



The 11th District Journal



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11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Kate Kruller

Well the past month brought all kinds of new information and updates. For starters, at the last 11th LD Democratic Organization General Membership Meeting I announced that my name has been legally changed to Katherine Susan Grace Kruller - made official in King County District Court in February. My common name is now Kate Kruller.

What's with the new name? I recently legally changed my name by adding Katherine to the front. I have long thought Kate would be a better fit for me. Upon sharing that with my eldest aunt on one occasion, she reassured me that wasn't so far fetched; My great-grandmother's name was Kate - we were born around the same day (albeit three life times apart). I elected to make an official change when I turned 50. This is the year. I know this is a little different, and may be a bit of an adjustment for you, but I hope you will support what has been a long-time goal of mine.

Next, we announced that our monthly newsletter is about to go electronic! We have had the ability to do this per our by-laws for about two years. This month of May is the last time we will produce the newsletter by printing out copies for the full membership and mailing it out! We will also start testing the new form of delivery online to those e-mail addresses we have. This is a much more efficient method, and we hope you will like it for a number of reasons

Why? Because we spend a considerable amount of money each month for printing and bulk mailing; we want to reduce our carbon footprint driving out to the printer and delivering the newsletters to the bulk mailing facility in our area (which have been reduced to one location over the past couple of years), and we think it's time that we stop "killing trees" just to get out the word on our meetings. Come on - we call ourselves environmentalists; we're living in the new millennium, and most of us are fully capable of receiving an e-mail with a link and going there to read up on what's happening. If you still think you'd like a paper copy to walk around with, just go ahead and hit "Print" from your own computer.

We announced this upcoming change in our April meeting and are giving all newsletter recipients fair notice in this newsletter: Please make sure Martha Koester has the updated e-mail address where you want to receive the monthly Official Call notice with a link going forward. Her e-mail address is on the second page of this newsletter. Now, I know there are some members who don't have computers, do not have an e-mail address, or are just challenged by all-things-Internet. Don't distress! We figure 15-20 members may be in this situation, and we plan to print up a small batch of copies for the few remaining members who just want it the way we've always done it! That's o.k. I'll personally see to that. Meanwhile, I hope a great number of members see the wisdom of this new approach and appreciate the convenience in how much easier it will be able to deliver the Official Call and other news to you online!

At the April meeting, the entire Membership voted to approve endorsements for King County Council Member Julia Patterson and Seattle City Council Member Richard Conlin under our by-laws allowing for early endorsements of candidates running for re-election who have been previously endorsed by this organization (and not running against another candidate with the same status). This is just the beginning. May is our last month to prepare for local elections concerning posts in five cities, the Port of Seattle, and unincorporated King County! Filing will close next month, and we will hold two Endorsement nights in June and July. Do your best to be informed on candidates and the issues!

And last, but not least, a big THANK YOU to Larry Grubb for bringing Bernie back to play music and sing for us! And another EXCELLENT JOB to Marvin Rosete for donning his marvelous Chef's outfit and serving up splendid salads prepared right before our eyes, along with a delicious pasta meal! We also were reminded that the Mariner's are back playing baseball and really APPRECIATE the complementary popcorn and tickets that Janette Kelley slipped in as raffle items! CONGRATULATIONS to Robert Kangas and his beautiful Roxanne on their recently announced engagement! And a little birdie told me we should wish Don Bennett HAPPY BIRTHDAY the next time we see him.

Upcoming Programs

*** Be sure to attend our next meeting on **Tuesday May 19, 2009 - 7 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall**. We are receiving a lot of requests for endorsements. Your Executive Board will sort out whomever we can endorse early for the May meeting. We'll also have reports back from the Washington State Democratic Party meeting in April. Our main program is still being confirmed as we go to press with the newsletter, but we have been on a roll for some time now with our programs, so I know you won't want to miss it. Most of all, this gathering is great fun because you are surrounded by people who understand we are about to have 60 Democrats voting in the US Senate and are going nuts over how much President Obama has done in his first 100 days! I hope to see you there May 19!

