



# The 11th District Journal



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11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Kate Kruller

Happy New Year! We have closed out 2010 with good cause for fond reflection and celebration! There were many Democratic victories that made for a thoroughly enjoyable 11<sup>th</sup> 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 topflight 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, and just being present and accounted for to make it all turn out right. We were pleased to have an instrumental trio to play Irish music (who humorously stated they were "Graham and the Crackers"), and we were treated to the much appreciated seasonal wit of the Beaconettes to set the tone for the holidays (you haven't lived until you see them perform in their beehive hair styles with holiday lights)! Everyone really got a chance to relax and enjoy an evening with friends and more formal manner – honoring them with awards for their hard work and efforts in 2010:

- Karen Patterson - 2010 Rising Star Award
- Roger Pence - 2010 Precinct Committee Officer of the Year
- Jay Hollingsworth- 2010 Legislator's Award (Perpetual)
- Martha Koester - 2010 Emily Willoughby Service Award (Perpetual)
- Robin and John Gueverra – 2010 Grassroots Activist Award
- Robert Fullmer - 2010 Spark Plug Award

Each award was definitely well-earned, and a couple of people were completely caught not expecting to hear their name called out. That made for a very special and heartwarming experience. Please be sure to congratulate them when you see them next and thank them for their service to the 11<sup>th</sup> LD! 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 2010!

We set a very high standard in all areas. This year, we conducted legislative district caucuses, state party nominating conventions, endorsed candidates and ballot issues, held community outreach efforts in Columbia City, Burien, Renton, Tukwila, Beacon Hill and South Park, worked hard in Get-Out-The-Vote efforts, held an awesome Summer Picnic and Election Night Event! We also participated in KCDCC and WSDCC party meetings, conventions, and events. I know many of us also teamed up with individual candidate campaigns and made a difference there!

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! Looking ahead, we have much to do in 2011! We elected new Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) last November, and now they are using their power to reelect or elect new officers in Democratic Party reorganization meetings at the district and county levels. The 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District reorganization meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18.

The King County Democratic Central Committee sent out an Official Call to the 11<sup>th</sup> LD PCOs last month (detailed information is still posted on their website), and everyone should expect the KCDCC to open our district reorganization meeting and run it until we have a new Chair elected and installed. We'll continue on to finish the elections, and seek out member volunteers to take up other appointed positions that make it all possible to perform well as the 11<sup>th</sup> LD (more details on all open positions later in this issue).

## Upcoming Programs

**\*\*\* Meet the Candidates Night on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 – 7 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall.** PCOs and interested members should attend to pose questions to the candidates and learn what candidates plan to bring to the position they are running for this year. This is your chance to talk about what matters to you and make sure those seeking office have that in mind!

**\*\*\* 11<sup>th</sup> LD Reorganization/General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 – 7 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall.** We will elect new officers! PCOs need to be there to weigh in on core officer elections. Members participate in the voting when we get to some representative positions. Everyone can participate in volunteering for essential appointed positions that are the infrastructure to our organization!

We are what we are, because of the many dedicated people that make up our membership. We want more for our communities and expect the best from our local, regional, state and national governments. We hold the Democratic Party value system in high esteem – and know it is fundamental to what protects our families, jobs and individual rights. We work hard to ensure a better future for ourselves now and the generations that follow. If that's that kind of people you like, I hope to see you at the next meeting!

GO DEMS!

Kate Kruller, 2006-2010 Chair

11<sup>th</sup> 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!**

***REMINDER!!!***

**January is the time to renew your membership by paying 2011 dues!  
Now is also the perfect time to join if you want to become a new 2011 member of the 11th Legislative District Democrats!**

Sign up or renew your membership today or make a donation! Your contribution will sustain the many activities of the 11th Legislative District Democrats.

We are working hard to elect candidates who support the Democratic Party and our platform and issues. Our efforts include supporting legislation on the local, state and national level to benefit the public and promote the general welfare of all.

We need your help in maintaining the level of support to the Democratic campaigns of 2011 and beyond.

You can make a difference, and now is the time! We appreciate your continued support of our efforts - consider joining a great group of community activists and inspired Democrats!

**2009— 2011 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Executive Board**

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## **Reorganization**

The newly elected KCDCC officers will meet with Legislative District Chairs and determine dates/times/locations for the Legislative District re-organization meetings of January 2011. The 11th LD will have theirs on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7 pm at Carpenter's Hall in Renton.

