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OFFICIAL CALL Tuesday March 22, 2005 Meeting

Grassroots Festival Tabling—5:30 pm
Democratic Organizations and Community Activists are invited to Share Information and Materials in a festival-tabling format

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

Tuesday March 22, 2005—7:00 pm Seattle Labor Temple 2800 First Avenue—Seattle

The agenda will include:

Call to Order

Flag Salute

Acceptance of previous meeting minutes and meeting agenda

Program: Ray Minchew on Democracy for America

Break

Officer and Committee Reports

New Business

Old Business

Good of the Order

Adjourn

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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
Send donations to KCDCC at 157 Yesler Way, Suite 510 - Seattle 98104
Telephone 206.622.9157

Rent a table at the KCDCC Grassroots Festival — Bring materials including brochures, flyers, signs, buttons, etc. All organizations are invited to participate by making reservation with KCDCC (206.622.9157 or kingcountydemocrats@msn.com); suggested rate of \$10 per table.

The Seattle leader of Democracy for America, Ray Minchew, will also make a presentation during the business session. Join in the activity, 3/22/2005 at the Seattle Labor Temple.



Enjoy a prime rib dinner with Governor Gregoire — special parking rate of \$5/evening in the Hilton Garage for all attendees — Silent Auction and Raffle feature hotel / restaurant gift certificates, artwork, jewelry, and more.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE DEMOCRAT VOLUNTEERS 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 vote for the nominated candidates for Male and Female Democrat of the Year, Chair of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Rising Stars, and Lifetime Achievement.

Voting concludes on March 16, 2005, end of business day.

Awards will be presented at the Honors Banquet, March 18th.

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

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Elected Position

Letters to the Editor:

February 12, 2005

To The Editor,

This is in response to Arlene Hess' writing in the February issue. "Language" — point well taken. A pet peeve is the so-called, right-to-work law. It give no one work. — but permits FREE RIDERS. By encouraging the acceptance of negotiated benefits, without participation in the expense and effort to achieve. Then, it fosters non-responsible parasite behavior. Call them by name — Free Rider Laws.

Carl Schwartz 1111 207th Place NE Sammamish, WA 98074 5th Legislative District Democrat

WSDCC—7th Congressional District Meeting

The venue for the 7th Congressional District "Grass Roots" meeting being organized by the Washington State Democratic Party will be:



Tuesday, March 29, 2005 7:00 to 9:30 pm Town Hall—8th & Seneca Downstairs Room

Jaxon Ravens is the point of contact for the event. He may be reached at jaxon@wademocrats.org or by telephone at 206-583-0664.

—7th CD Chair Javier Valdez

King County Democratic Central Committee Officers

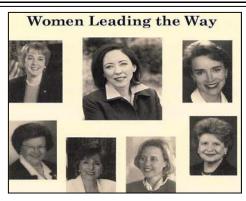
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Benefit Luncheon for US Senator Maria Cantwell

Endorsements



Join Senator Maria Cantwell and her special guests: Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Mary Landrieu, Senator Blanche Lincoln, Senator Patty Murray, Senator Barbara Mikulski, and Senator Debbie Stabenow

Luncheon—Noon
Thursday March 31, 2005
Westin Hotel Ballroom
suggested donation \$125/person

For additional information call 206-328-2969

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First LAC—Action Day in Olympia

Forty-five Democrats representing eight Legislative Districts in King County participated in the first Legislative Action Day by visiting the Legislature on Monday February 21, 2005. KCDCC members watched the House in legislative session during which time HB 4205 was passed. The legislation reduces the requirement for passage of school district levies from the current supermajority of 60% to a simple majority of 50%, making it easier for school districts to gain the necessary funding for operation and maintenance. This measure has been proposed by Rep. Shay Schual-Berke (D-33rd) a former Highline School District— School Board Member, in every legislative session since she was elected. Republicans opposed it because they likened it to a tax increase and blocked the votes. In 2002, it failed by one vote. This is a victory for the Democrats and we must now work for Senate passage.

