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Regular Monthly General Meeting: **September 4th, 2013**

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

WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

From The Chair

Official Call - At the September 4 membership meeting we will have 2 resolutions (supporting the override of Citizens United and supporting Initiative 594) subject to vote. These resolutions are printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Additionally at the September 4 meeting there will be a discussion of the pro and con sides of Initiative 522 (to label genetically modified foods). We have invited representatives from both sides of the issue to present their respective cases.

Major Honor - The 30th LD Democrats have been nominated to receive the "Local Party of the Year" award at the State Party Magnuson Awards dinner on September 15. The "Maggies" are presented each year to individuals and a local party deemed outstanding within the State of Washington. Thanks to Roger Flygare, Jodi Riker-Yap, Richard Champion and Julie Turley for their collaboration on this nomination.

2013 Election - The 30th LD has endorsed 18 candidates (so far) for the November 5 general election. Ten of these candidates are members of our organization. A full list of our endorsed candidates and issues (if any) will be prominent in our October newsletter. We also intend to mail our list of endorsed candidates to many voters within the 30th LD, similar to what we did last year. In the meantime all of the candidates would appreciate any help they can get for their campaigns (financial, doorbelling, phone banking or just spreading the positive message. In the primary election, our 7 endorsed candidates finished with 6 in first place and one in second place. We have an excellent chance to make a big difference in these elections. Remember that the ballots will be mailed to your residence of record about October 15 and must be returned by November 5. Every vote is important, especially in "off-year" elections, when turnout is expected to be low.

Outreach - This summer we participated in festivals in Algona, Auburn, Federal Way, Milton and Pacific and parades in Algona, Milton and Pacific as well as having our annual picnic in Federal Way. Thank you to all who helped to carry our name and message to these communities.

Special thanks to the Yaps and Randy Smith for taking the lead on the summer activities. We have now registered over 300 new voters toward our goal of 500.

Washington State Fair - This year's Washington State Fair ("the Puyallup") runs from September 6-22. For those who have volunteered to work the Democrats' booth, your tickets should be in the mail soon. If you are going to the fair please stop by the booth, located in the main concourse (under the grandstand) across from the original scones location at the triangle. Candidates should provide a sign and literature to Tim Burns as soon as possible for placement in the booth.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, September 5 at 11am an action in support of WalMart workers at the Renton WalMart on Rainier Ave. (Wear 30th LD t-shirts)
- Thursday, September 5 at 5pm-protest Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker coming to Seattle for a Republican fundraiser at the Seattle Sheraton on 6th Avenue. (Wear 30th LD t-shirts)
- Thursday, September 12 5:30pm-7pm-fundraiser for Port of Seattle Commissioner John Creighton at McCoy's Firehouse Pub (173 S Washington St., Seattle 98104). John is a 30th LD endorsed candidate.
- Sunday, September 15 at 4:30pm Washington State Democrats' Magnuson Awards (The Maggies) Dinner at the Washington State Convention Center (800 Convention Place, Seattle, 98101)
- Friday, September 27 at 6pm "Keep Pierce Blue" fundraising dinner and auction for Pierce County Democrats at 9850 64th Street West, University Place

Outreach Committee

by Jodi Riker, Chair

All summer events are done!

Don't forget about our **OMG! Huge Parking Lot Sale** this labor day weekend.



OMG! HUGE **Parking lot** **Fundraiser!**

1715 S 324th Pl,
Federal Way

Across from the Commons Mall and by DMV

Time 8:00 am to 6:00 PM

Saturday-Sunday 8 / 31 and 9/1.

Come haggle price with the Grumpy Old Lady!

Early birds will be trapped and released.
(with malice and forethought)

Cash only. No checks.

No spouses or children in trade.

Help us de-clutter our houses, And help a number of people fulfill their dream jobs in the community.

Left over items will benefit local non profits .

Who wants to take it home after digging it out?

Legislative Action Committee

by Roger Flygare, Chair

The next LAC meeting will be right here in Federal Way on September 15 @ 1:00 p.m.

Washington Education Association Headquarters
32032 Weyerhaeuser Way South
Federal Way, WA 98001-9687

As Chair of the 30th Legislative District Democrats Legislative Action Committee, I am excited to share with you that we have put together a meeting with two very notable people in Washington State's education system, Superintendent Randy Dorn from

the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Marcie Maxwell, Senior Education Policy Advisor for Governor Inslee's Legislative Affairs and Policy Office.

Please join us, the 30th LDD LAC and the King County Democrats LAC, in greeting them and hearing where they think education is headed in the State of Washington as well as asking those burning education questions that you have.

This will be, without a doubt, one of the most meaningful meetings that South King County will have to learn about where our children's education is headed in the future.

