



# THE DIALOGUE

## 30th District Democratic Organization

### Executive Board

#### Chair

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253-874-6292

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253-835-4319

#### Secretary

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253-838-1163

#### Treasurer

Bob Dickinson  
253-839-9396

#### State Committeeman

Larry Jackson  
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Ginny Leach  
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#### King County Male Delegate

Dan Turley  
206-819-7397

#### King County Female Delegate

Julie Turley  
206-819-6721

#### Leg. Action Comm. Chair

Keith Tyler  
253-653-6319

#### Hospitality Committee Chair

Jem Wear  
253-838-0182

#### Fundraising Committee Chair

#### Outreach Committee Chair

Martin Moore  
253-239-1182

#### Membership/PCO Committee

#### Communications/Parliamentarian

Kurt Peppard  
253-838-8618

Regular Monthly General Meeting: February 2, 2011

First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 9:00 pm  
4016 S 352 St. 98001 - 1/2 mile west of Military Road

### A Word From The Chair

As your new Chair, I think it is important to share some of my thoughts, visions and, yes, hopes for the District for this term and beyond. To begin with, I view myself as a temporary custodian of this organization intending to “pass the gavel” to the next Chair, an organization bigger and better than it is now. Make no mistake, I believe the District has made substantial progress since I first visited in 2008, thanks to the leadership of my predecessors, the officers and the membership. But we can and must continue to improve to be a vital part of our society. Our Executive Board includes many new members with fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and experiences to help guide the way.

I believe we must have a long range vision of what we want the 30th District Democrats, our community, our State and, indeed, our Nation to be in the future. To me that means that we have a duty to start at the grass roots to turn the philosophy of the citizens at the various levels toward the core principles of the Democratic Party. The end result would be a society where we care for and respect others, are peaceful, energetic and productive, where all who want to work have decent paying jobs, are secure in their employment, retirement and health, have the hope and opportunity to improve themselves and others and leave the world a better place than we were given. “We don’t inherit the world from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children”.

Decisions are made by those who show up. I believe that we all have talents and ideas and that to progress we need to be active and involved in making our organization, community and society better. Robert Kennedy once said “some men see things as they are and ask why, I dream of things that never were and ask why not”. My philosophy is not to find reasons for something not to work, but to find ways to make it successful. To that end, I ask for your help and input to further the cause. I believe that “two heads are better than one” and encourage working together to succeed in our tasks. No one can accomplish much by him or her self, but as a united group we can move the society toward our goals.

In my opinion, the most immediate needs of our District are a larger and more active membership and fundraising. My goals in these areas are to increase our PCO base to at least 50 by the end of 2011 and to increase our treasury to a sustainable 5 figures (before the decimal point) as soon as practicable.

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Our bylaws call for five standing committees; communications, fundraising, hospitality, membership and outreach. In addition, I intend to use several ad hoc committees including bylaws, standing rules, candidate recruitment and endorsements. These committees will, by necessity, cross into other committee's "territory". I expect them to do so cooperatively and respectfully. I do not expect nor intend for the committee chairs to do all of the work by themselves, but to work with their committee members as a single entity by consensus.

I have appointed Kurt Peppard as Communications Chair and have asked him and his committee to improve our communications both within our organization and to the "outside world". To do this we need to further evolve our newsletter and our web page and make use of the local newspaper, radio and perhaps television.

Martin Moore will be our Outreach Committee Chair and I have asked him and his committee to make contact with 2 other organizations each month to coordinate efforts. Outreach will also include becoming more involved in community activities.

Jem Wear has agreed to continue to chair the Hospitality Committee, providing the atmosphere and perhaps the refreshments we enjoy at our meetings.

Carol Gregory is going to be the Chair of the ad hoc Candidate Recruitment Committee tasked with finding good Democratic candidates for the 2011 local elections.

All of our committees need additional members to share the work and the satisfaction of accomplishment and I urge everyone to join and offer your talent and ideas to make our efforts successful. I have no illusion that we will succeed in everything we try, but if we do our best and learn by our mistakes, we will move the organization forward and leave it better for successors.

As your Chair, I will make mistakes and encourage you to call me on them. If the corrections and criticisms are not intended to be personal they will not be taken that way. I am learning as I go and will try not to repeat errors. Constructive criticism and suggestions will always be welcome. Let's have fun and accomplish much.

## Lobby Day in Olympia for King County Democrats

Monday, February 21, 2011, 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM  
Washington State Capital, 400 Capitol Way S,  
Olympia, WA

Lobby Day in Olympia this year is on Presidents Day, Monday, February 21st. The meeting will start at 9:30 AM. Participants will be arranging meetings with their legislators in the afternoon after 2 p.m.

Lobby Day attendees will get briefings on our issues to prepare them to meet directly with their legislators and a box lunch (\$20 registration in advance). All the King County legislators are invited to address the meeting, and the Governor has been invited to keynote.

Attendance is limited and pre-registration is required. Contact Sarajane Siegfriedt, sarajane3h@comcast.net, 206-440-5829 for questions.