All Legislative Districts must be re-organized one week before the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) meets for its re-organization meeting – usually, the last weekend in January at a location in Olympia.

A KCDCC officer will conduct the Legislative District meetings up to the election of a new District Chair.

New PCOs may be appointed at the Legislative District reorganization meetings prior to election of officers. Applications must be signed by the KCDCC officer presiding.

## **Meet the Candidates**

### **11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats Running for Office**

11<sup>th</sup> LD Democrat Precinct Committee Officers and those wishing to be appointed PCOs:

January 11 at 7 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall — There is an opportunity to meet the candidates running for office at the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District! This is your chance to talk with candidates and ask questions that matter to you. It is also an opportunity for candidates to learn what you think the critical issues are and what you think the next term of officers should be concerned about for the next two years.

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## **Vote for New Term Officers**

### **11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats 2011 Reorganization Meeting**

January 18 at 7 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall — 11<sup>th</sup> LD Democrat Precinct Committee Officers and Appointed PCOs will elect the next leadership into office at the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District!

## **A Few Last Words...Kate Kruller**

This week I was privileged to witness the Swearing-In Ceremony for re-elected Washington State Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Madsen and newly-elected Justice Charlie Wiggins. Sometimes judicial elections are difficult to follow, but these two are a direct result of sweeping Democratic Party support. It was a great feeling to be present to see our efforts realized. The speeches made reminded us that even this branch of government is potentially susceptible to a low economy, and that it is our resilient sense of Justice for All that keeps this part of our system going strong. It was very inspiring for all present and sustains my perception that it is vital to have the best people we can support in place.

Although the times are difficult, I look back and think about how far we have come. The past four years lifted us out of a very long, dark period of the opposing party's dominance at the national level. We were swept up in a high tide of Hope and a wave for Change - the likes of which have never been witnessed before - as we elected and installed a far better U.S. President to lead our country. We forged on into the worst economic legacy in decades with determination and protected those we put into office - because we know in the long run they will turn things around through responsible government and protect our future. We saw a large majority of the initiatives and ballot issues we support win the day to make our lives better, provide better justice, help with jobs, and preserve what's best for families. Everyone can feel the heavy load of the current times as we work through this low point in the "pursuit of happiness" area of our lives, but the "life" and "liberty" aspects are still going strong.

At the grassroots level, I want to take time to thank everyone in the membership for making the past four years as successful as possible here in the 11<sup>th</sup> LD. One or two people came and went, but for the most part I've been supported by an incredibly devoted team of Democrats serving on the Executive Board and others who are always there working hard behind the scenes to help you know what's going on and make every experience the best possible when you get involved. I want to recognize those who made it through it all and truly made a difference for the better:

**Vice-Chair** Jay Hollingsworth

**Treasurer** Marvin Rosete

**Deputy Treasurer** Chuck Laney

**Secretary** Karen Patterson

**WSDCC - Male** Azziem Underwood

**WSDCC - Female** Martha Koester

**KCDCC - Male** Chris Hintz

**KCDCC - Female** Rosemary Quesenberry

**KCDCC - M Alt** Chris Hintz

**KCDCC - F Alt** Brooke Lindquist

**KCDCC - LAC** Don Bennett

**Membership Retention** George Summers

**Webmaster** Alene Brede

**PCO Activities** Larry Grubb

**Newsletter Editor** Virginia Young

As you might expect, it is with strong emotions and also a sense of well-being, that I let my gavel fall silent as your leader at the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic Organization. Although you may see me continue on in other capacities within the organization, this by far will be the most significant role I play at this level, and I am very grateful you entrusted me with the privilege and responsibility. Hopefully, you feel I leave the organization healthy and in good stead for the future. You need to know that you inspired me every step of the way. I believe that it is a fundamental sense of shared destiny and kindred spirits that brings us together, and the result is a very powerful collective voice. I am very proud to be associated with the way we responsibly use that voice - and the values we advocate together. As we go forward, let's make sure to support the new wave of leadership with everything we have - so they can look back in a couple of years and see more progress beyond where we are today.

