

The 11th District Journal

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"The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all." *John F. Kennedy*



The 11th Legislative District includes voters from South Seattle, West Seattle, White Center, South Park, Renton, Tukwila, Boeing Industrial Park, Benson Hill Communities, Fairwood, Burien, Kent and Unincorporated King County.

11th LD Democratic Organization Chairwoman

Susan Kruller

Chair's Message

You can really feel the energy and momentum building as the political landscape is changing and growing more positive with each election – everything is turning Blue. What a great time to be a Democrat!

Here at the 11th, we have a LOT on our plate as we work hard to build up our Party structure and base, and organize to win elections for Democrats. In 2007, we will support County Council, County Assessor, Port Commission, Seattle School District and City elections. Our legislative district is unique because it covers areas in Burien, Renton, Seattle, SeaTac, Tukwila and unincorporated King County. We need to be informed and organized when we endorse candidates and make sure voters know what we think.

We will continue our strong relationships with our legislators – proudly showcasing their achievements in the community and making sure the voice of our membership is heard. We will work closely with the King County Democrats Central Committee and Washington State Democrats Central Committee to make sure the grassroots message is heard all the way up the chain to the Democratic National Committee and that Democrats nationwide continue to be the party of the people and the party of good government.

This is also the key year to prepare for the 2008 campaigns: We will strategically plan and communicate what we want to achieve; fundraise better than ever to support the plan; grow the membership; sign up more PCOs; work hard on community outreach and recruit; and, of course, inform-train-inspire people of all voting generations, backgrounds and interests in our neighborhoods to register and cast ballots for Democrats.

Congratulations to all the new 11th Legislative District Democratic Party chairs and officers! We have a great leadership team and the best membership imaginable to really go out and achieve our goals. Everyone's active participation is important - and every one counts.

Susan Kruller

Chairwoman

11th Legislative District Democratic Organization



Welcome to the 11th LD!

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.

Annual Dues and Subscriptions

Household Membership	\$27.00
Individual Membership	\$15.00
Living Lightly	\$ 6.00
Subscription only	\$10.00

Membership is valid through January of the following calendar year.

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Membership Committee Report

Martha Koster

In order to prepare for 2008, we need to start thinking big about voter registration, membership outreach and filling PCO slots. I think that if PCOs acted regionally helping each other cover precincts that haven't been canvassed in awhile, it will be much easier than just one person taking on an extra precinct.

I suggest the following groups:

1. Burien, N Highline, Seatac
2. Tukwila (including Campbell Hill and Black River)
3. Seattle
4. Unincorporated Renton
5. Renton north of Maple Valley Hwy.
6. Renton south of Maple Valley Hwy.



Area	Burien, NH, Seatac	Tukwila	Seattle	Renton uninc.	Renton	Totals	Renton N	Renton S
# precincts	29	17	19	24	42	131	23	19
# PCOs 2006	14	8	8	11	18	59	13	5
Elected	13	8	8	11	16	56	11	5
Appointed	2	0	0	0	2	4	2	0
#PCOs 2004	13	10	11	11	14	59	9	3
PCO vote totals 2006	710	616	569	786	929	3610	693	236
PCO vote totals 2004	679	801	833	528	701	3542	448	253
High priority unfilled slots	5	0	3	3	4	15	1	3
Med. priority unfilled slots	0	1	1	5	3	10	2	1
Gain/loss vote total	31	-185	-264	258	228	68	245	-17
% PCO slots filled	48%	47%	42%	46%	43%	45%	57%	26%

The data from 2004 and 2006 are summarized in the above table. I chose priority precincts based on high primary totals for Democrats and high numbers of 2004 caucus attendees.

All areas have 40-50% of PCO slots filled, and overall there was a slight gain in PCO primary vote totals from 2004 to 2006. The averages mask significant regional disparities, however. Tukwila and Seattle lost a couple of hundred votes each, Renton and related unincorporated areas gained a couple of hundred each, and Burien/NH/Seatac had a slight increase. When Renton precincts are divided into North and South areas, big disparities occur. All of the gain in votes from 2004 to 2006 occurred in North Renton, while South Renton lost votes. The average percent of PCO slots filled is 45%, which conceals a huge disparity of 57% fill rate in North Renton and 26% in South Renton, which also has more high priority precincts without PCOs. We will need to focus on replacing PCOs in Tukwila and Seattle, and getting some in the first place in South Renton. Also, Burien/North Highline has five high priority precincts. (We have only two precincts in SeaTac, included because both are west of Military Rd. S.)

