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## 11th LD Democrats Newsletter

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11th LD News

[Note from the Chair](#)

Dear Robert & Roxanne,

### 11th LD General Meeting

**Tuesday, October 15, 2013**

#### Meeting Agenda

**7 pm Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance**

**7:05 Endorsements to consider:  
Seattle Districts Now  
Fair Elections - Seattle**

**Donation to Shari Song (vote)**

**7:30 PCO Training - George Summers and David  
Miller**

**7:50 Sen Bob Hasegawa/Rep Steve Bergquist**

**8:00 Other Business**

**8:15 Raffle**

**8:30 Adjourn**

Endorsed Candidates

Shari Song

House Speaker  
Boehner

Open Positions

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Report



## Note from the Chair

We've had a fun-filled Fall endorsing candidates in municipal and school board races from Renton, Tukwila, Seattle and Kent. A huge thank you to our Endorsements Committee Chair, Dian Ferguson. She really kept the process moving and did an excellent job reaching out to candidates. Also, thank you to Robert Fulmer and Rick Polintan for serving on the committee and interviewing candidates.

This month's membership meeting topic is: "We've Endorsed Them, Now What?" We'll have a brief PCO training from George Summers and David Miller (from the 46th). Come ready to learn a little more about the tools available to you as a PCO.

We'll also have a visit from Sen. Bob Hasegawa and perhaps Rep. Steve Bergquist. Steve is a maybe, though, as he and his wife are expecting their first born child to arrive any day now.

Those of us who made it out to Rep. Adam Smith's salmon bake had a good time. Thank you again, Congressman, for inviting us.

Please be sure to mark your calendar - Tuesday, December 10 - for our annual holiday party. Details to come! If you'd like to be involved in the planning, please let me know.

Look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Best,  
Holly  
Chair, 11th LD

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## Endorsed Candidates

Our [11th LD Democrats web site](#) has an Endorsements page listing the candidates and positions we support. A [printable version](#) of our endorsed positions is also available.

Additionally, this newsletter has links to the candidates mentioned. Click on their picture.

These data will be helpful handouts while door-belling.

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## Shari Song

11th LD Democrats were in attendance at Shari Song's fundraiser. State Representative [Steve Bergquist](#) and Newsletter Editor, me, were present. Parliamentarian Dick Gidner also attended.

Shari is running for King County Council District 9.

US Rep [Adam Smith](#) from the 9th Congressional District was absent. He claimed that there was some important business in DC which needed his attention.



## Speaker's Score Card

Paula Joneli

33rd Legislative District

Recently, House Speaker John Boehner was asked about his abysmal record for passing legislation under his "leadership". He responded that Congress "should not be judged on how many new laws we create" ... "but on how many laws we repeal".

Okay, Mr. Speaker -- Game On! Here are some laws Democrats would like to see repealed:

- Repeal George W Bush's "midnight regulations", which partially gutted environmental and gun laws while weakening women's reproductive rights and reducing worker safety. In the days immediately following Barack Obama's 2008 electoral win, George W Bush issued a flurry of new regulations to reward his biggest supporters and install speed bumps for the incoming Democratic president's Progressive agenda.
  - Repeal those "midnight regulations", and close the loophole allowing any President to unilaterally insert new regulations into the Code of Federal Regulations without going through Congress.
- Repeal the "Patriot Act", which gutted six of the ten Constitutional amendments contained in the US Bill of Rights. This law was a knee-jerk reaction to stoked-up fear after the attacks of 9/11 -- yet it continues to be renewed by large bi-partisan votes -- possibly one of the least "patriotic" laws ever passed.
  - Repeal the Patriot Act and pass reasonable laws to track, arrest, try, and punish our Nation's enemies, while leaving the rest of us to our lives.

- Repeal the Bush Tax Cuts, which were intended to benefit "job creators" so they could create jobs with all that tax money they were saving. Mission Accomplished! US companies have created millions of jobs --- overseas!!
  - Repeal those tax cuts and pass reasonable tariffs to "level the playing field" between imported goods and US-made goods.
- Repeal Gramm-Leach-Bliley, which effectively repealed the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933; resulting in the financial collapse of 2008. Gramm-Leach-Bliley removed the Glass-Steagall "wall" between FDIC-insured retail banks (where you and I keep our money) and uninsured investment banks (where Wall Street gambles other people's money).
  - Repeal Gramm-Leach Bliley, reinstate Glass-Steagall, and limit bank expansion and investment to the state of the bank's corporate headquarters. (We broke up AT&T in the 1970's. We can break up the big banks today.)
- Repeal the Reagan Tax Cuts; which dramatically shifted the US tax load from corporations and the very wealthy to the middle class. Prior to Reagan, the top marginal rate was 70% and investment income was taxed similarly to earned income. Dropping the top marginal rate increased income inequality. Decreasing the investment income tax rate gave far greater benefit to those with larger investment portfolios.
  - Repeal the Reagan Tax Cuts and pass a Tax Code that includes what we pay in state and local taxes and extracts an equivalent percentage of revenue/wealth from all US citizens/corporations and non-citizen residents/corporations. State and local taxes have a greater impact on middle and working class people, and are rarely considered in federal tax reform proposals.
- Repeal corporate tax exemptions older than 10 years. Tax exemptions are often granted in perpetuity, but were originally intended to help a start-up venture or a new technology. Even with a 35% top corporate tax rate, these long-standing tax exemptions frequently lower the effective tax rate for corporations to as low as zero (or less).
  - Repeal all corporate tax exemptions on the books for longer than 10 years. Sunset all remaining exemptions ten years after their inception. Pass a criteria for future exemptions to be based on innovation, US job creation, environmental benefit, etc. Sunset all future exemptions at 10 years.

