



## 30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Regular General  
Monthly Meeting  
February 3, 2010  
First Wednesday of  
each month 7 – 9 P.M.  
4016 S 352 St. 98001  
½ mile west of  
Military Rd

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Beth Zubitis

### REPORTS

The January 6 meeting included an election for King County Male Delegate. Jeff Holden was elected. Rep. Mark Miloscia, Sen. Tracey Eide & FW Council member Roger Freeman addressed the group. Paul Mallary was honored for his many years (30+) of service to both the 30<sup>th</sup> and the 31<sup>st</sup> LD. Paul recently won election to the Algona City Council. Congratulations, Paul!

### Next Meeting:

February 3, 2010. King County Executive DOW CONSTANTINE will be the speaker for this meeting.

\*\*\*REMEMBER TO BRING ITEMS FOR THE RAFFLE AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE SENIOR CENTER FOOD PANTRY.\*\*\*

**IT'S PARTY TIME! - Saturday, Feb. 13 Reserve your ticket now!**

**Enjoy a New Orleans Classic Menu: desserts, beer, wine, soft drinks, coffee**

**Traditional New Orleans Music, Parade and Line Dance**

**PRIZES: Costumes are Optional, and Masks add to The Fun.**

**Beth will present you with Mardi Gras beads at the door.**

**Doors open 5:30, Dinner at 7:00 p.m. \$25 per ticket and at the door OR 5 tickets (advance sales only) for \$100**

**FW Senior Center, 4016 S 352 St, 98001 (1/2 mile west of Military)**

**For reservations call 253 315 0314 (Joyce) or Pat Artz 253 941 0113.**

**NOTICE! RSVP before Feb 6. A minimum 50 paid reservatons required for this party to take place.**

Support two bills in the state Senate, **SB 6344 & SB 6285** which would apply existing statewide campaign contribution limits to all cities & all non-charter counties. These bills do not preclude local jurisdictions from adopting tougher (lower) contribution limits. The Federal Way City Council will be discussing this issue shortly. For more information go to: Federal Way for Clean Campaigns. Also support **Fair Elections for the Supreme Court, HB1738 & SB 5912**. Call your legislators at 1-800-562 6000. This 60 day session will end March 11. The time to call your reps is **NOW**.

**In Memoriam – Beverly Jean (Lewis) Tweddle Aug 28, 1937 – Dec 30 2009 . One of the 30<sup>th</sup> L.D.'s most loyal members. Born in Nampa, ID, Bev grew up in Spokane and moved to the Puget Sound area in the 70's. She had a long list of involvements in community service including: city clerk in Millwood, then in Milton. She was selected by Gov. Booth Gardner to serve as Special Assistant for Boards and Commissions where she served 7 years. She was a highly regarded elected commissioner for Lakehaven Utility District for 21 years where she promoted projects that would benefit all of us for years to come. Bev would come to our meetings contributing insights to problems. Many times she would have to leave our meetings early because of pain from cancer. I never heard her say an unkind word about any one. What a magnificent example for all of us. We will miss her.**

The [2010 Washington State Legislature](#) convened January 11, 2010. This session lasts just 60 days and will close March 11. The main focus will be to deal with a projected additional \$2.6 billion shortfall for the remainder of this 2 year budget cycle.

**The King County Democrats LAC agenda includes both short and long term goals**, while realizing that it will be difficult to enact new legislation in this short session under difficult budget constraints. The 2009 Legislative session raised no new revenue.

The King County Democrats support trying to bridge this new gap of an additional \$2.6 billion shortfall by **trying to raise 2/3 of it through new revenue and 1/3 by additional cuts**. This will require suspending or repealing the constraints of Initiative 960 which require a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to raise any revenue or eliminate any special interest tax exemptions.

I-960, having been in place 2 years, can now be amended or repealed by a simple majority of the Washington State Legislature. I-960 is actually in contradiction to the Washington State Constitution which says the Legislature shall act by majority vote. I-960 allows a minority of Legislators to block any revenue increase and Legislators have been reluctant to question the constitutionality of I-960. A suit by Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown was not acted on by the State Supreme Court saying it was an internal issue for the Legislature, not the Courts, to address.

### **Below is the Adopted 2010 Legislative Action Committee Agenda**

#### **1. Revenue**

- Repeal I-960 and raise revenue to provide adequate funding for vital state services - repeal provisions requiring supermajority votes to approve tax and revenue issues, raise at least 2/3 of shortfall via new revenue and repealing tax exemptions

#### **2. Tax Reform**

- Repeal non-performing corporate tax breaks, sunset tax exemptions every 5 to 10 years
- Require Tax Expenditure Reports as part of state budget process, prioritize exemptions, require approval as part of budget process
- Implement a state income tax on high income earners over \$250,000
- Tax reduction for low income households and small businesses - Homestead Exemption or circuit breaker legislation

### **How to contact your Legislators:**

To look up Legislative bills and their status, when hearing and committee meetings are taking place and to find your legislators and how to contact them go to the legislative website at [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov).

#### **3. Banking, Foreclosure and Predatory Lending Reform**

- Require lenders to use mediation, require proper maintenance of foreclosed homes, give homeowners right to rent former homes, increase state enforcement powers, extend initial timeline to respond to foreclosure to 90 days from 30 days, and give whistle-blower protections to employees at lending institutions.

