submitted by LAC and several LD's) presented by Sarajane Siegfriedt and Craig Salins of the Clean Elections Campaign Team. Motion made to approve—m/s/p
 - Mayor Nickels, “Gun Show Loophole” resolution was presented for approval. m/s/p
 - Jessica Lawson representing Union Local 8 presented resolution on support for Hotel Workers. Resolution presented for approval; m/s/p
- ◆ Door prize drawing conducted
- ◆ Good of the Order
- ◆ Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Henry, KCDCC Recording Secretary

WSDCC Chairs Strategy Session in Ellensburg—March 3-4, 2007
is open to all interested Democrats

Call 206.583.0664 and ask for Kim or Shawna; you may email to rsvp@wa-democrats.org

What war are we fighting?

Of this, I ask, if this war is against terrorists, then let us look at terrorists. Are the organizations of terror limited to one country? I do not think that England would agree, or Spain. So just how is our fighting in Iraq preventing terrorist actions in America? While there are 130,000 troops in Iraq, a large part of our military, it is only about 25 percent if we do have only 475,000 active-duty military, as we are told. Why would a terrorist want to only have operations in Iraq or Afghanistan? There are more troops in America, and we have lots of troops in other countries, but is it not much more effective to carry out attacks here than in a distant place? Could our homeland security be catching all terrorist activity here? I find it unbelievable that we could do that when we cannot even catch one very tall Saudi — with a kidney machine attached! We can eavesdrop on millions of phone calls, but not track the purchases of supplies for this machine?

If once again we are asked to send more of our young (and now not-so-young) men and women into service in a foreign land with no expectation for how long or for what real purpose, could the Bush administration have other reasons for wanting to escalate this conflict?

Mr. President, a surge is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "a large wave of water, or its motion." Of what motion are we involved in when 20,000 more troops will not subdue or make it possible to control 6 million Iraqis? This is not even 3 percent of the people of Iraq, and has no chance to really turn the tide of a civil war. After four years of combat, and training of the Iraqi troops and police, what real steps are these young men and women to take? By placing them into the local communities in small groups, will you not be placing them into even more danger? By providing less secure housing and eating facilities than the green zone? This has not been that secure if we remember the bomber who set one off in the mess hall a while ago. Will you not endanger our sons, daughters, fathers and mothers even more by dispersing our troops in small bands, allowing them to be attacked by overwhelming forces? Putting 10 or even 20 troops into a large house or apartment complex could endanger them to an attack from a band of 100 terrorists in the middle of the night as they sleep.

Let us once again question if the Bush administration has taken the wrong choice for other reasons than said. Do the corporations who provide the very profitable services such as food, housing and transportation need this to go on longer? Do we need to make larger profits by placing more troops in harm's way? I believe Bush lied this country into this war, and lied to us for the entire time we have been at war in Iraq, just like he implied a lie about landing a fighter jet on an aircraft carrier, by showing up in a flight suit. Have you also lied about sending more troops into this conflict? After four years, are you trying to build a water system that will provide clean water 24 hours a day as well as electricity more than a few hours at a time each day? Will the sewage system be repaired, connected and work for every household? Will the most powerful nation on the face of the world provide basic living standards after four years of occupation to the citizens of Iraq?

Let us make it even less of a challenge, just to Baghdad? No, I ask too much, but please do not let the oil stop flowing, or the supper tankers not ship oil to a hungry world. Remember, the American taxpayers will not be burdened with the cost of this conflict; the Iraqi oil revenue will pay for this liberation. If the entire revenue of Iraqi oil were to be used to pay for this, it would take more than 26 years to pay just for what we know has been spent as of today. If we escalate this for another two years, it will take more than 30 years and the debt may even outlive the people who sent us to Iraq. How many lives could we have saved both here in America, and in the world, rather than kill 100,000 Iraqis, send more than 20,000 American servicemen and women home missing parts of their bodies, or with mental problems, which may never be corrected. Could we have saved over 3,000 servicemen and women from the ultimate sacrifice of their lives? "Of what noble cause did these Americans die for?"

