



The 11th District Journal



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11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Kate Kruller

Summer time, summer time, sum, sum, summer time! Don't you just love this time of year? The air is thick with talk of endorsement considerations, candidates are everywhere seeking our support and we've got a lot going on with our community outreach efforts! To learn what has happened and what's going to happen regarding endorsement considerations, please read on further into the newsletter.

As far as outreach, I just have to brag it up for what we scheduled this year – be sure to mark your calendars...

Jay Hollingsworth did the 11th LD proud with a booth at the Beacon Hill Community Festival June 6 (our second time of late – and it's really great to connect with voters there)! Don Bennett organized and led the team at our booth at the Burien Strawberry Festival – he is so good at this it attracted the attention of the 34th LD who signed up for a booth this year too, then requested they be right beside us! Thanks to those to event chairs – and ALL the volunteers that help make these two activities a positive experience for us and our communities!

Next up: We have Renton River Days (July 25-26) with Chuck Laney heading up the effort. Please give him a call to see if you can lend a hand in setting up the booth Friday after work or participate in the Saturday parade - and anytime that weekend to help out in the booth. It is really fun to be involved this way. Senator Margarita Prentice will be there – along with Representatives Zack Hudgins and Bob Hasegawa! People are still very excited about our President and the issues being addressed – Health, Economy, Education and Environment. See if you have time on your calendar and call Chuck to figure out a good time for you to help out!

Out in August, we'll hold our Annual 11th Legislative District Picnic (August 9) which will feature great food, along with electeds and candidates on hand to mingle with us all. It'll be a fun family event and we hope to invite folks from every community and culture to enjoy a little fun in the sun with us. I'll be rounding up good Democrats to help out with our booth for Saturday of Tukwila Days (August 15) – give me a call if you want to participate! It is now a renewed tradition for us to be a part of the Festas Patrias Parade in South Park (September 12)! This is really a special opportunity to be included in a rich cultural event – Yours truly will help organize it and if you participate you will not be able to stop talking about what you see and hear! Call me if you want to get involved!

Organizational Changes: I want to notify the membership that our district has the need to fill two open elected positions on our Executive Board in September: (1) Treasurer; and (2) Male Representative to the King County Democratic Central Committee. These vacancies come from circumstances in June that simply could not be averted. I want to thank Kathy Pouncy for all her hard work in the position of Treasurer – she has performed admirably behind the scenes for us, carried the torch as far as she could and left everything in perfect order. She is fine, but real life influences will not allow her continue. Very sadly, we lost Dennis Moyers who passed away in June and we are looking for someone with as big a heart as he had for advocating at the county level representing our membership on the issues. We will work hard to make both of these jobs manageable for those elected. Think about whether you could contribute to the organization in either capacity. If so, throw your hat in the ring when we take nominations at our September meeting.

Kudos: Many thanks to Senator Margarita Prentice for her everlasting support of the 11th Legislative District by words and deeds! I can't say enough for Virginia Young, our wonderful Newsletter Editor who has accommodated us so much while we worked our way from print to online distribution. Thank you to Jay Hollingsworth for stepping in to organize the June meeting – and making sure we had good food to snack on in the back! Congratulations to Karen Patterson as she bounces back from foot surgery and is back serving us fully as Secretary. Kudos to Alene Brede, who has weathered a lot, yet has the website going well again. All I have to say is Martha Koester... and everyone knows she is the glue to all of our operations and activities. I can only thank her over and over again for the many ways she finds to contribute to our success in every way. George Summers will probably go shy on me if I mention he's working hard on membership recruiting and retention – but his ideas are so good, it's hard not to say something. I cannot overlook Larry Grubb, who is ever-reliable, always makes it to every activity and volunteers for just about any work that we're doing to make this a great district to be a Democrat!

And we are a great district for Democrats! If you can find a little time in your schedule, we'd love to have more volunteers from the membership get involved to build on what we have going. It is a lot of fun! We need your help to make it what the members want it to be – and continue doing what it takes to put Democrats first!

Upcoming Programs

*** Be sure to attend our next meeting on **Tuesday July 21, 2009 – 7 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall**. It will be another wall-to-wall opportunity for members to see candidates for office make their case and then vote on who we want to endorse. This meeting is also an Endorsement Night and continues the endorsement process from our June meeting. We take races of cities in our district not covered in the June meeting (Burien, Renton, SeaTac and Tukwila) in the order of office as listed in the King County Elections Candidate Filing listings on its webpage. Then we take ballot issues in the order they are listed. Be sure to arrive early for good parking and seats! We will start this meeting at 7 p.m. sharp! I look forward to seeing you there!

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!

The newsletter has gone totally electronic and is 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 [website](#). Join the Discussion Group and be heard by the entire membership. You will find it at <http://www.11thlddems.org>

Some members of the 11th LD Dems are receiving the monthly newsletter email notice when it is posted. If you would like to also receive this notice for the newsletter to see in color with active links, send me an e-mail message at 11demschair@gmail.com with: Newsletter in the subject and you will be added to the emailing list.

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

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11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Carpenter's Hall – 231 Burnett Avenue North
Renton, Washington 98057

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order
Flag Salute

7:05 p.m.

Approve Past Minutes/ Approved Agenda

7:10 p.m.

Endorsement Meeting Rules and Guidelines

7:15 p.m.

Candidates receiving early endorsement are: Julia Patterson- King County Council, Jim Flynn- Renton City Council, Richard Conlin- Seattle City Council, and Nick Licata- Seattle City Council. The only candidate receiving Sole Endorsement is Greg Nickels- City of Seattle Mayor.

