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Chair's Corner

Ensure that your voter registration signature is valid. By March 13th, all Seattle poll voters should have received a letter in the mail informing them of the election and providing them the opportunity to update their signatures before voting their first mail ballot. Of the 132,000 letters sent in Seattle, 47,000 voters had updated their signatures as of March 9th.

All poll voters across the county will be notified to update their signatures as King County Elections has an outreach program group that intends to notify all poll voters by region, before the August 21st Primary. All mail balloting is scheduled to begin in 2008. King County Elections has also distributed voting posters to libraries and community centers and tabled at conferences and meetings to educate the voter population. Make sure that your vote will count, update your signature.

**Just in, there will be no April special election
The next special election is scheduled for May 15th**

DECLINE TO SIGN I-25 PETITIONS

KCDCC and many of the legislative district organizations went on record in 2006 against elected positions within the King County Records and Elections organization. A Republican based organization has filed an initiative for an elected, Elections Director and a separate Elections department. The initiative calls for an improbable implementation schedule including a special election in February 2008 that would cost taxpayers over a million dollars. Please see our website, www.kcdems.org, news item on the initiative, with a link to our new educational brochure.

From the KCDCC Vice Chair of Elections, Emily Willoughby

To all district chairs: If you have not appointed a district elections coordinator, you need to do so at your earliest opportunity. If you do not select a coordinator, King County Elections will appoint the inspectors and judges for all polling locations in your district and they will not assign the roles by party affiliation; all will be classified as non-partisan. Because John Kerry won our state, we are entitled to assign all inspectors and one-half of the judges; however, if no one steps forth in a district, the Elections department will make the assignments.

Emily will conduct a course for election coordinators on April 14th - 10:00 am, at the Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Avenue North. You may contact Emily at 206.241.5885 or emilya57@comcast.net for additional information.

U.S. Senator Patty Murray



**Presents her
12th Annual**

Golden Tennis Shoe Awards

Wednesday April 4, 2007—Noon

Registration begins at 11:30 pm

Westin Hotel

Grand Ballroom

1900 5th Avenue - Seattle

With her special guest
U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
(D-CA)



RSVP to Amanda Brothers at 206.286.9199 or email at GTS Awards@pattyMurray.com
Suggested Donation—\$100

Washington State

Legislative Town Hall Meetings

Saturday March 17, 2007

Check with your legislators on location and time

The King County Democrat is published a minimum of 10 days before a general membership meeting pursuant to KCDCC By-laws. Copy is published in-house on a monthly basis, posted at website, www.kcdems.org, and sent via bulk-mail to the membership list.

**KCDCC
Officers and Chairs Meeting**

No Meeting in March
Please consider attending
Congressman McDermott's
13th Annual Potato Fest
March 18, 2007— 5:30 pm
Town Hall in Seattle
8th and Seneca

**KCDCC
LAC Meeting**

Sunday March 18, 2007, 2:00 pm
Redmond Regional Library
15990 NE 85th—Redmond 98052
425.885.1861

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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Democratic Central Committee
Yes, I want to make a difference!



Become a 2007 member of the KCDCC: Suggested donation—\$40/person

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Telephone: _____ City: _____ State: __ Zip Code: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Legislative District: _____ email: _____

By Credit Card: VISA/Master Card

Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Clip and mail to: KCDCC, Post Office Box 58337—Renton, Washington 98058

Thank you!

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

206.622.9157 / Cell 206.852.4823 / FAX 425.255.1634 / www.kcdems.org / kingcountydemocrats@msn.com

THE TIME HAS COME

The time has come. Five years of fighting Bush's War. Over 3,300 Americans have died and over 700,000, mostly civilian Iraqi and Afghans. This was supposed to be a "War on Terror," but it has only increased both the amount of terror and the number of terrorists. The people we call "terrorists," millions around the world call "freedom fighters," and they call us the "terrorists." Every day Bush continues his war multiplies the recruits to fight against us.