GO DEMS! Kate 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!

Farewell to Lloyd Hoshide

Lloyd was the long time PCO for my district, he taught me the ropes and endorsed me as his successor. He was Japanese-American, but fought for the US in World War II, and had a lengthy union career at Boeing. He passed away in February.

Condolences can be sent to his daughter at:

may.hoshide@gmail.com

Lloyd was a personal friend and mentor. I am thankful that of all my neighbors, he is the one I actually took the time to get to know.

David Fleetwood

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

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(Make checks payable to the 11th District Democrats)



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11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 21, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

**Carpenter's Hall – 231 Burnett Avenue North
Renton, Washington 98057**

7:10 p.m.

11th LD Democratic Organization Chair Called the meeting to Order
Flag Salute

7:12 p.m.

Approve Past Minutes/Approve Agenda

Announcements and Introductions

Great music and singing provided by Bernie/Delicious pasta meal presented by Marvin Rosete!

7:15 p.m.

The race for the King County Executive position is heating up. Both King County Council Member, Dow Constantine and King County Council Member, Larry Phillips have announced they are running for that seat. Many of us are torn on this choice because we have supported both for quite a while now (and we know another good candidate in this race is finishing up the legislative session who we also want to hear from). This was a great opportunity to hear what each had to say about how they would lead King County during these challenging times and why they deserve your vote. Membership followed up with great questions about health, education, jobs and environment.

7:45 p.m. – The 11th LD received a request from King County Council Member Julia Patterson to consider her for an endorsement as she is planning to run for re-election in her current post. 11th LD Chair Susan Kruller read the request.
MSA – Patterson Endorsed

11th LD received a request from Seattle City Council Member Richard Conlin to consider him for an endorsement. He spoke of his accomplishments and new goals before the membership. MSA – Conlin Endorsed

8:00 p.m. - Break (music and a fine pasta dish)

7:35 p.m.

Program: Focus on Local Elections coming up. We held a lively discussion about any and all local election information and issues we knew about. It was an exciting moment for everyone present when Jim Flynn stood up and announced his candidacy for an open seat on the Renton City Council! We talked more about the third candidate for King County Executive, what is going on in Tukwila and another candidate to watch for in Burien.

7:45 p.m. Jay Hollingsworth gave a report on the Issues Event held March 22 by the 11th Legislative District – Attendance was good. The breakout sessions included topics at the local, state and national level. Jay is working on an open letter from the group work to send to our congressional delegation. Feel free to contact him for the latest version and what transpires.

8:30 p.m. - Brief Officer and Committee Reports

8:35 p.m. - Old Business

8:40 p.m. - New Business

8:45 p.m. - Raffle Prizes (loads of great books and gift items were up for grabs.)

8:50 p.m. - Good of the Order (Many topics covered, but FYI: Your Chair legally changed her name to Kate Kruller, plus Robert Kangas and Roxanne are engaged!)

9:15 p.m. - Adjourn

WSDCC Quarterly Meeting in Tacoma on April 24-25

According to those who could attend, Jim Hightower was great at Pierce County's Rosellini dinner. Now that I've retired, I just can't drop that kind of cash around whenever I feel like it.

Caucuses were held early at 8AM and committee meetings at 9:15AM. I gave an abbreviated presentation of the Vote-Builder guide that I presented for the King County PCO training session a few weeks ago. This and other presentations will be available shortly on the King County Democrats website.

Former King County Prosecutor candidate Keith Scully gave a very good noon presentation on how to request Public Disclosure Act (state) and Freedom of Information Act (federal) data. He is now working at the Gendler and Mann law firm. Lo and behold—appearing on the firm's letterhead was a familiar name, our very own parliamentarian Brendan Donckers. He will join the firm after his State Supreme Court clerkship.

