



## 30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Regular General  
Monthly Meeting  
June 3, 2009  
First Wednesday of  
each month 7 – 9 P.M.  
4016 S 352 St. 98001  
½ mile west of  
Military Rd

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### Report on MAY Regular General Meeting

.Guest speaker for the May 6th regular general monthly meeting was Larry Phillips, King County councilmember, District 4, who spoke on his candidacy for King County Exec.

Proposed By laws were presented by Paul Mallary. The body voted to make some changes and the rest were approved.

Pat Artz spoke on the Hard Times Party scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. The goal is to sell 100 tickets. Call Barbara Reid 253 874 3106 to reserve your early bird ticket (before June 1).

### JUNE MEETING

Guest speaker for the June meeting will be Dow Constantine, King County Councilmember since 2002 and a candidate for King County Executive.

### SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 20TH, 6PM

It's our "HARD TIMES PARTY"

Dinner/entertainment/vintage goodies & collectables.  
All for fun and treasury building.

Call Pat Artz for more info. 253.941.0113.

### JULY MEETING – Election for SCM

There will be an election for the 30<sup>th</sup> District Democrats State Committeeman position. PCO's are encouraged to attend.

Appointed and elected PCO's will be eligible to vote.

This meeting will be held July 1, 2009

7 – 9 p.m. at 4016 S 352 St, (1/2 mile west of Military Rd) 98001

Dear Friends, I have started publishing an E-Newsletter that I prepare each week during the legislative session. This highlights the week's major activities with a focus on the 30th Legislative District. You can sign-up for the E-Newsletter by visiting my website at <http://www.sdc.wa.gov/senators/eide/> and then clicking the "E-Newsletter" sign up link. Or, you can call my office (360) 786-7658 and my staff will be happy to add you to the distribution list. Thank you and keep up the good work!

*Tracey J. Eide*

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**IMPEACH Judge Jay Bybee** After authoring memos explaining how prisoners could be tortured while skirting federal law, but before the memos became public, Bybee was confirmed to a seat on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. "No lawyer who gives his clients advice about how to break the law deserves a seat on the federal judiciary," said Debbie Liu, General Counsel at People For the American Way. "If Judge Bybee won't resign, it's clear that the House needs to begin impeachment proceedings." Today our members are joining the growing call to impeach Jay Bybee, who turned his back on the Constitution when he signed off on memos authorizing torture. These actions make Bybee unfit to serve as a federal judge, and Congress should impeach him," said Justin Ruben, Executive Director of MoveOn.org Political Action. The petitions were delivered to the office of House Judiciary Committee Chair John Conyers.

**Regarding Credit Fairness:**

**H.R. 627, the Credit Cardholder's Bill of Rights.** Adam Smith voted for passage of this bill, he was not a co-sponsor. It appears that this bill is being held up in the Senate by our brand new Democratic Senator Arlen Specter.

**Call Murray and Cantwell to find out where they stand on the Senate version of this bill.**

**Related bills:**

**S.235, A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act** - to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes.

**S.414, A bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act** - to ban abusive credit practices, enhance consumer disclosures, protect underage consumers, and for other purposes. **Neither Murray nor Cantwell** is a co-sponsor of this bill.

**Regarding Tax Fairness:**

**"President Obama supports the Stop Tax Haven Abuse Act** - announced Treasury Secretary Geithner March 3 at a Ways and Means Committee hearing. Sen. Levin called on Geithner to call for action at the G20 meeting in April to clamp down on offshore secrecy jurisdictions that impede tax enforcement." from Tax Justice USA Network.

**H.R.1265, To restrict the use of offshore tax havens and abusive tax shelters** to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation, and for other purposes. **Smith is not** a co-sponsor of this bill. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and the Judiciary.

**S.506, A bill to restrict the use of offshore tax havens and abusive tax shelters** to inappropriately avoid Federal taxation, and for other purposes. **Murray and Cantwell are not** co-sponsors of this bill. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Adam Smith** is a member of the **New Democrat** coalition in the House. A quick check of consumer-friendly and American taxpayer-friendly legislation finds that House Reps in this coalition do not co-sponsor these sorts of bills. **These New Democrat folks** appear to be very friendly to corporations, not so friendly to their constituents.

(The above thanks to Karen Backman)

**Regarding health care, also, indirectly, campaign finance:**

**H.R.676,** To provide for comprehensive health insurance coverage for all United States residents, improved health care delivery, and for other purposes.

**Why aren't supporters of the single-payer option seated in discussions held by Senator Baucus?**

"Senator Max Baucus and the Senate Finance Committee are too corrupted by corporate health industry profiteers donations to give America the health care policy it needs. . .

