

The 11th District Journal



“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.”

Franklin D Roosevelt



The 11th Legislative District includes voters from South Seattle, West Seattle, White Center, South Park, Renton, Tukwila, Boeing Industrial Park, Benson Hill Communities, Fairwood, Burien, Kent and Unincorporated King County.

11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

We're off to a great start at the 11th Legislative District! Immediately following the re-organization meeting, your WSDCC representatives and Chair made a beeline for Olympia to attend the WSDCC quarterly meeting. Our representatives elected the 2007-8 officers and delegates. It was my privilege to participate in the election of our own Suzie Sheary as WSDCC Chair of Chairs.

On President's Day many of us put on our activist hats and went down to Olympia for Legislative Action Day, PCO Training and the Crab Feed. We participated in a roundtable event with Governor Chris Gregoire, talked to our legislators about critical issues and saw them working in key roles on significant committees within the legislature.

Back home, we're charging up the programs at our meetings and hope you like what you see. This month, we'll cover the Clean Elections bills and what's happening at the Seattle City Council. Brendan Donckers is our Programs Chair and he's the guy to talk to about our meeting formats, future program speakers and topics. We want your ideas on how to build up our membership and organize to elect Democrats.

Speaking of growing our numbers, we've picked up four new Precinct Committee Officers: Everett Stewart (Burien), Rebecca Saldana (Tukwila), Kathy Pouncy (Renton) and Dennis Payne (Renton). Please find time to congratulate and encourage them in their new role. KCDCC Delegate Chris Hintz was right on when he noted that all we have to do is pick up the same amount of PCOs for nine more meetings and we'll reach our 2007 goal of filling 75 percent of the positions. Be sure to talk with Membership Chair Martha Koester if you, or someone you know, would like to be a PCO.

March 17 will be a big day for 11th Legislative District citizens, members and PCOs. Our legislators are holding a Town Hall Meeting at the Washington State Liquor Control Board Warehouse Facility (on East Marginal Way) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They hold this meeting specifically to report to constituents and field questions. This is a great chance to get up to date on what has been happening this year during the Washington State Legislative session, learn what our legislators are focusing on and ask about issues you're concerned about.

Immediately following this event, our PCO Activities Chair, Larry Grubb has been working very hard to arrange for a "Greet and Meet" event at Andy's Diner (4th Avenue in Seattle) where you can chat with our legislators one-on-one, discuss regional politics and talk about national issues and candidates that will be key in the upcoming 2008 Presidential elections. I encourage you to attend one or both of these events to stay current on the issues and exchange ideas.

By the time you read this report, I will be back from the first-ever statewide All Legislative District Chairs Conference in Ellensburg. WSDCC Chair Dwight Peltz decided it would be good for us all to gather together, share our strategic plans and find ways to take Washington Democrats to the next level in preparation 2008. What a great opportunity to collaborate on ideas that work and build relationships with our friends in Eastern Washington legislative districts. I look forward to sharing what I learn with you.

See you at the next meeting to participate, organize and achieve!

March 2007

Susan Kruller 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Chair

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Welcome to the 11th LD!

You are Invited to attend the Monthly Meetings and engage in democracy in action!



Your dues enable you to receive the district newsletter, help us defer our meeting expenses, and support our efforts on behalf of Democratic candidates.

We provide or participate actively in fun and informative opportunities to reach out to Democrats and other voters in the 11th District.

Your volunteer efforts will further our goal of active members in all of the 11th District precincts.

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11th District Democrats Attn: Chuck Laney / Treasurer PO BOX 1133 Renton, WA. 98057-1133

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"I am sorry to say that there is too much point to the wisecrack that life is extinct on other planets because their scientists were more advanced than ours."

John F. Kennedy

Parliamentarian/SAA

Emily Willoughby

We would like to offer a special thanks to Suzie Sheary, a member of our own 11th LD Democrats and he Chair of the King County Democrats, who provided our refreshments for February. Thank you Suzie, we appreciated your contribution a great deal.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Charles Laney

Balance on Feb. 1, 2007	\$1,575.53
Dues	\$ 407.00
Raffle	\$ 130.00
Food	\$ 20.00

EXPENSE

Hall rental	\$ 45.00
Newsletter	\$ 145.83
Bank fees	\$ 31.42
Ending Balance Feb 2007	\$ 1,910.28

WEBMASTER

Alene Brede

Have you been to the 11th LD Democratic Organization web site recently? Go there to find the latest Membership Information, Calendar of upcoming events, Precinct Caucus Locations, Polling Locations, 11th LD Bylaws, links of interest and much more.