**11th Legislative District Democrats
General Membership Organizational Meeting Minutes — January 19, 2007**

The organizational meeting of the 11th District was called to order Friday Jan 19th at 7:09PM by King County Democrats Central Committee Vice Chair KC Joel Ware

Flag salute lead by Susan Sheary, Opening remarks by Joel Ware

Temporary appointments by Joel: Secretary: Jeanette Kelley; Parliamentarian: John Guevarra; Tally Comm.: Chuck Laney & Azziem Underwood

M/s/a tonight's Agenda; M/s/a adoption of 11th Legislative District By-Laws—unanimous

Credential Report—40 PCOs present

Susan Sheary presented Mr. & Mrs. Ed Prince with a gift expressing gratitude for their contributions to the District

Election of Chair: nominated: **Susan Kruller n/s—elected** ; Don Bennett n/s

Good of the Order while tally committee made the count for Chair: Iraq hearing in Tacoma, Meeting after the meeting at Dennys, VFW social after the meeting

Election of Vice Chair: **Jay Hollingsworth n/s—elected**; Don Bennett n/s/withdrew

WSDCC Male Azziem Underwood n/s/a; **WSDCC Female**: Martha Koester n/s/a

KCDCC Male Chris Hintz m/s/a; **KCDCC Male Alt** Dennis Moyers n/s/a

KCDCC Female Jeanette Kelley n/s/a; **KCDCC Female Alt** Bonnie Harger n/s/a

KCLAC: Don Bennett n/s/a

SECRETARY: Jim Flynn n/s/a

TREASURER: Chuck Laney n/s/a unanimous

Appointments:

Membership: Martha Koester

Raffle: Azziem Underwood

Parliamentarian/SAA: Emily Willoughby

Newsletter: Jim Flynn

Web Master: Alene Brede

PCO Outreach: Larry Grubb

Will announce Programs and Outreach chairs in the next meeting.

Treasurer Report EOY checking account balance \$1,353.53

KDCDD Legislative Action Committee Chair Tina Shamseldin announcement on lobbyist impact in Olympia and KCDCC Legislative Action Day to occur on President's Day, February 19.

Joel Ware made final remarks

New members Brendin Donckers and Wyatt Ho recognized for joining the membership this meeting.

Presentation to Susan Sheary for all her contributions, hard work and birthday

Adjournment 8:09PM

Respectfully submitted, Jeanette Kelley, Temporary recording secretary

WSDCC Female

Martha Koster

WA State Democratic Party reorganization took place 1-26-07 and 1-27-07 in Olympia. No business was conducted on Friday—Governor Gregoire had a reception at the governor’s mansion, and state party Secretary Luis Moscoso and State Senator Maralyn Chase hosted a potluck Peace Party for those coming and going, Hospitality suites were open after that.

All the caucuses met at 8:00AM Saturday. I was re-elected Secretary of the Progressive Caucus, and Azziem was elected Chair of the Black Caucus. Committee meetings were held later in the morning—I was assigned to Elections, and Azziem to Affirmative Action.

For lunch, the party had arranged shuttle busses to the Olympia peace demonstration along with box lunches. And the old saw about “I don’t belong to any organized party—I’m a Democrat” was proven inoperative on this occasion. The event was well attended, and Veterans for Peace were out in force.

WSDCC met formally Saturday afternoon, and all incumbent members were re-elected. The election for Secretary was contested by Krystal Wood, and that for Vice-Chair by Rosalinda Guillen, both eminently qualified, but the 2006 victories seemed to result significant pro-incumbent sentiment. Dwight Pelz was re-elected as chair by acclamation, Eileen Macoll as Vice-Chair, Luis Moscoso as Secretary, Habib Habib as Treasurer.

Karen Marchioro spoke about the national party. The tendency toward front-loaded primaries is making presidential candidacies much more expensive. There is a delegate bonus of 30% being offered to states which hold presidential preference primaries later in the season to slow down the drift to the front. Schumer, Emmanuel and Dean seem to have gotten themselves on the same page recently.

Chairman Pelz views the caucuses as excellent opportunities to build the party compared to “beauty contest” primaries. The coordinated campaign was bigger and better this year, with far fewer conflicts with LD and county organizers, and the Latino Vote Project was big success as well.

Martha Koester





Members of the 11th Legislative District Democratic Party contemplate 2007 reorganization.

Vice Chair

Jay Hollingsworth

Membership, here are some things I have been thinking about and would appreciate your comments. I would like to propose a change in our processes. Last year I believe we voted to have any proposals for the membership to consider to be published in the newsletter then presented to the Body and then voted on, so now it seems we take two months or at least two meetings to get anything done. I hope to work on some variations to this so sometimes we can get proposals printed before the meeting and acted on at that meeting. I think we should be able to write letters to our Representatives immediately to show our gratitude and approval for the stands they take in the Legislature. I would like to have written one to thank all the Dems in Washington State who stood together against the "Surge" of Troops with the 11th Dist. Approval. I said I wanted to send the message up in my acceptance speech for this job and this is a key way to do it. I also would have a spot in the newsletter for the membership to write letters and comments. We want to increase membership let's give them a voice.

Thank you. Jay Hollingsworth

KCDCC Male

Chris Hintz

Responsibility: Voice for issues concerning the 11th LD at the KCDCC

Goal: I want to take our issues up the chain after we have reached consensus. I think it is a great responsibility to speak for the others in our organization and seek input from all members of the 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization. In issues where we are divided both views need to be expressed. Our party benefits from our input and if we do not provide, whom will they go to?

