



The 11th District Journal



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11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Kate Kruller

Summer is just about here. The filing period for elected office is in early June. All of our Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) and those who want to be one should make sure they file as candidates (you only have one week to file!).

PCOs can file Online with King County Elections, beginning June 7 at 9 a.m. and ending June 11, 2010, at 4 p.m. REMEMBER -THERE IS NO FEE FOR ONLINE FILING!! PCOs can also file in person at King County Elections, beginning June 7 at 8:30 a.m. and ending June 11, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. If you need help learning about the new online process or just filing, there will be an event just for our PCOs to do that June 8th from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mick Kelly's in Burien. Call Larry Grubb at 206-855-6340 for more information. It's perfect: File as a PCO candidate then join us to celebrate your campaign kick-off all at one time!

This is also a very important time for our members to be mindful of who is throwing their hat in the ring and determining what campaigns we should support on the way to Election Day. Do your homework. Bring information to the meetings that we can all use in making the right decision. The 11th will hold an endorsement meeting in June to weigh in on who deserves our recommendation and support. We will hear from any qualified candidates that want to address the membership in the first half of the meeting, and then vote to endorse. Be ready with your questions for candidates and prepared to make decisions at the meeting!

Our summer community outreach efforts are starting up now. Jay Hollingsworth is organizing the 11th LD at the **Beacon Hill Festival (at Jefferson Community Center), Saturday, June 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Thank you Senator Margarita Prentice for funding the space we will use – and all of our legislators for being there! Feel free to contact Jay if you'd like to volunteer and help set up – or participate!

Don Bennett is coordinating the **Burien Strawberry Festival booth activity for June 19-20.** This is a lot of fun – and we often collaborate with the 33rd LD and 34th LD. So a LOT of Democrats get together and talk with the public about the issues and showcase our endorsed candidates. We all know that “many hands make for light work,” and Don can use the help. So if you'd like to volunteer to help set up – or participate – please give him a call!

Looking ahead to July, the 11th LD will participate in **Renton River Days July 23-25!** We put up an 11th LD Democrats booth and even go through the parade route in Renton on Saturday. Chris Hintz is coordinating this community outreach effort and if you live in Renton, you should be contacting him to find out how you can lend a hand and be a part of it. It is a blast. A LOT of people come by to talk about what's going on in the political scene and dialog about the current state of our nation. We have a lot of candidates and elected there with us as well! This is our face-to-face with our neighbors and friends where we live. Please volunteer for any of these events, because it is a great deal of fun and it really makes a difference to help people register to vote and share about who the Democrats support.

You might also want to mark your calendar and come down to an event with fellow Democrats in August: **The Annual 11th LD Picnic is August 7** and our booth will be at the **Tukwila Days Festival August 21.**

Upcoming Programs:

***** 11th Legislative District Democrats General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 - 7 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall.** 231 Burnett Avenue North in Renton, WA, 98057. We will conduct our candidate endorsement process – declare our support for U.S. Congressional Delegation candidates, the 11th those running for state offices in our district, a King County Council seat and lots of judicial positions. This is the groundwork for what we will advocate to those who live in the 11th LD precincts, so be sure to attend and weigh in!

Democracy is not a spectator sport! Make a choice to get more involved with the 11th LD this summer!

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!

2009— 2011 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Executive Board

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11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
Tuesday May 18, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.
Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Avenue North

7:20 p.m.
Call to Order

7:25 p.m.
Approve Past Minutes-MSA
Approve Agenda- MSA

Recognitions/Introductions- Chair Kate Kruller recognized Rep. Zack Hudgins and Rep. Bob Hasegawa who both addressed the membership with a brief overview about their upcoming campaigns, and thanked the 11th LD for the Democratic Party Nomination.

7:40 p.m. Program

Michael Martin Campaign Field Director- US Congressman Adam Smith (9th CD) addressed the membership and encouraged us to get involved with the re-election campaign. The kick off is June 7th 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Washington State History Museum located at 1911 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma. For more information and volunteer opportunities visit www.electadamsmith.com. You can also contact Michael Martin at [Mi-chael@electadamsmith.com](mailto:Michael@electadamsmith.com).

Craig Salins from Washington Public Campaigns/washclean.org spoke to the membership about the organization's platform and the upcoming awards banquet on June 19th at South Seattle Community College-Jerry M. Brockey Center. Senator Maria Cantwell will be the main speaker. This was then followed by a question and answer period. For more information visit www.dinner@washclean.org.

8:00 p.m. Break

8:15 p.m.

State Party Democratic Convention- Details and Activities presented by Martha Koester.

June/July Endorsement Meetings- Details presented by Chair Kate Kruller

Beacon Hill Community Festival - June 5th, Jefferson Community Center from 10am-3pm, Burien (To help out – contact Jay Hollingsworth

Strawberry Festival- June 19th-20th 10am-6pm, Renton River Days (To help out – contact Don Bennett

Tukwila Day- August 21st, Tukwila Community Center (To help out – contact Jay Hollingsworth)

The 11th LD picnic will be August 7th; location will be announced later.