<http://www.11thliddems.org/>

We have some fantastic new applications planned for the site in the near future including Candidate questionnaires and member surveys.

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11th Legislative District Democratic Organization General Membership Meeting Minutes — February 20, 2007

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General Membership Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2007

7:00pm The meeting was called to order by District Chair Susan Kruller, Flag salute, Approval of previous meeting minutes and proposed agenda.

7:05pm Precinct Committee Officer Certificates, Larry Grubb, see PCO Activities for March 17 Invitation

7:10 Hot Topic – Viaduct Replacement

Advocating: Tom Ceis, Seattle Deputy Mayor requested we ask ourselves two questions: What kind of future do we want for the Seattle waterfront? What kind of future do we want for Seattle Transportation? Vote no on elevated viaduct. Vote for a tunnel as the transportation solution.

Counterpoint: Phil Talmadge, not affiliated but with background of experience on large transportation projects cited **safety**, causing slower speeds; **traffic**, especially regarding volume and speed and the detrimental impact on the international district with the loss of Seneca St exit; **costs**, increase existing funds to build the viaduct by 1.4 billion extra for the tunnel lite with additional cost increases by utilities; and loss of **family wage jobs** due to gentrification of waterfront as reasons to vote for a raised viaduct.

Rebuttal: Necessary changes by City Light, Tunnel is safer in an earthquake and pancake flattening like that experienced in California earthquake is an added danger. Q&A Followed

7:30pm Harry Bailey, Chief Deputy City of Seattle Police, discussed the Gun-show loophole allowing weapons sales with no oversight. Safe weapon storage and SB-5197 Gun Control was also discussed. Q & A followed.

7:40pm Tanya Marie Rosario, Field Director, WA Democratic Central Committee: Party Building, Mobilization, Training, Voter Guide, Platform and connection with people were discussed.

8:10pm BREAK

8:20pm m/s/o to accept four PCO candidates. Sent to King County; m/s/o Accept appointments by Chair/confirmed; m/s/o Footnote changes in Feb 2003 by Laws

8:30pm Committee Reports: Treasurer, provided budget and P/L; Secretary-newsletter content; WSDCC – Male-March 3-4 elections, check calendar WA-democrats.org; WSDCC Female; KCDCC Male-set goals, elect democrats, voter registration, rapid response, gun show loophole, fire retardant, unionized hotels, HB 1569; KCDCC Female, Larry Gosset endorsement, KC Logo officially changed to Martin Luther King County, Honors Banquet for Patty Murray; Legislative Action Committee-Legislative Action Day, Campaign Financing starting with Supreme Court and Judicial positions, impeachment proceedings against GW Bush, Health Care Connector Plan, Communication method improvements.

8:50pm 11th LD Democratic State Representative Zack Hudgins, Environmental Health Committee, addressed the membership concerning bipartisanship issues in the legislature, fire retardant legislation, food labeling and clean air and water. Zack reassured the membership that constituents take top priority when meeting in Olympia or anywhere and they are always fit into the schedule.

9:00pm Door Prize Drawing

9:10pm Good of the Order

9:15 Adjourn

WSDCC Female & Membership Committee**Martha Koester****PCO Training****Voterfile session**

We will soon be switching to the VAN, a national interface recently approved at DNC. For problems with accounts, call 206-583-0664 or log on to wa-democrats.org/tech. It is very useful for PCOs to collect information that is missing from the lists, particularly phone numbers. For ungraded and C voters, try to get more information. The difference between an A and B rating for Democrats is the number of contacts that have been made. B indicates that there is one contact resulting in support for one Democratic candidate; A indicates two or more contacts. The accuracy of the grading is checked by occasional phone polling. The accuracy of address and other information is straight from the Secretary of State--the party does not modify or check it.

Precinct Caucuses 2008

We need to be ready to get people to the caucuses, and then get them to join the party and keep them in. We need to mobilize them for campaigning and getting out the vote. Delegates will be selected as follows.

- 51 delegates will be elected at the Congressional District level, and 13 alternates
- 2 unpledged delegates will be elected by the 51
- 10 delegates will be chosen on the basis of their party involvement by the 51
- 17 other delegates will be chosen by the 51
- the remainder of the 97 delegates will be elected officials

Statewide Poverty Action Network

SPAN is a non-partisan issue group which works to increase participation in electoral politics by low income people--one in five workers in WA State are working poor. They put out their own voter education guide with information about candidates' stands on health care, education, jobs and childcare.