Concerns: Seeing resolutions presented at the County level before the 11th has discussed them. I like to think I have your authority to make these decisions but I am reluctant to

Note on Climate Change by Dr. Eric Gritmit

PCO Hawkeye

As most of you are probably aware, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) adopted Part I of the Fourth Assessment Report (aka- AR4) on February 2nd. Much more attention and fanfare was evident this time around (compared to the previous releases of assessment reports) and it is good that people are finally paying attention to the science. As MSNBC reports, "The report will set the terms of the debate for negotiations around a treaty to replace the Kyoto protocol, which expires in 2012." This part of the IPCC report focuses on the scientific basis. The other two parts of AR-4 will be adopted and released in early April and early May, respectively.

There's decent national coverage here: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16939276/>

Excellent local coverage here (with focus on UW employee and state climatologist Phil Mote):

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2003552433_climate02m.html

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2003552432_motep02m.html

And, most importantly, read the IPCC report for yourself.

<http://www.ipcc.ch>

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KCCDC Female

Jeanette Kelley

At the reorganization meeting in January, I was elected to the position of King County Democratic Central Committee-Female. For the past 3 years I was the Recording Secretary for District 11; a position that allowed me to silently participate in all the meetings and be acquainted with members of the executive board. My current office will allow me to report on activities and discussions at the county level back to District 11. It is not a one way effort however and I believe it is important that the county also hear from the individual districts. With the others who will be attending the county meeting, I certain that District 11 will be heard. We have a tremendous opportunity to work on some items with the county. There may be areas where the county can share services at a lower cost than each District going alone. Partnering on fund raising and sharing computer expertise are two examples. Year 2007 and 2008 are guaranteed to be exciting but we need to be prepared so events do not overwhelm us. With the wind at our back and the good sense of the American people, we will return our nation to its proper place in the world.

Programs Chair

Brendan W. Donckers

I am excited to be a part of the 11th and help the leadership team put together informative and engaging programs. I love politics, and have worked at the local, national, and international levels. I own a small business, and can't wait to graduate from law school in May

PCO Activities

Larry Grubb

Born, Seattle; attended Riverton Heights, Sunset Jr., Glacier Sr., Highline College;
Traveled South Pacific extensively, Alaska, Western US;
Retired Rainier/Miller Breweries and a life long Democrat.

SECRETARY

Jim Flynn

So just what does the Secretary do?

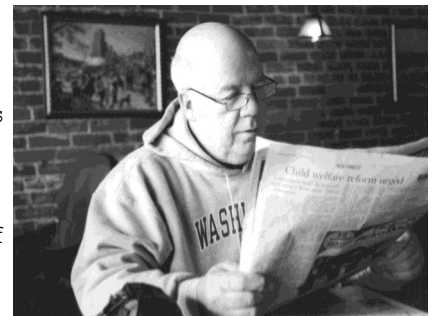
From my viewpoint the answer is complicated. While the basic duties of the Secretary are clearly defined in the 11th LD Democratic Organization Bylaws, the overall responsibilities and role as an officer of the organization are more challenging.

Keeping records and reporting of all membership meetings; Distributing the minutes via the Newsletter; Keeping minutes of the Executive Board Meeting and making them available to the Executive board and the membership; The Secretary, in cooperation with Chair, prepares and responds to letters and other correspondence on behalf of the organization; Keep a permanent file of all District records in a notebook, available to any member upon request.

In other words , the Secretary facilitates communication between the Chair and Treasurer, and the membership as they carry out their role as PCOs and members of the 11th LD Democratic Organization

The membership needs a Secretary with an understanding of the bylaws, the ability to communicate effectively with the Chair and Treasurer, be sensitive to what the Chair, Treasurer and the membership are feeling and able to reach a consensus. The Secretary must also be detail-oriented, flexible and maintain a sense of humor.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity.





Upcoming 11th District Meetings

**Executive Board Meeting:
February 15 – 7pm
Carpenter’s Hall, Renton**

**General Meeting:
February 20th – 7pm**

OFFICIAL CALL:

**11th District Democrats
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Tuesday: February 20, 2006
7:00pm— Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Ave N |
Meeting Agenda**

7:00pm Call to Order, Flag Salute, Approval of previous meeting minutes and proposed Agenda

7:05pm Introductions, Distribute Precinct Committee Officer Certificates

7:10pm Hot Topic – Viaduct

Advocating: Seattle Deputy Mayor Tim Ceis

Counter Point: Phil Talmadge

7:30pm Program: Party Building and Mobilizing by Tanya Marie Rosario, Field Director, Washington State Democrats Central Committee

BREAK

8:05pm Officer and Committee Reports

8:25pm New Business

8:35pm Old Business

8:45pm Raffle Prizes

8:50pm Good of the Order

9:00pm Adjourn

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