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Regular Monthly General Meeting: May 1, 2013
First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 9:00 pm
WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

Report From the Chair

President Obama's Budget - I am highly disappointed that the President included the "chained CPI (consumer price index)" in his proposed budget. In fact I have emailed and phoned both Senators Cantwell and Murray to do all they can, including filibuster, to prevent this from passing the Senate. The chained CPI will be devastating for current and future Social Security recipients and is not necessary as Social Security has not added a single penny to the nations' deficit. A better solution to preserve the integrity of Social Security is to "Scrap The Cap" (www.justscrapthecap.com) and use the CPI-E which more accurately reflects the spending requirements of seniors.

South King County Dinner - On Saturday, May 18 the 30th LD is co-hosting the 3rd annual spaghetti dinner/fundraiser at the IAM Hall in South Seattle (see the flyer). This is our major fundraiser of the year. We are committed to supply:

- 4 homemade sauces, about 1 gallon each, labeled as vegan, vegetarian, seafood or meat for the sauce competition
 - 2 desserts
 - 2 high value (above \$100) live auction items to draw competitive bidding
 - 10 items for the silent auction (value \$25 to \$75 each)
- People to help with the food, setup/teardown and/or decorating
People to attend

To contribute auction and food items or volunteer to help contact Ginny Leach (253-924-0432) or Tim Burns (253-874-6292) by May 10th.

Business Cards - Our new business cards have arrived for those who ordered them. The cost per 100 is \$9.33. With these cards we will now have "membership cards" for all of our members.

Vacant Position - Jodi Riker has resigned the position of King County Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Alternate to better devote her time and energy to her duties as Chair of the Outreach Committee. Since the

LAC Alternate position was one of those elected during our reorganization meeting in January, it will be necessary to conduct an election for a replacement for Jodi as LAC Alternate. This election will be held at the membership meeting on May 1, 2013.

Proposed Bylaw Changes

Submitted by Richard Champion
For Consideration at May 1st General Meeting

Proposed Bylaw amendment for The 30th District Democrats' Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1 for Duties of the Chair (Note: this is to replace the current language):

"The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the organization, shall preside over its meetings and represent the 30th District Democrats on the Executive Board of the County Democratic Central Committee for their county of residence and on the Organization of County and District Chairs at WSDCC meetings. The Chair shall appoint Committee Chairs, pending approval by the Executive Board, a Sergeant-at-Arms, and a Parliamentarian as needed. The Chair shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the organization. The Chair shall be the sole authorized spokesperson for The 30th District Democrats. No documentation shall be published or provided outside of the organization without approval of the Chair, except for social media which can be monitored by his or her designee."

Proposed Bylaw amendment for The 30th District Democrats' Bylaws, Article IX and inserted as Section 2:

"The Chair will recommend the chairs of the standing committees. The Executive Board will vote to confirm the chairs of standing committees by majority vote. The Executive Board may vote to remove committee chairs by majority vote."

Rebuttal from Rep. Roger Freeman

In response to the opinion piece in the March issue regarding the Reproductive Parity Act

First, I would like to thank the 30th District Democrats for allowing me to respond to the opinion piece that ran in the March edition of this newsletter.

The opinion published last month highlighted a single bill as reason to question my commitment to my constituents and those who supported me. It ignored every other vote I have taken, bill that I have supported, and legislation that I have sponsored, which are firmly rooted in supporting residents of the 30th legislative district and Democratic values of fairness, equality and opportunity.

House Bill 1719 seeks to correct a dramatic inequality at our public ports, where low-income truck drivers were being economically extorted. House Bill 1868 fights to ensure that police and firefighters who are catastrophically injured in service to their communities will never be denied the medical treatment they need. Several other pieces of legislation I sponsored would improve our child welfare system, which serves the most vulnerable and neglected among us.

I would add that the comparison between myself and Senator Rodney Tom is wholly inaccurate and without merit.

I have been one of the most vocal supporters of the DREAM Act – Tom allowed his committee chair to kill the bill.

I believe in protecting the social safety net that protects our most vulnerable – Tom supports a budget that slashes critical human services.