8:30 p.m. Officer Reports

11th LD (multi-LD) Movie Event report presented by Vice Chair Jay Hollingsworth. After watching “Capitalism: A Love Story” by Michael Moore, the movie goers reflected and presented ideas on the topic.

Treasurer Report given by Marvin Rosette

8:45 p.m. Raffle Prizes

MSA that the Membership donate 2 tickets for the Washclean.org awards banquet, the winner of this raffle prize will report back to the body about their experience.

Don Bennett provided information regarding the KCDCC Legislative Action Committee and the 1098 Initiative- followed by a Q&A.

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

9:00 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

The 11th Legislative District (LD) Democratic Organization will conduct an endorsement session during its General Membership meeting:

Tuesday June 15, 2010 – 7:00 pm
Renton Carpenters Hall – 231 Burnett Avenue North
Renton, Washington 206-300-3697

The following constitutes the endorsement session rules:

- An agenda is attached as a guide to the event.
 - The District has selected the following members to conduct the session:
 - o Chair Kate Kruller
 - o Credentials Captain Charles Laney
 - o Tally Captains Jay Hollingsworth, Chris Hintz
 - o Parliamentarian TBD
- Recording Secretary Karen Patterson

Eligible voters will receive a numbered credential card when signing in. 11th LD Democrat PCOs and paid members constitute the eligible voters who have voice and vote. Discussion and voting is valid for all PCOs and paid members as of May 18, 2010.

The format will be to have candidates (or a representative) in specific races come before the membership to speak for two (2) minutes and field a Q&A for no more than three (3) questions with a 30-second response to each. **Take good notes; voting will occur after all the candidates are finished speaking.**

Candidates that are present will be introduced for endorsement speeches to be heard in the order of office as listed in the King County Elections list (sequence is by numerical race and candidates alphabetically).

Candidate and campaign representatives may attend the meeting, but will not be allowed in the room while voting takes place (unless they are voting members in the 11LD). Campaigning, including signs and literature, are welcome.

At the Chair's request, a report of total credentials will be made to ascertain the maximum votes possible during the two-thirds majority vote. The Chair will call for a motion of endorsement for each race, with the second and discussion to follow, and close with a vote.

Discussion – if necessary - will be limited to six minutes per candidate, with maximum 3 pro and 3 con statements lasting one (1) minute each. All who speak are required to state their name, where they live and disclose if they are affiliated with a campaign.

An endorsement from the District results in use of the District and Chairman's names in any and all advertisements for each campaign. It also allows the District to make donations to the endorsed campaigns and provide updated membership mailing lists.

Excerpted from By-Laws of the 11th LD Democrats (3/16/10)

Article XI: Endorsements

Section 1: This organization may endorse candidates for any public office, ballot measures, or initiatives or referendum signature campaigns.

Section 2: To be eligible for endorsement for election to a non-judicial office, a candidate must publicly identify himself or herself to be a Democrat.

Section 3: To assist the members in the endorsement process, the Executive Committee may develop and send a questionnaire to potential candidates and otherwise investigate their records and reputations.

Section 4: Endorsements may be made at any regular or special membership meeting, provided that the intent to endorse was included in the meeting notice. Preprimary endorsement of candidates shall not occur prior to three months before the date of the Primary.

Section 5: Endorsement of any candidate or issue shall require a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting.

Outtakes from the Seattle Camp Wellstone - by Martha Koester

As a hardcore information junkie (\$5/day habit), I am always delighted to learn something I didn't know before at a workshop I attend. Learning more than one new thing sends me into sheer ecstasy. Here are a few outtakes from the April 30th to May 2nd Camp Wellstone.

The 2010 Seattle Camp Wellstone was the largest they have put on anywhere.

Seattle is the only Wellstone venue where, when introducing themselves, people commonly mention their legislative district organizations.

What to say when you go to a house that says No Soliciting try knocking the door and saying "I'm not selling anything but democracy."

Fundraising: You don't know anyone's financial capacity until you ask. After you make your high end ask, SHUT UP! Don't fill the silence with "Instead of \$250, why not \$25?" Let the potential donor have the next word.

To help less experienced phone bankers in a group situation cope with negative responses—play Dysfunctional Family Bingo. Fill a Bingo card with various kinds of possible responses, with door prizes to the winners. ("Someone just yelled at me! BINGO!")

In New Hampshire GOTV operations, campaign workers successfully target people who go to the dump on Saturdays.

GOTV is a matter of persuasion. People just don't "forget" to vote. They don't vote because they think it doesn't matter whether they vote or not. They have to be persuaded that it does matter.

Two lessons from Al Franken's 2008 campaign's work with his advisers from particular communities

His Hmong political outreach person pointed out that the Hmong language has only recently existed in written form, so that most Hmong people wouldn't bother with a flyer in their language. However, Hmong families commonly use cassette tapes to communicate with each other. The campaign made some tapes with community people talking about Franken, resulting in strong electoral support from this community.