Proposed Resolution

Submitted by Brian L. Gunn, Move To Amend - King County

Resolution: Regarding Constitutional Rights for People, not Corporations

Whereas: the US Constitution, as amended, describes the rights and freedoms granted to people, and makes no mention of corporations; and

Whereas: legal entities such as corporations are neither born nor naturalized in the US, and are therefore not entitled to the privileges or immunities of US citizens; and

Whereas: the First Amendment is designed to protect free speech rights of human beings, not corporations; and

Whereas: there is a profound difference between human beings with an inalienable right to self-expression and what a human being may possess, such as money or property; and

Whereas: multi-national corporations may be owned, in whole or in part, by foreign interests that should have no influence on elections in the US; and

Whereas: over the last 3 decades, a divided United States Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that

money equals speech, transforming the First Amendment into a powerful tool for corporations seeking to evade and invalidate democratically enacted reforms; and

Whereas: the corporate takeover of the right to free speech reached its extreme conclusion in the US Supreme Court ruling Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission; and

Whereas: the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Citizens United v. F.E.C. overturned longstanding precedents prohibiting corporations from spending their general treasury funds in our elections; and

Whereas: the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Citizens United v. F.E.C. has unleashed a torrent of corporate money into our political process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in US history; and

Whereas: the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Citizens United v. F.E.C. presents a serious and direct threat to our democracy and national security; and

Whereas: the people of the United States have previously used the constitutional amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court that go to the heart of our democracy and self-government; and

Whereas: the Washington State Legislature has twice failed to pass a joint resolution that would have called for such an amendment;

Now, therefore, be it resolved: that the 30th Legislative District Democrats hereby endorses efforts to pass a statewide initiative requiring the Washington State Legislature to send a joint resolution urging the US Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to establish that a corporation shall not be considered a person eligible for rights accorded to human beings under the Constitution, as amended, and the use of money to influence elections or the acts of public officials shall not be considered a protected form of speech.

Proposed Resolution

Submitted by Tim Burns

Subject: Criminal Background Checks on Gun Sales in Washington State and support of I-594, initiative to the Washington State Legislature

WHEREAS, gun injuries and deaths in Washington State are a significant public health problem with approximately 600 people killed by guns each year over the past decade, and in 2010 more people in Washington State died by guns (609) than in traffic accidents (554); and

WHEREAS, since 1994 over 2.1 million firearm purchase applications have been denied because of federal criminal background checks for gun sales through licensed dealers required by the Brady Law, but up to 40% of firearm purchases are between private parties and not subject to criminal background checks; and

WHEREAS, risk for new criminal activity is increased among those with a prior criminal history, inmate surveys have shown that at least 80% of firearms inmates used in crimes were obtained in a private transfer, and more than 40% of homicide offenders and inmates incarcerated for firearm-related offenses were prohibited persons when they acquired their firearms.

WHEREAS, one study (JAMA 2001; 285:1019-1026) found that denial of handgun purchase to people in California who had committed violent misdemeanors was associated with a decrease in risk of arrest for new gun and/or violent crimes.

WHEREAS, fifteen states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws requiring background checks for all firearm purchases or handgun purchases, and Washington state has not; and

WHEREAS, current WSDCC platform supports "comprehensive gun-sale background checks, including criminal, mental health, and domestic violence checks, and waiting periods, applicable to gun shows and other transactions; mandatory registration and licensing; required safe gun storage;

safety training for all gun owners; a limit on volume buys of firearms by an individual; and a total ban on assault weapons and oversized ammunition magazines;" and

WHEREAS, Initiative 594 is an initiative to the Washington State legislature that would apply background-check requirements currently used for gun sales by licensed dealers to all gun sales and transfers, with specific exceptions, and require the checks be conducted through licensed dealers, and for the foreseeable future is the only realistic path to enact this policy in Washington State; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 30th Legislative District Democrats, on September 4, 2013, approved endorsement of Initiative 594, which would apply criminal background-check requirements to all gun sales and transfers in Washington State, with specific exceptions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 30th LD Democrats urge the Washington State Democrats to endorse Initiative 594 at the State Committee meeting on September 21, 2013 in Ocean Shores, Washington.

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 206-296-VOTE
 Elected Representatives
 The White House:
 202-456-1111/202-225-3121
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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES ?
 IF SO, THANK YOU – IF NOT, PLEASE DO!

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Larry/Hideko Coghill, Linda/Elbert Gage

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, Paul Schlossman, Sterling Smith, Mark/Bonnie Thompson, Beverly Warnke, Jem Wear

Governor's Club

John-Paul/Angelica Chaisson-Cardenas, Jerry/Mary Clingan, Kim/Penni Dixon, Alfred Frank, Carol/Gil Gregory, Al/Teya Hillerman, Dan/Alice Olmstead, Jodi Riker-Yap/Jerry Yap, Jacqueline Russo, Dan/Julie Turley, Keith Tyler

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CALENDAR

Wed 09/04 - 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 09/15 - Newsletter deadline for the next issue. Send reports or opinion to comms@30thdemswa.org.

Wed 09/25 - Exec Board Meeting. Contact the Chair for location of the 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.