



The 11th District Journal



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11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Susan Kruller

We have closed out 2008 with cause for fond reflection and celebration! Thank goodness the weather conditions held off just enough for a successful 11th LD Annual Holiday Party - and it was packed with members! There was a great spread of food and beverages, well-deserved awards, wonderful raffle prizes and top-flight entertainment that all made for a perfect night! Absolutely everyone is to be thanked for assisting with table arrangements and decorations, home-cooked recipes, carving the turkey, raffle items, providing beautiful photographs, custom-label champagne, inspiring books for PCOs, and just being present and accounted for to make it all turn out right. Jeff and Birney (our favorite musicians from a certain Irish Pub in Burien) broke the mold with great performances in singing and comedy! Everyone really got a chance to relax and enjoy an evening with friends and family as we were "home for the holidays" back in Carpenter's Hall. We also thanked a few members in a more formal manner - honoring them with awards for their hard work and efforts in 2008:

- Mark Kearns** - 2008 Perfect Attendance Award
- Helen Howell** - Yes We Can Award
- George Scarola** - 18 Million Cracks Award
- Marylou Gilbert and Chuck Kuney** - 2008 Guardian Angel Award
- Tamara Dyer** - 2008 Get Out The Vote Award
- Jim Flynn** - 'Nuff Said Award
- Jeanette Kelley** - Hit It here Award
- Larry Grubb** - 2008 Spark Plug Award
- Brendan Donckers** - 2008 Rising Star Award
- Martha Koester** - 2008 Precinct Committee Officer of the Year
- Don Bennett** - 2008 Legislator's Award (Perpetual)
- Chuck Laney** - Free at Last Award
- George Summers** - 2008 Outstanding Mentor Award (Perpetual)
- Alene Brede** - 2008 Emily Willoughby Service Award (Perpetual)

Each award was well-earned, and a couple of people were flat blown away when we called out their name. That made for a very special and heart-warming experience. In reality, ALL the membership has a reason to feel good about what each of us has done this year - everyone really made a contribution and made a difference in their own unique way. For that, I cheerfully offer my sincere thanks to all of you, because so much good came out of our collective efforts in 2008! We set a very high standard in all areas, and I wish you all a very Happy New Year as we continue on this path and enjoy the fruits of things yet to come from being active and involved!

Upcoming Programs

*** Be sure to attend our next meeting on **Tuesday, January 20, 2009 - 7 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall**. This will be an important day for Democrats at the national and local level. It's going to be great with the much-anticipated and history-making Inauguration Day in Washington D.C.!

It is also important as our own PCOs will elect and install the 2009-2010 Officers and Delegates during the **11th Legislative District Democrats Re-Organization Meeting run by the King County Democratic Central Committee**. This is when the foundation for what we do is set into place every two years. The re-organization will be held at time we normally hold our regular General Membership Meetings at Carpenter's Hall. All positions are open to interested candidates who are members in good standing according to our by-laws. A number of current officers have expressed an interest in returning for another two years at the post they hold now. We know that the KCDCC Female Representative, Treasurer, Secretary and Newsletter Editor all plan to retire after serving us well for so long - so if you aspire to be more involved by contributing in one of these roles, it's the right time to step up and have someone nominate you. **After all the official processes are complete, we plan to celebrate the Inauguration in fine style. Don't miss this.**

The 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization is stepping into a new era for our nation. We are all counting on change for the good and a better future for America. I hope to see you January 20 when we usher it in and celebrate!

GO DEMS!

Susan Kruller - Chair

11th Legislative District Democratic Organization

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!

Visit our web site: <http://www.11thlddems.org/>

The King County Democrats' Newsletter is available at:
<http://www.kcdems.net/>

**11th Legislative District Democratic Organization-
Reorganization January 2009**

Election of Executive Board Members
All **elected PCOs** are eligible to vote

Focusing your life solely on making a buck shows a certain poverty of ambition. It asks too little of yourself.

Because it's only when you hitch your wagon to something larger than yourself that you realize your true potential. Barack Obama

Larry Grubb, 11th LD Dems, PCO activities

Bob Bailey died peacefully at home. Bar tended for 13 years at the College Club and an excellent PCO. He will be missed by all.

2007— 2008 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Executive Board

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Article IV: Officers and Delegates

Section 1: Officers of the organization shall be the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: Delegates shall be the County Committeeman, Committeewoman and Alternates for each gender, and State Committeeman and State Committeewoman.

Section 3: Eligibility: Any person who was a voting member in good standing of the organization in all or part of the previous biennium, whether Precinct Committee Officer or not, is eligible to run for District office.

Article VIII: Elections and Voting

Section 1: Only elected PCOs may vote at the District organizational meeting held in January of each odd-numbered year.

Section 2: Only elected and appointed PCOs may vote to fill Democratic vacancies in partisan public offices.

Section 3: Except as provided in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article, all members may vote on all matters arising at membership meetings. (See Article II for the definition of members.)

Section 4: Elections for each position shall be held individually. To be eligible for nomination, a qualified candidate must be present or have submitted a signed statement indicating a desire to be nominated.

Section 5: Each election shall be determined by a majority of those voting. If there is more than one candidate for a position, voting shall be by written, secret ballot. If no one receives a majority, the candidate receiving the fewest votes shall be eliminated and balloting conducted again, until one candidate receives a majority.

Section 6: Officers and Delegates are elected to a term extending until the next District re-organization meeting.

Section 7: Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, all matters coming before the membership shall be decided by a majority of those members present and voting.

Section 8: Proxy and absentee votes shall not be recognized.



Upcoming 11th District Meetings

Reorganization Meeting Tuesday, Jan 20th, 2009 7:00 PM
Carpenter's Hall, 231 Burnett Ave North
Renton, Washington 98057

Executive Board Meeting: Thursday Feb 5th – 7pm
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Avenue North

Tuesday January 20th, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Ave North
Renton, Washington 98057

11th Legislative District Democrats Reorganization Meeting

January 20, 2009

The Official Call for King County and Legislative District re-organizations went out in November 2008 via bulk mail to 1,153 elected PCOs.

The King County Democratic Central Committee Official Call has the 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Reorganization Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2009 – 7:00 pm

Carpenter's Hall – 421 Burnett Avenue North Renton, Washington 98057

The Official Call for the 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Reorganization Meeting from the King County Democratic Central Committee– along with any meeting rules, procedures and agenda provided by the KCDDC - supersedes any other information provided regarding the 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Reorganization Meeting.

According to the 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization By-Laws (which is posted in it entirety on our website at <http://www.11thddems.org/11thbylaws021803.pdf>):

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