"**Baucus** has held two hearings so far and **has refused to allow advocates** for the most popular reform – a single payer national health policy – **to even testify.** Single payer, improved Medicare for all, is favored by more than 60% of Americans as well as majorities of doctors, nurses and economists. It is the most cost-effective and efficient way to provide health care to all Americans from cradle to grave.

**"Why aren't single payer advocates allowed to testify before Baucus' committee? Follow the money.**

Campaign donations explain why and demonstrate that the Senate Finance Committee should not be in charge of health care. Senator Reid should remove the health care reform bill from Baucus and start all over before the Health Committee in the senate.

"Here's why Baucus is not doing the peoples business:

"According to OpenSecrets.org over his career he has taken donations from:

"The Insurance Industry: \$1,170,313

"Health Professionals \$1,016,276

"Pharmaceuticals/Health Products Industry \$734,605

"Hospitals/Nursing Homes \$541,891

"Health Services/HMOs \$439,700

"That is a grand total of \$3,902,785. ..."

Go to: <http://www.opednews.com/articles/Max-Baucus-Should-Not-Be-D-by-Kevin-Zeese-090510-512.html>

(The above thanks to Karen Backman)

# Is Whole Foods Just Another Evil Corporation?

By [Sharon Smith](#), [CounterPunch](#). Posted [May 11, 2009](#).

Beneath the surface of Whole Foods' fuzzy, progressive image is a company hell-bent on preventing its workers from unionizing.

Whole Foods Market is a highly profitable corporation that far outperforms its competitors, while maintaining an aura of commitment to social justice and environmental responsibility

But something sinister lurks beneath the surface of Whole Foods' progressive image. Somehow, Mackey has managed to achieve multimillionaire status while his employees' hourly wages have remained in the \$8 to \$13 range for two decades. With an annual turnover rate of 25 percent, the vast majority of workers last no more than four years and thus rarely manage to achieve anything approaching seniority and the higher wages that would accompany it. If Whole Foods' workers are younger than the competitions, that is the intention.

Preventing Whole Foods workers from unionizing has always been at the top of Mackey's agenda, and the company has been successful thus far at crushing every attempt. Perhaps the company's most notorious attack on workers' right to unionize occurred in Madison, Wis., in 2002. Even after a majority of workers voted for the union, Whole Foods spent the next year canceling and stalling negotiation sessions -- knowing that after a year, they could legally engineer a vote to decertify the union. Mission accomplished.

At the mere mention of the word "union," Whole Foods turns ferocious. Even when United Farm Workers activists turned up outside a Whole Foods store in Austin, Texas, where Mackey is based, the company called the police and had them arrested for the "crime" of passing out informational literature on their current grape boycott.

And Mother Jones recently reported, "An internal Whole Foods document listing 'six strategic goals for Whole Foods Market to achieve by 2013 ... **includes a goal to remain '100 percent union-free.'** " (The above excerpted from Counterpunch. Ed.)

## 2009 DUES ARE NOW DUE. THANK YOU PAID MEMBERS 2009.

PCOs are encouraged to pay dues. (If your name is not on this list, check with the Treasurer.)

**President's Club:** Frank/Beverly Warnke, Art/Dee Fluharty, Jeff/Kaori Holden, Geoffery/Devin McAnallo, Jem Wear, Sterling Smith

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**Any registered voter residing within the 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative District who hereby declares him/herself to be a Democrat may become a voting member upon payment of Annual Dues.      *Dues are payable at time of joining and renewable in February each year.***

**CALENDAR**

Wed    6/3                      30th District Democrats *Regular General meeting*, 4016 S 352 St  
98001 (1/2 mile west of Military)      7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.  
Doors open 6:30 P.M.  
**REMEMBER TO BRING ITEMS FOR RAFFLE/FOOD BANK**

Wed    6/10                      Exec Board Meeting, Meridian Court, 31420 23 Ave S, 7:00 P.M.  
This meeting will now be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each  
month (not Thursday).

Sat    6/20                      Hard Times Party 6 PM Social Hour followed by Dinner and  
Entertainment. Silent Auction (Vintage Goodies & Collectibles)  
Early Bird Special 'til June 1 \$20 plus can of food. Prize for  
best costume (costumes not required). Tickets: 253 874 3106  
FW Senior Center 4016 S 352 St (1/2 mile west of Military Rd)

**EVENT DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK AGAIN LATER**

If you have suggestions or input for the newsletter, **or to request the newsletter by e mail, contact**

**Jean** Not Later Than 20 th of month or call 253 838 8618.