



The 11th District Journal



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"It goes back to accountability. Making sure the economic engine of the Port of Seattle is running well. And that it's creating jobs, not simply taxing property owners and our county, in order to have more scandals in the newspaper. We want to be creating jobs, not creating scandals." Zack Hudgins <http://housedemocrats.wa.gov/members/hudgins/news.asp>

11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

[Susan Kruller](#)

Happy New Year! 2008 is going to be a BIG and we will be very busy! We've got **precinct and legislative district caucuses to hold**, and a great line up of highly qualified Democratic candidates for President, Governor and many other key offices this year.

But before we look forward, I need to reflect back upon our last event – we had a great Legislative District Holiday Party! Senator Margarita Prentice, Representative Bob Hasegawa and Representative Zack Hudgins were on hand, as well as Former Governor Mike Lowry and the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) Chair Dwight Peltz! I've never seen so much great holiday food in one spot! And much of it home cooking - wow. Margarita Prentice bought her wonderful Spanish rice with salsa, Jay Hollingsworth brought splendid candied yams with sweet cream butter, Akemi made sure Bob Hasegawa had something great to place on the table, Chuck Laney toiled at home to cook the bean casserole - Alene Brede had the turkey and ham production dominating the Carpenter's Hall ovens (be sure to ask her about her son Shawn pitching in on peeling 25 lbs of potatoes, table set up and much more). Martha Koester has a line on a micro-brewery for good beer and we benefited. And there was a great support team there to bring everything home in time for the event including: Jeanette Kelley, Alene's son Shawn, Emily Willoughby, Brendan and Marth's husband Kurt. Larry Grubb finessed the appearance of our musician, Jeff Baird - who fit in well - lacing his repertoire with fun political songs and holiday fare! So good, I spied Jim and Lynette Flynn singing along... (with myself and many others). That guy was so nice to go along with our so-called method of interrupting the music to announce things, and let Azziem run the raffle to great effect. It was icing on the cake that he won the fly fishing rod.

I think we did surprise our award winners at the event, and that made it fun (they're pretty hard to surprise). It was nice to have Suzie Sheary, Outstanding Mentor Award, talk to us about what is vital to the district and the importance of our focus next year. She is so good at peppering us up! We gave Emily Willoughby the Lifetime Service Award (and the award will be named the **Emily Willoughby Service Award** going forward – because she sets such a high standard as a role model for volunteers in our organization). She's done SO MUCH for us over the years, we just needed to tell her how good she is to us. I had no idea she would react so profoundly... we all lacked words for a moment, as the standing ovation underscored our sincere appreciation for her! You all know that Suzie and Emily work tirelessly on big things and tiny details to help our organization succeed. So for both it was a long overdue acknowledgement and hopefully our small token of appreciation helped them see that they are very important to us.

Someone asked me after the event, "What keeps you going?" The previous examples are where I get my energy - from being around and supporting empowered people who find their own unique way to contribute; who help our team succeed. We are going to need a WHOLE lot of that in 2008! Think about how you can make a difference in our organization – and to voters who need our efforts to guide them along a path to not only get out the vote, but to take that "next step" to become an activist in our community. **Next up will be the February 9 Precinct Caucuses** – Check with [George Summers](#) to find out how you can pitch in! Then bring everyone you can and we'll see you there!

GO DEMS!
Susan Kruller - Chair
11th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Precinct Caucus
Saturday Feb 9th 1:00 PM
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The 11th LD Democratic Organization really needs your help conducting the 2008 Precinct Caucuses
Contact me to help restore democracy.
Jim Flynn pco@seattleoptin.us

**Welcome to the
11th Legislative Democratic Organization**

**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.**

We welcome you!

The newsletter is also available online in PDF format at the [11th LD website](#) and via email. The digital format is in color with active links. You can change the text size to fit your preference.

There are some great new features at the 11th LD web site. Join the Discussion Group and be heard by the entire membership. You will find it at <http://www.11thliddems.org>

Some members of the 11th LD Dems are receiving the monthly newsletter via email as a PDF file. If you would like to also receive the electronic version, in color with active links, send me a [email message](#) with: Newsletter in the subject and you will be added to the emailing list. james.flynn@comcast.net

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Caucus Chair

[George Summers](#)

The Caucuses are Coming: Ta Da

Does everyone know this is an election year and that Washington State uses a caucus process to select delegates to the convention in Denver?