Members also attended Senate hearings in the morning and listened to testimony on two bills. The Senate Government Operations and Elections committee heard SB 5735 which dealt with public disclosure requests. This bill would require public State agencies to a specific individual to deal with PDAs and would substantially increase agency daily fines for unreasonable denial or delay in providing requested documents. The Senate Labor and Commerce Committee heard SB 5684 that would make permanent law the Child Care Career and Wage Ladder Pilot Project that ended in June 2003. This would increase the wages of child care workers and encourage their further education by establishing a wage ladder tied to education and experience.

LAC and district members met at noon in a House Office hearing room and were visited by House Speaker Frank Chopp (D-43rd), State Senators Adam Kline (D-37th), Karen Keiser (D-33rd) -Senate Health Committee Chair, and Erik Poulsen (D-34th); Representatives Bob Hasegawa (D-11th), Maralyn Chase (D-32nd), Shay Schual-Berke (D-33rd), Joe McDermott and Eileen Cody (D-34th)—House Health Committee Chair, Eric Pettigrew (D-37th), and Ed Murray (D-43rd) - Chair of the House Transportation Committee. Legislators offered updates on pending legislation and the State budget negotiations. Speaker Chopp encouraged Democrats to find legislative candidates for seats occupied by Republicans.

We were very impressed by the sincerity and passion with which these legislators spoke about their overall program and specific bills. Some key ones are: Mental Health Parity—HB 1702/SB 5450, the California Vehicle Emissions Act—HB 1397, Hood Canal Cleanup, Cheaper Canadian Drugs, Civil Rights for Sexual Minorities—HB 1515, Healthy Sex Education (not abstinence, Ed!) - HB 1282, Simple Majority for School Levies, Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Election Reform, Health Care for ALL Children—HB 1441, Progressive Tax Reform and Revenue Generation, and Renewable Energy.



February Activities: Starting at right-top, Speaker of the House, Frank Chopp, addresses the LAC brown bag session on 2/21/2005. The 37th LD was well represented with Michael , Mary Higdon, Jean Amos, Gwen Rench, and Patrick Keating. Congressman Jim McDermott addresses the 2/22/2005 KCDCC meeting, King County Council member, Julia Patterson at the World AIDS Forum; King County Council member, Larry Gossett, celebrating Black History Month, and Toni Lysen presenting on Social Security Privatization at the 41st LD meeting.

Some members also met separately with their legislators, attended afternoon hearings, took tours of the newly remodeled Legislative Building that included the Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State and Treasurer's offices; many attended the State Democrats' Crab feed—fundraiser and heard

Governor Christine Gregoire speak.

For many, this was their first trip to the State Legislature while others are experienced legislative viewers and lobbyists and have testified before committees.

All agreed it was a worthwhile experience and many would like to schedule another visit before the Legislative Session ends.

—LAC Chair Toni Lysen and member Bill Austin contributed this article.

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King County Democrat Central Committee Meeting Minutes—February 22, 2005—7:00 pm

Call to Order followed by the Flag Salute; previous meeting minutes and agenda accepted.

Special Guest: Congressman Jim McDermott who talked about the plan he is using for gathering small, continuing donations and how the idea can be used across the party to help build the grassroots movement.

King County Councilman Larry Gossett was the keynote speaker delivering a history of Black History Month. He announced his campaign kick-off at the Yesler Community Center would take place on Saturday 2/26/2005.

King County Councilwoman Carolyn Edmonds came to discuss her district and to talk about the upcoming elections. Air America Radio 1090 Consultant Edie Hilliard encouraged us to send events to the radio calendar. There is a need for more listeners and businesses to advertise. Contact Jim Trapp for advertising at trapp@inffinityseattle.com or 206-805-1090.

Seattle Port Commissioner Candidate Dan Becraft, a finance specialist, spoke on Port issues and the upcoming election.

Break

Chair's Report - Suzie Sheary. -The PDC reporting in the bank at filing was \$4976.84. She announced upcoming KCDCC events: World Aids Forum, keynote speaker is King County Councilwoman Julia Patterson to be held Saturday Feb. 26, 2005. The KCDCC Honors Banquet, keynote speaker will be Governor Christine Gregoire at the Seattle Hilton. Volunteer Nominations close Friday February 25th and voting will go on until March 16, 2005. Spring Cleaning Sale to be held Saturday April 16th at the Renton Carpenters Hall. The money raised will go toward the PCO Nominating Convention in May. The next KCDCC meeting will include a "Grassroots Festival", starting at 5:30-7:00 pm, before the business meeting. Organizations are being notified about purchasing a table for \$10 to display their materials. The April 26th meeting will be held in Shoreline (32nd District) and an Energy Fair theme is planned. She announced that KCDCC is starting to do the planned community outreach by attending several events: The Potato Fest for Congressman McDermott, CAMP 40th Anniversary Breakfast, City Club Anniversary Breakfast, and UW Hispanic Scholarship Breakfast.

