



# THE DIALOGUE

## 30th District Democratic Organization

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Regular Monthly General Meeting: October 5, 2011

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

## Report From The Chair

### Current Elections

The 2011 election cycle is approaching conclusion and our endorsed candidates and issues need your help in fundraising/donating, doorbelling, calling on friends and neighbors, putting up yard signs, etc. We have the opportunity to influence the city, school district, Port Of Seattle and Fire District policies enacted during the next 4 years by electing the candidates who share our Democratic values and voting on the issues which will make a difference in our lives. The ballots will be mailed soon and it is time to redouble our efforts to assure that our endorsed candidates and issues are successful. In the Federal Way area, there will be candidate forums at Federal Way High School on October 5 (6pm-8pm) for the City Council races and on October 12 (5pm-8pm) for School Board, Lakehaven Utility District and South King Fire District.

### PCO Info

PCO elections are in jeopardy. The State of Washington has ruled that the normal election process of choosing the PCOs on the primary ballot in even numbered years is unconstitutional and that the State will not have a Presidential Primary in 2012 (an alternative method of selecting PCOs) due to financial considerations. With that in mind, the method for selection of PCOs is undecided at this time. Stay tuned.

### State Auditor

State Auditor, Brian Sontag, has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election in 2012. Our State Representative, Mark Miloscia, has recently declared himself to be a candidate for election to the State Auditor position. Let's get behind and support Mark in this effort for State-wide office. In addition we are now searching for 2 candidates for State Representative for the 30th LD to represent us.

The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common lives.

-- Jane Addams

Report from The Chair (Cont.)

## **Membership/PCO Chair**

Geoffery McAnalloys has resigned as our chair for Membership and PCOs due to an overload in his schedule. I have appointed Richard Champion to fill the position. Thank you, Geoffery, for your contributions and thank you, Richard, for accepting the appointment.

## **Redistricting**

The redistricting commission has published the proposed redistricting plans of each of the commissioners for the Congressional Districts and the Legislative Districts. The maps can be found at [www.redistricting.wa.gov](http://www.redistricting.wa.gov) and [www.wa-demchairs.org](http://www.wa-demchairs.org). Comments on the proposed maps will be accepted until October 11 (on the redistricting site). The commissioners are expected to submit a single proposal for redistricting to the Legislature in January and will try to make the decision in November. My personal preferences are the Congressional plan from Mr. Huff and the Legislative plan from Mr. Ceis.

## **State Committee Meeting**

At the Washington State Democrats Committee meeting in Bellingham on September 17, all five of our resolution concepts were approved by the body. The State Committee also endorsed 1st District Congressman Jay Inslee for Governor. The expected Republican candidate is Rob McKenna. For an idea of what a McKenna Governor agenda might look like remember what has happened in Wisconsin, Indiana, Florida, New Jersey and other states which have recently elected Republican Governors.

## **Holiday Party**

Our annual holiday party scheduled for December 7, is approaching. With Larry Jackson's move to Nevada, we will be looking for someone to provide a ham or similar main dish for the dinner. Any takers??????????

## **Puyallup Fair**

The 30th LD Democrats worked the Democrats' booth at the Puyallup fair to the tune of at least nine 4-hour shifts. Thank you to those who participated. I pass along the appreciation of the 25th  
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LD for our help. I anticipate that we will be invited to be involved again next year. Thank You to all who helped out: Donna Cirincione, Linda & Elbert Gage, Michael & Mary Kun, Jim & Madelyn Grayson, Ginny Leach, and Bob Dickinson.

## **A Simple Litmus Test**

by Kurt Peppard

It shouldn't be all that difficult for our elected representatives to decide on both national and statewide budgets. The simple question to ask is "does this budget decision sustain and advance life, or does it destroy life?" Let's look at a big budget price tag – military spending – as an example.

Military budgets are obviously destructive to life – only the wealthy reap the rewards, while people throughout the world suffer. Every year, over one-trillion dollars is spent globally on war and preparing for war. U.S. military spending accounts for half of this worldwide total.

By contrast, an annual expenditure of \$19 billion would eliminate global malnutrition and starvation; \$12 billion per year would educate every child on the planet; \$23 billion per year would reverse the spread of AIDS and malaria worldwide. At a cost of \$70-80 billion per year, the basics of nutrition, medical care and education could be provided to every human being on the face of the planet. This is less than ten-percent of the annual cost of war.

It is true that the present violent reality of the world requires that the U.S. maintains a capable military. I find it hard to believe, however, that the defense of our nation requires us to spend more money on our military and war efforts than all of the other nations of the world combined. In whose interests are the nation's military and war efforts working? I see no benefit within the borders of our own nation – only increasing poverty. I see no benefits for other people throughout world – I only see suffering and misery.

Our army is presently ensuring that the natural resources of the Middle East are firmly in the hands of non-taxpaying multinational corporations. Our Navy protects the foreign-flagged fleets of the world's oil companies. Even the U.S. Coast Guard – as was seen in the Gulf of Mexico disaster – works under the orders of foreign corporations to the detriment of those who are actually paying the taxes.

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While our nation's treasury is being stolen to plunder the planet through war, we the taxpayers are suffering with the continued erosion of our own economic life and even economic survival. Our infrastructure continues to erode; the education of our children continues to deteriorate; poverty continues to rise.

All such budget considerations must revolve around an understanding of the true costs of war and military spending. Are the true costs sustaining and building life, or, ultimately, is all life going to be destroyed? It's a pretty simple little litmus test, really.

My apologies for the tardiness of this newsletter. Life can be quite the event at times - K.P.

Democracy is an objective. Democratization is a process. Democratization serves the cause of peace because it offers the possibility of justice and of progressive change without force. -- Boutros Boutros-Ghali

**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:**

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:**

John-Paul/Angelica Chaisson-Cardenas, Jim/Madelyn Grayson, Rick  
Hoffman, Paul Mallary, Linnea Peterson, Jacqueline Russo, Paul  
Schlossman

**Family Members:**

Larry/Judith Bengston, Yvonne Braune/Ned Raymond,  
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Drake, Roger/Sonya Freeman, Miriam/Neal Helgeland, Al/Teya  
Hillerman, John/Karolyn Hughey, Michael/Mary Kun, Paul/Maxine  
Levy, Geoffery/Devin McAnallo, Cheryl/Charmaine Monk, Lee  
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Turley, Cheryl/Michael Weatherby

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Patricia Artz, Karen Backman, Janet Bentley, Tim Burns, Richard  
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Haynes, Max Hedgecock, Jerry Holmes, Larry Jackson, Carolyn  
Landrum, Ginny Leach, Gayle Mahler, Thom Macfarlane, Virginia  
Marquart, Mark Miloscia, Jean Noe, Kurt Peppard, Barbara Reid,  
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[www.30thdems.wa.org](http://www.30thdems.wa.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)

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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 10/05 - 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 10/15 - Newsletter Deadline for May Issue (contact [kurt@peppardfamily.ws](mailto:kurt@peppardfamily.ws) or 253-838-8618)

Wed 10/26 - 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 last Wednesday 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.