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Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Tu, Oct 16th, 7—9:00 PM, 11th LD Democrats, Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North,
Renton, WA**

Tim Burgess, Seattle City Councilmember, will be speaking at the 11th LD Democrats monthly meeting (Tuesday, October 16th @ 7pm). He's the chair of the Finance Committee in Seattle. The new stadium will be a likely topic of discussion.

Endorsements

The candidates and ballot [measures endorsed](#) by the 11th LD Democrats are listed on the 11th's web site: <http://www.11thliddems.org/> . Endorsements can be found in the pull-down menu item.

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Bill Clinton's Arithmetic

By Paula Joneli - 33rd District

Former President Clinton brought us back to basics in his DNC speech with one word, "Arithmetic". When President Clinton spoke to a Jay Inslee fundraiser in Seattle last month, he continued this theme of basic numbers. I loved it! Here are some highlights to share as we campaign between now and Election Day:

- In the 12 years before Clinton was sworn into office, the federal deficit quadrupled.
- During Clinton's 8 years in office, he balanced the budget and handed over a \$236.2 Billion surplus to George W Bush.
- In the 8 years after Clinton left office, the federal deficit doubled (and that surplus disappeared).
- There are 3 legs of the platform that supports an economic recovery; remove any leg, and the recovery platform collapses
 - A revenue stream (taxes)
 - Cost Control
 - Economic Growth
 - Mitt Romney is proposing \$5 Trillion in tax cuts over the next 10 years (which reduces the revenue stream mentioned above).
 - Mitt Romney is also proposing an additional \$2 Trillion in military spending (no cost control here).
 - \$5 Trillion in reduced revenue plus \$2 Trillion in additional spending = \$7 Trillion added to the federal deficit.

Mitt Romney's 14% income tax rate has generated much discussion about the privileges of the wealthy. Keep in mind that the top tax rate for earned income is 35%; reduced by deductions like mortgage interest, medical costs, charitable giving, etc. The top tax rate for investment income is 15%; then reduced by those same deductions. It's easy arithmetic to see how he gets to such a low effective rate.

- In the last 52 years, the US economy has created 66 million private sector jobs
 - In the 28 years of Republican administration, 24 million jobs were created
 - In the 24 years of Democratic administration, 42 million jobs were created
 - In the last 64 years, we have had 9 Republican Presidential terms and 7 Democratic Presidential terms
 - During 9 Republican terms, the S & P 500 Nominal Average Return has been 23.48%
 - During 7 Democratic terms, the S & P 500 Nominal Average Return has been 55.03%
 - In the first two years of Barack Obama's term, the Democratic House passed 1,331 bills. The Republican Senate minority filibustered 136 bills, and the Democratic-led Senate was only able to pass 404 bills by overcoming the filibusters with more than 60 votes. My arithmetic defines a majority of 100 senators as equal to 51 votes.
 - In the past two years, the Republican Congress has voted 33 times to repeal Obamacare, while bringing one Jobs bill to the floor for a vote, and it was defeated by the Republican majority.

This is not rocket science, folks. It's not advanced calculus, or trig, or even math. It's arithmetic. Most people can understand these numbers easily. It is our job to provide this objective information to the voting public. To paraphrase an old TV show, "Just the facts, mam, just the facts"

These numbers are from the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, US Congressional Record, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and a Pepperdine University study of the Standard & Poor's 500 Trends.

