

# The King County Democrat

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Governor Mike Lowry and Spirit of Washington Dinner Train Owner, and Honors Banquet Sponsor, share a light moment. (Photograph by Sharon Mast)

### Awards Ceremony Highlights the Annual Banquet

US Congressmen, Jim McDermott and Jay Inslee, were joined by Senator Sid Snyder, Senator Gene Lux, King County Council Chair Larry Phillips, and WSDCC Chair Dwight Pelz, in celebrating the life and times of Governor Mike Lowry, Friday February 17, 2006. Several others added comments including Representatives Maralyn Chase, Phyllis Kenney, and former KCDCC Chair Ron Forest. The Spirit of Washington company owner Eric Temple sponsored the event at their event center and provided a wonderful steak dinner with all the trimmings. The banquet is held each year to celebrate the wonderful volunteers of the Democratic Party in King County and this year was no exception. Democrats nominated their candidates in each category and then voted using an online application at the KCDCC Website. We are very proud of the large number of Democratic volunteers in King County and the work they accomplish at the precinct, Legislative District, and County level.

And, the winners were: (next column)

### **Award Winners**

Lifetime Achievement Senator Margarita Prentice

Lifetime Membership Governor Mike Lowry

> Chair of the Year Peter House

Democrat of the Year—(F)
Tina Shamseldin

Democrat of the Year (M) Charles Laney

Journalist of the Year David Goldstein

Legislator of the Year Representative Ed Murray

Volunteer of the Year Evelyn Reymond

Rising Star—(F)
Dana Laurent

Rising Star—(M)
Andrew Villeneuve

And, many thanks to all volunteers in the Democratic Party

Special thank you to Wendy Morgan, Silent Auction Chair and her committee of Emily Willoughby, Debbie Batchelor, and Linnea Peterson — it was a beautifully organized and presented segment. And many thanks are in order for all of the contributors, sponsors, and volunteers that combined for a beautiful evening in downtown Renton. Thank You!



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### **King County Democrats Officers Meeting**

King County—Legislative District Chairs are invited to join the Officers of the King County Democrats for an extended meeting agenda on:

Sunday March 19, 2006 7:00 pm Renton Carpenters Hall 231 Burnett Avenue North Renton, Washington 98055

### **NEXT LAC MEETING**

The Legislative Action Committee under the direction of Tina Shamseldin will meet for their next meeting:

> Sunday March 19, 2006 2:00—4:30 pm Foster Library 4060 S. 144th, Tukwila Special Guest: Senator Margarita Prentice

### **King County Democratic Central Committee Officers**

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### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

6/3/2006

3/18/2006	KCDCC Outreach Committee Meeting
3/18/2006	12th Annual Rep. McDermott Potato Fest
3/18/2006	Senator Obama with Senator Cantwell
4/1/2006	Poll Worker and Observer Training
4/8/2006	PDC—New Online Application Training
4/22/2006	LD Caucuses
5/6/2006	KCDCC Convention (IAM Hall in South Park)
5/20/2006	RIDE the SPIRIT OF WASHINGTON with THE KCDCC

WSDCC Convention

(Red Lion in Yakima)

SAVE THE DATE!

### Senator Patty Murray's 11TH ANNUAL GOLDEN TENNIS SHOE AWARDS LUNCHEON

PLEASE JOIN
U.S. SENATOR PATTY MURRAY
AND SPECIAL GUEST
AL FRANKEN
MONDAY APRIL 20, 2006
The Westin—Seattle

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#### VII. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT CAUCUSES

- VII.A. Business of caucus. The principal business of the legislative district caucuses shall be the election of delegates and alternates to the 2006 Democratic State Convention and selection of nominees for partisan office, as required. The elections shall be conducted pursuant to Rule IV. Legislative district caucuses are also encouraged to adopt platforms.
- VII.B. Time, Place, Notice, Delegates. Legislative district caucuses shall be held the fourth Saturday in April on Saturday. April 22, 2006, commencing at 9:00a.m., in

all legislative districts which do not select delegates at a county convention. Notice pursuant to Rule III.E. shall be given by the legislative district chair. Delegates to the legislative district caucus shall be the duly elected delegates or alternates from the precincts within the legislative district. County and Legislative District organizations may conduct LD caucuses and county conventions the same day by joint agreement. If this option is going to be exercised a written communication to the State Party Chair must be received from chairpersons of all affected organizations no later than January 31, 2006. A separate caucus of elected delegates will be convened by legislative district for the purpose of electing state convention delegates.