7:20 p.m.

WOW! What an exciting night for the Dems with many candidates and representatives in attendance. If you were unable to witness this event please visit the website of the candidates.

Nomination for Endorsements began with the order of office as listed in the King County Elections Candidate Filing listings. Each candidate or representative was given an opportunity to speak for two minutes followed by a question and answer period. The following candidates or their representative running for the position were:

King County Executive: Candidates Larry Phillips, Fred Jarrett, Dow Constantine, Representative Zack Hudgins speaking for Candidate Ross Hunter.

King County Assessor: Candidates Lloyd Hara and Rich Medved.

Port of Seattle Commissioner Position No. 3: Candidates Rob Holland and Al Yuen.

Port of Seattle Commissioner Position No. 4: Representative Marcy Stone speaking for Candidate Max Vekich.

Port of Seattle Commissioner Position No.1: Candidate John Creighton.

Judicial Court of Appeals, Division No. 1, District No. 1, Judge Position No.3: Judge Andrea Darras speaking for Candidate Judge Anne L. Ellington.

City of Seattle Attorney: Speaking for Candidate Tom Carr was Campaign Manager Cindy Law. Speaking for Candidate Pete Holmes was Holly Krejci.

City of Seattle Council Position No. 2: Candidate David Ginsberg

City of Seattle Council Position No. 4: Candidate Dorsol Plants, Brendan Donckers speaking for the candidate Sally Bagshaw. John Wyble speaking for Candidate David Bloom

Seattle City Council Position No. 8: Speaking for Bobby Forch was Representative Zack Hudgins and Senator Margarita Prentice.

Speaking for Candidate David Miller was Jessica Bekeff. Noel Reggli speaking for Candidate Jordon Royer.

Seattle School District No.1 Director District No. 5: Candidate Mary Bass

Seattle School District No. 1 Director District No. 7: Candidates Wilson Chin and Bette Patu

8:50 p.m.**Break**

A total of forty (40) members in attendance as reported by the credential committee.

9: 00 p.m.**11th LD Membership Endorsement Voting**

The result of the voting to endorse the following candidate for King County Executive-MSA three candidates Phillips, Constantine and Ross.

Seattle City Council District No. 9- No vote.

King County Assessor- MSA Candidate Hara.

Port of Seattle Commissioner Position No.3 Candidate Holland- MSA

Port of Seattle Commissioner Position No. 4 Candidate Vekich- MSA

Court of Appeals Candidate Ellington –MSA

Port of Seattle Position No.1 Candidate Creighton- (by Acclamation) MSA

Seattle City Attorney Candidate Pete Holmes-MSA. Candidate Tom Carr-No endorsement

Seattle City Council Position No.2- Candidate Ginsberg-MSA

Seattle City Council Position No. 4 - Candidate Bloom- MSA. Candidates Bagshaw and Plant- No Endorsement

Seattle City Council Position No.6- Israel- No motion on the floor.

Seattle City Council Position No. 8- Candidates Forch and Miller- MSA .Candidate Royer- No endorsement

Seattle School District No. 1 Director District No. 5 Candidate Bass-MSA

Seattle School District No. 1 Director District No. 7- Candidates Chin and Patu- MSA. Candidate Moss- No Endorsement.

9:30 p.m. – Raffle Prizes

9:35 p.m. - Good of the Order- The membership expressed a thank you to our Chair Kate for her dedication and hard work,

9:40 p.m. - Adjourn

BURIEN STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

June 20 & 21, 2009

How you can influence endorsements

That's an easy one—just come to the meetings, make sure your dues are paid up!

Some of our members who personally knew Betty Patu, who is running for the Seattle School Board in District 7 against Charlie Mas and Wilson Chin, made a motion to endorse her. Wilson Chin spoke first, and got the first endorsement.

Speaking for myself, I've never had kids in the Seattle school system and am therefore pretty ignorant about education policy. I rely on those members of our district organizations who have or have had kids in the system, or who are current or retired teachers, for the information I use in deciding who to vote for. We are also lucky to have George Scarola of the League of Education Voters in our district.

I was very impressed with Dr. Chin. And as a retired scientist, I really like the idea of having more scientists involved in the K-12 educational process. Betty Patu seemed nice enough as a speaker, but I was inclined to pass her by. That is, until several of our members who were personally familiar with her accomplishments spoke up for her. I was really glad to have heard more about Betty Patu. She got a dual endorsement by almost the same number of votes as Dr. Chin.

So there you have it. We in the 11th LD are from five different cities, and unincorporated areas as well. We can't possibly know everything about every candidate. We need to hear from those who live in the cities or school districts where candidates come from in order to make informed decisions. Your opinions are very important to everybody else.

Also, thanks very much to our chair Kate Kruller for moving everything along quickly. As long as the meeting was, it would have been a lot longer without a good cat-herder in charge. As state committeewoman, all I have to do is to be a decent policy wonk, which a lot easier.

Martha Koester
11th LD SCM



BURIEN STRAWBERRY
FESTIVAL

A Message by George Carlin:

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...

Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, ' I love you ' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

George Carlin

Upcoming 11th District Meetings

General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2009 7:00 PM
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Avenue North

Executive Board Meeting: Thursday July 2 – 7pm
Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Avenue North

Official Call

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8:00 p.m.

Break

8:05 p.m.

11th LD Membership Endorsement Voting – Credentialed members only make nominations for endorsements and vote.

8:45 p.m. - Raffle Prizes

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

9:00 p.m. - Adjourn

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