First Vice Chair's Report – Rob Dolin.—reported on the many updates and upgrades to the website including the calendar, news items, media links, and administrative functions.

Finance Chair's Report – Robert Porterfield.—Gave an update on the budget. The KCDCC is performing better than the forecast; fundraising is ongoing.

Election's Chair Report – Gurine Nordby.—District Poll Worker Coordinators needed by April 2, 2005. Vacancies exist (as of 2-22-05) in LDs: 11th, 34th, 36th, 46th and the 48th. A District map is needed for each Poll worker Coordinator, to be provided by the Districts. Observers are also needed for polling sites.

Treasurer's Report – Justin Simmons.—Jenson Hagen performed a successful, independent audit in February with Susan Sheary and Chuck Laney attending and fielding the queries. **Candidate Recruitment Report** – Suzie Sheary for Richard Gidner, who went home ill - Brief report on activities to date:

meeting and drawing up lists of candidates and committee members assigned tasks to work with LD's and candidates. Greg Rodriguez and Sharon Mast are working together on preparing a New Candidate Training Course and associated hand guide.

Legislative Action Committee (LAC) – Toni Lysen reported that forty-five people attended the LAC Olympia Lobby Day. The Mental Health Parity bill HB 1154/SB 5450 is in jeopardy of not passing out of committee. RESOLUTION – Mental Health Parity – m/s/p unanimous RESOLUTION – Healthcare Responsibility Act (HCRA) HB 1702/SB 5637 – m/s/p unanimous

State Committee Report – Javier Valdez.—He discussed a memo sent from State Party Chair Paul Berendt to the KCDCC and Snohomish County Democratic Central Committee Chairs concerning the Primary Election Reform for the year 2005. The WSDCC Officers will meet on March 12th to discuss details of an upcoming Nominating Convention in May and Javier is looking for your input. The April 2nd State meeting will be focused on May conventions. Report given on the January re-organization meeting.

New Business

I-336 – Dylan Malone spoke in support of passage of I-336. VOTE – m/s/p unanimous

Old Business—none

Good of the Order

RESOLUTION – Apology from Sen. Pam Roach to County Councilwoman Julia Patterson – m/s/f

The 37th LD – Gwen Rench gave Chuck Laney an award for helping repair their financial, reporting processes. The 5th LD – CAO discussion was held at their last business meeting with KC Executive Ron Sims; there was press coverage and several Republican protesters showed up and were allowed to participate.

The 32nd LD – A civil and human rights task force is forming in Shoreline to address current council activities.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by, Angela Henry, Recording Secretary

PDC REPORT FILED MARCH 4, 2005

RECEIPTS:

Previous Receipts	\$ 9,866.44
Cash Received	8,059.91
In-Kind Contributions	340.00
Total	\$18,266.35

EXPENDITURES:

Previous Expenditures	\$ 4,889.60
Cash Expenditures	10,553.75
In-Kind Expenditures	340.00
Total	\$15,783.35
CASH SUMMARY:	\$ 2,483.00
LIABILITIES	-0-
BALANCE:	\$ 2,483.00

A detailed, performance report will be presented at the March business meeting, 3/22/2005—7:00 pm. Page 5



Senator Patty Murray's 10th Annual GOLDEN TENNIS SHOE AWARDS

Friday May 6, 2005—Noon Registration opens at 11:30 am

Westin Hotel—Grand Ballroom—Seattle

Special Guest
Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

Suggested Donation—\$100

Join the KCDCC at their table — contact Susan Sheary, Table Captain 206.622.9157 or kingcountydemocrats@msn.com

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

The Washington State Legislature is in full session! Contact your representatives by using the Toll-Free Legislative Hotline at:

1-800-562-6000.