I support a balanced tax system that doesn't disproportionately fall on low and middle-income families, which means closing loopholes and could very well include a capital gains tax – Tom only supports cutting taxes and creating more special interest loopholes.

Rodney Tom stands by himself. While I may

disagree on a few issues, I stand firmly with my caucus and the Democratic Party.

Resolution Supporting Cuts to Pentagon Spending

For Consideration at May 1st General Meeting

WHEREAS automatic across-the-board spending cuts went into effect on March 1, reducing discretionary spending by \$1 trillion over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS Congress has not yet agreed upon a strategic budget package to undo the sequester cuts; and

WHEREAS Congress is beginning the process of setting Fiscal Year 2014 spending levels for the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS Pentagon spending, excluding nuclear weapons and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, has increased by 35% in the last decade, while domestic discretionary spending has only increased by 12% during that period; and

WHEREAS the Government Accountability Office (GAO) identified \$70 billion wasted on major weapons systems in a period of just two years; and

WHEREAS reductions of military spending at the levels required by sequestration would constitute a 31% reduction from the 2010 wartime peak spending level, which would be smaller than the reductions following the Korean, Vietnam, and Cold Wars; and

WHEREAS the Pentagon can protect Americans by reshaping the budget and accompanying strategy to focus on 21st century threats; and

WHEREAS think-tanks and experts from across the political spectrum, including the Simpson-Bowles Commission, the Cato Institute, Taxpayers for Common Sense and the Project on Defense Alternatives, have identified hundreds of billions of

dollars of Pentagon spending reductions that would not harm national security; and

WHEREAS Washington State will suffer this year as a result of domestic sequester cuts, including 160 teaching jobs at risk, 440 fewer low-income students receiving college aid, 2,850 fewer children receiving vaccinations, and \$143,000 less to aid victims of domestic violence;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the 30th District Democrats, call on Rep. Adam Smith and Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell to work to develop a budget package that balances the undoing of domestic sequester cuts with significant reductions in the Pentagon budget, while preserving critical services for veterans and active duty military members; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we call on our congressional representatives to work to reduce wasteful Pentagon spending in the Fiscal Year 2014 budget.

Submitted by Rebecca Griffin,
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Political Director for Peace Action West

Resolution in Opposition to Cuts to Social Security

For Consideration at May 1st General Meeting

WHEREAS the current cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) applied annually to Social Security benefits and other government programs already fail to account for the higher inflation seniors experience due to their disproportionately higher health care costs; and

WHEREAS the proposal to subject COLAs to a so-called "chained" CPI (consumer price index) would result in an estimated 0.3% yearly reduction in those COLAs, amounting to an average annual reduction of about \$130 per Social Security recipient, and a 9.2% reduction (almost \$1,400/year) by the time current 65-year-olds reach age 95; and

WHEREAS the concept of a chained CPI is based on the false premise that as prices rise, consumers will simply shift their purchasing to less expensive goods and services, while many expenses unavoidable for seniors, such as drugs, health care services, food and property taxes, continue to rise inexorably; and

WHEREAS, in addition to over 56 million Social Security recipients, there are more than 15 million SSI and VA beneficiaries and military and federal civil service retirees who will be affected; and

WHEREAS the impact of those reductions will be greatest on those who begin to draw benefits at an earlier age (e.g., military and disabled), and on those who live the longest – typically women who have outlived their other sources of income, depleted their assets, and rely on these benefits as their lifeline to financial stability; and

WHEREAS generations currently coming of age will have reduced lifetime earnings due to the ongoing recession, will face unprecedented levels of student loan debt and are highly unlikely to ever have defined benefits pensions while research has shown 401(k) programs to fail to sufficiently prepare Americans for retirement, and will, therefore, be even more dependent than current retirees on adequate funding of Social Security and realistic COLA calculations; and

WHEREAS Social Security can be made solvent for at least 75 years, and its benefits increased, by the simple expedient of subjecting all earned income to the FICA tax; and

WHEREAS cutting Social Security and other safety-net programs would seriously jeopardize the American social contract that has been in place since the New Deal; and

WHEREAS two-thirds of poll respondents over 50 (Democrats, Republicans and Independents) have said they'll be less likely to support anyone who backs Obama's proposal to implement a chained CPI, which will result in severe negative repercussions for our Party in 2014 and 2016 if

implemented;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the 30th District Democrats, call on our Democratic representatives to refuse to pass a budget that subjects COLAs in Social Security and other programs to a chained CPI; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that going forward, we, the 30th District Democrats, will refuse to endorse or support any federal candidate that either votes for or advocates for cuts to Social Security and that all candidates seeking our endorsement or support be made aware of this policy.

