

DIALOGUE



30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Regular General
Monthly Meeting
August 4, 2010
First Wednesday of
each month 7 – 9 P.M.
4016 S 352 St. 98001
½ mile west of
Military Rd

For the August 4 Regular General Meeting
We expect to be endorsing candidates and possibly issues for the current election cycle.

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

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The Primary Election will be August 17. Ballots must be postmarked not later than August 17. Ballots will be mailed out beginning July 28. So will the Voters Pamphlet. Questions? Call 206 296 VOTE.

ENDORSED CANDIDATES

The following have been endorsed (to date) by the 30th District Democrats:

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| U. S. Senate | Senator Patty Murray |
| 9TH Congressional District | Rep. Adam Smith |
| 30th Legislative District Senate | State Senator Tracy Eide |
| 30th Legislative District Position 1 | State Rep. Mark Miloscia |
| 30th Legislative District Position 2 | Carol Gregory |
| Mayor of Federal Way | Mike Park |
| S. King County Fire & Rescue Prop 1 | YES |
| I-1098----- | YES |
| WA State Supreme Court Position 1 | Stan Rumbaugh |
| WA State Supreme Court Position 5 (Chief Justice) | Barbara Madsen |
| WA State Supreme Court Position 6 | Charlie Wiggins¹ |
| District Court Southwest Judge 2 | Susan Mahoney |
| District Court Southeast Judge 2 | Darrell E Phillipson |

DID YOU KNOW?

From Alliance for Retired Americans
(www.retiredamericans.org)

. . . a group called **America Speaks** hosted a national town hall meeting on the federal budget deficit. . . to allow regular citizens to offer their policy solutions to the country's financial troubles. . . **America Speaks, which is funded in part by billionaire and avid supporter-of-Social Security-privatization Pete Peterson, provided participants with misleading information before the meeting... the workbook failed to say that Social Security has its own source of funding and therefore does not, and has not, contributed a cent to the country's budget problems. . . participants overwhelmingly supported raising tax rates on corporate income and reducing military spending by 10-15 percent. However, America Speaks still states that raising the retirement age to 69 would be beneficial. Many retiree and retiree advocates were outraged by such a recommendation. "Raising the retirement age during this period of economic turmoil is irrational, unjust, and will force many current and future retirees into poverty," said **Barbara J. Easterling**, President of the Alliance. America Speaks conveyed their policy proposals to the Fiscal Commission at the Wednesday meeting, but Mr. Coyle, (Exec. Director of the Alliance for Retired Americans, a 4 million member organization) , strongly cautioned against following all of their recommendations during his testimony.**

Go to: www.retiredAmericans.org

John Boehner (R-OH) said that if the Republicans were to win control of the U.S. House, the party would try to **raise the Social Security retirement age to 70** as part of a fiscal reform plan.

Michele Bachman (R-Minn) said (7-23-2010) they would hold hearings, one investigation after another, **defund everything, starve the beast (she means federal gov't).**

From Bernie Sanders (Sanders.senate.gov)

Bernie Sanders is [leading the effort in the Senate to prevent more tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires](#). If you can believe it, virtually all Republicans want to repeal the Estate Tax (*they like to call it the Death Tax; it is really an inheritance tax, a tax on money that the recipient has not earned; it is a gift*) and give a trillion dollars in tax breaks over a ten year period to the **top three-tenths of one percent** of the population.

This at exactly the same time as they are moaning and groaning about the large national debt! In other words, they don't want to pay to extend unemployment benefits for workers who lost their jobs, but they do want a trillion dollars in tax breaks for the very richest people in America. What hypocrisy!

(The Estate Tax does not kick in unless you have more than 3.5 million dollars in your estate! And 7 million for couples! 98% of Americans do not qualify for the Estate Tax. And this is exactly what they do NOT want you to know! Ed.)

Bernie also just got a bill passed in the Energy Committee that, if it becomes law, will lead us to [ten million solar rooftops in ten years](#). This legislation will not only help cut carbon emissions, but it will be a huge step forward for renewable energy and the creation of tens of thousands of new jobs.

With regard to **the Wall Street Reform** legislation, Bernie is also working hard to see that **Elizabeth Warren** is appointed the first Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Professor Warren is **eminently qualified** and has shown that she has the courage to stand up to powerful Wall Street interests. She would make a great consumer advocate

2010 Elections From NARAL

PubliCola asks anti-choice, anti-birth control **Senate candidate Dino Rossi** how he would have voted on reproductive health and rights measures that have come before the Senate; his responses show that he would be a [consistent vote in opposition to women's health](#).

Horsesass blogger Goldy comments on [Dino Rossi's opposition](#) to women's rights and health. Noting that Dino Rossi tried to [avoid talking about his position on a woman's right to choose](#) during his two campaigns for governor, Goldy posts an ad from the 2008 gubernatorial race funded by Evergreen Progress that cites his opposition not only to abortion access but even to contraception.

American Crossroads, a conservative political group, is [targeting](#) Washington's Senate race.

The National Republican Congressional Committee identifies [anti-choice Rep. Dave Reichert](#) (WA-08) as one of nine vulnerable Senate Republicans. **(Vote for Suzan DelBene! Ed.)**

Politico reports that [conservative women's groups](#), like the anti-choice Susan B. Anthony List, are raising money and plan to be very active in the 2010 elections.

Washington, DC-based American Beverage Association has put in [more than \\$1 million](#) for the signature gathering effort to get I-1107, which would repeal the taxes on candy, soft drinks, bottled water and certain processed foods that the legislature passed last session to help close the budget deficit.

Opponents of I-1107 point out that the anti-tax campaign is [deceiving voters](#) by referring to the tax on soda and candy as a "food tax."

The Governor's budget office released a forecast showing that state lawmakers will face a [\\$3 billion budget deficit](#) when they return to Olympia in January to write the next two-year budget. The budget forecast also shows the state will take in \$200 million less than anticipated through June 2011.

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.)

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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 08/04 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***
- Wed 08/11 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.

IF YOU HAVE suggestions/input for the newsletter, contact kd7jpu@arri.net or 253 838 8618 not later than 18 th of month.