## Washington State Democrats Annual Crab Feed & Grassroots Training

Presidents' Day – Monday, February 21, 2011 St. Martin's University Pavilion 5300 Pacific Ave SE | Lacey, WA 98503

Grassroots Training  
10:00am—4:00pm  
(\$15—includes lunch)

Crab Feed 5:00pm (\$50 per person - \$10 children 12 and under)

Special guests, Governor Chris Gregoire, Congressman Jay Inslee, and dozens of Democratic Elected Officials are expected to attend.

The vendor tables are \$50 and must be pre-approved and purchased by February 14th. (Vendor hours: 4:00pm – to end of event. Set up begins at 2:00pm)

A feast of Crab, Salmon, and Clams with a Vegetarian main dish and multiple side dishes.

Go to [www.actblue.com/page/crabfeed](http://www.actblue.com/page/crabfeed) to purchase your tickets.

## 30th District Democrats and Presidents Day in Olympia

Last year, perhaps a dozen people from the 30th LD attended one or more of these events in Thurston County. The majority of people carpooled down, while a few drove alone.

Because different people within the carpools had different schedules and events, some people carpooled down in one car, and pooled home in another. It was made to work.

Last year, the majority of people went to the King County LAC action in Olympia, but a few went to the P.C.O. training in Olympia as well. Some stayed for the dinner, and some didn't. With proper coordination, cooperation and communication, it was all made to work.

The LAC activity was a great time had by all last year. Several legislators talked with the group, as did the governor. There was also time to meet with our representatives in their offices. It's pretty cool walking the outside corridor of the Senate floor to talk to Tracy Eide in her office.

If you're a new P.C.O., or if you've never been to the State's P.C.O. training, well, it's good to do it at least once.

Please contact either Keith Tyler (30th LD LAC Chair) or Tim Burns to tell them what events you plan on attending, and whether or not you'll be carpooling.

### Business Cards

Business cards remain available for all officers, PCOs and members of the 30th LD Democrats. The current cost (including tax) is in the \$11.00 per 100 cards neighborhood. For those who are interested in building a solid organization that benefits the community, state and nation, these are a tool. Contact either Tim Burns or Kurt Peppard to place your order today.

### 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:

Elbert/Linda Gage, Sterling Smith, Jem Wear

#### Senator's Club:

#### Family Members:

Cheryl/Charmaine Monk, Dan/Julie Turley

#### Members:

Patricia Artz, Janet Bentley, Tim Burns, Robert (Bob) Dickenson, Al Hillerman, Geoffery McAnallo, Jean Noe, Kurt Peppard, Linnea Peterson, Ron Simosky, Marilyn Tucker

(I know that there are probably more paid members than appear in the above list. As I go to press, these are the only names I've received. - KP)

### Telephone Numbers

King County Elections:  
206-296-VOTE

### Elected Representatives

The White House:  
202 456 1111/202 225 3121  
U.S. Senator Patty Murray  
206-553-5545/202-224-2621  
Murray@murray.senate.gov  
U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell  
202-224-3441/888-648-7328  
Maria\_cantwell@cantwell.senate.gov  
U.S. Rep. Adam Smith  
202-225-8901/888-764-8409  
www.house.gov/adamsmith  
State Senator Tracey Eide  
360-786-7658  
eide\_tr@leg.wa.gov  
State Rep. Mark Miloscia  
253-839-7037  
Miloscia\_ma@leg.wa.gov

King County Executive  
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206-263-9600  
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WA STATE Legislative toll-free  
Hotline: 800-562-6000

Track WA Bills & Votes  
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature>

Washington State Democrats  
www.wa-democrats.org  
Dwight Pelz, Chair  
206-583-0664

K C Democratic Central Committee  
www.wa-demchairs.org/kcdems/  
Steve Zemke, Chair  
206-366-0811  
stevezemke@msn.com

30th District Democrats Website:  
www.30thdemswa.org

### Progressive Talk Radio

KPTK AM1090  
Thom Hartmann 9:00 am M-Fri  
Ring of Fire, Sat noon, Sun. 1 P.M.  
OR go to: [www.goleft.tv](http://www.goleft.tv)

**30th District Democrats**  
**P.O. Box 3268**  
**Federal Way, WA 98063-3268**

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First Name

City

Work Phone

Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date

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Fax/E mail

**Membership Levels:**

Voting Member: \$20

Family (2 voting members) \$ 25

Associate/Non Voting Member: \$10

Senator's Club: \$50

President's Club \$100

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 02/02 - 30th District Democrats Regular General meeting, 4016 S 352 St 98001 (1/2 mile west of Military) 7-9 PM Doors open 6:30 P.M. 1st Wed of each month.

Thur 02/24 - Exec Board Meeting, Location to be determined.

This meeting is held on the 4th Thursday of each month. Some of us get there at 6:30. This meeting is open to all members of the 30th LD Democrats.

Mon 02/21 - Presidents Day, King County Legislative Action Committee Day, Olympia;  
State Party PCO Training and Crab Feed, Lacey (Details on page 2)

IF YOU HAVE suggestions/input for the newsletter, contact [kurt@peppardfamily.ws](mailto:kurt@peppardfamily.ws) or 253-838-8618