VII.C. Allocation of Delegates. Delegates and alternates to the state convention shall be allocated in proportion to the votes cast for John Kerry and Christine Gregoire in the 2004 general election.

2006 ALLOCATIONS (provided by WSDCC)

LD 01	5 Delegates	3 Alternates	LD 37	33 Delegates	17 Alternates
LD 05	27 Delegates	14 Alternates	LD 39	0 Delegates	0 Alternates
LD 11	23 Delegates	11 Alternates	LD 41	31 Delegates	15 Alternates
LD 30	20 Delegates	10 Alternates	LD 43	50 Delegates	25 Alternates
LD 31	9 Delegates	4 Alternates	LD 45	27 Delegates	13 Alternates
LD 32	28 Delegates	14 Alternates	LD 46	43 Delegates	22 Alternates
LD 33	21 Delegates	11 Alternates	LD 47	22 Delegates	11 Alternates
LD 34	37 Delegates	18 Alternates	LD 48	25 Delegates	13 Alternates
LD 36	49 Delegates	25 Alternates	TOTAL	450 Delegates	226 Alternates

- VII.D. Credentials Committee. If applicable, the legislative district chair shall appoint a credentials committee which shall receive and review credentials reports from the county chairs within the legislative district. The committee shall recommend adoption of these credentials reports, with amendments if required, to the legislative caucus. The final credentials report shall be adopted prior to the conduct of any other official business. The Credentials Committee should have at least one member from the Legislative District Affirmative Action Committee.
- VII.E. Majority Vote, Equal Division. A majority of those present and voting shall be required to elect a delegate, officer or nominee for partisan office. The delegation elected shall be equally divided between women and men in both the delegate and alternate categories unless there are an insufficient number of nominees from one sex to fill the available positions.
- VII.F. Delegate Election Report. Upon election, each elected State Convention delegate shall be requested to pay the \$40.00 state convention registration fee to the secretary who shall send any funds collected and a list of delegates and alternates (alternates shall be listed in the order in which they were elected) with correct addresses, zip codes, and telephone numbers to the State Chair within five (5) days. No person shall be excluded or disqualified at any level on the basis of non-payment of such registration or any fee. At the time of election, the caucus chair shall furnish each delegate and alternate with a certificate of election.

-excerpted from WSDCC documents

### **PCOs Democratize**

- Noemie Maxwell, 2nd Vice Chair, PCO-47th LD Democrats

Hello. My mission here is to talk about Precinct Committee Officers, or PCOs. I'm not the expert on this. There are people who know more. For example, Evelyn Reymond is in my district. She's just won volunteer of the year award from King County Democrats – mostly for her work as a PCO. I'm a beginner who came into this in early 2004 and I've learned a lot from Evelyn. But I do have my perspective and it might be a little bit different, so I'll share it.

First, I need to describe what PCOs do.

They are the political representatives of the Democratic Party on the neighborhood level. This is position described in the Revised Code of Washington – and they're elected every two years during the general election and can also be appointed.

A precinct is a small area with something like 300-600 people. As far as I know, most of the United States is divided into precincts for political reasons. Here in King County, there are 2,613 of them. So that gives an idea of the size of these little neighborhoods.

PCOs keep informed on candidates and issues by going to meeting and events. Then they take that information out into the neighborhoods. They go door-to-door before elections. They talk with their neighbors and they find who are the declared Democrats, who are the declared Republicans, who are the swing voters. Then they work to get the Democrats and swing voters registered and voting. And they bring them the persuasive information on candidates and issues.

So PCOs bring information from the Party to their neighbors. But the information goes two ways. They also listen to their neighbors so that they learn about what people are thinking, what is affecting them in their lives. And they take this information back to the district organizations and to candidates. It's how the Party stays connected with

real people and real issues – and vice versa.

There are other things PCOs do, as well. They elect the party leadership and help to set the party platform. Sometimes they nominate – or even elect – candidates for public office.



It's a powerful model. PCOs are key to getting Democratic candidates elected and important issues passed or defeated. In swing districts – for example, where I live in South King County – the elections can hinge on just a few votes. The work that PCOs do can be the deciding factor. Over the long term, their work goes beyond the results of individual elections and gets to what politics is all about – serving people and communities – being connected with the real needs and real concerns of people on the neighborhood level.

