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<http://www.30thdemswa.org>

Regular Monthly General Meeting: **April 2nd, 2014**

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 April 2nd membership meeting there are two resolutions on which to act. These resolutions deal with "Supporting the Post Office" and "Expanding the Languages Available on Voter Registration Forms" and are printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Great News On March 21, 2014, Congressman Adam Smith signed on as a co-sponsor of the "Strengthening Social Security Act of 2013" (HR 3118) sponsored by Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA) becoming the 55th Congressperson (including Reps. McDermott and Larsen from Washington State) to co-sponsor this important legislation, which is a companion bill to the Senate version sponsored by Senators Harkin and Begich. This act would increase the monthly Social Security benefit, change the cost of living factor to more accurately reflect the actual spending of seniors and eliminate the cap on wages subject to Social Security withholding (assuring the viability of the Social Security System through the current century). Thank you Congressman Smith!

Caucus On March 9th, the 30th LD Caucus elected the delegates who will represent us at the State Democratic Convention. Jodi Riker-Yap, Kristine Reeves, Julie Turley, Richard Champion, Dan Turley and Keith Tyler were chosen as delegates and Jerry Yap, Pat Artz and Paul Mallary will serve as alternates. Thank you to all that attended and participated.

County Conventions The conventions for King and Pierce Counties are scheduled to begin at 10 am on Saturday, April 12th. The primary purpose of these conventions is to adopt a platform and act on resolutions. Attendance is open to all who publicly declare themselves to be Democrats and are registered voters (or will turn 18 by November 4, 2014) in the respective counties

For King County the convention will be held at the international performing Arts Center at International School (445 112th Ave. SE, Bellevue, 98005).

For Pierce County the convention will be held at the IBEW Hall (3049 S

36th St., Tacoma, 98409).

4th Annual South King County Dinner and Auction

We are pleased to announce that the Keynote Speaker this year will be King County Sheriff John Urquhart. The “no-host” bar (beer and wine) will again be provided by the Poverty Bay Coffee Shop. We are seeking volunteers to provide spaghetti sauces, desserts and auction items. For more information or tickets contact Ginny Leach (ginnytleach@gmail.com) or Tim Burns (chair30lddems@aol.com).

King County Election A special election will be held in King County regarding funding for maintaining public transportation. The election will be on April 22, 2014. Please remember to vote.

2014 Election Cycle The election cycle is heating up. In the 30th LD there are 3 Congressional Districts, 3 Legislative Positions (Senator and 2 Representatives) and numerous Judicial races. Candidates and/or their representatives have been and will continue to be in attendance at our monthly membership meetings seeking our endorsement. Come and get a better indication of who they are and whether they deserve our endorsement.

Precinct Committee Officer Filing will be during the week of May 12-16. All are encouraged to file for these very important grass roots positions. The PCOs elected in August will be eligible to vote for the officers of the Legislative District and County Central Committees in the respective reorganization meetings in December and/or January.

Outreach Committee

by Jodi Riker, Chair

ARE YOU READY!

July

4th **Federal Way Red White and Blues**
Hosted by Randy Smith

4th **Auburn 4th of July Event**
(*Host needed* - please sign up!)

11th-13th **Pacific Days Event + Parade**
(*Host needed* - please sign up!)

18th-20th **Algona Days + Parade**
(*Host needed* - please sign up!)

August

8th-10th **Auburn Days + Parade**
(*Host needed* - please sign up!)

15th-17th **Milton Days + Parade**
Hosted by Ginny Leach / Cheryl

Reid-Simons

16th **30th District Democrats Picnic**
Hosted by Jim Grayson

30th-31st **Yard Sale**
Location to be announced. Sign up, get your price stickers.

September

6th **Washington State Fair**

November 5th - **Soup and Bread Fundraiser** - \$10.00 / person

December 3rd - **Holiday Party**

Have ideas? Let us know or come by a meeting and share. Just drop an email or call:

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Rally against poverty wages

Last year House Republicans unanimously voted to block an increase in the minimum wage. This year they’re blocking a vote from even being scheduled, despite overwhelming public support and the millions of families it would lift out of poverty. Meanwhile they continue to support tax cuts for the super rich and corporations that ship jobs overseas.

Join us at noon on April 1st as we rally against poverty wages and demand our Representative supports an increase in the minimum wage.

Auburn City Down Town, 2 1st Street SE (Map)
Auburn, WA 98071
Tuesday, April 1st, 12:00 PM

Message from your host, Jodi Riker
That's why on April 1, MoveOn members are organizing a day of action targeting vulnerable Republicans—including Rep. Dave Reichert—to

protest Republicans' support for poverty wages and demand they support the effort to raise the minimum wage.

To sign up :

http://pol.moveon.org/event/events/event.html?event_id=140826

Federal Way City Council Retreat

by Hope Elder

The Federal Way City Council Retreat was inspiring to say the least. Their combined outlook is to foster small businesses, while trying to promote new businesses. They have received a loan of approximately \$600,000 that can be used to promote employment.

We learned that several new businesses are exploring moving here, and although all names are not yet given out, some items were very interesting to me, mainly a new health care moving into the old Circuit City location, new people looking at Top Foods and some development being done at Town Square.

For over 7 years we have attempted to develop this land (formerly the AMC building) but everything has fallen through and with us now considering the performing arts and convention center, it is not a good time to do much with the former property, so it remains an eye sore.

Now the plan is to very minimally develop it into a small park, with sod and cement that can easily be removed when the business ideas bloom. At least the citizens will have a green space, park place to enjoy in the meantime.

