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Regular Monthly General Meeting: September 5, 2012

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

Elections—Based on the results of the August Primary Election, we may have some new endorsement motions at our September 5 membership meeting. Of our 30 endorsed candidates and issues in the primary election, 21 either won or are progressing to the General Election. Unfortunately some of our endorsed candidates did not survive the primary including Mark Miloscia, John Ladenburg, Hong Tran, Kim Allen, Gary Ernsdorff, Marianne Jones, Tim Farrell, Helen Whitener and Rick Hoffman. Thank you to all of those who stepped forward to the challenge of running for office.

The November General Election is fast approaching and all of our endorsed candidates need all of our help to be elected to the offices they seek. Electing the candidates who most closely reflect our ideals is vitally important. Please do all you can to support and elect our endorsed candidates.

The coordinated campaign has the following schedule of events promoting our endorsed candidates:

- South King County Phone Bank—every Tuesday and Wednesday, 5:00pm to 9:00pm at the Carpenter's Hall (25120 Pacific Highway S, Kent, 98032)
- Federal Way North—Canvass and voter registration every Saturday and Sunday, 1:00pm to 5:00pm at Poverty Bay Café (1108 S 322nd St, Federal Way, 98003)
- Redondo—Canvass and voter registration every Saturday and Sunday 11:00am at Silvia Reyes' home (2405 S Star Lake Road #67-201, Federal Way, 98003)

PCOs—There may be some confusion regarding the effective date of the PCO filings in May and elections in August. PCOs who filed in May for election and were elected in August will be effective in December of 2012 (the first official act will be to reorganize the King and Pierce County Democratic Central Committees. This involves the election of the officers of those organizations.) The current PCOs (those elected in 2010 and appointed since then) remain in position until December 2012 when the newly elected PCOs take office.

Reorganization—In addition to the County reorgs in December, the 30th LD will reorganize at the January 2, 2013 membership meeting. This involves the election of all officers and the adoption of By-Laws. Only PCOs elected as a result of the August primary election will vote on the following officers of the 30th LD: Chair, Vice-Chair, State Committee Man

and Woman, County Delegates (Male and Female) and Alternates and LAC Chair. All members will vote on the Secretary and Treasurer. Any member may run for election to any of these positions.

Raffle—The tickets for our second 50/50 raffle of 2012 are ready. This raffle will be up to 1300 tickets at \$2.00 each and the winner will receive between \$250.00 and \$1300.00 depending on the number of tickets sold. The winning ticket will be drawn at our annual Holiday Party on December 5, 2012. To obtain, purchase or return tickets (and stubs) contact Chair, Tim Burns chair@30thdems.wa.org or 253-874-6292.

From the Seattle Times (through The Stand [daily Washington State Labor Council online newsletter]) The charter-schools measure, Initiative 1240, spent a staggering \$2.6 million on signature gatherers – more than \$6 per signature. That was a few rich folks, Bill Gates and some others, just buying their way onto the ballot. Perhaps because there was no army of impassioned volunteers burning to go door to door in the name of charter schools. But the corporate-lackey prize this year goes to our man of the people, Tim Eyman. He has shed any pretense of a people-powered campaign. His Initiative 1185 has 95% of its financing from corporate behemoths such as oil companies (Shell, Conoco, BP), the national beer and soda-pop industries and big pharmaceutical firms. They bought a spot on our election ballot, as if it were a highway billboard, apparently to reiterate how much they really, really don't want their taxes raised.

Former Gov. Charlie Crist: Here's why I'm backing Barack Obama

By Charlie Crist, Special to the Tampa Bay Times
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I've studied, admired and gotten to know a lot of leaders in my life. Across Florida, in Washington and around the country, I've watched the failure of those who favor extreme rhetoric over sensible compromise, and I've seen how those who never lose sight of solutions sow the greatest successes.

As America prepares to pick our president for the next four years — and as Florida prepares once again to play a decisive role — I'm confident that President Barack Obama is the right leader for our state and the nation. I applaud and share his vision of

a future built by a strong and confident middle class in an economy that gives us the opportunity to reap prosperity through hard work and personal responsibility. It is a vision of the future proven right by our history.

We often remind ourselves to learn the lessons of the past, lest we risk repeating its mistakes. Yet nearly as often, our short-term memory fails us. Many have already forgotten how deep and daunting our shared crisis was in the winter of 2009, as President Obama was inaugurated. It was no ordinary challenge, and the president served as the nation's calm through a historically turbulent storm.