- Establish a public Washington State Bank similar to North Dakota's for infrastructure

#### **4. Human Services**

- "Disability Lifeline"--Protect poverty programs: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Apple Health for kids, Basic Health, Emergency Food Assistance, Medicaid, mental health, substance abuse treatment and General Assistance for people with disabilities

- Prohibit source of income (e.g., Sec. 8) as a means to discriminate

- Pass Fair Tenant Screening Act to regulate screeners and make reports valid for 60 days

#### **5. Housing**

- Promote State Housing Trust Fund at 50% of previous level of effort (or \$50 million) as a shovel-ready jobs bill

- Workforce Housing Fund Construct or purchase 25,000 rental units through housing authorities for working families at or below 80% of median income

- Homebuilding Revitalization Act -give homeowners recourse to remedy defects in new homes that need repair

#### **6. Environmental Priorities:**

- Invest in Clean Water Bill (HB 1640) raise funds for clean water infrastructure and storm water control by imposing a per-barrel fee on petroleum products.

- Safe Baby Bottle Act will phase out harmful bisphenol-A (BPA) in baby bottles, etc.

- Oppose budget cuts to environmental programs
- Create recycling program for fluorescent lights - require lighting producers to provide a convenient statewide recycling program for fluorescent lights to prevent exposure to and release of toxic mercury

#### **7. Public Health and Safety**

- Secure Medicine Return - require drug producers to provide secure collection and environmentally sound disposal of unwanted, unused, or expired medicines, as they do in other countries.

## 8. Election and Initiative Reform

- Public Financing of campaigns for Washington State Supreme Court - optional public financing for campaigns, providing adequate sums to run competitive campaigns
- Universal Voter Registration - opt out, not opt in, legislation for motor voter registration
- Same-day voter registration
- Increase initiative filing fee to \$100; \$25 when file with Sec. of State, \$75 when re-file for ballot title and summary; alt - \$100 or 500 signatures
- Require signature gatherers to be WA State residents
- Set up Citizen's Initiative Review Process like recent Oregon Legislation
- Support initiative signatures being public

## 9. L&I "Retro Reform"

- Greater regulation and transparency of L&I insurance pool refunds(S 6035)

## 10. Labor

- Collective bargaining for musicians, early childhood educators, 2-year college faculty, lecturers and interpreters
- Require prevailing wages to be paid on all public private partnerships and projects involving public or private land

## 11. Education

- Redefining funding formula for basic education
- More options for helping underperforming schools
- Levy Equalization
- Include early learning education for at risk children in definition of basic education

## 12. Criminal Justice

- Revise three strikes and sentencing guidelines
- Change how juveniles are sentenced as adults

Thanks to: **Sarajane Siegfriedt & Steve Zemke Co-Chairs**  
**Adopted by Legislative Action Committee 12/13/2009**

Go to the [King County Democrats webpage](#) and sign up for mailing list.

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES ? IF SO, THANK YOU – IF NOT, PLEASE DO!** Dues are due in February of each year. PCOs are encouraged to pay dues. (Paid Member Names on this list will be updated in February/March.)

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

**Senator's Club:** Peg/Jay Altman - Hope Elder - Elbert/Linda Gage - Rick Hoffman - LeeAnn Prielipp - Linnea Peterson - Ron/Mary Simosky - Beth Zubitis

**Members:** Pat Artz - Karen Backman - David Baine - Jeff Bergeron - Andrew Boike - Carmi & Milissa Brooks - Tim Burns - Barbara Carmichael - Howard/Vernita Christianson - Donna Cirincione - Larry Coghill - Marguerite Condon - Michael/Sue Dillard - Lupe Cook - Bob Dickinson - Tracey Eide - Al Frank - Roger Freeman - James//Madalyn Grayson - Carol Gregory - John Haynes - Max Hedgecock - Miriam Helgeland - Larry Jackson - Patricia Johnson - Joyce Johnston - Pat Kemp - Michael/Mary Kun - John/Darcy Lees - Nancy LeMay - Paul Mallary - Jean Matthew - Kevin McManis - Thos. Miller/Anne Robsamen - Jean Noe - Kurt Peppard - Romana/Carolyn Perna - Richard/Nancy Poppe - Barbara Reid - Verleene Riggins - Bob Robinson - Jacqueline Russo - Josephine/Dean Saucedo - Paul Schlossman - Ed Sedlak - Alan Simmons - Jeffrey Snow - Keith Tyler - Patricia Vanderlinde - Inez Walker

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206 296 VOTE

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President's Club \$100

Associate/Non Voting Member: \$10

**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**

Mon 02/1 Lobby Day for Reproductive Health & Rights! In Olympia from 10 - 1p.m. Go to [RosaMcLeod@ProChoiceWashington.org](mailto:RosaMcLeod@ProChoiceWashington.org), 206 624 1990

Wed 02/3 30th District Democrats Regular General meeting, 4016 S 352 St 98001 (1/2 mile west of Military) 1st Wed of each month 7-9 PM  
Doors open 6:30 P.M. \*\*\*REMEMBER TO BRING ITEMS FOR THE RAFFLE AND THE SENIOR CENTER FOOD PANTRY\*\*\*

Tues 02/9 This is ELECTION DAY! Remember to VOTE!

Wed 02/10 Exec Board Meeting, Meridian Court, 31420 23 Ave S, 7:00 P.M.  
This meeting is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.  
Some of us get there at 6:30. This meeting is open to all.

Sat 02/13 Mardi Gras Party & Dinner Doors open 5:30, Dinner 7:00 P.M.  
Get your tickets early! Call Pat Artz 253 941 0113 or email [partz317@msn.com](mailto:partz317@msn.com). Tickets \$25 or 5 for \$100 (advance) \$25 at door.

Mon 2/15 LOBBY DAY in Olympia! 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cherberg meeting room  
ABC \$20 registration includes lunch

Sat 03/13 Platform Caucus for 2010 - CHECK AGAIN LATER FOR MORE INFO'.  
IF YOU HAVE suggestions/input for newsletter, or to receive newsletter by email, contact [kd7jpu@arrl.net](mailto:kd7jpu@arrl.net) 253 838 8618 Not later than 18 th of month.