Business other than resolutions didn't take too much time as there has not been a DNC meeting since our last state quarterly meeting, so our DNC representatives did not have a lot to report. David McDonald briefly discussed the Change Commission, a group of 35 people appointed to make recommendations about the 2012 presidential election cycle. Items discussed will include stopping the race to be the earliest state (many are leaning toward rotating regional primaries with Iowa and New Hampshire retaining their first two status), reducing the number of super delegates, and coming up with more consistent caucus rules.

Everyone scrutinized the budget more carefully than usual, because there is going to be much less coming in due to the ongoing recession and the fact that there is not an exciting presidential race happening any time soon.

The Resolutions Committee sorted 35 new resolutions into the recommendation categories DO PASS, DO PASS WITH AMENDMENTS, REFER, and DO NOT PASS and DO NOT PASS (REDUNDANT). That last category is new and is intended to apply to resolutions which are essentially duplicates of resolutions passed previously. If there has been no action on them by our elected officials, then the originators of the resolutions need to take the responsibility for ongoing follow-up with those officials instead of just passing another resolution.

The resolution that we and several other LDs passed on the Middle East was put in the DO NOT PASS (REDUNDANT) category, and pulled by its 45th LD originator. The "Whereas" paragraphs may not have been original, but she argued (and I agreed), that the recommended action "require our Democratic Congressional Delegation to work to establish a Middle East Peace Conference, appointing a strong and experienced leader such as Jimmy Carter, or the Rev. Jesse Jackson, to bring all parties to dialog seeking conflict resolution and cessation of violence" was indeed new. Unfortunately not enough other committee people agreed, and it did not pass.

Our resolution requesting more technology resources from the Democratic National Committee, also supported in various forms by three other LDs, was put in the REFER category for referral to the Technology Committee. I and a couple of other supporters pointed out that the wording had been hashed out on the VoteBuilder Regional Experts Google group, which overlaps extensively with the Technology Committee. Therefore, the recommendation made no sense as it was basically a referral back to the originators. This time the rest of the body agreed with us, and it passed. As the one who put the resolution up for discussion on the Google group in the first place, I will take responsibility for the follow-up.

There was also a motion under new business that state committeemen and women post contact information so that it would be available to WSDCC. This was tabled, as there was some controversy over privacy. My own opinion is that if I am going to ask all of you to elect me to represent you then I have no business whatsoever effectively saying after winning "Thanks. Now go away and don't talk to me." Privacy concerns can be addressed by getting a webmail account email address to be used solely for party-related business. Providers of such accounts have pretty decent spam filters these days.

Martha Koester
11th LD Democrats State Committeewoman

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Have you called your representatives this month?

They are waiting to hear from you about health care, bank bailouts, credit card re-regulation, renewable energy and any other issue that is dear to your heart.

Senator Patty Murray: 202-224-2621, 206-553-5545

Senator Maria Cantwell: 202-224-3441, 206-220-6400

WA-07, Jim McDermott: 202-225-3106, 206-553-7170

WA-08, Dave Reichert: 202-225-7761, 206-275-3438

WA-09, Adam Smith: 202-225-8901, 253-896-3775

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/> is the general email contact form.

Comment line numbers: 202-456-1111, 202-456-1112 and 202-456-1414,

More health care action sites

<http://www.1payer.net/>

<http://guaranteedhealthcare4all.org/>

<http://singlepayeraction.org/>

**Dennis Moyers is inviting everyone to sign the petition
"Federal Medical Cannabis Liaison" on Change.org.**

Hi friends! Thank you so much for your support. I hope that you will sign this petition in support of so many patients seeking alternative medical therapy. Please note that like any petition, signatures are not valid unless your name and address are included. Just like when you sign a petition in public, your name and address are needed to validate you as an American Citizen (and a registered voter, when appropriate). Please do not let this make you afraid to sign. This petition is promoting the creation of an enhancement of existing State Laws, and the representation of the many patients these current laws support.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Dennis Moyers

