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Regular Monthly General Meeting: January 9, 2013
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

30th LD Reorganization Meeting-This is the most important meeting of the 30th LD. Every two years as we elect the officers who are to lead and represent our organization, this time for the 2013-2015 term. The meeting will be held at the Federal Way Senior Center (4016 S 356th St., Auburn) starting at 7pm and was moved from January 2nd due to the holiday season.

The following officers of the 30th LD Democrats are subject to election at the **reorganization meeting on January 9, 2013.** Nominations for all positions will be according to the proposed rules. The proposed agenda and proposed rules are attached (email version) or inserted (snail mail version) and are subject to amendment from the floor at the meeting.

Office	Announced Candidates
Chair	Tim Burns
Vice Chair (2 available)	Richard Champion
State Committeeman	Geoffery McAnallo
State Committeewoman	Ginny Leach
King County Male Delegate	Dan Turley
King County Male Alternate	
King County Female Delegate	Julie Turley
King County Female Alternate	
Pierce County Delegates (3)	
King County Leg Act Comm Chair	
King County LAC Alternate	
Endorsements Committee Chair	
Secretary	Linda Gage
Treasurer	Bob Dickinson

The Secretary and Treasurer are elected by the members present and voting, the rest by the PCOs elected during the Primary Election in August, 2012. No proxies are allowed. Both King and Pierce Counties must be represented among the Chair and Vice-Chair offices. Both genders must be represented as Pierce County Delegates if possible

These officers are also members of the 30th LD Executive Board (alternates in the absence of the primary) in addition to the (Cont. Next Page.)

5 appointed Standing Committee Chairs (Communications, Fundraising, Hospitality, Outreach and PCO/Membership).

Each nominee for a position must indicate acceptance of the nomination for each position desired either in person or by letter.

In Review-King County Reorganization held on December 8, new officers for the King County Central Committee were elected. The new Chair is Karl deJong; the 2nd Vice Chair is Richard Champion. With a new administration changes are bound to come.

30th LD Holiday Party-Held on December 5 at the Federal Way Community Center, the evening was a fun social event. In attendance were several former, current and newly elected officials and many guests. Thanks to all who attended, brought refreshments and helped with the setup and tear down. The drawing for our 50/50 raffle was held and the winner announced.

The City of Pacific-which, thanks to redistricting, is now entirely within the 30th LD has retained insurance and will continue as a city. At the City Council meeting on December 26, Leanne Guier (PCO PAC 30-0887) was unanimously reelected as President of the City Council. Congratulations, Leanne.

Looking Forward-Membership dues are due in February but may be paid starting now. Payment may be by check, cash or credit card in person or by mail. Forms are available on page 4 of this newsletter or on our website. Your attendance and participation in the activities of the 30th LD Democrats are welcome and encouraged.

Politics is not a spectator activity. Decisions are made by those who participate.

The Political Class

Editorial by Kurt Peppard and Dan Turley

It still amazes us how our president continues to put cuts to Social Security and Medicare on the Budget Table, when such programs have nothing to do with the budget crisis. With each paycheck, every working American pays into

Social Security and Medicare on the promise that they will reap the rewards of those insurance payments when needed. Not only would cuts to these programs harm those who rely on them, but it would also adversely affect the economy because those receiving payments would be forced to spend less.

Why is it that Democratic organizations, including us in the 30th LD, continue to endorse candidates who seem to bring more harm than good to the nation? While it is true that voting for such candidates is better than voting for any Republican, still, to endorse such candidates implies that we are as unprincipled as those we endorse. To continue endorsing such candidates marks a failure to stand firm behind the principals that we say we stand behind.

Another case in point, "Democrat" Rodney Tom recently threw away our Democratic majority in the State Senate by aligning himself with the Republicans, giving them the majority in return for himself getting the top leadership spot. On December 22, 2012, the Seattle Times reported that he has a 7,700 sq. ft., \$5 million dollar waterfront home in Medina (Washington's wealthiest zip code), and that he lives off of investments and income from his wife's family trust fund, after making his fortune in real estate.

Rodney Tom, according to the same Seattle Times article, has pushed to privatize or eliminate parts of the state government to save money, but rules out tax increases to help balance the budget. He insists that the state should spend less money on school construction in order to put more money into the classrooms. The reality is we need far greater funding throughout the education system, though Rodney Tom doesn't see how to do it short of raising taxes.

Like the 30th LD is in the habit of doing, Rodney Tom's 48th LD Democrats endorsed him because he has a "D" next to his name. That does little good for the people of the 48th and the rest of Washington State. The same could be said about Frank Chopp and the 43rd LD Democrats. The list goes on.

It's interesting that the word "leader"

does not appear in the U.S. Constitution. We do not elect leaders, rather we elect representatives, and we cannot continue to endorse and elect people who are under the mistaken impression that they are our leaders – that they know better what is good for our state and our nation than the people themselves. Yet politicians, like Adam Smith and Rodney Tom, tend to think that they have all the answers, thereby failing to represent we the people.

In the next election cycle many such “Democrats” will seek our endorsement. There must come a time when Democrats firmly understand that to endorse a candidate simply because they have a “D” next to their name is often equivalent to voting against the very principals we Democrats claim to support. To continue endorsing such candidates is to endorse the deterioration of our nation in the hands of those who think they know better than the people they were elected to represent.

What good is a Democratic majority if it only serves those who are wealthy, while the rest of us continue to watch our standard of living decline? It is time we call out such individuals for who they are, and let them stand on their own. After all, these are the same people who are abandoning the vast majority of this nation, while ensuring that the rich and powerful gain even more wealth and more power.

MEMBERS

Dues are due in February of each year.

President’s Club: Jonathon/Sara Bristol, Larry/Hideko Coghill, 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, Dan/Alice Olmstead, Linnea Peterson, Mark/Bonnie Thompson

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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 01/09 - 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 01/12 - Newsletter Deadline for the next issue (contact kurt@peppardfamily.ws or 253-838-8618)

Wed 01/30 - Exec Board Meeting, location to be determined. 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.