Speaker Boehner and his minions are like a broken record demanding the repeal of the Affordable Care Act and offering absolutely no alternative. As Democrats, perhaps we need to start demanding our own repeals of laws that actually DO hurt the American people. Otherwise, they have the stage and microphone to themselves, and who knows what they will want to repeal next -- Medicare? Social Security? Womens' Suffrage?

If we don't re-direct the conversation with our own repeals, who knows where they will go? So, let's speak up whenever the "Repeal Obamacare" flag is raised, let's ask for our own repeals -- if only to stun them into silence!!

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## Open Position

Hello members of the 11th LD Democrats, we need your help! We have an open position within the leadership team of the district.

- **Secretary:** The Secretary is one of the elected officer positions in the organization. The Secretary's job is to record the official minutes of our meetings.

This position would allow you to contribute directly to the leadership board of the organization. If you have any desire to fill this spot, please email me ([vicechair@11thliddems.org](mailto:vicechair@11thliddems.org)). Thanks!

**Eligibility:** Any person who was a voting member in good standing of the organization, whether Precinct Committee Officer or not, is eligible.

Robert Kangas

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## WSDCC Meeting Report - September 21, 2013

By Kate Kruller

The WSDCC General Membership meeting was held at Ocean Shores. Chair, Dwight Pelz report was short, as activity was low on the WSDCC end. The Legislative session lasted until mid-summer, primaries were local in nature, and weather was good for visiting Cowlitz county on vacation.

This State Democratic meeting was held just under a week following the WSDCC Warren G. Magnuson Awards Dinner - typically known as the "Maggies" - held at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center. This is a major effort on the part of the WSDCC staff and it was a resounding success!

### Chair Stepping Down

At events leading up to the General Membership Meeting, I followed on rumors that our WSDCC Chair may be thinking about winding down his career at this position, I asked Dwight in a more private conversation. He confirmed that indeed he would be resigning. Global travel will be next on his agenda. That's down time he really deserves. On September 30th, he communicated this to the entire membership:

"Dear Member of the State Central Committee,

Attached is my letter to Vice Chair Rongey announcing my intention to resign as Chair of the State Party effective February 1, 2014 - the date of our next Central Committee meeting, to be held in Vancouver.

It has been my great honor to serve as your chair and to work alongside you as we elected Democrats over the past eight years. The Party is strong, and ready to be led by the next Chair, whom you will elect on February 1.

For the next four months I will continue to work with you win our critical races in 2013, and to lay the groundwork for successful elections and 2014 and 2016.

Again, I am grateful for the opportunity you have provided me to lead our Party for the past eight years.

Dwight"

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Habib Habib reported that funds are low during this year between significant national campaigns. DNC reports: DNC consists of 429 members, of which some 200 are elected (others are by appointment via the White House and other sources). Our Washington State Delegation to the DNC has representation on National Party Committee Executive Committee, Western Caucus Secretary, Rules and By-Laws Committee, Credentials Committee, and more. Considering how delegates reach the DNC, Washington State has great impact and influence.

Outcome of the last DNC meeting: There will be changes to the 4-year cycle, including reducing the number of delegates to the National Conference. The four-pronged Democratic Strategy was outlined: (1) Increase recruiting and training at state/local level; (2) Hope Institute Project; (3) Build our technological advantage - identifying voters and getting them to the polls (Voter Registration Initiative to oppose voter suppression; and (4) Holding electeds accountable for the campaign promises they don't keep.

Committee Activity:

Rules Committee considered three Items: (1) The Young Democrats want to add a member to the Executive Committee (they were proposing to have a male and female at the table). During the last WSDCC meeting, the Rules Committee asked the YDs to return with a charter amendment to consider at the next meeting. They returned with three resolutions that went to the Resolutions Committee - the resolutions were referred unchanged to the Rules Committee. All three were ruled Out of Order (because you cannot amend the Charter with a resolution); (2) Worked on changes to the Nominations Rules relative to what is needed to update it for 2014, which was sent it on to the WSDCC General Meeting - where it was adopted; and (3) Reviewed the 2014 Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan, made relevant edits - then sent it on to the WSDCC General Meeting, where it was adopted.

The Technology Committee presented the start of a Shape File in the Legislative Districts statewide - being built by Jen Menich (a GIS specialist in her career). Also the results of a survey to the legislative districts were presented on how we communicate technically - most to least. There is strong interest in onsite and online Vote Builder training.

Resolutions Committee processed a large number of resolutions: See the WSDCC website for a full listing and description of the resolutions passed ([www.wa-democrats.org](http://www.wa-democrats.org)).

Upcoming WSDCC Events:

The next meeting will be held February 1, 2014 in Vancouver.

In a two year cycle, typically meetings are held in January and September. During the first year there is a April meeting and a convention the second year. Of the three meetings per year, two are in western Washington and one in Eastern.

The 2014 convention is proposed to be held in Wenatchee, with a backup in Spokane. The 2014 state committee meetings will be in Vancouver and Bellingham. The Bellingham meeting may be at the Lummi casino. The 2016 convention is slated to be held in Tacoma.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate Kruller  
State Committee Woman  
11th Legislative District

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Sincerely,

Bill Taylor

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