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Regular Monthly General Meeting: March 6, 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

Early Endorsement(s)-Beginning with our March 6 meeting we may start the endorsement process with "early endorsements" of incumbent office holders. King County Executive Dow Constantine has announced his intention to run for re-election. The 30th LD Democrats endorsed his campaign 4 years ago and a motion to early endorse him for re-election would be "in order".

Mark McDermott-due to a scheduling conflict Mark was unable to speak with us at the February meeting. I have invited him to present his program "Fighting to Make the American Dream Real for Everyone" at our March 6 meeting. This is a power point presentation which analyses the growth of the gap between the richest 1% and the rest of us. Mark has spoken to various groups from Washington to Florida and I enthusiastically encourage all to attend.

Changes to the Executive Board-Outreach Committee-Pat Artz has resigned as Chair due to her busy schedule and desire to ramp down her responsibilities. Pat has been a very active and valuable member of the 30th LD for many years and will continue to assist us in a lesser capacity. I am very pleased to announce that Jodi Riker-Yap has agreed to accept the title and duties of the Chair of the Outreach committee. Jodi came to us last year through redistricting and is our only Auburn PCO. In addition she was elected in January as the alternate to the Chair of the IAC. Communications Committee-Kurt Peppard has asked to be relieved of the position of Chair of the Communications Committee so he can devote his time and energy to other aspects of the 30th LD after 4 years of chairing communications. He will still be active as parliamentarian and producing the newsletter as well as other endeavors yet to be announced. Dan Turley has graciously agreed to become the Chair of the Communications Committee and will, for the present, continue as our King County Male Delegate. I thank both Pat and Kurt for their many years of service and devotion to the 30th LD and welcome the fresh ideas and enthusiasm that Jodi and Dan bring to their new positions.

Business Cards-We are now accepting orders for business cards for officers, PCOs and members of the 30th LD. The cards (Cont. Next Page)

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will have our new logo (designed by Dan Turley) and are a valuable tool in advertising our organization. Contact Tim Burns or Dan Turley to place your order.

South King County Dinner-The location for our 3rd annual South King County Dinner has been finalized. We will again be at the IAM 751 Hall in South Seattle on Saturday, May 18. Other details are in the planning process and will be announced as they develop. This is our major fundraising effort for the year. Ginny Leach and Kurt Peppard have agreed to serve as our representatives to the planning committee.

Politics is not a spectator sport -- join in, get active and have your voice heard.

Roger Freeman Votes Against Reproductive Parity Act

Opinion by Kurt Peppard

Roger Freeman, has already shown us that he's going to vote with his own thinking as opposed to the view of the Majority who endorsed him, then helped him get elected. The Reproductive Parity Act (which did pass the House) is meant to ensure that health insurers cover abortions along side maternity.

Freeman was one of only two House Democrats to vote no on this issue. During the President's Day LAC Events, Roger was strongly encouraged to vote Yes on this issue. Judging from the number of Facebook responses to this issue, Roger Freeman has disappointed a great number of people who actively supported and worked on his campaign.

It's time we as the 30th LD Democrats quit embarrassing ourselves by endorsing then supporting candidates simply because they claim to be Democrats. All that ends up is that we elect another Rodney Tom who claims to be a Democrat, yet consistently sides with the Republicans.

Wait for it. There are many other issues coming up this session where Freeman has already indicated a Republican leaning vote - such as a 3% increase on the Capital Gains tax for the wealthiest citizens of the state.

LAC Report - King County Democrats Lobby Day

by Roger Flygare

At 7:30 a.m., the LAC committee, a couple of 30th LD members and a guest all traveled together to Olympia in Roger's van. We had very stimulating discussions regarding our day's planned activities on the trip down. It should be pointed out that the 30th LDD had the largest delegation of all the districts with 11 in attendance. Awesome turnout!

Chair Tim Burns had prearranged meeting times with our legislators: Senator Eide at 1:30 p.m., Representative Freeman at 2:15 p.m. and Representative Kochmar at 2:45.

We all gathered together at the Senate Rules Room where we were hosted by the Washington Young Democrats for our morning meeting regarding discussion points that KC Democrats felt were important in addition to the ones the 30th Legislative Action Committee had formulated when meeting with our legislators.

When we met with our three representatives, Jodi Riker Yap led off discussions on Education; Richard Champion on Health Care; Transportation by Walter Brooks; and Revenue by Roger Flygare. When time allowed the rest of our group participated in free-style discussions on any subject that was of special interest to that particular individual.

After our day on the hill activities, the Legislative Action Committee members and several members who spent the day with us attended the big social event of the day, "THE CRAB FEED," which was hosted by the Washington State Democrats. Our newly elected officials, the governor, US congressional delegation, and a large number of Washington Senate and House Members were introduced.

Plenty of crab, barbequed salmon, clams, salads and other dishes were generously dished up throughout the evening. I am sure that no one went away hungry. The 30th reserved three tables and we filled those up easily.

As with the Lobby Day activities, the 30th LD had the largest turnout of any LD in the state - and our biggest turnout ever.

Outreach Committee Report

by Jodi Riker-Yap

The Outreach Committee has not yet had a meeting, due to a conflict with Roger Flygare and the LAC group meeting on the same day.

To date 5 cities have been asked to send applications for their spring summer events with cost and availability. We are still waiting for Federal Way and Milton to respond. To date: Auburn three events, Pacific, one event and, Algona one event. The applications are awaiting the committee approval before bringing to the Body as a whole.

If you know of any other events in our area, please contact Jodi Riker-Yap at 253-293-5643.

Pat Artz has secured the site for our annual Picnic at Steel Lake Park, Site #1, July 27, 2013. She completed this just after the first of the year. Thank you, Pat.

And Thank You Pat, for all of your efforts as our previous Outreach Committee Chair.

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:

Larry/Hideko Coghill, Linda/Elbert Gage

Senator's Club:

Art & Diana Fluharty, Roger/Karla Flygare, Jeff/Kaori Holden, Ginny Leach, Paul Mallary, Sterling Smith, Jem Wear

Governor's Club:

John-Paul/Angelica Chaisson Cardenas, Al/Teya Hillerman, Jacqueline Russo, Jodi Riker-Yap/Jerry Yap, Paul Schlossman, Keith Tyler

Family Members:

Walt/Carolyn Brooks, John/Karolyn Hughey, Bernie/Susan Knighton, Mike/Mary Kun

Members:

Patricia Artz, Tim Burns, Marguerite Condon, Bob Dickinson, Tracey Eide, Miriam Helgeland, Lee Landrud, Jean Noe, Mildred Ollee, Steve Sandberg, Leonard Sanderson, Lynnette Shureb, Sarjane Siegfriedt

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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 03/06 - 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 03/15 - Newsletter Deadline for the next issue (contact dna5122@comcast.net or 206-819-7397)

Wed 03/27 - Exec Board Meeting, Federal Way Regional Library on 1st Way South. 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.