



34th District Democrats

West Seattle, Burien, White Center, Vashon and Maury Islands ★ 34dems.org

34th District Democrats Annual



**Wednesday, December 9
7:00 p.m.**

The Hall at Fauntleroy, Vashon Room

Potluck

**Please bring your favorite
potluck dish, salad or dessert.**

**Two turkeys and two hams will be provided and
Beer and wine will be available.**



Recognition awards will be made

**Ellis Bros. Jazz Trio will perform for
us. You may remember these
talented musicians from last year.**

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KCDCC Meeting Notes

November 24, 2015

Chair Rich Erwin called the body of 31 delegates to order at 7 pm. He reviewed the recent election, noting that 2/3rds of candidates endorsed by the KCDCC were elected or reelected. Seattle was a bright spot, but poor turnout hurt in some races, notably the defeat of Carol Gregory in the 30th LD, and the passing of I-1366.

The bulk of the meeting involved discussion of the KCDCC 2016 Legislative Agenda presented by LAC Co-Chairs Sarajane Siegfriedt and Steve Zemke. The proposed agenda is basically the same as the 2015 version, except that the section on transportation was dropped. Wherever it was possible, agenda items were paired with current House and Senate bill numbers to assist in tracking. The agenda was approved with modest alterations, and will be ready for the short legislative session that will convene on January 11.

Omaha Sternberg is seeking a person to assume the role of Treasurer; Andy Lowe is considering taking the position. Omaha suggested that she be elected as Treasurer in the interim, thus enabling the KCDCC to file outstanding PDC reports. This appointment would extend no longer than the February meeting. A motion to that was made and was passed. Omaha will prepare a financial spreadsheet to reconcile with bank statements. She is also looking at switching back-office functions to Blue Utopia, as NGP-VAN is too expansive for the KCDCC's requirements. Omaha is also looking for volunteers to the Finance Committee to serve in oversight roles.

The KCDCC was required to find a new insurance company, and has paid \$2759 in advance for coverage through 2016. It is hoped that in the future, monthly payments may be made instead. The KCDCC will provide coverage for caucuses if asked. It was also noted that coverage from the state party is also available.

The DisAbility Committee will meet January 4, at which disability benefits expert Susan Harrell will speak to marriage equality and couples with disabilities; and The Platforms, Resolutions and Bylaws committee reminded LD chairs to nominate representatives to help prepare the 2016 KCDCC platform.

We were informed that there will be no Washington State Democrats holiday party this year.

During New Business, Chair Erwin reminded us of the special Executive Board meeting December 2 to approve the 36th LD's selection of replacements for open state senate and representative seats. It will be held at the Swedish Club, an exact time will be announced later.

It was moved and passed that we forgo a KCDCC Executive Board meeting in December.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Butts and Martha Koester

34th District Bulletin Board

34th District Democrats Meetings

All meetings of the 34th District Democrats are open to any of our members.

Executive Board

Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.
Puget Ridge Co-Housing Common House
7020 - 18th Ave SW

Other Meetings of Interest to Democrats

West Seattle Drinking Liberally

Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.
Pizzeria22 , 4213 SW College St.

Evergreen Democratic Club

Tuesday, December 11, 11:30 a.m.
Angelo's Restaurant
601 SW 153rd St.

West Seattle Democratic Women

For meeting and program information,
Check WSDW's website:
westseattledemocraticwomen.org

King County Democrats

The King County Democrats Executive Board is not meeting in December.

West Seattle Food Bank

December

December Debate Schedule

Democratic Debate
Saturday, December 19
ABC News

Manchester, New Hampshire

Republican Debate and
Comedy Show

Tuesday, December 15
6:00 p.m. our time
CNN, Moderated by
Wolf Blitzer

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How'd Our Endorsed Candidates Do

Christine Gregoire easily won her race for Port of Seattle Position 2 in spite of the Republicans' endorsement of Goodspaceguy. Fred Felleman beat for Position Both candidates were endorsed.

John Arthur Wilson will be our new assessor, having defeated long time friend of the 34th District, and endorsed candidate, Lloyd Hara.

Julie Wise soundly defeated Zach Hudgins, our endorsed candidate for King County Elections Director. She has worked for King County Elections for several years and she won several endorsements.

Joe McDermott ran unopposed for his position on the County Council, so no surprise there, but I'm pretty sure it made him happy to see Claudia Balducci beat Jane Hague, a Republican, for Position 6.

Austin Bell defeated Darla Green for Burien City Council Position 6, but neither Jon Scherer nor Holly Giffin won their races

We endorsed both Tim Burgess and Jonathan Grant ; Tim Burgess was elected; and we endorsed both Bill Bradburd and Lorena Gonzales for District 9; Lorena Gonzalez was elected.

Jill Geary and Leslie Harris were elected to their positions on the Seattle School Board.

Susan Genzale won her race for SWSSD

All the ballot issues passed, but I-1366 was easily defeated in King County, but just as easily passed at the state. Level. If only the rest of the state were like us.

Letters and Submitted Articles

We are Democrats, and like most Democrats we have strong opinions and like to express them.
We welcome letters and articles. .

All submissions are subject to editing. If submissions need to be shortened, you will be given the option of editing your own work.

Photos and notices of upcoming events are always welcome.

The deadline for the. January . . . newsletter is. . .
Mail to Jackie Dupras, 1920 46th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116 or jdupras@quidnunc.net. Phone: 935-9683.

In Case You Missed Our Last Meeting . . .

The meeting was called to order shortly before 7:00 p.m. by Chair Marcee Stone Vekich. In honor of Veterans Day, Marcee asked Joy Pakulak, a veteran, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a moment of silence.

The agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair Report

Marcee announced that Karen Chilcutt, our treasurer, is resigning. She thanked her the great job she has done over the years, and the membership gave her a well deserved standing ovation.

