

# DIALOGUE



## 30th Legislative District Democratic Organization

Regular General  
Monthly Meeting  
October 6, 2010  
First Wednesday of  
each month 7 – 9 P.M.  
4016 S 352 St. 98001  
½ mile west of  
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For the October 6 Regular General Meeting

The General election will take place November 2. Be sure to VOTE!

U. S. Senate  
Murray

Senator Patty

9<sup>TH</sup> Congressional District  
Senate

Rep. Adam Smith  
State Sen. Tracey Eide

30<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Position 1  
Position 2

State Rep. M Miloscia  
Carol Gregory

I-1098----- YES  
R- 52----- YES

WA State Supreme Court Position 6

Charlie Wiggins

District Court Southwest Judge 2

Susan Mahoney

District Court Southeast Judge 2

Darrell E

Phillipson/David Meyer

District Court Southeast Judge 6

Matt Williams

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**Support the best!**

**YES on R-52:** Many of our aging school buildings are riddled with problems like mold, rusty pipes, and asbestos-filled walls that make it tougher for our kids to learn. R-52 would help local districts renovate school buildings to make them safe and create 30,000 jobs for Washington families.

**YES on I-1098:** This measure would provide \$2 billion in dedicated funding for education and health care while lowering state property taxes and eliminating B&O taxes for many small businesses. I-1098 would finally reform our state's outdated tax system by establishing a progressive income tax on the wealthiest 1.2 percent of households.

**Oppose the rest**

**NO to I-1053:** Cue the scary music, because Tim Eyman is back. Initiative 1053 would allow just 17 ultra-partisan legislators to block bills and cause California-style partisan gridlock. Funded by Conoco Phillips, Tesoro, and the Washington Bankers Association, it requires 2/3 supermajorities to raise revenues or close tax loopholes

**NO to I-1082:** This initiative, funded by the ultra-conservative builders' lobby BIAW, would put private insurance companies in charge of our state's workers' compensation system. It would slash help for injured workers, eliminate oversight, and turn our workers' compensation system over to multinational insurance companies like AIG.

**NO to I-1100/1105:** Big grocery chains and liquor distributors have written and bankrolled two destructive initiatives to privatize liquor sales. These initiatives would cost the state \$600 million, make Washington the least regulated state in the nation, and undermine our communities' efforts to prevent alcohol sales to minors.

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Patricia Yvonne Kemp was born in 1946 in Avondale Estates, Ga, moved to Washington in 1968, and passed away in Federal Way 2010. She was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a loyal member of the 30<sup>th</sup> District Democrats. Pat was a strong Progressive Democrat and our Outreach Coordinator, working in and out of schools to get young people involved in the political process and registered to vote. She worked with Rep. Dave Uptegrove on a law to get Civics back into the school curriculum. She urged our support for Roger Freeman in his bid for City Council. We did endorse Roger and he won that seat. Pat suffered for the past several years from serious back pain that did not seem to improve in spite of medical attention.

We will remember you, Pat, and you will be missed.

Rest in Peace.

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### **Big health insurers to stop selling new child-only policies.**

September 21, 2010 | By Duke Helfand, Los Angeles Times

Major health insurance companies in California and other states have decided to stop selling policies for children rather than comply with a new federal healthcare law that bars them from rejecting youngsters with preexisting medical conditions.

Anthem Blue Cross, Aetna Inc. and others will halt new child-only policies in California, Illinois, Florida, Connecticut and elsewhere as early as Thursday when provisions of the nation's new healthcare law take effect, including a requirement that insurers cover children under age 19 regardless of their health histories.

The action will apply only to new coverage sought for children and not to existing child-only plans, family policies or insurance provided to youngsters through their parents' employers. *An estimated 80,000 California children currently without insurance and as many as 500,000 nationwide would be affected, according to experts.*

Insurers said they were acting because the new federal requirement could create huge and unexpected costs for covering children. They said the rule might prompt parents to buy policies only after their kids became sick, producing a glut of ill youngsters to insure.

As a result, they said, many companies would flee the marketplace, leaving behind a handful to shoulder a huge financial burden. The insurers said they now sell relatively few child-only policies, and thus the changes will have a small effect on families.\_\_\_\_

"Unfortunately, this has created an un-level competitive environment," Anthem Blue Cross, California's largest for-profit insurer, said in a statement declaring its intention to "suspend the sale of child-only policies" on Thursday, six months after the healthcare overhaul was signed.

*The change has angered lawmakers, regulators and healthcare advocates, who say it will force more families to enroll in already strained public insurance programs such as Medi-Cal for the poor in California.*

The White House weighed in Tuesday, condemning Anthem corporate parent WellPoint Inc. and others that plan to stop selling child-only policies.

### **Social Security Is Solid and Sound**

21 September 2010

**MILWAUKEE** (AP) The grandson of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the president who signed Social Security into law, defended the retirement program's soundness on Tuesday in response to a Senate campaign ad that compares it to a Ponzi scheme.

James Roosevelt, Jr., said the television commercial being aired by Wisconsin's Republican Senate candidate Ron Johnson is off base in comparing a system many seniors rely on to an investment fraud such as the one perpetrated by Bernie Madoff.

... Roosevelt's grandfather signed Social Security into law 75 years ago. James Roosevelt Jr., a member of the Democratic National Committee, was the associate commissioner for Social Security under former President Bill Clinton.

Roosevelt compared Social Security to an insurance program, like homeowners insurance,

“Social security is sound and should be treated on its own terms,” he said.

### From the Christian Science Monitor, 3 December 2007

The Trustees of the Social Security system, in their report last spring, calculated that the system's income would be inadequate to pay the full benefits promised to seniors in 2042. By then, 35 years hence, many baby boomers will be gone. For those still living, the payroll revenues that provide the basic income for the system will be sufficient to pay 75 percent of promised benefits. The next generation of retirees will also get 75 percent - not zero, as so many of them believe because of the false talk about the system being "bankrupt." And unless the nation's productivity stalls for decades (Social Security benefits are linked to wage levels), that 75 percent will have a buying power perhaps 30 percent greater than the Social Security benefits received by seniors today.

**An analysis of the Congressional Budget Office puts the shortfall - not bankruptcy - at 2046**, a few years later, when the Social Security Trust Fund runs out of the Treasury bonds it has been stockpiling because current payroll revenues each year exceed benefits paid.

**A professional actuary, David Langer in New York, sees a brighter picture. He figures Social Security's finances are actuarially sound and able to pay full benefits for the next 75 years....**

### Update on Senate races:

These change second by second, but a recent New York Times poll had **Patty Murray** with a slim lead over Rossi. Rossi's remarks about Airbus seem to have cost him.

California's **Barbara Boxer** has a similar lead. Wisconsin's **Russ Feingold** is in serious trouble because of the dirty dog campaigning of his opposition. **Harry Reid** is, at this moment, running behind Angle. Colorado's **Michael Bennett** is running behind in Florida. Democrat **Kendrick Meek** is running

**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 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 10/06      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.

Wed 10/13      **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.

IF YOU HAVE suggestions/input for the newsletter, contact [kd7jpu@arrl.net](mailto:kd7jpu@arrl.net) or  
253 838 8618 not later than 18 th of month.