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LAC Committee Report

by Roger Flygare, Chair

The 2013 legislative session has been a rocky one for passage of any meaningful legislation aimed at closing the gap in education funding. The Senate Democrats are blockaded by the coalition formed by two Democrats aligning with the Republicans to create a majority controlled by the Republicans. The budget isn't coming together and as of today April 17th there are rumblings of special session.

On Wednesday, April 10, 2013, Senator Jim Hargrove, D-Hoquiam, the ranking member of the Senate Ways & Means Committee, today issued the following statement on the House budget proposal:

"We now have the tools in hand to create a budget for the 2013-15 bienniums. I would like to thank the House budget writers for their contributions and look forward to working with the House, Gov. Inslee and Sen. Hill to reach a compromise that will create a budget that the House, Senate and governor's office can support and pass."

Apparently, there has been a breakdown in communication between the House and Senate because on Friday evening April 12, 2013, the roles were reversed, as House Democrats brushed aside

GOP efforts to tone down a \$34.5 billion operating budget proposal whose centerpiece is \$1.9 billion in new education spending paid for mainly with a \$1.3 billion tax increase.

“This is a budget proposal that really give hope to our kids for a bright future,” countered House Minority Leader Rep. Pat Sullivan (D-Covington). “And it’s a budget that gives hope to struggling families who asked us to preserve the safety net they depend upon.

“This budget,” he said, “outlines the values (and) puts together the support that any budget must have in order to be able to go home and tell our constituents we did the right thing for them.”

Being at loggerheads is putting it mildly...this is raw politics at its best and in baseball parlance evidently will be going into extra innings. With the State Supreme Court admonishing the Legislature for failing to fully fund basic education and the Senate coming in short on its proposal and the House filling in the gap with their counter-proposal, it’s my opinion that this will be pushed down the road a lot longer than originally contemplate

Outreach Committee Report

by Jodi Riker, Chair

The out reach committee has been very busy this month. Due to Gem a and Sterling's efforts, we have successfully navigated through the high school and the school districts process to allow us to reach out to the seniors in high school. For all of those that have stepped up to help with this program, we say thank you.

We had our first meeting and at that time we discussed the events for this summer and how we will respond to them.

Randy Smith has offered to take Federal Way and Milton. Jodi Riker will be handling the Algona, Pacific and Auburn. Both teams will add in the picnic/potluck.

At this time we plan on meeting with other LDs to

see if we can share costs at the following events The 31st has already contacted us to share a booth at Auburn Days. The 45th has been contacted with no results as of yet. But that the that we will continue our outreach to other LDs, in in order to share costs.

The break down is as such:

July 4	Federal Way and Auburn
July 19-20	Algona days
July 27	30th District Democrat's Picnic
August 9-11	Auburn Days
August 17-18	Milton Days

Please sign up for events and wear your 30th District Democrats t-shirts. This is what brings in more folks!

Newsletter Changes

by Dan Turley

Over one year ago, our organization adopted a new logo. Since that time, we have ordered banners, t-shirts and business cards, among other things, using the new branding. We are now working to create a new design and layout for the newsletter.

If you have any ideas for features you'd like to see in the newsletter, let us know!

Also, the newsletter is called "The Dialogue" for a reason. It's purpose is not just to serve as notice for items to be considered at upcoming meetings, but to foster discussion among our membership. This issue features the second half of just such a discussion.

We need *your* help to keep the discussion going! Please feel free to submit your own (fact-checked) opinion pieces for publication in the newsletter.

