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

Announcements

First Annual South King County Democrats Dinner - June 11

Please join us for a wonderful evening on Saturday, June 11, featuring Keynote Speaker King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson, candidate for State Attorney General. The location is the IBEW #46 Hall (19802 62nd Avenue South) in Kent. The doors will open at 5:30 pm and dinner will begin at 6:00 pm

Join us for a spaghetti dinner buffet that includes homemade sauces by contestants of the first ever Sauce-off! The top three winners of the sauce-off are chosen by attendees of the dinner, and prizes will be distributed. Attendees will also enjoy a silent auction, a live auction, a dessert auction, and wonderful entertainment by Danny Welsh.

The South King County Democrats Dinner features the combined efforts of the 33rd and 30th legislative districts as their major fundraiser for the year. This year's theme, "Building Our Future", reminds us all of the hard work involved in creating a safe and secure future for ourselves and our children. We are also reminded of the unions that we labor with to create that future.

Democrats for Diversity Picnic - June 18

Please join the 30th District Democrats as we celebrate the many facets of our community's differences at the annual Democrats for Diversity event at Steele Lake Park, Site #3, on June 18 from noon to 4 p.m. There is no cost to attend. Local elected officials and candidates for office have been invited to attend.

Beth Zubitis' 90th Birthday Party

Our immediate past Chair, Beth Zubitis, is celebrating her 90th birthday on June 5. The celebration is being put on by her children at the Mortvedt Center at the Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Center, 1301 North Highlands Parkway, Tacoma 98406 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. All are welcome but please RSVP to Michael Zubitis marzu8@q.com 206-242-9200 or Tunell O'Brien tunell@comcast.net 503-698-3863. Come out and honor Beth for her birthday.

Keith Tyler To Run For Federal Way City Council

Keith Tyler, member of the 30th LD Democrats, has announced his candidacy for the Federal Way City Council. Keith is currently the Chair of our Legislative Action Committee, PCO of FED 30-3004, a member of our communications committee and our facebook guru.

He joins our other members, Roger Flygare who is also running for a Federal Way City Council position and Rich Hildreth, the current Mayor of Pacific who is running for reelection.

Two of Our Own Honored by Federal Way School Board

Geoffery McAnallo (Membership/PCO Chair) and Martin Moore (Outreach Chair) were both honored by the Federal Way School Board on May 4th for their work in the schools. Geoffery heads up the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dad's of Great Students) at Adelaide Elementary School, while Martin works with at risk youth at Lakota Middle School through the Americorps program.

The Watch D.O.G.S. program involves the fathers volunteering an entire day at school. Part of the day is spent in the classroom of their child, and part of the day is spent in another classroom. The father does all recesses and lunch with their child - there's even a special Watch D.O.G.S. table in the lunchroom.

Statistics show that if a father enters the school at least three times a year, the students academic marks substantially increase. At the same time, it gives a boost to at-risk students through the father's association and encouragement of those students.

Martin Moore recently announced that funding for Americorps (a Federal program created by President Obama) has been continued. The program is another great way to positively impact the lives of at-risk students.

Solomon Ibn Gabriol (1022–1058/70),

Hebrew poet and philosopher, wrote:

In seeking knowledge, the first step is silence, the second listening, the third remembering, the fourth practicing, and the fifth—
teaching others.

Is Adam Smith Really A Friend Of Labor?

In a recent video posted on YouTube, the Washington Fair Trade Coalition (www/WashingtonFreeTrade.org) took specific aim at 9th Congressional District Representative Adam Smith for his support of pending Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with South Korea, Columbia and Panama. You can see the video at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6wHefUSAGY>

Many of us have seen Adam Smith show up at events sponsored by progressive organizations and open a comment with the line "We progressives..." Representative Smith, however, is anything but a progressive. A very good speaker, he is, but, that's about as far as that goes.

As the video states, "While hundreds of thousands of Koreans are protesting monthly to stop the U.S.-Korea FTA, our government is rushing to the aid of multi-national corporation interests."

The video begs the question of why Representative Smith is supporting an agreement that supports sweatshop labor in China and North Korea, while offshoring jobs from Washington State.

At the same time, despite repeated calls for to strengthen provisions that would protect labor leaders and organizers from intimidation and murder, Smith's support a Columbian FTA that would leave labor supporters vulnerable to further violence. The current FTA as written would lead to impunity for trade union murders in Columbia.

The U.S.-Panama FTA - which Smith also supports - would further enrich bankers and would thwart U.S. efforts to stop offshore tax-haven abuse and to also regulate risky financial business. The video asks "Why is Adam Smith promoting corporate tax havens and money laundering in Panama?"

Our 9th CD "Representative" (I have to use the term loosely), is a member of the New Democrat Coalition, and is the Co-Chair of the Free Trade Task Force. If the New Democrats are in favor of trade policies that destroy the lives of workers worldwide - including workers here at home - then I'd have to say that the New Democrats are just as destructive to society and humanity as are the Republicans.

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The Washington Free Trade Coalition's May newsletter noted also that, while Dennis Kucinich was in town on April 29th discussing the need for real Trade Policy reform, "Rep. McDermott was in South Korea, promoting the Korea-US Free Trade Agreement, turning a deaf ear to his constituents and the Democratic Party (in S. Korea) opposing the agreement. In the recent S. Korean election, the ruling Grand National Party, the boosters of the FTA, suffered huge defeats signally that people in S. Korea are tired of leaders that support tax breaks and policies for corporations that leave behind workers. Wait aren't we also tired of that here as well?"

Isn't it time that our "Representatives" actually start representing the interests of their constituents as opposed to the interests of the multi-national corporations and banksters? Please call Adam Smith's office (253-593-6600) and tell him to oppose ALL FTAs. Then, have your friends and neighbors do the same.

-- Kurt Peppard

**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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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 06/01 - 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.

Sat 06/11 - First Annual South King County Democrats Dinner

Sat 06/18 - Democrats for Diversity Picnic

Thur 06/23 - Exec Board Meeting, at the offices of Flygare and Associates, 1715 S. 324th Pl. Suite 250, Federal Way 98003. This meeting is held on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Sat 06/18 - Newsletter Deadline for May Issue (contact kurt@peppardfamily.ws or 253-838-8618)