Saturday, February 9, 1:30 PM is the day Democrats have their say.

The Eleventh Legislative District Democrats will host fourteen locations. Your Voting Precinct will convene at one of these. Starting from the North on Beacon Hill democracy will hold forth at: Asa Mercer Middle School, Van Asselt Elementary, Beverly Park at Glendale, Hill Top Elementary, Hazel Valley Elementary, Foster High School, Tukwila Elementary, Renton Carpenter's Hall, Highlands Elementary, Renton Technical College, Tiffany Park Elementary, Nelsen Middle School, Renton Park Elementary, and Benson Hill Elementary.

We will have two practice sessions to prepare for the caucuses.

Conveners, PCOs, members and friends are invited to either or both of these.

Dates and places are:

Saturday, Jan 19, 1:00 PM, Burien Library, 14700 SW 6th Avenue SW

Sunday, Feb 3 1:00 PM Renton Carpenter's Hall, 231 Burnett Ave N.

The party nomination is a Democratic Party function. Campaign money and media buys have very little influence on the grass roots Democrats. If anything, the typical campaign loses votes **when citizen politicians gather, discuss and declare that they are the deciders.**

WSDCC Female

[Martha Koester](#)

Attention all PCOs!

If you can't usually be a regular at monthly meetings, that's fine. But now is the time that **we really need your help in preparing for the 2008 presidential caucuses.** Please contact [George Summers](#), [Susan Kruller](#) or [Martha Koester](#) to help with phone banking or doorbelling, and attend one of the caucus training sessions.

11th Legislative District - 2007 Year In Review

We got SO much done in 2007 and what a wonderful legislative district we have! Our organization transitioned smoothly through a leadership change this year. We managed to get our infrastructure in order early on with a By-Laws update and special rules to guide our endorsement processes. We had a solid budget with reasonable expectations on what we needed to do to cover the cost of what we wanted to achieve (and when it was getting close, we managed ourselves very well to keep things reasonable). We were well represented at the County and State party levels through our representatives - as well as in the King County Legislative Action Committee. Our PCOs enjoyed a year where we focused attention on events just for them and they grew in numbers through recruiting. We survived a tidal wave of local election endorsements and I feel we backed candidates that upheld our democratic values well. We began caucus plans as we were also canvassing our precincts to Get Out The Vote - in a year where the primary was a month earlier! I think our programs featured timely topics and good speakers to update and inform the membership on current issues. We reinstated the tradition of participating in Fiestas Patrias - featuring our own Senator Margarita Prentce in the parade and as a keynote speaker at the South Park Centennial celebration. We held three phenomenal events: The Annual Picnic let us take time together to re-energize and talk with endorsed candidates before the elections, our state legislators worked closely with us to create a new Multi Cultural event that filled the house with new faces from our neighborhoods and communities, and we returned to a traditional holiday party - where we were able to honor some deserving members, and reflect upon the year past and look forward to the year ahead together with family and true friends over a home-cooked meal. In short, our legislative district achieved what it set out to do and had fun along the way. In 2008, there's no doubt that this will be a pinnacle year to be a Democrat! We're going to take everything to even a higher level - and win! So get excited and join in where you can, and it will truly be a Happy New Year for the 11th Legislative District Democrats!

"My government's got a war on drugs. But get this: The two most widely abused and addictive and destructive of all substances are both perfectly legal. One of course, is ethyl alcohol. And President George W. Bush, no less, and by his own admission, was smashed or tiddley-poo or four sheets to the wind a good deal of the time from when he was 16 until he was 41. When he was 41, he says, Jesus appeared to him and made him knock off the sauce, stop gargling nose paint. Other drunks have seen pink elephants."

