

30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

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

Next meeting: March 3, 2010 Our speaker will be Andrew Villeneuve from the NW Progressives Institute.

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

Save the date!

Our Picnic this year will be Sat. July 17 in PACIFIC City Park! Y'all come!
More info' later.

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2010 Legislative Session

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

Go to the King County Democrats' [mailing list](#) and select "Legislative Action Committee" to keep up to date on legislative priorities and put your voice in Olympia! Also, contact your representatives by calling the Toll-Free Legislative Hotline in Olympia (1.800.652.6000) and letting them know what is important to you!

[There are three parts to the 2010 Caucus and Convention Cycle.](#)

- The first part consists of the Legislative District Caucuses where delegates and alternates will be elected to go to the State Convention. Statewide, 1,200 delegates and 600 alternates will be elected. (The 30th LD will have 20 delegates and 10 alternates.)
- The second part is the County Convention where platforms are drafted and resolutions addressed. Sometimes, but not always, Legislative Districts also develop a platform and address resolutions.
- The third part is the State Convention. The delegates and alternates elected at the Legislative District Caucuses will meet to craft a State Party platform, address resolutions and vote on other important issues before the party.
- **The dates to remember this year are:**

Sunday, March 14th 30 th Legislative District Caucus
Caucus begins at 1pm.
Federal Way High School
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*Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.* *Margaret Mead.*

Dates to Remember (Continued)

Sat, April 10
County Conventions begin at 10 am
King County= IAM Hall 9125 15 Pl S,
Seattle 98108
For the exact time, date and location of
County Conventions
please go to <http://wa-democrats.org/index.php?page=display&id=551>.

Fri Sat
State Convention

June 25 & 26
Committee meetings, caucus meetings &
a series of trainings will take place on 6/25.
The State Convention will be called to order
on Sat 6//26

[Take the pledge to Move Your Money!](#)

Too-big-to-fail banks are profiting from bailout dollars and government guarantees, and growing bigger... what concrete steps could individuals take to help create a better financial system. . .

The big banks on Wall Street, propped up by taxpayer money and government guarantees, have had a record year, making record profits while returning to the highly leveraged activities that brought our economy to the brink of disaster... they have also cut back on the money they are lending, even though the need to get credit flowing again was one of the main points used in selling the public the bank bailout.. (they) have [cut lending](#) to businesses by \$100 billion.. . why don't we take our money out of these big banks and put them into community banks? And what, we asked ourselves, would happen if lots of people around America decided to do the same thing? Our money has been used to make the system worse -- what if we used it to make the system better? **Read More:** [Banking](#) , [Banks](#) , [Big Banks](#) , [Community Banks](#) , [Eugene Jarecki](#) , [Main Street](#), [Move Your Money](#), [Moveyourmoney](#) , [Moveyourmoney.Com](#) , [Moveyourmoney.Info](#) , [Moving To Community Banks](#) , [New Years Resolution](#) , [Business News](#)

(The above from Arianna Huffington, Huffington Post) http://www.huffingtonpost.com/arianna-huffington/move-your-money-a-new-yea_b_406022.html Watch the video, then go to: www.moveyourmoney.info to learn more.

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.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW)

recently celebrated their 125th anniversary. Much has changed since 1881, but their mission remains the same: to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Equal Pay Day - April 20, 2010

Marks the symbolic day when women's wages finally catch up with men's wages from last year! Women still only earn 77 cents for every dollar a man earns for equal work...

Make Your Plans to Attend AAUW Convention 2010

Plans for the 2010 state convention in Walla Walla April 16th-18th are complete. Register now for what promises to be an exciting program of workshops, speakers, tours, and important **AAUW-WA** business. Come and meet your AAUW friends from across the state to celebrate our successes and to make plans for the next biennium. Full details about the convention are in the [Evergreen Leader](#). [Registration form](#) (Download and Mail) [Workshops](#)

Take Action!

