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Regular Monthly General Meeting: April 6, 2011  
First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 9:00 pm  
4016 S 352 St. 98001 - 1/2 mile west of Military Road

### At Our Next Meeting

King County Assessor Lloyd Hara has been invited to be our guest speaker at the April 6 membership meeting. His topics will be the functions of the County Assessor's office and how the Property Tax system works. I have heard Mr. Hara speak on a couple of occasions in regard to his current office and believe he will bring interesting and valuable information to our members.

While Mr. Hara is an announced candidate for re-election, he has been asked to limit his speaking to "non-candidate" issues at this time for the sake of equal opportunity for any other possible candidates for the same office. Our normal endorsement process will begin after the "filing deadline" on June 10, 2011.

### A Message From The Chair

As a collegiate basketball fan especially of the Northwest teams, I was recently watching the Pac 10 tournament broadcast from the Staples Center in Los Angeles. During these broadcasts there would occasionally be a break during which the greatest college basketball coach of all time, John Wooden, was being honored (he recently passed away). At the end of each of the breaks there would be a quote from Coach Wooden. The one I am focused on here was **"It is astonishing how much can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit"**.

I believe this statement to be very prophetic and worth additional thought. This is a philosophy I would like incorporated into the workings of the 30th LD Democrats. We have much to do to become the organization I, and several others, believe we can be and the progress will be delayed or stymied if we focus on who gets credit rather than accomplishing the task at hand. As we work on our various projects let the greater good of the organization, the benefit to our society and the feeling of success be the guiding principles of our toils. Credit will naturally fall where deserved whether by a personal feeling of accomplishment or by public acknowledgement. I encourage everyone to pitch in wherever and however you can. John F. Kennedy once said "One person can make a difference and every person should try". Together we can make a much bigger difference in our individual lives and our society.

Tim

## Attack on Public Sector Unions

Dear Friends and Supporters,

While September 11, 2001 was a dark day for America, it also provided a shining example of what public employees - and their unions - offer our nation every day.

We all have our own memories of that morning - where we were and what we were doing when we learned that the World Trade Center was burning and the Pentagon had been hit. I was on the second floor of an office building two blocks from the White House, working for the union that represents professional firefighters and paramedics in the U.S. and Canada.

Just minutes later, I was in the office of the General President of that union, where he discussed with his senior staff how they could and would respond to the needs of its members and the communities they served. I was with him as he saw the towers fall and hundreds of his dues-paying members, along with thousands of their fellow citizens, perish. The moment was rich with history as the union moved swiftly into action.

Within hours we had rapid-response teams on the way to New York City and Arlington. Within days we had health-and-safety experts and administrative staff in the city providing critical support to the thousands of firefighters working on recovery efforts at Ground Zero.

Within weeks we had a newly created fund smoothly handling the unprecedented outpouring of generosity from people across the nation and beyond - with all administrative costs borne by the union to make sure that every donated penny went to a family that had lost someone on that day. And within months, with allies in Congress and the White House in support, we helped pass a series of bipartisan legislative initiatives, what we called a "living memorial," that boosted public safety and retooled homeland security in the new Age of Terror.

Today, less than 10 years after those dark hours, when I hear various pundits and politicians rail against unions like the one I worked for, I remember my experiences in the aftermath of September 11. I also remember working for several years with local

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leaders in small towns and cities across our great country as they fought to keep fire stations open, provide emergency medical care where none existed, and defend their rights on the job.

Every once in a while I would get a question from a classmate from West Point or someone who knew about my service in the Army, "How did a guy like you end up working for a union?" My answer was pretty simple: "They taught me everything I needed to know about unions when I was a plebe."

I answered their puzzled looks by quoting a few of the principles of leadership upper-classmen drilled into my head long ago. Among these were, "Make sound and timely decisions," "Set the example," "Keep your soldiers informed," and "Train your unit as a team." Exactly what workers deserve from management - and exactly what unions are formed to promote.

Public-sector unions represent public servants. These organizations - imperfect as any human institution - are forged in the belief that workers who are committed to their jobs have a collective right to speak out publicly and defend their rights. To "recognize" a union is to recognize that the men and women who get up each day to teach our children, police our streets and provide government services to the rest of us contribute measurably to our society.

On September 11, 2001, the firefighters of New York City answered the call - and so did their union. I was there and I saw it with my own eyes. From my point of view, the patriotism of their actions on that day alone should keep them off the target list of any zealot looking to score quick political points.

Regards,

Pete Janhunnen

VetPAC Board of Directors

## Outreach Corner

Our mission, should you choose to embrace it with us, is to be involved with our *community* by giving our time to make our district a better place to live; to provide *education* for the public on what the 30th District Democrats' vision is for our community and nation, and to forge a *partnership* with as many different organizations as possible, both for-profit and non-profit, to make our reach as wide-ranging as possible.

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Our first activity to put this mission into action is a partnership with the Reach Out program, coordinated in part by our very own Donna Cirincione. On March 29th and April 2nd a group of our 30th District Democrats will be joining together to make sandwiches for 25 homeless men who will make use of the shelter at Saint Theresa's Parish for the night. Providing this meal will both alleviate a tiny part of the need in our community and spread the message that Democrats care about other people – a lesson so many voters seem to have forgotten.

As we look forward to this first project and move forward with new plans, we hope to count on your participation to make our reach as far as possible.

**Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. - Margaret Mead**

(Thank you, Pat Kemp.)

**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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**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 04/06 - 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 04/22 - 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.

Sat 04/16 - Newsletter Deadline for May Issue

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