Many of us find it hard to understand why terrorists struck the World Trade Buildings. Symbolism! Not just against America, against the whole Western (or we should say Northern) system of world trade in which the powerful and rich get more power and wealth while the poor get less.

They see us as prosperous oppressors. Television and the news media have given the world a vision of ours as a land of plenty – big, fast cars, splendid homes, great luxury, living wastefully with no concern for the rest of the world. But most people in the world live marginally, starving, crowded, scratching for everything, paid pennies for long hours at what little work there is, producing goods for our big companies making indecent profits off their sweat. Is it any wonder that they hate us? The wonder is that there is still as much good will toward America and the West as there is.

Bush's War must be ended. We have a majority in Congress. We can both end the War and eliminate terrorism, but only by eliminating the causes of terrorism – hunger, endemic illness, lack of adequate housing, lack of education, and, most of all, the unlimited distribution of arms for oppressive regimes. If we do it right, the Senate Republicans will not block us.

We can do this with about one-tenth of what we have been spending on Bush's ill-conceived war. That's about what it would take to provide food, clothing, housing, medical care and other necessities for all the people of all the impoverished nations of the world. Better yet, that would only be necessary for a limited amount of time. The next step, even while we feed them, would be to make plans to help them establish themselves – agriculture, schools, mining, distribution, local markets, small businesses, construction, industries, tourism, whatever. And, those we help will have to provide decent working wages and conditions as they proceed.

Immigrants and migrants must be included. Instead of putting them in detention centers or prisons (where they are now, generally, prevented from doing any work, not even to raise their own food), they would be encouraged to be in work programs, contributing to their own and the general economy.

In the end, those we help will become a producing part of the world economic system, living far better than they now are, and with a will for peace. We Democrats must push for this kind of approach to the world situation.

—Robin Hess, 34th LD—PCO

7th Congressional District Representative
Jim McDermott's

13th Annual—Celebrating Our Roots Potato Fest

March 18, 2007—5:30 pm
Town Hall
1119 Eighth and Seneca—Seattle

Great Food and Refreshment
Live Music — Annual Awards



For more information contact Event Chair, Anna Rising at
425.828.8969 or anna.rising@verizon.net

KCDCC is an event sponsor

Parliamentarian's Corner by Rob Gaudet

Meeting Tips —

1. Unanimous Consent

When the chair expects no opposition to a motion, time can often be saved by the procedure of unanimous consent. Also called general consent, the procedure is as follows: The chair states, "If there is no objection..." or "Without objection..." and the action that is proposed. After pausing, if no member says, "I object," the chair continues with, "Since there is no objection..." and states the action that will be taken. If any member objects, the motion must be formally processed (see note below). —See *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition, Pages 51-53.*

Note: The standard steps in processing a motion are: a member makes a motion, another member seconds it, the chair states the motion, the members debate the motion, the chair puts the motion to a vote, the chair announces the vote result. —See *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition, Pages 40-48.*

2. Meeting Myth

Myth: A motion adopted by the required vote but which lacked a second is null and void.

Fact: "After debate has begun or, if there is no debate, after any member has voted, the lack of a second has become immaterial and it is too late to make a point of order that the motion has not been seconded." —See *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition, Page 35.*

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting Minutes Tuesday - February 27, 2007—7:00 pm

Renton Carpenters Hall—231 Burnett Avenue North in Renton

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Chair Susan Sheary. Thirty-fourth District Chair Ivan Weiss led the flag salute. Approval of previous meeting minutes and proposed meeting agenda were moved/seconded/ approved (m/s/a).

Newly elected King County Young Democrats Chair Meg Gustafson was introduced and she introduced her new board for 2007.

King County Council Member Larry Phillips was introduced and given a framed copy of the January-approved resolution commending his service to the county. He also received the signature gift from the King County Democrats – a “posterized”, Rolling Stone Magazine drawing of President Bill Clinton. Larry then addressed the group. Unanimous endorsement of Mr. Phillips for re-election – m/s/a.