They also have great websites:

Senate: www.leg.wa.gov/senate House: www.leg.wa.gov/house

The League of Women Voters of the Seattle Education Fund have also provided us with a great new, 2005 edition of "THEY REPRESENT YOU" — A Citizen's Guide to Elected Officials, voting information, telephone numbers, web sites, FAX numbers, and Email. The guides were provided to each District Chair at the February KCDCC meeting. If you require more guides, free copies are available at the Seattle League of Women Voters office at: 1620 18th Avenue, Suite 101, Seattle 98122.

Thanks to the League of Women Voters for providing this great service to our community.

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Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs)

We have 2,689 precincts in King County and with the newly appointed/acting PCOs input by the Legislative District Chairs now have 1,285 filled positions (as of 3/5/2005). That's a percentage of 47.8% full. We have a lot of vacancies to fill!

Think about becoming the neighborhood leader in your area — become a Precinct Committee Officer in your Legislative District. Become the go-to person in your neighborhood for the latest information regarding the Democratic Party — hold neighborhood meetings, attend meetings and events.

Access the KCDCC website at www.kcdems.org for a good definition of a PCO and fill out the application available online. There is also an online training course available for viewing at the site or for using as an online presentation in a classroom format.

And, District Chairs, when you receive and have the applications approved, remember to send them to the KCDCC office by mail, e-mail, or by FAX (206.622.6177).

Let's do the grassroots work now and be ready for the upcoming elections with leaders in every precinct.



Social Security Privatization Presentation Available Online at www.kcdems.org

The Legislative Action Committee Chair, Toni Lysen, has prepared an educational review of the Social Security Privatization proposal for your use. You may copy and edit for your own use or contact Toni at tlysen@prodigy.net to schedule a date/time/location for an online presentation.

1st LD

Chair: Jeff Wiley, 425.778.4808 Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm Northshore School Admin 18335 Bothell Way NE, Bothell

5th ID

Chair: Kayne McGladrey, 425.894.5298 Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm King County Library Admin 960 Newport Way NW, Issaguah

11th LD

Chair: Edward Prince, 206.246.8747 Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm Carpenters Hall 231 Burnett North, Renton

Chair: Larry Jackson, 253.661.2287 Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm Federal Way Senior Center 4016 South 352nd St, Federal Way

31st LD

Chair: Tim Pearson, 253.863.4543 Meets 4th Wednesday, 7:00 pm Sumner Library 1116 Fryer Avenue, Sumner

Chair: Lila Smith, 206.818.1195 Meets: 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm American Legion Hall 14521 17th Ave NE, Shoreline

33rd LD

Chair: Tara Jo Heinecke, 206.870.8819 Meets 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm Normandy Park Congregational Church 19247 1st Ave S, Normandy Park

Chair: Ivan Weiss, 206.463.4647 Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 pm The Hall at Fauntleroy 9131 California Ave SW, Seattle

Chair: Peter House, 206784.7665 Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm See website for locations

37th LD

Chair: Gwen Rench, 206.324.2786 Meets: 2nd Monday, 7:30 pm Central Area Senior Center 500 30th Ave S., Seattle

41st LD

Chair: Barbara Geller, 206.232.4970 Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 pm UFCW Hall 12838 SE 40th, Factoria

Congressman lim McDermott's 11th Annual

Celebrating Our Roots Potato Festival

Come and Celebrate Jim's Irish Heritage



SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2005 4:30—6:30 pm

Downstairs at Town Hall 8th and Seneca—Seattle

2005 Honoree: Don Moreland

Baked Potato and Salad Bar Desserts provided by Montlake Mousse No Host Bar

Suggested Donation—\$35

Please RSVP to Angel Combs-425.489.9287 or angel@angelcombs.com

43rd LD

Chair: Richard Kelley, 206.522.2735 Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm University Baptist Church NE 47th and 12th Ave NE, Seattle

Chair: Ralph Gorin, 425.556.5789 Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm United Methodist Church 16540 NE 80th St, Redmond

46th LD

Chair: Scott White, 206.363.9522 Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm Olympic View Elementary School 425 N 95th St. Seattle

47th LD

Chair: Bryan Kesterson, 253.634.3515 Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm Machinists' Hall A St SW at 2nd St SW, Auburn

48th LD

Chair: Benjamin Von Ullrich, 206.979.9073 Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm Stevenson Elementary School Library 14220 NE 8th, Bellevue

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