Austin Bell was leading by a slim margin in his race for Burien City Council, and the City Council District 1 race with only six votes difference, was too close to call. We have two strong women running for that position.

A straw poll on the presidential race was ____ and if you were a new PCO, you were offered more votes.

Ted Barker will be working on procuring sites for the 2016 caucuses.

Treasurer's Report

In her Treasurer's Report, her last one, Karen discussed the budget, covering two months since we did not have a report in October. \$617 in dues were collected and the Laborers Union auction sponsorship of \$2,500 was received for total revenues of \$7,467. Expenses were \$5,530, including \$2,400 for campaign contributions. The ending balance on November 11 was \$24,316.

Program General Meeting

Dow Constantine thanked the membership for supporting Best Starts for Kids (Proposition 1). King County supported it with 56% of the vote. The King County Council will look more like the district with election of Democrat Claudia Balducci in Bellevue. The East Side is blue and we need to take the fight to have more representation on the east side. Dow invited us to come to his annual 39th birthday party at Kells Irish Pub in Post Alley, which was the next day.

Tom Rasmussen talked to the membership about the success of Let's Move Seattle, which won with

58% of the vote. This is Tom's last meeting as City Council Representative. He thanked us for our support.

Marcee noted that no one from the Honest Elections campaign was in attendance, but she commented that it is great that it passed.

Leslie Harris thanked the membership and invited everyone to her swearing in on December 1 at the Stanford Center at 5:00 p.m.

Presidential Straw Poll members were invited to speak to why we should vote for their candidate.

Caucus Planning Meeting

The next caucus planning meeting is at Ann Martin's home at 6:30 p.m. on December 7. We need many volunteers and training for the organizers and facilitators. For two years we've been saving funds to support the caucuses. About 25 people have signed up to help at caucuses so far. It's important we have more volunteers. There was a sign up sheet, and you should have an opportunity to sign up at our next meeting.

Holiday Party and Awards

Lisa Plymate spoke about the annual party where the awards are given. If you know someone who deserves an award for district recognition of service, please nominate him or her for the award. You may email Lisa with your nomination.

PCO Appointments

Les Treall was not able to make it to the meeting, so Steve Butts introduced the candidates for PCO. There were two candidates from Vashon: Dominic Jovanovich for Vashon precinct and Michael Glenn Shook for Maury precinct. Michael will succeed Senator Sharon Nelson in Maury. Michele L Thomas was out doorbelling for Lisa Herbold, and knocked on Steve Butts' door. She is now PCO in SEA 34-1511.

Results of the straw poll:

Bernie Sanders, 39 votes (55%)
Hillary Clinton, 26 votes (37%)
Martin O'Malley, 2 votes (2%)
Undecided, 4 votes (6%)

Report from Our State Legislators: Sharon Nelson, Eileen Cody and Joe Fitzgibbon

Senator Nelson spoke about the upcoming session. Hopefully, they will be able to get some responsible legislation passed to satisfy McCleary. The Republicans do not break ranks; they stay very tight. It's important that we take the majority in the Senate and keep the house. The Republicans goal is to get rid of unions. Right to Work (for less) is their goal. Another goal is to gut regulations protecting air and water. Patty Murray is up this year and we need to support her. We need to get back our majority and be blue again.

Eileen Cody is concerned about Western State Hospital. The length of stay at Western is 300, twice the length of stay at Eastern.

We could lose federal funding. Staff reductions are so severe that services don't meet standards, no matter how hard working the staff is. "It's frustrating because I had concerns as did several other legislators that they wouldn't be able to have the staff they needed to go to Western," said Rep. Cody. "The department felt like they could and they were making progress. Obviously, that didn't come through."

Marcee Stone asked if we would ever have an income tax within the next 100 years or so. A firm "No" but she hoped that we could make some changes in our tax structure.

Joe Fitzgibbon was asked about the low voter turnout. Our turnout is pretty good in a presidential election, but the off years are the problem. He also spoke about the lack of drop boxes. We have the fewest per person by far than other areas in Washington. One question asked was whether the ballots could be returned postage paid, but these are not postmarked and so we don't know when they have been mailed.



Don't Ever Say Your Vote doesn't count!

The column on the right shows the progression from the first day of the election to the last. The candidate in bold is leading; The numbers on the far right show leading by how many votes.

There is a mandatory hand recount that started Monday, November 30 and will be completed on Monday, December 7. There are only 39 votes separating the two. It just goes to show what excellent candidates we have.



Lisa Herbold



Shannon Braddock

Leading candidate in bold			
Last column shows the variance in votes			
11/3,	Shannon,	6023	
	Lisa	5290	733
11/4	Shannon,	7816	
	Lisa	6852	1064
11/5	Shannon	8,491	
	Lisa	7,853	638
11/6	Shannon	10,078	
	Lisa	9,691	387
11/9	Shannon	11,125	
	Lisa	11,030	95
11/10	Shannon	11,528	
	Lisa	11,522	6
11/12	Shannon	12,025	
	12,043 Lisa	12043	18
11/13	Shannon	12,344	
	Lisa	12,371	27
11/16	Shannon	12,367	
	Lisa	12,402	95
11/17	Shannon	12,398	
	Lisa	12,422	76
11/18	Shannon	12,403	
	Lisa	12,428	25
11/19	Shannon	12409	
	Lisa	12437	28
11/20	Shannon	12,413	
	Lisa	12,445	32
11/23	Shannon	12416	
	Lisa	12452	36
11/24	Shannon	12,420	
	Lisa	12,459	39



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"If interested in paying your dues in monthly installments, contact the treasurer for more info."

\$15 Basic Dues \$3 Living Lightly \$34 Friend of the 34th \$50 Sponsor

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