His Native American outreach person insisted that any canvassers on reservations first notify elders of what they were doing. Also, she was able to arrange a whole weekend for Franken to talk at community meetings on reservations. He is now on the Indian Affairs Committee and is shaping legislation based on input from people he met during the campaign.

June 5 Fundraiser Event for Alene Brede

Once in a while, we need to pause and be thankful for what we have and who we have around us...

Alene Brede is the Ultimate Volunteer and the most inspired Democrat I've ever met! She is facing a very difficult challenge with the heart of a lion! I learned about an event Rosemary Quesenberry is putting together, and I want everyone to know about it. Here is her message:

"I hope all is well with you. I know you are busy. I am having a fundraiser for Alene at my house on Saturday, June 5.

The event will begin around 4-4:30 p.m. and will end at 6:30 p.m. We will have a host of delicious salads and other edibles, etc. - plus we will be serving beer and wine. We are requesting a minimum donation of \$ 25.00 per person. We will be providing all the food and beverage, so 100% of the donation will directly go to Alene and David during this extremely difficult time.

I do hope that those that cannot attend will mail a check to Alene - c/o Rosemary Quesenberry, 3609 SE 18 Court Renton 98058. My cell phone is 425-466-5372 in case anyone has questions.

Thank you for forwarding this message to all those that love Alene and/or have been touched by breast cancer. Thank you so much and let us all pray for wonderful sunshine on Saturday, June 5!!!

Rosemary Quesenberry running4renton@msn.com "

Please take a moment to consider attending this event - or send a donation to support and encourage Alene in her battle against cancer ... if you can, let others know about this notice and encourage them to get involved too.

Sincerely,

Kate Kruller

Chair

11th Legislative District Democratic Organization

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

11th LD Democratic Vice-Chair

Jay Hollingsworth

Notice: PCO election filling is only for ONE WEEK! It is online filling ONLY. Join us at Mick Kelly's Irish Pub on Tuesday, June 8th, from 6-9 PM call Larry at 206-855-6340 for more info.

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"Capitalism, A Love Story" comes highly recommended by the group who saw it at the Columbia City Cinema. We had a very lively discussion. 40 or so people showed up. We split the donations between four Legislative Districts (including ours), and we raised some money through donations for the Cinema as well.

We started with a comparison of Socialism and Capitalism, noting Capitalism is an economic system where private ownership & competition makes for the survival of the fittest and the best products, Right? You have the right to choose, you can own your own business. That's American, that's good. Is this a self-correcting system or, if left un-regulated, is it a system that allows the bullies and cheaters, the rich, to increase their personal wealth at the expense of the rest of us?

Socialism on the other hand, is not a purely economic system but a social-political-economic system. The public or direct worker ownership and administration of the means of production and allocation of resources control commerce.

I asked the question; what can rightfully be a commodity? Can people be a commodity? The current situation in the US makes people a commodity. Privately owned prisons make people a commodity. Healthcare that's for profit makes people a commodity, the outsourcing of manufacturing and our jobs, and importing cheap labor makes people a commodity. Shouldn't people be at a minimum an asset to company they work for? That which is essential to human life and human rights must not be capitalized.

Does big oil own the oil? Or do we? Do the natural resources belong to all of us? They should be used for the common good. Instead of polluting our environment and making the earth unable to sustain us, it is time to rethink our energy needs and the way it is produced. The utilities all should be public utilities. The police, fire fighters, schools, libraries, all should be publicly owned. Health care and health insurance should be publicly owned.

Should we pay for these things? Absolutely, by a tax system we all pay into without exemptions.

So what can be capitalized on? Everything else that is manufactured for use and consumption that is not essential to life. If it is made by machine or hand and does not affect life as a human being that can be capitalized. Your computer, your car, your furnace, your clothes, your home, all can be capitalized on.

That is where we differ from the right; human rights and our health and well-being must be socialized the rest shall be capitalized. A well regulated capitalism that ensures fair competition, fair wages, and consumer/human protections is required, and the reduction of profiteering by persons whose only contribution to the product is their money.

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11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
Tuesday June 15, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North

**Proposed Agenda
(Endorsements will be considered)**

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

7:05 p.m.
Approve Past Minutes
Approve Agenda

7:10 p.m.
Endorsement Meeting Rules and Guidelines

7:15 p.m.
Present proposed list of candidates to be endorsed by Acclamation

7:20 p.m.
Nomination for Endorsements - In order of office as listed in the King County Elections list. These are primarily Judicial Candidates. Candidates (or representatives) who are present will get an opportunity to speak for two minutes and will answer up to 3 questions with 30 second response time or less. **Take good notes – we will hear from all the candidates on the agenda, then vote after the break.**

8:00 p.m.
Break

8:05 p.m.
11th LD Membership Endorsement Voting – Credentialed members only make nominations for endorsements and vote.

8:30 p.m.
Community Outreach Effort Information
Brief Officer and Committee Reports

8:35 p.m. - Old Business

8:40 p.m. - New Business

8:45 p.m. - Raffle Prizes

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

9:00 p.m. - Adjourn

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