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OFFICIAL CALL Tuesday February 22, 2005 Meeting

The King County Democratic Central Committee will meet for their monthly business meeting:

Tuesday February 22, 2005—7:00 pm
Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North

— Candidates may visit and address the group —

The agenda will include:

- Call to Order
- Flag Salute
- Acceptance of previous meeting minutes and meeting agenda
- Program: Black History Month Celebration including sweet potato pies by The Meizza Company (Azziem Underwood)
- Break
- Officer and Committee Reports
- New Business
- Old Business
- Raffle
- Good of the Order
- Adjourn



KCDCC Secretary Angela Henry, 37th LD Chair Gwen Rench, and 11th LD Vice-Chair Don Bennett get ready to march in the annual Martin Luther King Celebration Parade, Monday January 17, 2005.

KCDCC UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSES KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE RON SIMS FOR RE-ELECTION

The Executive addressed the crowd at the "Meet and Greet Reception" on January 25th and gave a rousing speech. At the beginning of the business session, the body moved to make an early endorsement in the King County Executive race: It was unanimous — RON SIMS FOR RE-ELECTION this fall.

New "Letter to the Editor" (LTE) Feature at KCDCC Website

Our fantastic communications leader, First Vice-Chair Rob Dolin, announced this LTE feature in late January to KCDCC officers and King County-Legislative District Chairs. You may access the functionality at: <http://www.wuxx.com/kcdems/MediaLinks.aspx>. Users who browse to our website can draft and send a letter to any one of the media outlets in our database. With content from the Legislative Action Committee (LAC), we will be able to create customized pages for sending LTE's on specific issues.

A newspaper's Letters to the Editor section is one of the last public forums where citizens can voice their concerns about government, elected officials or the state of their communities. A published letter is also an invaluable tool to further the Democratic Platform.

This along with a great new calendar and 'latest news' are but a few of the reasons for using the KCDCC website as designed and developed by Mr. Dolin. Please visit our site at: <http://www.kcdems.org>

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Thank you to all past and current contributors. Your gifts make providing resources to candidates and campaigns a reality.

Special Thanks to the 43rd LD Democrats for their very generous donation.

REVISION

KCDCC Officers Meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday February 20, 2005—4:00 pm at the KCDCC Office
At 157 Yesler Way, Suite 510, Seattle 98104



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KCDCC Volunteer Debbie Batchelor with Governor Christine Gregoire at the Inaugural Ball, January 12, 2005.

KCDCC Candidate Recruitment

The Candidate Recruitment committee is off and running and conducted their first meeting on Sunday February 6, 2005, 11:00 am at the KCDCC office in Seattle. They have reviewed all 2005 races and are prioritizing those that KCDCC will lend resources.

If you have input on candidates/campaigns, please contact standing committee chair, Dick Gidner at 425-271-2174.

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<u>12/4/2004</u>			
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Candidate Recruitment Richard Gidner

Endorsements Linnea Peterson

First King County Democrats—Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Day in Olympia

Join the KCDCC LAC members for a day in Olympia at the State Capitol. This is a great opportunity to meet with your representatives and tour the renovated buildings. The proposed schedule is:

Monday—February 21, 2005

8:00 am	Depart Seattle
9:00 am	Arrive in Olympia- park at the Capitol Lake parking lot- take shuttle to the Legislative Building
10:00 am	Attend a committee hearing (schedule will be emailed to LAC reps)
Noon-1:15pm	Brown bag lunch at the John L. O'Brien Building (JLOB) - Hearing Room A King County—LD Legislators are scheduled to come by and give legislative updates
1:30 pm	Attend hearing (opposite body from morning hearing) or take a tour of the new Legislative Building and/or Supreme Court
4:00 pm	Return home or stay for the State Democrats Crab Feed at St. Martin's College

If you have any question/concern, please contact LAC Chair Toni Lysen by email: tlysen@prodigy.net, or by phone: 206.683.4114.

