



### November 2011 Chair's Report

Martha Koester

#### Upcoming programs

**\*\*\*11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats General Membership meeting November 15, 2011 – 7:00pm at Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Ave N, Renton, WA 98057. Tacos/nachos served at 6:30PM.** No set price, but we are leaving a begging bowl on the dinner table.

We will be discussing planning for the caucuses and our Christmas party. Caucuses will be April 15<sup>th</sup> of next year, but we need conveners for a number of sites TBD. The Christmas party will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Renton Carpenters Hall, doors to open at 6PM.

We will also be considering resolutions and are hoping to have a presentation by a group that is helping WalMart workers to organize. Given that we haven't had officer and committee reports for a few months, I've reserved some more time for these.

Jim Flynn has been overloaded as Secretary and is stepping down. Marlene Allbright has graciously agreed to step up to do this work, and we'll have a confirmation vote.

This had been a sad month all the way around. In addition to losing 46<sup>th</sup> LD State Senator Scott White, our gregarious PCO and event organizer Larry Grubb passed on. See inside for details about the wake—it will be at Mick Kelly's, as Larry would rather have us gather, knock back a few and remember the good times instead of doing something solemn.

I attended the memorial for Alene Brede on November 6<sup>th</sup>, with Rosemary Quesenberry, Don Bennett and Robin and John Guevarra. Rosemary spoke about Alene's many contributions to the 11<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats and the King County Democrats, and included a story about seeing the Chippendales that I hadn't heard before. I know I'm certainly going to miss her expertise in setting up caucus credentials next year—she not only got computers, but understood the people processes as well. We'll be playing her flute CD during the Christmas party.

We need to get off to a fast start next year with voter registration and voter identification. In 2008, 70% of the voters in WA State listed in VoteBuilder had some party ID information. That has dropped to 50%. Let's step up and do this.

Get a jump on next year—pay your dues early. If you sign up for monthly donations online, it isn't necessary to heed these yearly appeals.

#### **Meeting after the meeting**

Does the break seem too short to finish conversations with people you meet? People who don't have to get up early and don't have other places to be right away adjourn to The Rock Restaurant at the Renton Landing to knock back a few. To get to 830 N 10<sup>th</sup> St, just go north on Burnett Ave, turn left on 4<sup>th</sup> St and then right onto Logan Ave. Turn right at 10<sup>th</sup> St and the restaurant is on the left side of the street.

GO DEMS!!

Martha Koester

Chair, 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats

**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!**

**2011— 2013 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Executive Board**

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## Upcoming events

**November 12, 2011**

### Health Care for All-WA annual meeting

Horizon House  
900 University Ave  
Seattle, WA

Noon: Registration and lunch

12:30pm Welcome

1:00pm speakers from Mad as Hell Doctors

2:30pm dessert break

2:45pm business meeting

3:30 adjourn

<http://www.healthcareforallwa.org/>

**November 14, 2011**

### Labor-community summit on jobs and the economy

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Machinists District 751 Hall

9125 15th Place S, Seattle

RSVP to Jan Hays - [jhays@wslc.org](mailto:jhays@wslc.org)

**November 16, 2011**



### Physicians for a National Health Program meets from

7:00PM-9:00PM at

Swedish/Cherry Hill Campus

Conference Center Auditorium

Speaker: Chris Natale, Occupy Seattle activist

<http://www.pnhpwesternwashington.org/>  
[pnhp.westernwashington@comcast.net](mailto:pnhp.westernwashington@comcast.net)

**November 17, 2011**

### Stand up for good jobs

Meet at Montlake Bridge to demand

that our political leaders to build bridges to more jobs,  
not more cuts.

[www.workingwa.org](http://www.workingwa.org)