Senate Scorecard

State	<u>Current Senator</u>	R/D	Candidates	R/D	<u>Poll %</u>	Pick Up	Battleground
Arizona	Jon Kyl	R	Richard Carmona Jeff Flake	D R	43 44		*
California	Dianne Feinstein	D	Dianne Feinstein Elizabeth Emken	D R	52 30	-	-
Connecticut	Joe Lieberman	I	Chris Murphy Linda McMahon	D R	37 33		*
Delaware	Tom Carper	D	Tom Carper Kevin Wade	D R	70 29	-	-
Florida	Clarence Wm Nelson	D	Bill Nelson Connie McGillicuddy	D R	49 35		
Hawaii	Daniel Akaka	D	Mazie Hirono Linda Lingle	D R	58 39		
Indiana	Richard Lugar	R	Joe Donnelly Richard Mourdock	D R	45 42	1	*
Maine	Olympia Snow	R	Angus King Charlie Summers Cynthia Dill	I D R	43 35 14	1	*
Maryland	Ben Cardin	D	Ben Cardin Dan Bongino	D R	54 44		
Massachusetts	Scott Brown	R	Elizabeth Warren Scott Brown	D R	47 42	1	*
Michigan	Debbie Stabenow	D	Debbie Stabenow Pete Hoekstra	D R	46 40		
Minnesota	Amy Klobuchar	D	Amy Klobuchar Kurt Bills	D R	55 36		
Mississippi	Roger Wicker	R	Roger Wicker Albert Gore	R D	64 35		
Missouri	Claire McCaskill	D	Claire McCaskill Todd Akin	D R	49 43		
Montana	John Tester	D	Jon Tester Denny Rehberg	D R	45 43		*
Nebraska	Ben Nelson	D	Deb Fischer Bob Kerrey	R D	56 38	-1	

17	Nevada	Dean Heller	R	Dean Heller	R	42		*
				Shelly Berkley	D	41		
18	New Jersey	Robert Menendez	D	Bob Menendez	D	43		
				Joseph Kyrillos	R	32		
19	New Mexico	Jeff Bingaman	D	Martin Heinrich	D	50		
				Heather Wilson	R	41		
20	New York	Kirsten Cillibrand	D	Kirsten Gillibrand	D	64		
				Wendy Ling	R	27		
21	North Dakota	Kent Conrad	D	Rick Berg	R	49	-1	*
				Heidi Heitkamp	D	40		
22	Ohio	Sherrod Brown	D	Sherrod Brown	D	47		
				Josh Mandel	R	40		
23	Pennsylvania	Robert Casey Jr.	D	Bob Casey	D	45		
				Tom Smith	R	33		
24	Rhode Island	Sheldon Whitehouse	D	Sheldon Whitehouse	D	50		
				Barry Hinckley	R	28		
25	Tennessee	Bob Corker	R	Bob Corker	R	51		*
				Mark Clayton	D	48		
26	Texas	Kay Bailey Hutchinson	R	Ted Cruz	R	62		
				Paul Sadler	D	36		
27	Utah	Orrin Hatch	R	Orrin Hatch	R	63		
				Scott Howell	D	29		
28	Vermont	Bernard Sanders	I	Bernie Sanders	D	65		
				John MacGovern	R	32		
29	Virginia	Jim Webb	D	Tom Kaine	D	47		*
				George Allen	R	43		
30	Washington	Maria Cantwell	D	Maria Cantwell	D	51		
				George Allen	R	40		
31	West Virginia	Joe Manchin	D	Joe Manchin	D	66		
				John Raese	R	27		
32	Wisconsin	Herb Kohl	D	Tammy Baldwin	D	48		*
				Tommy Thompson	R	46		
33	Wyoming	John Barrasso	R	John Barasso	R	70		
				Tim Chestnut	D	30		

Current Senate: 53 Democrats, 47 Republicans

Total Democratic increase:

1

Presidential Polling Data

Sep 22nd

	<u>Electoral</u>	<u>Poll %</u>		<u>Electoral Votes:</u>		
	<u>Votes</u>	22-Sep-12		Obama	Romney	Tossup
		Obama	Romney			
1	Alabama	9	36	54		
2	Alaska	3	38	62		
3	Arizona	11	45	48		11
4	Arkansas	6	39	59		
5	California	55	53	39		
6	Colorado	9	45	47		9
7	Connecticut	7	53	32	7	
8	Delaware	3	62	37	3	
9	D.C.	3	92	7	3	
10	Florida	29	49	44	29	
11	Georgia	16	35	56		16
12	Hawaii	4	72	27	4	
13	Idaho	4	36	62		4
14	Illinois	20	47	34	20	
15	Indiana	11	41	47		11
16	Iowa	6	44	47		6
17	Kansas	6	42	57		6
18	Kentucky	8	39	53		8
19	Louisiana	8	40	59		8
20	Maine	4	55	39	4	
21	Maryland	10	58	35	10	
22	Massachusetts	11	59	31	11	
23	Michigan	16	52	44	16	
24	Minnesota	10	51	44	10	
25	Mississippi	6	43	56		6
26	Missouri	10	45	50		10
27	Montana	3	45	50		3