We Have To Start Speaking Better

By Arlene Hess, 34th Legislative District

Language! We liberals are on the short end of the stick. On almost every issue we have the high ground, but the other side has the best language. They are pro-life, while we are only pro-choice. They are for property rights while we are for planning. They are for the right to bear arms, while we are for gun control.

We may like the sound of our position better, but to the vast uncommitteds, on all those and other issues, the other side's position sounds better. We lose. We have to start speaking better.

Let's start with "radical right." We think that makes them sound bad. Not so. A radical stands for something. A radical is going somewhere. A radical gets to the root of things. What's more, "radical right" is an oxymoron. To be "radical" is to be as far to the left as you can get. The proper term would be "reactionary right," but that does not carry nearly as much opprobrium as "regressive right." They are regressing into darkness, into fear, into hate-mongering. Let's call them what they are — the "regressive right."

Someone said that we should give up being for "gun control" and start being for "responsible gun ownership." It means the same thing, but who can be against it? Also, it would get us to working and thinking on the proper issues in the case. And it would make it a lot easier to work with gun owners. Except for the criminal and white supremacist types, gun owners are as interested in the responsible use of guns as we are.

I don't have the magic words for all the issues, but they are there. We are pro-life. I have never heard of an anti-abortionist who is also against war and capital punishment. How can they possibly call theirs a pro-life position? We have to be more than just pro-choice. That's good, but not good enough.

We should never again hear the words "radical right" or "gun control" in any Democratic meeting. Think about it. Send in your contributions to better language on all the issues.

The King County Democrats

HONORS BANQUET

featuring

The Honorable Governor of the State of Washington

Christine Gregoire

2004 Democratic Volunteers will be honored

Friday March 18, 2005

6:00 pm – Reception and Silent Auction

7:00 pm – Dinner Service and Awards

The Hilton Hotel

Sixth and University in Seattle

Suggested Donation - \$70.00/person

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
FOUNDATION

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE DEMOCRATS OF 2004

Cast your ballot for Democratic volunteers — think about the efforts put forth in 2004 by the many, energetic and talented Democrats in our area, and nominate them for Male and Female Democrat of the Year, Chair of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Rising Stars, and Lifetime Achievement. Awards will be presented at the Honors Banquet, March 18th.

Go online at: <http://www.kcdems.org>

SIGN UP TO WORK ON KCDCC STANDING COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE...FINANCE COMMITTEE...ENDORSEMENTS COMMITTEE...PROCESS/PROCEDURES COMMITTEE...


All committees have regular meetings one hour before the monthly KCDCC meeting,, fourth Tuesday of each month.

Sign on at the KCDCC website as a volunteer.