Remember to Smile!

by Pat Artz

"A smile is a curve that sets everything straight."
-Phyllis Diller

"A smile is the light in your window that tells others there is a caring sharing person inside." -Denis

<p>Waitley</p> <p>"A smile is a universal welcome." -Max Eastman</p> <p>"Smile, for everyone lacks self-confidence and more than any other one thing a smile reassures them." -Andre Maurois</p> <p>"Smile, it's free therapy." -Douglas Horton</p>	<p>Telephone Numbers</p> <p>King County Elections: 206-296-VOTE</p> <p>Elected Representatives</p> <p>The White House: 202-456-1111/202-225-3121</p> <p>U.S. Senator Patty Murray 206-553-5545/202-224-2621 Murray@murray.senate.gov</p> <p>U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell 202-224-3441/888-648-7328 Maria_cantwell@cantwell.senate.gov</p> <p>U.S. Rep. Adam Smith 202-225-8901/888-764-8409 www.house.gov/adamsmith</p> <p>State Senator Tracey Eide 360-786-7658 tracey.eide@leg.wa.gov</p> <p>State Rep. Roger Freeman 360-786-7830 roger.freeman@leg.wa.gov</p> <p>King County Executive Dow Constantine 206-263-9600 Dow.constantine@kingcounty.gov</p> <p>WA STATE Legislative toll-free Hotline: 800-562-6000</p> <p>Track WA Bills & Votes http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature</p> <p>Washington State Democrats www.wa-democrats.org Dwight Pelz, Chair 206-583-0664</p> <p>K C Democratic Central Committee</p> <p>www.kcdems.org/ Karl de Jong, Chair 206-409-2050 dejong@msn.com</p> <p>Pierce County Democratic Central Committee Jeannie Mitchell, Chair 253-620-0068 chair@piercecountydems.org</p> <p>30th District Democrats Website: www.30thdems.wa.org</p>
<p>HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES ? IF SO, THANK YOU – IF NOT, PLEASE DO!</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>President's Club: Larry/Hideko Coghill, Linda/Elbert Gage</p> <p>Senator's Club: Jay/Peg Altman, Don/Kristi Ceder, Mason Cobb, Liz/Miles Drake, Art & Diana Fluharty, Roger/Karla Flygare, Jim/Madelyn Grayson, Rick Hoffman, Jeff/Kaori Holden, Ginny Leach, Paul Mallary, Devin/Geoffery McAnallo, Linnea Peterson, Sterling Smith/Jem Wear, Paul Schlossman, Mark/Bonnie Thompson, Beverly Warnke</p> <p>Governor's Club: John-Paul/Angelica Chaisson Cardenas, Jerry/Mary Clingan, Kim/Penni Dixon, Alfred Frank, Al/Teya Hillerman, Jacqueline Russo, Jodi Riker-Yap/Jerry Yap, Paul Schlossman, Dan/Julie Turley, Keith Tyler</p> <p>Family Members: Jerold/Merriam Arvisais, Carmi Brooks/Melissa Brooks, Walt/Carolyn Brooks, John/Karolyn Hughey, Michael Campsmith/Myra Wisotzky, Bernie/Susan Knighton, John/Karolyn Hughey, Mike/Mary Kun, Paul/Maxine Levy, Kristine Reeves/Camron Schwarmann, Barbara Reid/Liz Connor</p> <p>Members: Patricia Artz, Janet Bentley, Tim Burns, Richard Champion, Marguerite Condon, Bob Dickinson, Tracey Eide, Hope Elder, Dan Fisher, Miriam Helgeland, Lee Landrud, Tony Lui, Cheryl Monk, Lucy Musatti, Paul Names, Jean Noe, Catherine North, Mildred Ollee, Kurt Peppard, Steve Sandberg, Leonard Sanderson, Lynnette Shureb, Randall Smith, Bev Webber</p> <p>Associate Members: Patricia Johnson, Sarjane Siegfriedt, Beth Zubitis</p>	

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CALENDAR

Wed 05/01 - 30th District Democrats Regular General meeting, WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way; 7-9 PM Doors open 6:30 P.M. 1st Wed of each month.

Sun 05/12 - Newsletter Deadline for the next issue. Send reports or opinion to comms@30thdemswa.org. 200 - 300 words maximum please.

Wed 04/24 - Exec Board Meeting, held at the WEA (same as general meeting). This meeting is held on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm, and is open to all members of the 30th LD Democrats, where the members always have a voice.