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Regular Monthly General Meeting: September 9, 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

Move to Amend Bylaws

Moved (by Dan Turley): The bylaws be amended to require all delegate and committee reports to be submitted in writing for distribution via hard-copy at the regular general meeting. Only notices requiring action by the body will be announced at the meeting.

Progressive Change Committee

by Dan Turley

At the last general meeting, the membership voted to form an ad-hoc Progressive Change Committee tasked with revitalizing the 30th District Democrats organization and developing a plan for influencing the voters and politicians in the 30th Legislative District. Dan Turley was appointed chair of this new committee. The committee has already met twice, with a planned third meeting before the next general meeting.

In order to achieve our larger purpose, both as a committee and as the official arm of the Democratic Party in the 30th LD, we are moving forward by looking inward at our own organization. The plan, starting in October, is to rejuvenate the monthly meetings, thereby bringing in more members and sparking more active involvement in the organization. Be sure to attend the monthly meetings and stay tuned, you don't want to miss this!

Volunteers Needed at the Puyallup Fair

In cooperation with and support of the 25th LD Democrats, we again have the opportunity to volunteer at this year's Puyallup Fair. The fair runs from September 9-25. There are three shifts daily: 10:00am to 2:15pm; 1:45pm to 6:15pm; and 5:45pm to 10:00pm. Two to three people are required for each shift, and the 25th LD is currently about 40 volunteers short.

The "work" is easy: talking to people, answering questions and promoting Democratic candidates, issues and the Party. An added bonus is that you get free parking and a pass to get in to the fair for the entire day you are scheduled to work.

Contact either Tim Burns or Louis Tibbs (25th LD Chair) for more information or to schedule a shift. Louis' phone number is 253-376-4441.

Primary Election Results

by Tim Burns

While the results of the Primary Election will not be certified until the end of August, it is apparent that two of our endorsed candidates will proceed to the General Election on November 8. **Elizabeth (Liz) Drake**, Federal Way School Board Director 3 finished first in her primary and **Roger Flygare**, Federal Way City Council Position 3 finished second in his primary. In addition, **Gael Tarleton**, Port Of Seattle Commissioner Position 2, **Dean Willard**, Port of Seattle Commissioner Position 5, **Rich Hildreth**, City of Pacific Mayor, **Keith Tyler**, Federal Way City Council Position 7, and **Jim Fossos**, South King Fire and Rescue Position 5 proceed directly to the General election.

After a grueling interview and approval of the membership in attendance at a 30th LD meeting, each of these candidates received the endorsement of the 30th LD Democrats. They are our candidates for their respective positions. Each one can use our help, individually and collectively, to win their elections in November. Whether you can phone bank, sign wave, doorbell or donate money all assistance would be greatly appreciated by these fine candidates. We, as an organization, endorsed them. Now lets do all we can to get them elected

For those who live in Des Moines, Auburn and Milton, we did not endorse any candidates for election in November. However, we urge you to visit the King County Democrats website (kcdems.org) for their endorsed candidates who will appear on your ballot.

Most important of all is to vote by November 8th.

Outreach Committee Report

by Martin Moore

The Outreach Committee's latest event was the 30th District Democrats Annual Family Picnic held in Pacific for the second year in a row. Thank you to all of our members and guests who provided fantastic food and even better company for an afternoon with fellow Democrats! Susan Honda, candidate for the Federal Way City Council, Jim Kastama, candidate for Secretary of State, Gael Tarleton, incumbent candidate for Port of Seattle Commissioner, Rich
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Hildreth, incumbent Mayor of Pacific, and Keith Tyler, candidate for Federal Way City Council were also among our guests, providing an opportunity to get to know them better and engage in conversation about our community and government.

Our immediate future project is the continuing sock drive for the Merit School. As of this time, Cheryl Monk, who is leading this project, has received several dozen pairs of socks. Many members have already provided socks and supplies to give to the school. Within the next few weeks we will be delivering these items to the school as the 30th District Democrats, letting the school and the students know that the Democrats in their community care about their needs.

At our next Outreach Meeting on September 10 at Poverty Bay Coffee at 2:00 p.m. we will be putting together a calendar of events and goals for the committee in the coming year. If you have ideas, please let Martin Moore or Julie Turley know!

State Legislature Supermajority on Tax Increases Goes to Court

Richard Champion alerted me to an interesting article in the August 19th edition of 'The Olympian', entitled "Final ruling needed on legality of two-thirds tax vote." The article spoke to a few things that I think many of us are already aware of.

What I found more interesting than the article, however, are the comments posted online regarding the article. On both the pro-supermajority side and the anti-supermajority side was mostly a lot of name calling and comments that only distort the greater problem we're facing on this question.

National polling shows that the majority of Americans (in the 80% range generally) favor taxing the rich and the corporations in a more equitable manner so that the middle and working class don't foot the bill for a continually eroding economy.

Somehow, though, the voters of Washington have been tricked into thinking that ANY new and increased taxes will adversely affect the economy and job creation.

We need to make this point clear to people: The rich and corporations use more resources than working people and small businesses. They should pay their fair share of taxes to once again make this nation strong.

Joint Communications/Membership Committee Report

At the August General Meeting of the 30th LD Democrats, the Communications and Membership Chairs reported that they were moving to change the number of monthly newsletters that we send via the Postal Service. In the past, we have been mailing the newsletter out to non-members in the hope of attracting interest and participation.

The printing and mailing of the newsletter is the single biggest expense of the organization. Since there are very few people who turn out as a result of this practice, it is felt by the two committee chairs that these funds could be better allocated in our recruiting/outreach efforts.

No formal vote was taken on the presentation, however, the membership in attendance voiced no objections to this change of practice. This change of practice will begin with the October newsletter. For those who wish to continue receiving a free electronic newsletter, email kurt@30thDemsWa.org to receive the electronic version.

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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Jonathon/Sara Bristol, Larry/Hideko Coghill, Art/Dee Fluharty, Elbert/Linda Gage, Jeff Holden, Jean Matthew, Sterling Smith, Frank/Beverly Warnke, Jem Wear

Senator's Club:

Jim/Madelyn Grayson, Rick Hoffman, Paul Mallary, Linnea Peterson, Jacqueline Russo

Family Members:

Larry/Judith Bengston, Yvonne Braune/Ned Raymond, Carmi/Melissa Brooks, Walt/Carolyn Brooks, Howard/Vernita Christianson, Jerry/Mary Clingan, Mike/Sue Dillard, Miriam/Neal Helgeland, Al/Teya Hillerman, Michael/Mary Kun, Paul/Maxine Levy, Geoffery/Devin McAnallo, Cheryl/Charmaine Monk, Lee Ann/Wald Prielipp, Jim/Nancy Siburg, John/Joan Tornow, Dan/Julie Turley, Cheryl/Michael Weatherby

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KPTK AM1090

Thom Hartmann 9:00 am M-Fri

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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 09/07 - 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.

Fri 09/09 to 09/25 - Puyallup Fair - Volunteers Needed (Details inside).

Sat 09/17 - Newsletter Deadline for the October Issue (contact kurt@30thDemsWa.org or 253-838-8618)

Thur 09/23 - 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 at 7:00 pm. This meeting is open to all members of the 30th LD Democrats, where the members always have a voice.