November 13, 2010

Dear Precinct Committee Officer:

Congratulations on your election as a Democratic Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) for the 2011-2012 term and thank you for signing on to the most important position in the Democratic Party. Two of your first opportunities will be to elect the leadership of the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC) and your respective Legislative District organization. The KCDCC reorganization meeting will be on:

**Saturday December 4, 2010**

The King County Democratic Central Committee Officers conduct the District meetings through

to election of a new chair and are responsible for providing the sign-in list, credentials, ballots, agenda, and procedures, and the list of elected officers for the new term.

This is your official call to the meetings and includes district reorganization schedule, proposed agenda, and meeting rules; please bring these materials with you to the meetings. Reorganizations are a great opportunity to meet and greet other PCOs, party members and leaders, and our elected officials. The current set of bylaws is available at our website, [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org), and will be submitted for approval at our meeting.

Revised bylaws of all Democratic Party organizations are planned for review and approval by the end of February 2011.

Voting eligibility for these meetings are: PCOs elected on August 17, 2010 who passed through a 10% threshold test as directed by the Washington State Democratic Chair. Threshold testing was conducted by determining the Democratic candidate with the highest number of votes in each precinct and then calculating whether the PCO candidate attained 10% of that vote.

This "Official Call" will also be posted and at the website, [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org).

If you have any question, please call:  
Susan Sheary at 425.255.2679.

In hopes of another great year for the Democratic Party,  
Susan C. Sheary  
KCDCC Chair  
2005-2010

Enclosures:

- A — Schedule of District Reorganizations
- B — Proposed Agenda
- C — Proposed Rules

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## **King County- Legislative District Reorganization Meeting and King County Reorganization Meeting**

### **PROPOSED RULES**

1. Sign-in is required at registration tables.
2. Eligible voters shall be limited to PCOs elected during the August 17, 2010 Primary.
  - A. Eligible voters will be issued credentials.
  - B. A 50% + 1 majority of members present and voting is necessary to approve any vote unless otherwise noted.
3. The meeting shall be called to order by the Temporary Chair. (The Temporary Chair shall preside until the election of the new Chair. The Temporary Chair shall appoint a secretary, parliamentarian, sergeant-at-arms, and tally committee chair.)
4. The Temporary Chair shall review the Proposed Agenda and Rules with the Body.
5. The Body shall vote to approve the meeting Agenda and Rules.
6. Current Bylaws will be presented for review and approval. Bylaws are traditionally sent to committee and reviewed in detail at February meetings.
7. Election of officers shall proceed in the following order:
  - A. Chair
  - B. Vice Chair(s)
  - C. State Committee Man
  - D. State Committee Woman
  - E. Treasurer
  - F. SecretaryOther elected party representatives if necessary
8. Process for nominating and electing all positions shall include the following:
  - A. Call for nominations
  - B. Close nominations
  - C. One minute nomination speech for all candidates
  - D. Order of speeches determined by order of nominations
  - E. One minute seconding speech for all candidates.
  - F. Speakers for all races may be PCOs, candidates, or Democratic residents of the County or Legislative District.
9. Balloting Procedures:
  - A. When precinct committee officers vote for organizational officers (e.g., chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, state committeepersons), they do not have to vote by signed ballot provided that there is a mechanism to ensure the eligibility of those who cast ballots (e.g., a check-off list, sign-in-sheet, ballot receipts). (WSD Charter – 1/20/2010 – Article VII.G.2)
10. Resolutions may be considered at reorganization meetings if presented to the Chair before the beginning of the meeting. Resolutions must be typed and a minimum of 50 copies presented. Resolutions may also have come by recommendation of the Resolutions Committee.

**Official Call**  
King County Democratic Central Committee (11th District)  
Tuesday January 18, 2011 — 7:00 PM  
Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Avenue North  
Proposed Agenda

- Call to Order by Temporary Chair
- Flag Salute
- Preliminary Credentials Report
- Appointment of Secretary, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms and Tally Committee
- Introduction of Special Guests
- Adoption of the Proposed Agenda and Rules
- Adoption of Bylaws
- Final Credentials Report
- Election of Officers
  - A. Chair (gavel is turned over to newly elected chair to conduct remainder of meeting)
  - B. First Vice Chair
  - C. Second Vice Chair
  - D. Third Vice Chair
  - E. Fourth Vice Chair
  - F. State Committee Man
  - G. State Committee Woman
  - H. Treasurer
  - I. Secretary
  - J. Other Elected Position(s) as necessary
- Consideration of Resolutions
- Old Business
- New Business
- Good of the Order
- Adjournment

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