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11th LD Democrats Newsletter

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There will not be an August meeting of the 11th LD Dems!

Saturday, Aug 18th. 12:00—3:00 11th LD Picnic. See next page for details.



The 11th, 33rd and 47th LDs staffed the booth at Kent Cornucopia Days. We encouraged folks to register to vote and on one day 85! People registered.

The booth was so popular that the neighboring booth complained to the police and the Kent organizers that we were blocking people from access to their booth.

Hope you attended Renton River days.

Auburn Good Old Days is coming up. Participate!

Join
11th Legislative District Democrats
Saturday August 18, 2012
Noon to 3:00 pm

Crystal Springs Park

15832 51st Avenue South

Tukwila, Washington

**Great food - music - prizes - candidates -
and guest speakers**

Tickets are \$20.12/each and benefit our delegates to the DNC

**Have some fun with the 11th District Democrats and
stay tuned for upcoming details on guest speakers**

Contact: Chair Azziem Underwood, 425.652.9549

Who's holding who in contempt?

The Republican-led US House of Representatives recently voted to hold US Attorney General Eric Holder "In Contempt of Congress" for providing more than 5,000 pages of subpoenaed information, while withholding a few hundred pages of privacy-protected information on US citizens. "News" people shouted from the rooftops that this is a first in our history -- a sitting Attorney General held In Contempt of Congress!! Oh my, just another step on our Road to Perdition led by that Socialist, Marxist, Muslim, unAmerican, foreign-sounding, middle-name Hussein, Islamic, terrorist, guy in the White House! (Cue: light hair on fire!)

But wait just a darned minute here! Who are these folks holding our Attorney General In Contempt of Congress? Are these the same members of Congress who:

- Promised a more ethical Congress, then elected former car thief Darrell Issa Chairman of the Ethics Committee?
- Swore to the American people they would focus on "jobs, jobs, jobs", then consistently voted against millions of American jobs building and repairing our nation's infrastructure in Transportation bills?
- Decried the 19 high-profile mass shootings since the expiration of the Assault Weapons Ban (including an assassination attempt on their own colleague, Gabby Giffords) -- yet refused to even consider a renewal of that limited ban on these Weapons of Mass Destruction?
- Actually voted to invade a sovereign nation in search of non-existent WMD's?
- Shed tears over the natural beauty of this country, then vote to destroy that beauty with unregulated drilling, fracking, strip- and mountain-top removal mining?
- Pledge fiscal responsibility, then vote to de-regulate banks and businesses whose criminally irresponsible behavior may yet take down the world economy?
- Insist we have the "best health care in the World", then vote repeatedly to repeal the Affordable Care Act and de-fund Planned Parenthood; thus denying this "best" health care to We the People?
- Demand "transparency in government", while voting against the DISCLOSE Act that would require identification of their corporate campaign donors/investors/puppet masters?
- Discount science-based climate theories as their very own Bible Belt suffers 100-year floods, unseasonal tornadoes, dry-land hurricanes, drought, species die-off, insect infestations, etc?
- Took an oath to uphold the Constitution, yet consistently prioritize lobbyist Grover Norquist's "No Tax" pledge ahead of the US Constitution?

These are the folks who have driven our country to the edge of bankruptcy with trumped up wars, unfunded tax cuts, and off-balance-sheet spending.

These greedy hypocrites want to privatize Social Security, voucherize Medicare, shred the social safety net of unemployment, food stamps, welfare, and Medicaid. These political puppets want to abolish public education and the labor movement; thus destroying the middle class in the process. They are well on their way to rolling back Progressive changes of the 20th Century. Next stop -- the 19th Century!! Ladies, prepare to be barefoot and pregnant with no right to vote!

Assisted by the right-wing crazy Tea Party movement, Republicans have taken control of the US House of Representatives and increased their majority in the US Senate. When they use the words "the American People want", there is a dripping condescension in their voices -- as if we are just too stupid to decide for ourselves what is best for ourselves and our families.

Based on this information, it appears that the Republicans in the US Congress should be held In Contempt of We the People ... and that vote is coming up on November 6, 2012.

Every single one of us must make this election our top priority from now until November.

- Cancel that hair or nail appointment and spend an afternoon phone-banking or doorbell-ing. Maybe even send the money you would have spent to a favorite candidate or issue; either locally or in another state.
- Hang up those golf clubs or that fishing gear and devote a day to promoting our candidates and issues.
- Sign up to phone bank to other states whose citizens are at risk of having their voting rights denied or for a candidate we need in the US House or Senate. We are all in the same boat. If their state sinks, ours is in danger.
- Postpone cleaning the garage and spend the day canvassing an orphan precinct.
- Be the Designated Driver at the next Happy Hour and send the money you saved to a candidate or issue in need of your support.

The election is in our hands. If we lose it, it will be on our heads!

Paula Joneli

33rd District Democrats

11th LD Democrats General Membership July 17, 2012

7 pm Meeting **called to order** by the chair, Azzeim Underwood. Flag salute followed.

Chair's Report: We have a lot of work to do. We need to encourage candidates to bring their signs and literature to our meeting for us to display and distribute. The state party is encouraging us to work. Phone banks are up and running. This is a GOTV activity that we can all do. Azzeim reported that he went to the picket line that is up at Davis Wire. These workers are on strike and deserve our support.