28	Nebraska	5	39	53		5	
29	Nevada	6	47	45			6
30	New Hampshire	4	45	48			4
31	New Jersey	14	51	37	14		
32	New Mexico	5	53	42	5		
33	New York	29	62	34	29		
34	North Carolina	15	48	46			15
35	North Dakota	3	36	51		3	
36	Ohio	18	49	42	18		
37	Oklahoma	7	29	58		7	
38	Oregon	7	50	41	7		
39	Pennsylvania	20	51	39	20		
40	Rhode Island	4	54	37	4		
41	South Carolina	9	40	46		9	
42	South Dakota	3	39	54		3	
43	Tennessee	11	40	47		11	
44	Texas	38	35	55		38	
45	Utah	6	26	68		6	
46	Vermont	3	62	25	3		
47	Virginia	13	50	43	13		
48	Washington	12	53	36	12		
49	West Virginia	5	38	52		5	
50	Wisconsin	10	52	45	10		
51	Wyoming	3	33	65		3	
Total Electoral Votes		538			307	180	51
							538

Bottom line: Obama wins!

Election Observing

By Emily Willoughby

After you have received your ballot, have you ever wanted to do something to help with the election other than just fill it out and return it?

Well, there is something you can do that will be fun and will help the Democrats make sure that everything is going OK with the voting process.

Yes, you can volunteer to observe at the election! What exactly does that mean? It means you volunteer some time, anywhere from two (2) hours to as much time as you want to volunteer. It can be one time only for 2 hours or every day for all day or some time in between. There is a training session for all observers, about 2 hours.

There are usually 2 volunteers from each party allowed at a time, and you can sign up with a friend if you want. Observation starts usually the Monday after ballots are sent out, and the times go from about 6:30 AM to 5 PM, but you do not have to start early or go till the end of the day! Times do vary, especially on Election Day. Pick the time that is convenient for you (and your friend) and sign up. It is fun and you get to learn an awful lot about how ballots are processed.

The areas to observe include the entire vote counting process, from ballot receipt to tabulation. Ballot envelopes are received at elections, either from the post office or from ballot drop-off boxes, go through the machines and are counted. A copy is made of the ballot signature and the signature of the signer is called up from Olympia. The two signatures are compared in Signature Verification and are either approved or double checked and then accepted or rejected. If rejected, the voter is contacted and afforded an opportunity to submit a signature with proof of identity. If accepted, the ballots go back through the mail machines, are counted again and sorted into Legislative Districts in batches, and slit open by machine.

Accepted ballots go to Opening where the inner envelopes are separated from the outer envelopes, which are then bound together. The ballots are separated from the inner envelopes, which are then bound together. The ballot is then examined to determine if it is machine readable or must be duplicated. Ballots are separated, those that are machine countable go to Tabulation and the others go to be duplicated.

Ballots for Tabulation go through the machines, if they cannot be read, they are duplicated. All ballot duplication, whether done by hand or on a machine, requires 2 people. Each duplication is read by one person, accomplished by the other person, then they reverse roles and double check each other.

During the entire process there are many checks and double checks. These are the processes that are observed by the party observers. You can ask the Supervisors questions, but cannot disturb the workers. It is fascinating to learn the processes and observe how they are accomplished. If you would like to participate as an observer, contact Noel Renggli at 206-783-2577 or

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Official Call
11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
October 16, 2012
Renton Carpenters Hall- 231 Burnett Ave N

Proposed Agenda
October 16, 2012 7:00 PM—Renton Carpenters Hall

- Call to Order
- Financial Report
- Old Business
- LD Canvassing—GOTV Efforts
- New Business
- Guest speaker Tim Burgess
- Holiday Party planning
- KCDCC Report
- Legislative Action Committee
- Membership / PCO
- Good of the Order
- Adjourn

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