Go to: [Equal Pay Day on Tuesday, April 20:](#)

- Visit [AAUW's Pay Equity webpage](#) and download the [Pay Equity Resource Kit](#)

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Utah State Sen. Mark Madsen (R) is introducing legislation to make a holiday honoring John Moses Browning - the Utah native and "gun pioneer" who founded the Browning Arms company - on the same day as Martin Luther King Day. Madsen says, "I see them as complimentary." Madsen said he plans to meet with the NAACP to discuss his proposal. "We'll see if they can take it in the spirit it's intended," Madsen said. Salt Lake NAACP President Jeanetta Williams said she was "furious" about this. How could anyone suggest that MLK day be shared with celebrating guns since Martin Luther King was assassinated? (From Thom Hartmann blog)

THE BENNETT LETTER Eighteen Democratic senators have signed onto a letter urging Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) to pass the public option through reconciliation. HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said, if the Senate decides to bring the matter up for a vote, the administration would support the effort. This as a new government report on our "broken health care system" shows how "insurance companies prosper" as "Americans suffer." Profits for the 10 largest insurance companies "increased 250 percent between 2000 and 2009, ten times faster than inflation," and "the CEOs of America's five largest insurers were each paid up to \$24 million in 2008." Let's use Medicare, which nearly every American understands. Just create "Medicare Part E" where the "E" represents "everybody." Just let any citizen in the US buy into Medicare. Simple and right on. (From the Thom Hartmann website)(**Call Murray & Cantwell; they have not signed.**)

In the stunning Jan. 21 Citizens United ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that corporations should be able to spend as much as they want to support or oppose candidates in national elections. This decision was made possible by the appointments of Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, who advertised themselves during confirmation hearings as judicial conservatives. The definition of a conservative is one who wants most things to stay the same. The judicial expression of conservative decision-making is **stare decisis, a fundamental tenant of constitutional law that cautions against overturning longstanding law. **Citizens United is instead a glaring example of judicial activism.****

Justice John Paul Stevens, in a stinging dissent, said, "**The court's ruling threatens to undermine the integrity of elected institutions across the nation.**" Stevens further said, "The court operates with a sledgehammer rather than a scalpel when it strikes down one of Congress's most significant efforts to regulate the role that corporations and unions play in electoral politics . . . Congress crafted [current campaign law] in response to a virtual mountain of research on the corruption that previous legislation had failed to avert. The court now negates Congress's efforts **without a shred of evidence.**"

Common Cause Mississippi and many other citizens' groups believe the path from here is clear: Congress must free itself from Wall Street's grip so that Main Street can finally get a fair shake. Congress is now considering proposals to change the way we pay for elections by blending small donor fund raising with **public funding** to reduce the pressure of fund raising from big contributors. (From American Forum, by Barbara Powell)

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. (If your name is not on this list, contact the treasurer.)

President's Club: Peg/Jay Altman, Frank/Beverly Warnke, Art/Dee Fluharty, Jeff/Kaori Holden, Greg/Shelle Markley, Jean Matthew, Sterling Smith, Jem Wear

Senator's Club: Elbert/Linda Gage, Rick Hoffman, Mark/Meschel Miloscia, Ron/Mary Simosky, Jeff Snow

Members: Pat Artz, Jeff Bergeron, Carmi & Melissa Brooks, Tim Burns, Howard/Vernita Christianson, Donna Cirincione, Bob Dickinson, Michael/Sue Dillard, Carol/Gil Gregory, John Haynes, Jerome Holmes, Larry Jackson, Sue Johannsen, Patricia Johnson, Pat Kemp, Norman/Lois Kutcha, Virginia Leach, Gayle Mahler, Paul Mallary, Jean Noe, Kurt Peppard, Gerry Roach, Bob Robinson, Jacqueline Russo, Steve Sandberg, Paul Schlossman, Inez Walker, Beth Zubitis

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Membership Levels:

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Senator's Club: \$50

Family (2 voting members) \$ 25
President's Club \$100

Associate/Non Voting Member: \$10

Any registered voter residing within the 30th 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 03/3 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.
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PANTRY***

Move to Amend Meetings: Thurs 3/4 7 pm Labor Temple 2800 1 Ave, Sea
Friday 3/5 7 pm Coffee Strong 15109 Union Ave SW Tac

Wed 03/10 Exec Board Meeting, Meridian Court, 31420 23 Ave S, 7:00 P.M.
This meeting is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Some of
us get there at 6:30. This meeting is open to all.

Sun 03/14 30 LD Caucus for 2010 - 1:00 p.m. Federal Way High School
Sat 07/17 PICNIC! Will be held this year at PACIFIC City Park. Come one,
come all!

IF YOU HAVE suggestions/input for newsletter, or to receive newsletter by
email, contact kd7jpu@arrl.net or 253 838 8618 not later than 18 th of month.