Approval of June meeting minutes: Approval of June minutes is being delayed until the September meeting.

Financial Report: Treasurer, Rick Polintan, provided a printed financial report. We started with \$7,397.69 in the bank. Our income for the past month was \$112.61 and our expenses were \$463.40. The expenses were primarily the due to Renton River Days and Tukwila Days. Our ending balance is \$7,146.48.

Campaign Reports:

Kathleen Drew's campaign was represented by her son. They have yard signs and lit available this evening for the taking. They will be at Renton River Days and hope to see everyone there.

(The agenda was moved, seconded and approved for the meeting.)

Adam Smith's field organizer reported that they need volunteers. There will be a primary debate on Saturday, the 21st of July, 2-4pm at the Federal Way High School. Please attend if at all possible. They will be marching in the Seafair and Renton River Days parades.

Jay Inslee's South King County organizer gave a brief report. Jay's TV ad is now up and being broadcasted frequently. Getting a great response from the message. Help is needed in reaching out to the targeted independent and undecided voters.

Steve Bergquist's Mom, Carrie, reported that Steve is out doorbelling, his phone banks are up, dialing and talking. They will be sign waving until the primary.

Bobby Virk's campaign representative reported that they have knocked on over 12,000. SEIU and the Teamsters are coordinating his phone banking efforts.

There were no representatives present for the Rob Holland, Stephanie Bowman, Jim Flynn or Bob Hasegawa campaigns.

Old Business:

Website Ads: This issue was discussed at the E-Board meeting. Robert Kangas has more information on this, but is not present this evening. We have logistical issues, this is a work in progress. Bill Taylor reported that he got a call from the Inslee campaign about an article on our website and in our newsletter.

National Delegate Fund Raiser: Due to the AFL-CIO's non-support of the DNC's national convention, more of the delegates from the 11th LD will be in need of assistance. The Teamsters in particular and not supporting the trips of their members, so Azzeim Underwood and Bob Hasegawa will

be in need of support as well as the other delegates from the 11th LD. So proceeds from this evening's raffle will go to that fund. Proceeds from this year's picnic will also go towards this delegate fund. Tickets are \$20.12 per person.

Kent Cornucopia Days: Bill Taylor reported that this was a great event. Had few issues. Were able to register several new voters.

Intermission at 7:26 pm

Reconvened at 7:45 pm

Jerri Wood moved that the 11th LD Democrats support the NO on Charter Schools Campaign (I-1240) Motion was seconded and passed.

Jerri Wood moved that the 11th LD Democrats donate \$250 to the NO on Charter School Campaign from our savings. Motion was seconded. Discussion then followed to table the motion until the September meeting. That motion was made, seconded and failed. The original motion was then voted on and passed.

Azzeim Underwood moved that the 11th LD Democrats contribute \$250 to the Kathleen Drew campaign. Her campaign had made the request to our e-board and they approved bringing this to the membership. Motion was seconded and carried.

Motion was made to donate \$250 to the Steve Bergquist campaign. The motion was seconded and passed. Discussion did occur again for this donation to occur in September. The fact that the candidate needed our money to help insure now that he would be still be in the race come September.

Motion was made to donate \$250 to the Bobby Virk campaign. Motion was seconded and again discussion occurred, this time around the issue of this campaign needing our financial support as he has over \$270,000 in contributions. There is hardly a question of need. It was stated that our contribution would be a show of support for this candidate and he is an endorsed candidate. An equal amount of should be given to the Virk campaign as was given to the Bergquist. Motion was passed.

Raffle: Rosemary Quesenberry reported that we made approximately \$50 this evening and those funds will go to the National Delegate Assistance Fund.

Summer Picnic: It will be held at Crystal Springs Park in Tukwila between noon and 4pm on Saturday, August 18th. Help is always needed. Contact Emily. Emily did report that we have this area as long as no one else has paid to reserve the area. It costs \$90 to rent. So we could lose the location if some other party reserves it. Jerri Wood moved that the 11th LD Dems pay the \$90 fee. Emily reminded us that the fee is \$90 for Tukwila residents and that she would have to reserve and pay the fee from her personal funds. Azzeim promised to repay Emily from our treasury. Motion was carried. Emily will pay the \$90 to the City of Tukwila to reserve the area.

Official Call
11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
No Meeting in August 2012
Renton Carpenters Hall- 231 Burnett Ave N

Proposed Agenda

There will not be a meeting of the 11th
Legislative District Democrats in August.

many members supported the motion and the need for this message to come from the membership. Azzeim did not know who to address the letter to, he was told the chair of the National Party and her address could be found on the web. The letter is to be copied to the Washington State Democrats as well.

KCDCC Report by Rosemary Quesenberry: We need to get people registered to vote. GOTV efforts are very important. There are 2 vacant vice chairs within the KCDCC. Richard Champion is a possible replacement.

Good of the Order:

Rosemary reported that Hiway 167 will be closed August 10 through the 13 in Renton. Be prepared for delays and detours.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jerri Wood
Secretary

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