11th Legislative District Democrats PCO

11th Legislative District Democrats King County Democrats Committeeman

Renton WA Patient Advocate & an original Medical Cannabis Patient/WA State Public Speaker

Go online to the link below to view the petition.

http://www.change.org/actions/view/federal_medical_cannabis_liaison

Upcoming health care events***Winning Health Care for All: Using the momentum of change to create a healthy America***

Saturday, May 16th, 2009

Doors open at 11 am

Event begins at 12 pm and ends at 2:00

Featuring:

Representative Jim McDermott, M.D., U.S. House of Representatives, 7th District

Ron Reagan, host of The Ron Reagan Show, Progressive Talk AM 1090

Reverend Bev Spears, Legislative Director, Washington Community Action Network

David McLanahan, M.D., Western Washington Coordinator, Physicians for a National Health Program

Teresita Batayola, CEO, International Community Health Services

Tickets cost \$8 and are available through www.brownpapertickets.com or by calling (800) 838-3006. Town Hall Seattle is located at 8th Avenue and Seneca Street.

This event is sponsored by: 65th Street Change Gang, a neighborhood manifestation of hope and change and AM 1090. (The chair of the 65th Street Change Gang specifically invited me to wear my costume. Hey, how could I possibly refuse?)

Mothers Leading the Way for Quality Affordable Health Care March<http://may30march.org/>

MAY 30, 12:30PM starting at Platt Park and ending at Westlake. The King County Democrats banner will be there, along with as many of the LD banners as possible.

Pam Keeley, PCO coordinator for the 37th LD, sent out the following message. If you'd like to canvass your precinct for the march and get an early start on voter registration and voter ID as well, please email me at fomalhaut2003@yahoo.com or call at 206-762-6417.

It's time to dust off our boots and get ready to hit the trail! **SUNDAY, MAY 24th, 12PM** we'll canvas our precincts, drop off flyers for the upcoming **March for Health Care on May 30th**, update voter information, and take the pulse of fellow Democrats and Obama supporters in our neighborhoods.

It's a month away - plenty of time to prepare for the round up:

1. Get onto [VoteBuilder](#) and print out a walk list (instructions/VB refresher available in attachment).
2. Plan your walk - can you do it in a day, a couple of days divided up? Do you want a buddy to help?
3. Let me know (**by **MAY 7th****) how many flyers and/or other information you'll need.
3. Assemble materials: clipboard, pen, map and voter list, hand-outs, a few voter registration forms, **FLYERS for May 30th MARCH**, and your 37th Dems button. If you have an Obama button, shirt, or hat, I recommend wearing that too.

**note: May 24th falls on Memorial Day weekend - if an EARLIER weekend works better for you, go for it!*

Pam Keeley

37th LD, 3rd Vice Chair

Precinct Operations

206-234-9315

Upcoming 11th District Meetings

General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2009 7:00 PM
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Avenue North

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

Official Call

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Tuesday, May 19, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
Carpenter's Hall – 231 Burnett Avenue North
Renton, Washington 98057
Proposed Agenda
(Endorsements may be considered)

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

7:05 p.m.
Approve Past Minutes/Approve Agenda
Announcements and Introductions

7:15 p.m. - Endorsement considerations of candidates running for re-election who have been previously endorsed by this organization (not running against another in the same race). Note: We are one month away from the first of two Endorsement Nights in June and July.

7:30 p.m. - Program: To Be Determined. Still confirming speaker at press time.

8:00 p.m.
Break

8:10 p.m. - Brief Officer and Committee Reports

8:30 p.m. - Old Business

8:40 p.m. - New Business
* Resolutions prepared for and submitted to the Executive Board, that is recommended to the Membership

8:45 p.m. - Raffle Prizes

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

9:00 p.m. - Adjourn

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