**November 19, 2011**

### Larry Grubb wake

Noon to 3pm

Mick Kelly's

435 SW 152nd St

Burien, WA 98166

**November 22, 2011**

King County Democratic Central Committee

7:00PM at Renton Carpenters Hall

**December 6, 2011**

### 11th LD Democrats Holiday party

7:00PM at Renton Carpenters Hall

**December 13, 2011**

### Evergreen Democratic Club meets at

Angelo's Restaurant

Burien, WA

11:30am-1:00pm

Program TBD

### Larry Grubb wake

**Saturday, November 19, 2011 from  
NOON till about 3:30PM at**

**Mick Kelly's**

**435 SW 152nd St**

**Burien, WA 98166**

**If you wish to send a card:**

**Mrs. Bernice Grubb (his Mom) or**

**John and Barb Williams**

**(his brother and wife)**

**14255 29th Ave S**

**Seattle, WA 98168**

**Larry has ORDERED us to have fun!**

### Kate Kruller remembering Larry—

Larry has been such an energizer for so many good things we've experienced together at the 11th LD, Mick Kelly's, our annual picnics (including holding the park picnic area for hours when they wouldn't let us reserve it), large O'bama/congressional delegation events, small PCO meetings, county and state conventions. nearly every parade, and certainly every booth we ever had at community events. I swear he's got pictures of everything we did/he did and he has pictures of himself with every important person I can think of in our city/region/state/country.

He's a true union guy. The bluest of Democrats. Always up for getting democrats, voters and the community out and active. He's always coming up with ideas to do more. He thrives when people get together and are happy.

Larry stands by his mother and brother - always. He loves the great outdoors; loves to fish. He loves all animals - but especially dogs. Just this August he handled my puppy Tukker, while I gave a short speech at a Teamsters candidate event, and Larry is so good with animals Tukker was ready to go home with him.

Larry loves good music. He loves the musician community and they love him back. He always works to gather friends together and has a LOT of friends to get together with for a fun time. Everyone knows Larry Grubb - and associates him with the best of times.

Whatever the timing, I hope he is allowed to cross to the other shore peacefully... and then I hope they strike up the music and fun when he arrives! He so richly deserves that. For certain, we will be very much the less; having lost the life of the party back here...



## In Loving Memory



# Alene I. Brede

August 21, 1955 to October 7, 2011



Alene was loved by many  
 She loved ...  
 Her husband David  
 Her children Shawn, Barry, Jason and Julia  
 Her children through marriage Angie and Tom  
 Her grandchildren Victoria, Jayden and Natalie  
 Her hillside garden throughout the seasons  
 Playing her flute and piano whether or not  
 anyone was around to hear  
 Sharing her love of music with her children and  
 grandchildren  
 Working for a cause that she believed in strongly  
 Finding the best in everyone that had the privilege  
 of crossing her path  
 Performing for the world to hear.

We were all touched by Alene in different ways,  
 through her generosity, love and tenderness. She  
 will be greatly missed and never forgotten. She will  
 live on in our hearts forever.

*Never give up, never surrender*



Alene's website

<http://www.theflutededge.com/>

Opening Words ..... Pastor, Carl Gartner

Letter to Alene from her father, Al Fritsch  
 Read by Ryan Miclearek

Life Reflection ..... Shawn Lafferty

Flute Solo  
 Playing Alene's Flute ..... Amy Gaub  
 You and Me Against the World

Lord's Prayer ..... Carl Gartner

Vocal Solo  
 Alene's Chosen Song .... Everett Blankenship  
 Impossible Dream

Alene's Life through Pictures ..... Jason Brede

Reflections of Life ..... Open to All

Closing Statement ..... Carl Gartner

*We invite you to join us on the second floor in  
 the Dining Room, to continue celebrating  
 Alene's life.*

## Money, State Budgets and Banking

by Libby Carr

The large auditorium at Kane Hall was packed with a wonderful cross section of people: students, community activities, professional looking types and probably the unemployed, and lots of "Occupiers."

It was good to see so many wanting to learn more about how our banking system works and what is being done in Washington State to improve the situation.

Ellen Brown spoke first about how the monetary system works, how money is created in the first place, what national debt is (and is not) and the basics on how the huge corporate banks (and the Fed) are not operating in the best interests of our country. She commented that all student loans should be forgiven and that would do much more to stimulate our economy than requiring them to pay back money loaned to students by the government. She recommended her book, *Web of Debt*, that has just come out and that she's promoting, as a way of studying these complex issues for a better understanding of them. I checked out her [www.webofdebt.com](http://www.webofdebt.com) website and it is really excellent. Check it out.



