

30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

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

Our March speaker was Andrew Villeneuve from the NW Progressives Institute. (Go to: Northwest Progressives Institute Advocate)

Sen. Tracey Eide & Rep. Mark Miloscia have been invited to speak at the April meeting . Larry Jackson will be acting Chair.

*****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.

WA Gov Slams AG Over HCR Suit

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2010/3/23/849866/-WA-Gov-Slams-AG-Over-HCR-Suit>

To see this video, click on the above. Then call the AG! (1-360-753-6200) email (robmckenna@atg/wa/gov) And sign the facebook and the KCDCC petition against the lawsuit! (See below for links.)

PETITION TO PROTEST LAWSUIT BEING JOINED BY WASHINGTON STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ROB MCKENNA AND 11 OTHER STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL (this by KCDCC).

We protest the egregious actions of the State Attorneys General in 12 States in an attempt to challenge the constitutionality of the Health Care Reform bill passed by the United States Congress on March 21, 2010.

Congressman Jim McDermott (WA-07) writes: "...The legislation we passed last evening is the most significant health care legislation since the passage of Medicare forty-five years ago. Efforts to reform our country's health care system date back nearly 100 years, and serve to underscore the importance of what we accomplished last night..." We agree!!

All of our State Governments have serious budget deficits that need to be resolved and spending our precious tax dollars on a frivolous, Republican-motivated lawsuit is unthinkable. We protest!

Who are these Attorneys General representing? Certainly not the good people of the United States. We protest! And we demand that this lawsuit be stopped.

STOP THE LAWSUIT!

Opt out of the McKenna lawsuit,

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=102763306425603&v=info>

And sign the KCDCC petition against the lawsuit,

http://www.petitiononline.com/mod_perl/signed.cgi?nohcsuit&1

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NOTE

... it shouldn't be much of a surprise that McKenna's understanding of constitutional law is lacking. He's the coauthor of an unconstitutional Tim Eyman initiative. Unfortunately, he was able to successfully fool Washington's voters into electing him to the

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Chamber gears up for elections

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is preparing to launch a massive attack on Democratic seats throughout the country. It is [amassing a war chest](#) and plans to spend at least \$50 million on ads, get-out-the-vote operations and more. That's 40 percent more than it spent in 2008. The Chamber's potential impact on the November elections was bolstered further by the recent Supreme Court decision that allows corporations and their surrogates to spend freely on political ads for and against specific candidates right up to Election Day. **Here's what the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has been up to in the past couple weeks:**

Flying 250 CEOs to DC to lobby against workers' rights and the Employee Free Choice Act.¹

Spending \$7 million to defeat President Obama's healthcare reform bill – with plans to spend millions more.²

Preparing a \$3 million ad blitz to lobby against financial reform – funded by, you guessed it: bailed out banks.³

But this is just a warm-up. According to *The Washington Post*, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce is "gearing up to play a **major role in this year's midterm elections on a scale to rival the nation's two main political parties**," spending at least \$50 million on races around the country.******(end)*

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Go to: [SAVE THE INTERNET.com](http://SAVE.THE.INTERNET.com)

Julius.Genachowski@fcc.gov or write to:
FCC 445 12 St. SW, Washington D.C. 20554

AT&T and other telecom giants have funded a massive **misinformation** campaign, filled with deceptive advertising and "Astroturf" groups like Hands Off the Internet and NetCompetition.org.

The nation's largest telephone and cable companies -- including AT&T, Verizon, Comcast and Time Warner Cable -- want to be Internet gatekeepers, **deciding which Web sites go fast or slow and which won't load at all.** **They want to tax content providers** to guarantee speedy delivery of their data. And they want to discriminate in favor of their own search engines, Internet phone services and streaming video -- while slowing down or blocking services offered by their competitors. (Continued in RH column>>>>)

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW) Their mission: 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...

Attend AAUW Convention 2010

Plans for the 2010 state convention in Walla Walla April 16th-18th are complete. Register now! Come and meet your AAUW friends from across the state. 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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*These big phone and cable companies are spending hundreds of millions of dollars **lobbying Congress and the Federal Communications Commission to gut Net Neutrality, putting the future of the Internet at risk** These companies have a new vision for the Internet. Instead of a level playing field, they want to reserve express lanes for their own content and services -- or those of big corporations that can afford the steep tolls -- and leave the rest of us on a winding dirt road. **WRITE THE FCC! Tell them:** Affordable, open and ubiquitous access will help restore jobs, create economic prosperity, promote democratic participation and increase our country's global competitiveness. But none of this will happen unless we open up our broadband markets to competition. **Dominant phone and cable companies control more than 95 percent of high-speed Internet connections to American homes.** Urge the FCC to take a tougher stance against the phone and cable duopoly. Demand:

1. SPEED: Internet services in the United States must be the fastest in the world.
2. COST: Every American must have access to fast Internet services at costs that are comparable to or lower than those in other countries.
3. CHOICE: Everyone must have a choice of several broadband providers.
4. OPENNESS: We must have unfettered access to the Internet content, applications and services of our choice.

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

The first part was the Legislative District Caucuses where delegates and alternates were elected to the State Convention. Statewide,. (This was concluded 3/14/2010.) (The 30th LD can 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.) Because there will be no precinct caucus, all voters, not just Precinct Committee Officers, will have voice and vote at the County level . Any voter who will declare to be a Democrat, has voice and vote. **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.

Sat, County Conventions 10 am
April King County= IAM Hall 9125 15 Pl S,
10 Seattle 98108.

June 25 & 26 (Fri & Sat) - State Convention- Vancouver, WA at the Hilton (301 W 6th St, Vancouver, 98660). The Friday events will take place at the Hilton and the Saturday events will occur at the Clark County Events Center, 17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield, WA 98642. If you want to attend, you must fill out a registration form and return it to the State party as soon as possible. Any questions, call Shawna Ousse at 206 583 0664 or email her at Shawna@wa-democrats.org.

How to contact your Legislators: go to the legislative website at www.leg.wa.gov.

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, please check with 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, LeeAnn Prielip, Ron/Mary Simosky, Jeff Snow

Members: Pat Artz, Karen Backman, Jeff Bergeron, Carmi & Melissa Brooks, Tim Burns, Marguerite Condon, Howard/Vernita Christianson, Donna Cirincione, Larry/Hideko Coghill, Bob Dickinson, Michael/Sue Dillard, Hope Elder, James/Madalyn Grayson, Carol/Gil Gregory, John Haynes, Jerome Holmes, Larry Jackson, Sue Johannsen, Patricia Johnson, Pat Kemp, Ray/Nancy Kruger, Norman/Lois Kutcha, Virginia Leach, Gayle Mahler, Paul Mallary, Jean Noe, Kurt Peppard, Edward (Ned) Raymond, Barbara Reid, Gerry Roach, Bob Robinson, Jacqueline Russo, Steve Sandberg, Ed Sedlak, Paul Schlossman, Jim/Nancy Siburg, Keith Tyler, Inez Walker, Beth Zubitis

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www.callcongress.org

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Membership Levels:

Voting Member: \$20
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 04/7 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 FOD
PANTRY***
- Wed 04/14 **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.
- 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 18th of month.