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Regular Monthly General Meeting: December 7, 2011

First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

4016 S 352 St. 98001 - 1/2 mile west of Military Road

Chair's Report

December Meeting - On our regular meeting date and time (December 7, 2011, 7pm) we will be having a pot-luck Holiday Party instead of our normal business meeting. This is our opportunity to socialize with each other and partake in what has traditionally been a fabulous meal, highlighted by a turkey, a ham and dishes brought by our members. I encourage everyone to come and bring family and friends, and some food to share.

Upcoming Meeting Programs - We appreciate the positive feedback from those members who like the shorter business meetings because of our change to written reports that do not require action and the new format for the raffle. Our next step is to build a stronger organization by attracting new people with attractive programming in **2012**.

Based on the enthusiasm expressed at the last meeting for a panel or forum on education Kurt Peppard is putting that together for **February** and he would like your help and input.

We are waiting on a response from Jay Inslee for **January** and Pat Artz is working on a conference on the issues affecting women and children for **March**. Paul Mallary is projecting an event for Armed Forces Day in **May**.

Pat Artz has agreed to serve as interim coordinator of programs and she can be reached at (253) 941-0113.

Redistricting Commission - As of press time the state redistricting commission is still working on the new maps (legislative districts and congressional districts). They are scheduled to present their final proposals to the Legislature in January.

State Investment Trust (State Bank) - One long term solution to budget crisis is the formation of a State Investment Trust similar to the State Bank of North Dakota. Representative Bob Hasegawa (D 11th LD) continues to propose such a bill. I recently attended a "Town Hall" meeting in SeaTac at which Rep. Hasegawa explained the concept and details of the proposal. We are in the process of trying to schedule a "Town Hall" meeting in Federal Way for the same purpose.

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Special Legislative Session - Governor Christine Gregoire has called the Legislature in to a 30 day special session beginning on November 28 to deal with the State's budget shortfall. The Governor has proposed a temporary one-half percent increase in the state sales tax to pay for certain programs and services rather than making further cuts to essential programs such as education. Sales taxes, by definition, are regressive and disproportionately adversely affect the lower income brackets as do the budget cuts suffered in this state in recent years.

A better answer is to increase revenue by 1) closing tax loopholes and/or 2) issuing revenue bonds for specific purposes. While there is no easy and quick remedy due to the passage of Tim Eyman's Initiative 1053, the legislature will have to do something to address the shortfall. It is well past time for them to quit placing the burden on the backs of the middle class, students, the elderly and infirm and the working poor.

Occupy Federal Way - This group has recently formed and is developing a strategy. I have attended two meetings to date and am impressed with their message and methods so far. At this time there is no immediate plan to "camp" in Federal Way. Meetings are held on Saturdays at 3pm at the Poverty Bay Coffee Shop.

New Outreach Committee Chair - Martin Moore has resigned as Chair of the Outreach Committee to devote more time to Mark Miloscia's campaign for State Auditor. In his place, I have appointed Cheryl Monk as the new Chair. Thank you Martin, for your service this year and thank you Cheryl, for eagerly accepting the duties and responsibilities of the position.

Caucuses - In April of next year we will be involved in Precinct, Legislative District and County caucuses to determine our choice of a candidate for President and the delegates to the various levels of the party structure including the National Convention. This is a major effort and help is needed to make these caucuses successful. We are currently in the planning stage.

Gift Giving - As we approach the time of the year when there is a tendency to give holiday gifts, please consider buying goods and services which support local businesses and American labor. For example, gift certificates to local dining/entertainment and American made and Union made products and services help to stimulate the economy. Remember that these businesses and workers are part of the 99% who have been bearing the brunt of our economic problems. Read the labels and patronize the "Mom and Pop" stores whenever possible and while you are thinking locally, please also consider moving your monetary accounts from the National and International banks to a local bank or credit union. For those who want to buy "American Made" products please check out www.madeinamericaforever.com.

Personal Note - I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help and support for the organization and myself during 2011. As I reflect on the first year of my term as the Chair of the 30th LD Democrats, I believe that we have become a more active and stronger organization thanks to your support and participation. We have increased our meeting attendance, our community involvement and our Precinct Committee Officers. There is still much work to do, but we are moving in the right direction. I anticipate bigger and better things for the 30th LD in 2012. For all you have done, are doing and will do in the future, I appreciate and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**Happy Holidays and a safe and prosperous
New Year to all!**

In Case You Missed It from Pat Artz

Because the TeaBaggerRepublicans refused to confirm Elizabeth Warren as head of the department she created, she and our President Obama made lemonade from another hateful TBR lemon. She will be the strongest possible opponent for the Massachusetts Senate seat vacated by Ted Kennedy and taken by the TBR. Let's encourage and support her candidacy.

I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it.

-- Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969)

We will not build a peaceful world by following a negative path. It is not enough to say we must not wage war. It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it. We must concentrate not merely on the negative expulsion of war but on the positive affirmation of peace. We must see that peace represents a sweeter music, a cosmic melody, that is far superior to the discords of war. Somehow, we must transform the dynamics of the world power struggle from the negative nuclear arms race, which no one can win, to a positive contest to harness humanity's creative genius for the purpose of making peace and prosperity a reality for all the nations of the world. In short, we must shift the arms race into a peace race. If we have a will - and determination - to mount such a peace offensive, we will unlock hitherto tightly sealed doors of hope and transform our imminent cosmic elegy into a psalm of creative fulfillment.

-- Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

**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,
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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 12/07 - 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.

Thur 12/15 - Newsletter Deadline for the next issue (contact kurt@peppardfamily.ws or 253-838-8618)

Wed 12/28 - 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.