The president's response was swift, smart and farsighted. He kept his compass pointed due north and relentlessly focused on saving jobs, creating more and helping the many who felt trapped beneath the house of cards that had collapsed upon them.

He knew we had to get people back to work as quickly as possible — but he also knew that the value of a recovery lies in its durability. Short-term healing had to be paired with an economy that would stay healthy over the long run. And he knew that happens best by investing in the right places.

President Obama invested in our children's schools because he believes a good education is a necessity, not a luxury, if we're going to create an economy built to last. He supported more than 400,000 K-12 teachers' jobs, and he is making college more affordable and making student loans, like the ones he took out, easier to pay back.

He invested in our runways, railways and roads. President Obama knows a reliable infrastructure that helps move people to work and helps businesses move goods to market is a foundation of growth.

And the president invested in our retirement security by strengthening Medicare. The \$716 billion in savings his opponents decry today extended the life of the program by nearly a decade and are making sure taxpayer dollars aren't wasted in excessive payments to insurance companies or fraud and abuse. His opponents would end the Medicare guarantee by creating a voucher that would raise seniors' costs by thousands of dollars and bankrupt the program.

We have more work to do, more investments to make and more waste to cut. But only one candidate in this race has proven a willingness to navigate a realistic path to prosperity.

As Republicans gather in Tampa to nominate

Mitt Romney, Americans can expect to hear tales of how President Obama has failed to work with their party or turn the economy around.

But an element of their party has pitched so far to the extreme right on issues important to women, immigrants, seniors and students that they've proven incapable of governing for the people. Look no further than the inclusion of the Akin amendment in the Republican Party platform, which bans abortion, even for rape victims.

The truth is that the party has failed to demonstrate the kind of leadership or seriousness voters deserve.

Pundits looking to reduce something as big as a statewide election to a single photograph have blamed the result of my 2010 campaign for U.S. Senate on my greeting of President Obama. I didn't stand with our president because of what it could mean politically; I did it because uniting to recover from the worst financial crisis of our lifetimes was more important than party affiliation. I stood with our nation's leader because it was right for my state.

President Obama has a strong record of doing what is best for America and Florida, and he built it by spending more time worrying about what his decisions would mean for the people than for his political fortunes. That's what makes him the right leader for our times, and that's why I'm proud to stand with him today.

Currently Paid Members

(Note: This list does need to be updated to add a few new members.)

President's Club: Jonathon/Sara Bristol, Larry/Hideko Coghil, Miles/Elizabeth Drake, Linda/Elbert Gage, Geoffery/Devin McAnallo, Sterling Smith, Beverly Warnke, Jem Wear

Senator's Club: Bob Dickinson, Sen. Tracey Eide, Art/Dee Fluharty, Al/Teya Hillerman, Rick Hoffman, Linnea Peterson

Governor's Club: Larry/Judith Bengtson, Kristi/Don Ceder, John-Paul/Angelica Chaisson-Cardenas, Dan Fisher, Roger/Karla Flygare, Jim/Madelyn Grayson, Ginny Leach, Tom Macfarlane, Paul Mallory, Jacqueline Russo, Stephen E. Smith, Dan/Julie Turley, Keith Tyler, Denise Yun

Family Members: Carmi/Melissa Brooks, Walter/Carolyn Brooks, Jerry/Mary Clingan, Roger/Karla Flygare, Carol/Gil Gregory, Miriam/Neil Helgeland, John/Karolyn Hughey, Michael/Mary Kun, Paul/Maxine Levy, Tom/Dorothy Perry, Barbara Reid/Elizabeth Conner, Mark/Bonnie Thompson, Mike Thorne/Mary Bryce, Jodi Riker-Yap/Jerry Yap, Jim/Nancy Siburg

Members: Patricia Artz, Karen Backman, Dominic Barrera, Tim Burns, Richard Champion, Donna Cirincione, Marguerite Condon, Jerry Flynn, Janice Goe, Max Hedgecock, Jeff Holden, Susan Knighton, Bernie Knighton, Carolyn Landrud, Jean Matthew, Cheryle Monk, Martin Moore, Jean Noe, Mildred Ollee, Kurt Peppard, Silvia Reyes, Verleen Riggins, Steve Sandberg, Leonard Sanderson, Paul Schlossman, Ruth Parker Silvesan

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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 09/05 - 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.

Fri 09/14 - Newsletter Deadline for the next issue (contact kurt@peppardfamily.ws or 253-838-8618)

Wed 09/26 - 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.