The afternoon sessions featured "Telling Your Story," a presentation by consultant Michael Shadow. He worked with Darcy Burner's campaign. Darcy herself gave a brief talk about her campaign, and passed out personalized PCO buttons that she had made for all of us (Contact Susan or Larry if you didn't get yours.) In the 8th LD, only 25% of PCO slots are filled, and she promised to do anything to help anybody who wants to change that. Contact her at darcy@burner.org if you want to ask for her help. She asked us not to let any seats at any level on the east side go unchallenged.

If you haven't ever gone to the yearly Crab Feed, you should. It's a great feast put on by the state party, with crabs from the Columbia River, clams and salmon. It's unbelievably messy with shards of crab shell flying all over the place (and hopefully winding up in the big paper bags at each table along with the clamshells), but a lot of fun. Last year Howard Dean spoke, and this year Gov. Brian Schweitzer was the keynote speaker.

PCO ACTIVITIES

Larry Grubb

ALL PCO'S and Democratic Activists

Andy's Diner
2963 4th Ave S
Seattle, WA
206 624 4097

Have Fun - Share Camaraderie
Saturday March 17 - 2pm to 4pm



You are cordially invited to a **MEET GREET EAT.**

No host bar & Hordeoreuves at Andy's Diner, 4th Ave S, Seattle
Meet with our Representatives to the State Legislature and other notable Democratic Political Activists.



Programs Chair

Brendan W. Donckers

Congressman Jim McDermott's 13th Annual "Celebrating Our Roots" Potato Festival will be hosted on Sunday March 18th, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Town Hall in Seattle. The event will again feature an "Irish" Baked Potato Bar, desserts, and entertainment by the band, "The Irish Experience." All donations are welcome.

Brendan Donckers is the Executive Board liaison to political campaigns and their fund-raising efforts on behalf of the 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization. If you would like to contribute, attend, or volunteer at this years Potato Fest, feel free to contact Anna Rising at anna.rising@verizon.net or by phone: (425) 828-8969.

We want to make sure our membership is getting the most of our general meetings. Your Programs Chair would love to hear from YOU about what you would like to see. Are there certain speakers you want to hear from? Do we need to do a better job of integrating community issues into our discussions? Please email Programs Chair Brendan Donckers with ANY comments: bwdonckers@gmail.com

SECRETARY

Jim Flynn

Wasn't that a powerful meeting we had in February. We received great information about the viaduct. Which is the best option? Recently, relaying the information to five men, blue collar background, they were not influenced until one of them, familiar with the decline of the fishing industry in Ballard due to rising costs of mooring space, remarked that proponents of the tunnel were the ones who had the most to gain by the gentrification of the Seattle waterfront. These men understood the importance of family wage jobs generated by industry there. The importance of the Seneca St. exit for their transportation needs was also significant. They were unanimous for a raised viaduct.

Andy's Diner is a familiar spot to people whose jobs depend on the waterfront and SODA economy. That's the location of the March 17 MEET GREET EAT for 11th LD PCOs and Activists. It is also ST Patrick's Day. That got me to thinking. Is there a connection between ST Patrick and 11th LD Democratic Organization? My answer is too long for the newsletter but you can read it in total at:

<http://www.seattleoptin.us/privatize/stpatrick2.pdf>

Anyway, the event at Andy's Diner on Saturday the 17th will be held in the finest railroad elegance of the Presidential Dining Car. That is the one dedicated to the greatest of all Democrats, Franklin D Roosevelt. Roosevelt's spirit of economic reforms and programs to strengthen the middle class and those of St Patrick who thought Law and Justice should be shared Equally will be working in all of us when we meet on Saturday. My wife, Lynette, and I look forward to sharing fun and camaraderie the 11th LD way.



Upcoming 11th District Meetings

**General Meeting:
March 20th – 7pm
Carpenter’s Hall, Renton**

**Executive Board Meeting:
April 5 – 7pm
Carpenter’s Hall, Renton**

OFFICIAL CALL:

**11th District Democrats
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Tuesday; March 20, 2007
7:00pm— Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Ave N**

7:00pm Call to Order, Flag Salute, Approval of previous meeting minutes and proposed Agenda

7:05pm Introductions, Reminder: 11th District Legislators Town Hall and Precinct Committee Officers event March

7:10 p.m. Hot Topic– Public Financed Campaigns (Clean Elections) Craig Saline, Executive Coordinator – Washing Public Campaigns Team

7:30 p.m. Program: Seattle City Councilman Richard Conlin Issues he’s working on: Zero Waste Strategy, Sustainable Single Family Housing Ordinance and Emergency Preparedness

BREAK

8:05pm Officer and Committee Reports

8:25pm Old Business

8:35pm New Business

8:45pm Raffle Prizes

8:50pm Good of the Order

9:00pm Adjourn

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