Seattle Port Commissioner Alec Fiske was introduced. He gave a brief campaign speech and was unanimously endorsed for re-election.

Burien City Council member Jack Block, Jr., was introduced and announced his candidacy for Port Commission (he will run in Bob Edwards race). He gave a brief campaign speech. Motion was made to endorse his candidacy; however, after much discussion, the motion was tabled to the March 27th meeting. Mr. Block was invited to attend that meeting.

The 2008 Presidential Candidate Panel of Special Guest DNC Rep Ed Cody, 41st Board Member Jeff Smith, KCDCC Third Vice Chair Sharon Mast, and 41st KCDCC Rep Aaron Belenky were introduced. Each panel member gave their impressions of the Winter 2007 DNC meeting in Washington, D.C., earlier this month. Questions and answers followed the presentation. Jeff Smith also presented statistics on the primaries and dates (attached here).

Officer and Committee reporting followed. Special Awards were given to First Vice Chair Rob Dolin, LAC Co-Chair Tina Shamseldin, Media Watch Committee Chair Richard Gidner, and Rapid Response Team Chair Chad Lupkes for their commitment and dedication to the KCDCC. They will represent the KCDCC at Congressman Jim McDermott’s Annual Potato Fest, March 18th. Other highlights were announcement of the new website-based options for communicating with legislators and the news media.

Revised Bylaws will be presented for discussion and approval at the March meeting.

Fourth Vice Chair of Elections Emily Willoughby gave a presentation on work-to-date for Special Elections and the upcoming fall elections. She will conduct a class on April 14th for District – Election Coordinators. A letter will be sent on 2/28/2007 to all District Chairs announcing the class.

Co-Chairs Tina Shamseldin and Scott White gave a report-out on the wonderful LAC Day in Olympia.

No items for discussion under Old Business.

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Under New Business, 6 resolutions were presented:

1. Two resolutions (one from the 43rd and one from the 31st) were presented on day/time of upcoming 2008 precinct caucuses. The two resolutions were combined into one, with amendment to frame “any day other than Friday and Saturday. Resolution passed.
2. The 43rd LD presented a resolution in support for Lt. Ehren Watada. Resolution passed.
3. Resolution on House Bill 1714 (Initiative 134) presented by 32nd LD. Motion to table to March meeting passed.
4. Resolution on Television Franchise Agreements was presented by the 36th LD. This was m/s/a.
5. Resolution on Signing Statements was presented by the 47th LD. This was m/s/a.

Raffle was conducted and Good of the Order conducted – Announcements on Impeachment Protest (1:00 pm) and Hearing in Olympia, March 1st, 3:30 pm in the Cherberg Building, Room 2. Senator Gene Lux gave a brief talk on taxes and the legislative financial committee.

Adjournment at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Sheary for Angela Henry

Health Justice in Action

Physicians for a National Health Program—Western
Washington Chapter

Friday March 16, 2007—7:00 pm

University of Washington
Kane Hall, Room 120

Open to the Public—Admission Free

Program Includes
Congressman Jim McDermott, MD, Honorary Chair of
PNHPWW and
the 33rd District’s own Dr. Robert Fithian



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**** Save the Date ****

Saturday May 19, 2007—1:00 pm
King County Council Member Larry Phillips’
ANNUAL SALMON BAKE
Daybreak Star Center—Discovery Park

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
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 Fauntleroy
9131 California Ave SW, Seattle

36th LD

Chair: Peter House, 206784.7665
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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Official Call

King County Democrats Monthly Meeting
Tuesday

March 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 and announcements
- 7:10 pm King County Council Member Dow Constantine
King County Assessor Scott Noble
- 7:30 pm **Program: Deborah Saxon, leader of the WSDCC
Grassroots Organization**
- Break
- 8:05 pm Officer and Committee Reports
- 8:25 pm Old Business including bylaws discussion
- 8:35 pm New Business
- 8:45 pm Door Prizes
- 8:50 pm Good of the Order
- 9:00 pm Adjourn