The mayor has declared that we are open for business and he is certainly taking the first steps to promote our city.

There is a great move to have a parade again and to have more community events to keep people here.

Endorsements Report

by Keith Tyler, Chair

Endorsements Committee has met and settled on their rules and procedures for this year's endorsements. We will not be scheduling any interviews to occur prior to May 16. Invitations for primary races will go out shortly after that date. Invitations for remaining general-only races will go out after August 5.

We are working on a 30th District specific questionnaire that will be available prior to May 16 which will be the preferred questionnaire.

Candidates will be required to turn in their completed questionnaire no less than 5 days prior to their interview or else forfeit their interview slot and reschedule if available. Interview times will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

Candidates will be vetted on a variety of measures at the discretion of the Endorsements Committee and will likely include campaign donors, past candidate contributions, interview records, news media and other resources.

Resolution #1

Resolution to Protect the United States Postal Service

WHEREAS the United States Postal Service is a vital component of this country's economic and communications infrastructure, handling and delivering 160 billion pieces of mail and generating more than \$65 billion in revenues annually, while receiving no taxpayer funding; and

WHEREAS the mailing industry, which employs 8 million Americans, generates over \$1 trillion in annual revenues and represents approximately 7% of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP), depends on the U.S. Postal Service's invaluable mail processing, retail service and delivery networks six days a week; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Postal Service is the only private company or federal agency required by Congress to pre-fund future-retiree health premiums for 75 years into the future, and to do so within a 10-year period, thus entailing a crippling \$5.5 billion annual payment which has led to service cuts; and

WHEREAS states that vote almost entirely by mail, such as Washington, are especially dependent on full and reliable mail service for timely exercise of their voting franchise; and

WHEREAS the Postal Service is the second largest employer of U.S. Veterans, who comprise over 22% of its present workforce; and

WHEREAS rural communities, many of which do not have access to the Internet, remain dependent on the Postal Service for vital communications and for the shipment and receipt of goods; and

WHEREAS many Americans, particularly senior citizens, depend on the Postal Service for receipt of their prescription drugs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 30th Legislative District Democrats urge our U.S. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell to support postal-reform legislation that would stabilize Postal Service finances by reforming or eliminating the unique requirement of pre-funding future retiree health benefits, and thereby (1) secure the continuation of six-day mail delivery, (2) strengthen and protect the Postal Service's invaluable mail processing, retail service and delivery networks that together comprise a vital part of our nation's infrastructure, and (3) retain door-to-door service for over 30 million households and businesses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, the Postmaster General, and the Washington State Democratic Party.

Resolution #2

Resolution to Build a more inclusive civic engagement process through the addition of Amharic, Somali and Tagalog languages to the list of available online voter registration forms

Whereas King County is a diverse and dynamic community that has seen much of its growth since 1990 driven by immigrants; and

Whereas immigrants and longtime King County residents speak more than 100 different languages, and the 2010 U.S. Census sample found that more than 400,000 King County residents – nearly a quarter of the county’s population over the age of 5 – speak a language other than English at home; and

Whereas according to American Community Survey statistics from 2008-2012, King County is home to over 28,000 East African language speaking residents and over 26,000 Tagalog speaking residents; and

Whereas Amharic, Somali and Tagalog are among the top six (6) languages spoken in the Seattle Public School System; and

Whereas under the federal Voting Rights Act, an elections department must add a language when 5 percent or more of the voting-age minority population is not proficient in English, or when at least 10,000 people from the voting-age minority population are not English-language proficient; and

Whereas printed, hard copy versions of the voter registration form are available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese; and additionally, online printable voter registration forms are currently available in Cambodian, Korean, Laotian and Russian; and

Whereas King County government is dedicated to providing all of its residents fair and equal access to services, opportunities, and protection; inviting and encouraging public engagement; and reflecting consideration for cultural differences; and

Whereas King County government must continue striving to meet the highest ideals for socially just and equitable service delivery and engagement with the public while operating responsibly within budgetary and resource constraints;

Whereas the Democratic Party prides itself on being an inclusive, big tent organization committed to increasing all residents opportunity to be involved in and participate in the civic engagement process; and

Whereas the Democratic Party recognizes the value and importance of hearing all voices in our community’s civic engagement process, including those new to our community; therefore

Be it resolved that we, the 30th Legislative District Democrats, call for the addition of the Amharic, Somali and Tagalog languages to the list of online, printable voter registration forms available on the Washington Secretary of State website.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2014?
IF SO, THANK YOU – IF NOT, PLEASE DO!

President's Club

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MEETING CALENDAR

Wed 04/02 30th District Democrats General Membership Meeting

1st Wed of each month, 7-9 PM, doors open 6:30 PM

WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

Wed 04/30 Exec Board Meeting. Open to all members of the 30th District

Democrats, where the members always have a voice.

South King County Democrats 4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

IAM Hall
9125 15th Pl South
Seattle, WA 98108

Join Us for:
Keynote by Sheriff John Urquhart

- Spaghetti dinner buffet □
- Sauce-off competition with prizes □
- A no-host bar featuring beer and wine □
- Silent auction □
- Meet Democratic candidates □

Saturday, May 17, 2014
Doors open: 5:00pm

Tickets:

- \$25.00 advance
- \$30.00 at the door.
- Available at **Brown Paper Tickets** <http://skcd.brownpapertickets.com/>

Hosted by the 11th, 30th, 33rd, 34th, and 47th District Democrats

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