David Spring, Sierra Spring and Linda Boyd meet Ellen Brown

Rep Bob Hasegawa then spoke on what's happening with his work and legislation on what is now being called the Washington Investment Trust. It has been renamed that at the suggestion of Frank Chopp, Speaker of the House, who now firmly supports this legislation. Bob has formed a Task Force to help draft the details for the 2nd round of legislation on this concept which is scheduled for the upcoming session. He's invited financial professionals (who were also open to a State Bank concept) to be on the Task Force which will make recommendations on how this bill should be drafted and how it will probably be implemented in two stages to prove that it is not a threat to the retail banks, but, in fact, a working partner. Check out his website [www.bobhasegawa.com](http://www.bobhasegawa.com) for more information as this legislation progresses.

The event was recorded and is now on YouTube. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08-yKCvMTTM>

See also the Washington Public Bank Coalition website. <http://wapublicbankproject.org/> and Ellen Brown's blog at <http://webofdebt.wordpress.com/>



**11th LD Democrats could always count on Larry Grubb to staff the table at our summer festivals.**

**Left—Larry at the 2011 Burien Strawberry Festival**

**Center—Larry at the Renton River Days festival with Emily Willoughby and Billy Prentice.**

**We will never forget you!**

## Do not allow Democrats to compromise on safety net lifelines

The news from DC re the Super Committee is bleak. Please contact your representatives and urge them to call the Democrats from the Congressional delegation. We know where the Republicans in our delegation will be.

We need to let Democratic House and Senate members know how important Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are to the 99%. Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are of major importance to seniors, to women, to people with disabilities, to communities of color, and to others who represent the base of the Democratic Party. Democrats control the Senate and the White House and they will be held responsible for any damage that is done to these essential safety net programs.

**Our message is “Do not support any proposals from the super-committee if they include any cuts to Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid. Support for cuts to these programs will lead to people believing there is no essential difference between the Democrats and the Republicans. Both care more about the 1 % than they do about the 99%”**

Here is contact information:

Sen. Murray - (202) 224-2621 or (206) 553-5545

Sen. Cantwell - 1 (888) 648- 7328 or (202) 224-3441

Rep. Inslee - 1 (800) 226-7144 or (202) 225-6311

Rep. Larsen - (202) 225-2605 or (360) 733-4500 or (425) 252-3188

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Rep. McDermott- (202) 225-3106 or (206) 553-7170

Rep. Smith - (202) 225-8901 or 1 (888) 764-8409

### AFL chief: Dems conceded too much

<http://thehill.com/blogs/healthwatch/medicare/190515-afl-chief-dems-conceded-too-much>

Democrats on the supercommittee already have conceded too much to Republicans, AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka said Friday.

“These ‘supercommittee’ Democrats have put all their concessions on the table up front in the vain hope that the Republicans might reciprocate,” Trumka said in a statement. “But it doesn’t work that way. In this political climate, concessions beget more concessions — not a workable compromise.”

Trumka and other liberals were angered by reports that the six Democrats on the panel offered a proposal that would reduce deficits by \$3 trillion in part through cuts to Social Security and Medicare benefits.

The Democratic offer includes \$1.3 trillion in tax hikes, and roughly \$500 billion in cuts to entitlement programs. Trumka said the nation’s largest labor federation will oppose any cuts to Social Security and Medicare benefits.

“We call on politicians of both parties to stand firm and demand that Wall Street and the wealthy finally pay their fair share — given the extraordinary increases in corporate profits and income inequality in recent years. This is the moment we need to raise our voices to let Congress know that we will not stand for dismantling the safety net or letting Wall Street and the wealthiest Americans off the hook,” Trumka said.

<http://www.thenation.com/blog/164243/house-democrats-upset-supercommittee-negotiations>

Representative Maxine Waters of California has introduced a bill to repeal the supercommittee, and the \$1.2 trillion in cuts it’s mandated to make. She believes the committee is “illegitimate” and “borders on unconstitutional.”

At a breakfast meeting with progressive reporters and bloggers today, Waters said she knows her bill probably doesn’t have the support to pass right now, but she wants it on the table if the supercommittee deadlocks. **“Of course its’s a long shot. But right now people are getting more and more agitated, frustrated and concerned about this supercommittee and not happy that there are those who are saying, including the president, they want even bigger cuts,” Waters said**



11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic Organization Monthly Meeting

Tuesday October 18, 2011

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

M/S/A September Minutes

M/S/A- Agenda

COMMITTEE REPORTS- Treasurers Report – Roxanne Kangas, Treasurer – report available Online. *No further committee reports by order of the Chair due to length of Agenda*

CREDENTIALS REPORT – 25 (twenty-five)

## SPEAKER

Chuck Parrish presented the issues on Tukwila Proposition 1 concerning the proposed elimination of card rooms. No endorsement either way requested.