This is a power that can be used for ill, as well as for good. The book, What's the Matter with Kansas, describes how Kansas was a moderate Republican state in the early 1990s. Then religious extremists decided to get in the PCO business – and thousands of PCOs were trained and went door to door

to depict all pro-choice candidates – Democratic and Republican – as morally bankrupt. It worked. In one election cycle, Kansas went from moderate, good-government Republican leadership – to a state run by religious extremists.

When I first heard about PCOs, in early 2004, I was in despair over the lies and catastrophic misbehavior of the Bush administration and it was like a light going on. I thought, this is powerful. It thought, this is like the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. What I'm referring to here is a distributed computing program out of the University of California in Berkley called SETI. SETI is an experimental program that uses many small computers as if they're one big one to look for life out in the stars. If your desktop computer is hooked up to the Internet, you can go to UC Berkley's site and download something that's like a screensaver. It hooks you up with thousand of other computers around the world. Only a little bit of the power of each computer is used – but together it's more powerful than any supercomputer - and so it can do the kind of astronomical calculations that are needed to find intelligent life. The thing about being a PCO – is that we're not looking for extraterrestrial intelligence. What we're doing is joining together to awaken earthly intelligence – to find and inspire domestic intelligence - one conversation at a time, door-todoor, meeting-by-meeting.

Here are my Top-Ten reasons that – PCOs are a force for Democratization:

10.

BUILD POLITICAL COMMUNITY AND RESPECT

PCOs make politics personal. In this time of talk radio extremism, the presence of a concerned citizen at the door commands respect across political and cultural divides.

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INSPIRE ACTION AND HOPE

PCOs encourage people to act – to register to vote, to cast their ballots, to participate in Democratic events, to speak up. Political action counters apathy and fear and gives people hope.

8.

COUNTER THE SPIN -

ONE CONVERSATION AT A TIME

PCOs give their neighbors political information that is relevant to their communities and that cuts through political rhetoric.

7.

MAKE PERSONAL CONNECTIONS AND INCREASE KNOWLEDGE PCOs and their neighbors get to know candidates, elected officials, each other, and their communities. They understand local and state issues and what their neighbors are thinking about. It's excellent preparation for potential candidates — or for any public service role.

6.

BREATHE LIFE BACK INTO THE ART

OF RESPECTFUL POLITICAL DIALOGUE

Civic dialogue on issues that matter to people and communities is essential for democracy to thrive.

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#### KEEP PARTISAN FEET ON THE GROUND

PCOs keep the Democratic Party connected to the grassroots and to the issues important in local communities by bringing community issues and concerns back to the Democratic organizations.

### 4.

### PROMOTE POLITICAL RESILIENCE AND EMPATHY

Doorbelling and political meetings bring together people from all different backgrounds and beliefs. There's no better way to toughen up thin political skins – or get insight into the on-the-ground realities of your neighbors than by meeting them face-to-face.

### 3.

#### MAKE PEOPLE THINK

PCOs help sow a little healthy ideological doubt in the neighborhoods – and open up new ways to think about issues.

### 2.

### PROMOTE JUSTICE, UNITY AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

People from different political, religious, and cultural backgrounds need more opportunities get to know each other, to understand each other's issues, and to be allies. This is the foundation of healthy communities and thriving democracy.

### 1.

### GET DEMOCRATS ELECTED

Door-to-door personal contact has been shown to be the most effective way to inspire people to vote.

### SAVE THE DATE: MAY 20, 2006—10:30 am

Join the King County Democrats for lunch on the Spirit of Washington — have lunch and spend time with candidates and elected officials. Rally will begin at 10:30 am in Renton and train will depart for Woodinville at 11:15 am.

### Stay tuned for details.

"The only people who want us in Iraq is Iran and al-Qaeda. I talked to a top-level commander and he said China wants us there also. Why? Because we're depleting our resources - our troop resources and our fiscal resources...The war on terrorism is worldwide. In Iraq, it's a civil war. We have diverted ourselves away from that war on terrorism."