**King County Democratic Central Committee
1-25-05 Minutes**

Call to Order
Flag Salute
Adoption of agenda - PASSED
Motion #1: To suspend the rules of endorsement – PASSED
Motion # 2: Move to endorse Ron Sims for King County Executive – PASSED
Accept minutes of last meeting - PASSED
Special Guest: Religious Coalition of Equality "The Religious Left Taking Action": a rally will be held Feb. 14th at noon and their goal is to have two religious advocates as well as constituents of the legislator, workshops will start at 9:00am
Chair's Report. -Working office and equipment; there was enough money raised to pay off old debts. There are ongoing office expenses. Honor's Banquet will happen March 18th at 6:00pm. There is on-line voting for nominations. Cost is \$70 and there will be a silent auction.
First Vice Chair Report. -Announced the new additions to the website and that it will be fully functional as the kcdems.org soon. He will add the following functions: an active page for letter writing to local papers, a feedback page and a functionality page. The following has been achieved: local newspaper listing, a calendar, volunteer sign-up on-line, officer bio's, updated legislative district is now live and the Mentor Program sign-up. He urged members to sign-up for the Mentor Program. Currently there are more 'mentees' than mentors.
Second Vice Chair Report. -She announced that a community calendar will be created that the legislative districts can have their events listed. She would like to see the committee to put together a cookbook.
The KCDCC will have a booth at the King County Fair. Volunteers will be needed everyday and hour of the event. There possibly will be a presence of a couple of KCDCC members at the kick-off event for the new MBA program at UW for Hispanics.
Third Vice Chair.—He announced that we lost a net income of \$100 in 2004 and we are currently positive. The amount of money in the bank is approximately \$2500. He would like to get names of people who would like join the finance committee. He purchased a book, "Data Mining", to assist with donor research.
Motion #3: To pass the budget – PASSED
Special Visitor: Chelsea Waliser, liaison from Congressman Adam Smith's office, told the audience that the Congressman has a good chance to influence the President's SSI proposal because he a moderate Democrat also, he will be working on technology and other items.
Special Visitor: Noel Frame from the WSDCC on the Governor's Re-count. She said that Feb. 4th will be the next court date. She requested to take names of those interested in calling into radio talk shows.
Candidate Recruitment Program – Dick Gidner.—The committee will consist of past and present LD Chairs.
Endorsement Procedure Program – Linnea Peterson.—She announced proposed changes to the endorsement procedure. She requested for volunteers.
Legislative Action Committee (LAC) – Toni Lysen.—The first meeting took place 1-22-05 with seven in attendance. The second meeting will be 2-7-05. President's Day, 2-21-05 she will put together a lobby day for King County Democrats members. She announced that the first program on SSI took place at the 11th LD meeting.
Elections Report – Gurine Nordby.—She reported the election activities since the Nov. 2nd Election. She requested that the Chairs appoint a poll worker coordinator and that each Coordinator to have their on district maps. There is a need for observers at election depots. A letter will need go out in the springtime to all PCOs to have people appointed to poll sites. A document was credited for the PCO to give to their appointed poll workers.

New business
Motion to pass the Bylaws –
Discussion
Amend Motion #1: section 6.2 to strike 32nd LD as a split district – PASSED
Amend Motion #2: section 7.5a to enter text 7.5b "Develop strategies and policies to effectively share data." – PASSED
Amend Motion #3: section 7.5b addition "with other Democratic organizations." - PASSED
Old Business
Chair Sheary announced a forum that King County Council Member Julia Patterson will be having on the subject of World AIDS. Saturday Feb. 26th breakfast to be served and the proceeds to go to the Lifelong AIDS Alliance.
Resolutions that were PASSED are: "Equitable Opportunity for All" legislation, SSI, Eastern Washington WSDCC office and Endorse Howard Dean for DNC Chair
Good of the Order
Chair Sheary requested that the district Chairs have individual reports given at following meetings and that quarterly chairs meetings will restart soon. First Vice-Chair of the 47th LD, Evelyn Reymond spoke on PCO recruitment research that can be found by using the reverse telephone directory in hardback or online. The Progressive Democratic Caucus will meet at the Labor Temple Sunday Jan 30th.
Adjourn
Respectfully submitted,
Angela Henry,
Recording Secretary



*The King County Democrats
present*
**King County Council Member
Julia Patterson**
and
**The Lifelong AIDS Alliance of Seattle
and Distinguished Guests State Representative Dave Upthegrove (33rd),
King County Council Member Larry Gossett,
and the Honorable Mayor of Renton, Kathy Keolker-Wheeler**




in a forum on
WORLD AIDS

**Saturday February 26, 2005
10:30 AM
Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North in Renton**

**Continental Breakfast
Excerpts from the film, "A Closer Walk,"
narrated by Glen Close and Will Smith will be shown
Discussion**

**Suggested Donation - \$25.00
All proceeds to the Seattle - Lifelong AIDS Alliance organization**



OFFICIAL CALL

*“No government ought to be without censors
and where the press is free,
no one ever will.”*
Thomas Jefferson,
letter to George Washington, September 9, 1792
Third President of the United States (1743—1826)

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- KCDCC—LAC for a day in
Olympia—Monday 2/21/2005
- KCDCC Executive Board Meeting—
Monday 2/22/2005
- King County Council Member Julia Pat-
terson in a forum on WORLD AIDS—
Saturday 2/26/2005

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