## BREAK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –*none*

## NEW BUSINESS

## RESOLUTIONS &amp; Endorsments

M/S/A-Biofuels resolution, after presentation by Toby Thaler.

M/S/A Endorsement of four Seattle School Board reform candidates

## SPEAKER

Mayor McGinn talked about his agenda and answered questions. He defended the \$60 car tab proposal, and commented that people always wanted to ask him about bicycles when he wanted to talk about his jobs agenda.

Greg Duff, candidate for Burien City Council, asked for support but not endorsement.

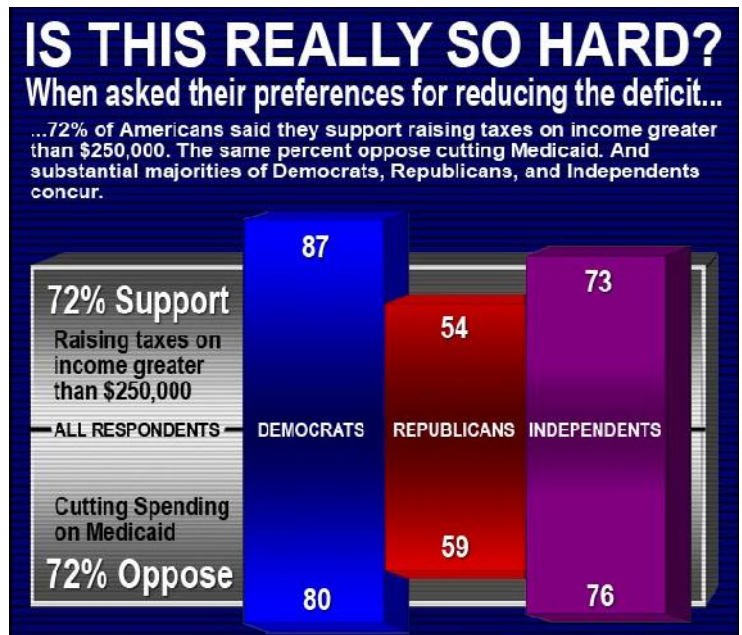
## ADJOURN

Official Minutes – James Flynn, Secretary

### TAKE A PICTURE AND SEND CONGRESS A MESSAGE!

Instead of just standing by while corporations eliminate jobs and avoid paying taxes, Congress should put America back to work on the work that needs doing—fixing our roads and bridges, improving our neighborhoods, teaching our kids.

Here's a fun and easy way to make sure that Congress gets the message. Take a picture of work that needs doing in your community. Post it along with a message to Congress at [www.workthatneedsdoing.org](http://www.workthatneedsdoing.org)





Official Call

11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting

Tuesday November 18, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

Renton Carpenters Hall- 231 Burnett Avenue North

Tacos/nacho snacks at 6:30pm—donation suggested but not required
<b>Business to be transacted</b>
Resolutions
a.Resolution to DNC to back VoteBuilder maintenance more effectively
b.Resolution on political prisoner issue that Adam Smith is working on
2.Remembering Larry Grubb
3.Jim Flynn stepping down as secretary—confirm Marlene Allbright as replacement
4.Treasurer report—discussion of donation to Scott White fund—education of children
5.Christmas party planning.
6.Officer and committee reports.
7.Bill Bowman, candidate for King County Superior Court—no
8.2012 Caucuses—April 15, 2012
9.11th LD voter ID project
<b>Approximate timeline</b>
7:00 pm
Call to Order
Flag Salute
7:05 p.m.
Approve Past Minutes
Approve Agenda
7:10 Treasurer's report; donation consideration
7:20 Resolutions
7:35 Christmas party planning
8:00 pm break
8:00 pm Confirmation of new secretary
8:10 ill Bowman, candidate for King County Superior Court
8:15 pm 2012 Caucuses—April 15, 2012
8:25 pm 11th LD voter ID project
8:30 pm Officer and committee reports
8:55 p.m. - Raffle Prizes + Good of the Order
9:00 p.m. - Adjourn

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