American taxpayers will have a very large hidden bill soon. We are wearing out our Army Reserve and National Guard unit equipment in Iraq, and if history repeats, we will leave the used equipment in the battlefield. So open your pocketbooks, as we will have another multi-billion dollar cost to pay when we re-equip and re-supply our Reserves. Victory is still possible, said our President! I am sure I can find some oceanfront property in Missouri I would enjoy selling if you are in the market. Just how is our military to win a civil war made even more complex by religious and tribal factions? This country does not think of itself as Iraq. It thinks of its tribal and religious ties, which are at present involved in a bloody civil war overshadowed by American occupation and troop suppression of its people.

Please define it any way you want, but when American troops can knock down any door and arrest anyone it wishes, even torture and kill Iraqi citizens, this is occupation and suppression. We are not arresting Iraqi citizens to go to Iraqi courts; we are sending them by rendition to other countries and to our own prisons out of this country and under military tribunals. Every American is touched by this because it is done under our name. Yes, the world may blame this administration for its actions, but the world will also hold each American accountable for what they did during this time. Did you stand up against this like the thousands who took to the streets this weekend, or did you change the channel and open another can to drink, pass the chips please?

— 30th LD Chair Larry Jackson, author (also published in the Federal Way Mirror)

Join in by Attending Your Local Legislative District Meeting!

If you have not attended a District meeting this year, review the list, find your District and join the many active Democrats participating across the County.

1st LD

Chair: Cheryl DeGolier, 425.481.6231
Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm
Northshore School Admin Center
3330 Monte Villa Parkway, Bothell

5th LD

Chair: Hank Thomas, 425.392.2272
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
King County Library Admin
960 Newport Way NW, Issaquah

11th LD

Chair: Susan Kruller, 206.853.9330
Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North, Renton

30th LD

Chair: Larry Jackson, 253.661.2287
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Federal Way Senior Center
4016 South 352nd St, Federal Way

31st LD

Chair: Tim Pearson, 253.863.4543
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm ****New
Sumner Library
1116 Fryar Ave, Sumner

32nd LD

Chair: Lila Smith, 206.818.1195
Meets: 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
American Legion Hall
14521 17th Ave NE, Shoreline

33rd LD

Chair: Tina Shamseldin, 206.409.3038
Meets 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm
Normandy Park Congregational Church
19247 1st Ave S, Normandy Park

34th LD

Chair: Ivan Weiss, 206.463.4647
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 pm
The Hall at Fautleroy
9131 California Ave SW, Seattle

36th LD

Chair: Peter House, 206.784.7665
Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm
Calvary Lutheran Church
7002 23rd Ave NW, Ballard

37th LD

Chair: Rob Holland, 206.353.6354
Meets: 2nd Monday, 7:30 pm
Central Area Senior Center
500 30th Ave S., Seattle

41st LD

Chair: Barbara Geller, 206.232.4970
Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
4228 Factoria Blvd SE, Bellevue 98006

43rd LD

Chair: Hillary Madsen, 253.227.8311
Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm
University Baptist Church
NE 47th and 12th Ave NE, Seattle

45th LD

Chair: Martin Chaney, 425.880.4220
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Old Redmond School House Community Ctr
16600 NE 80th Street, Redmond

46th LD

Chair: Scott White, 206.363.9522
Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm
Olympic View Elementary School
504 NE 95th St., Seattle

47th LD

Chair: Bryan Kesterson, 253.639.3515
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Machinists' Hall
A St SW at 2nd St SW, Auburn

48th LD

Chair: Doug Hightower, 425.641.4108
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Stevenson Elementary School Library
14220 NE 8th, Bellevue



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Peace Protest in Washington, D.C., Saturday January 27, 2007. Elizabeth Walter, 36th LD member and LAC sub-committee leader is front and center with pink crown and IMPEACH sign.



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Official Call

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting
Tuesday

February 27, 2007—7:00 pm
Renton Carpenters Hall—231 Burnett Avenue North

Proposed Agenda

Endorsements may be considered

- 7:00 pm Call to Order
Flag Salute
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and
Proposed Agenda
- 7:05 pm Introductions
- 7:10 pm King County Council Member Larry Phillips
Seattle Port Commissioner—Alec Fisken
- 7:30 pm **Program: 2008 Candidate Panel led by DNC
Member Karen Marchioro, Jeff Smith, Sharon
Mast, and Aaron Belenky**
- Break
- 8:05 pm Officer and Committee Reports
- 8:25 pm New Business
- 8:35 pm Old Business
- 8:45 pm Door Prizes
- 8:50 pm Good of the Order
- 9:00 pm Adjourn