[KURT VONNEGUT](#) 1922—2007

http://www.inthesetimes.com/article/cold_turkey/

Precinct Caucus Locations

as of December 1, 2007

February 9, 2008 1:00PM**Seattle:**

Mercer Middle School 1600 S Columbian Way Seattle, WA. 98108
SEA11-1597, SEA-11-1600, SEA-11-1928, SEA 11-1941, SEA-11-1942, SEA-11-1945,
SEA11-1946, SEA11-1947,

Van Asselt School 7201 Beacon Ave S. Seattle, Wa. 98108
SEA-11-1602, SEA-11-1621, SEA-11-1622, SEA-11-1624, SEA-11-1638, SEA-11-1639,
SEA-11-1640, SEA-11-1641, SEA-11-3491

North Highline

Beverly Park 1201 S 104th ST , Seattle, WA. 98168
Sylvan, Bernice, Patricia, Plato, Beverly, Glasgow, Juniper, Arbor Lake, Connaught, So-Hi
Hilltop 12250 24th S Seattle, WA. 98168
Glendale, Monterey, Victory, Jutland, McKinley, Margaret, Roseburg, Meath, McCauley,
Military Rd., SEA-11-1256, SEA-11-1550, SEA-11-1552

Burien & Sea-Tac,

Hazel Valley School 402 SW 132nd Burien, WA. 98146
BUR-11-0009, BUR-11-0289, BUR-11-0298, BUR11-0377, BUR11-0562, BUR-11-0824,
BUR-11-0957, SET-11-3102, SET-11-3107

Tukwila

Foster High 4242 S 144th Tukwila, WA. 98168
TUK-11-1166, TUK-11-2751, TUK-11-2752, TUK-11-2951, TUK-11-2952, TUK-11-2955, TUK-11-2956, TUK-11-3127,
TUK-11- 3128, TUK-11-3393

Tukwila Elementary 5939 S 149th Tukwila, WA. 98168
TUK-11-1164, TUK-11-1165, TUK-11-1167, TUK-11-2453, TUK-11-2949, TUK-11-3233

Renton

Carpenters Hall 231 Burnett Ave N , Renton, WA. 98055
RNT-11-0719, RNT-11-0966, RNT-11-0967, RNT-11-0970, RNT-11-0971, RNT-11-1015,
RNT-11-2582, RNT-11-2583, Black River, Campbell Hill, Riverton

Renton Technical College 3000 NE 4th St. Renton, WA. 98056
RNT-11-0981, RNT-11-0984, RNT-11-0992, RNT-11-0997, RNT-11-0998, RNT-11-1006,
RNT-11-2607, RNT-11-2815, RNT-11-3223, RNT-11-3359, Vinca

Highlands Elementary 2727 NE 9th , Renton, WA. 98056
RNT-11-0962, RNT-11-0973, RNT-11-0975, RNT-11-0978, RNT-11-0979,
RNT-11-0980, RNT-11-0988, RNT-11-1002, RNT-11-1004

Tiffany Park 1601 Lake Youngs Way SE Renton, WA. 98058
RNT-11-0990, RNT-11-0996, RNT-11-1008, RNT-11-1012, RNT-11-2581, RNT-11-2845,
RNT-11-2854, Aqualine

Nelsen Middle School 2403 Jones S Renton, WA. 98055
RNT-11-0985, RNT-11-0986, RNT-11-2739, RNT-11-2844, Akers, Matilda, Mildred, Roger, Spring Glen

Renton Park Elementary 16828 128th SE Renton, WA. 98058
Candlewood, Fairville, Fairweather, Fairwood, Gaile, Impala, Merrihill Tony, Lydia Deloris

Benson Hill Elementary 18665 116th SE Renton, WA. 98058
RNT-11-2472, RNT-11-3535, Fruitland, Meakim, Wayne, Iowa, Maple Glen, Hawkeye

Upcoming 11th District Meetings

Next Month's General Meeting: Feb 20th, 2008 7:00 PM
Carpenter's Hall, 231 Burnett Ave North Renton

Executive Board Meeting:
Thursday Feb 7th – 7pm
Carpenter's Hall, Renton

Official Call

11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
January 15, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.
Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Avenue North

Proposed Agenda
(Endorsements may be considered)

7:00 p.m. Call to Order-Flag Salute

7:02 p.m. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Proposed Agenda Introductions

7:05 p.m. Hot Topic – Washington State Legislative Session

7:30 p.m. Program

Break

8:05 p.m. Officer and Delegate Reports

8:25 p.m. Caucus Update – George Summers

8:30 p.m. - Old Business

8:40 p.m. New Business – Resolutions and PCO appointments

8:45 p.m. - Raffle Prizes

8:50 p.m. - Good of the Order

9:00 p.m. – Adjourn

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