-- Rep. John Murtha (D-PA), on Face the Nation with Bob Schieffer





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## KCDCC COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY
MARCH 18, 2006

11:00 AM-12:30 PM BURIEN LIBRARY 14700 6TH AVE SE BURIEN

**AGENDA WILL INCLUDE** 

MEET AND GREET NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS
REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FESTIVALS AND PARADES
PLAN 2006 CALENDAR

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AND HIS COMMITTEE

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Saturday March 18, 2006—4:00 pm Town Hall 1119 Eighth Avenue at Seneca in Seattle

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against the new
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~Abraham
Lincoln

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### ATTEND YOUR DISTRICT MEETINGS!

If you have not attended a District meeting this year, review the list, find your District and join the many active Democrats participating across the County.

### 1<sup>st</sup> LD

Chair: Jeff Wiley, 425.778.4808 Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm Northshore School Admin Center 3330 Monte Villa Parkway, Bothell

### 5<sup>th</sup> LD

Chair: Kayne McGladrey, 425.894.5298 Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm King County Library Admin 960 Newport Way NW, Issaquah

### 11<sup>th</sup> LD

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

### 30<sup>th</sup> LD

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

### 31<sup>st</sup> LD

Chair: Tim Pearson, 253.863.4543 Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm See website for location Http://www.31stdistrictdemocrats.org

### 32<sup>nd</sup> LD

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

### 33<sup>rd</sup> ID

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

### 34<sup>th</sup> I D

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

### 36<sup>th</sup> LD

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

### 37<sup>th</sup> LD

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

### 41<sup>st</sup> LD

Chair: Barbara Geller, 206.232.4970 Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:30 pm St. Margaret's Episcopal Church 4228 Factoria Blvd SE, Bellevue 98006

### 43<sup>rd</sup> LD

Chair: Richard Kelley, 206.949.7717 Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 pm University Baptist Church NE 47<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Seattle

### 45<sup>th</sup> LC

Chair: Ralph Gorin, 425.556.5789 Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm Old Redmond School House Community Ctr 16600 NE 8th. Redmond

### 46th LD

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

### 47<sup>th</sup> LD

Chair: Bryan Kesterson, 253.639.3515 Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm Machinists' Hall A St SW at 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW, Auburn

### 48<sup>th</sup> LD

Chair: Ben Von Ullrich, 206.979.9073 Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm Stevenson Elementary School Library 14220 NE 8<sup>th</sup>, Bellevue

### 11th Annual Democratic Business Luncheon

Featuring

### Governor Christine Gregoire

**Monday April 3, 2006** 12:00 pm

Washington Athletic Club 1325—5th Avenue—Seattle 98101

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## Chair's Corner





Thank you to everyone who planned, prepared, and conducted the 2006 precinct caucuses — you did a great job. The Party has new members and PCOs, and we hope that the discussions and platform work continue throughout the cycle and beyond. This Fall with the grassroots effort, we can make change by taking back America with victories in the US Senate and the Congress.

The next time some one asks you why the Democrats aren't doing anything about the nation's problems, you may want to let them know that we do not have the majority in the US Senate or the US House or the Supreme Court or the White House. It is very difficult to affect change when you are not in the majority. The following excerpt is a great example of what has been going on in Washington, D.C., since January 20, 2001, and may continue unless — WE TAKE BACK OUR COUNTRY in the 2006 ELECTIONS.

Senate Republicans Choose Bush Over Country on Domestic Spying by Bob Geiger at Democrats.com, 3/7/2006

"The GOP-controlled Senate Intelligence Committee on Tuesday voted against a formal Congressional investigation of George W. Bush's domestic spying program, despite almost-certain knowledge that the White House has violated key provisions of Foreign Intelligence Security Act (FISA) laws over the last four years.

The vote, held in a closed session was strictly on party lines with all seven Democrats voting for an investigation and the committee's eight Republicans voting to let Bush off the hook."

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# Official Call

King County Democratic Central Committee Monthly Meeting Notice

Renton Carpenters Hall-231 Burnett Avenue North Tuesday March 28, 2006—7:00 pm

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes Legislative District Chairs' Reports Officer and Committee Reports Acceptance of Agenda Announcements Call to Order Flag Salute 7:00 pm 7:05 pm 7:10 pm 7:30 pm

Program: KCDCC Website Presentation 8:00 pm

Break

7:50 pm

**New Business** 

8:20 pm

**Old Business** 8:30 pm

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Door Prizes

8:50 pm

9:00 pm

Adjourn