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**30th District Democrat's  
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<http://www.30thdemswa.org>

Regular Monthly General Meeting: **July 9th, 2014**  
First Wednesday of each month, **7:00 to 9:00 pm**  
WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

**From The Chair**

**Reminder** - Due to the WEA building closure for the first week of July, the July membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9 at 7 pm.

**Official Call** - The 30thLD Democrats will have our “Nominating Convention” at the July 9, 2014 general membership meeting. This action will officially nominate candidates for the Washington State Legislature from the 30th LD. Since our last nominating convention in 2012 the rules have been changed by the State Party so that we are no longer required to have the convention prior to the filing period nor have a separate meeting. Therefore, the PCOs elected in August 2012 or appointed since December 2012 will vote on the candidates who will be authorized to carry the “D” as the official candidates of the party for the 2014 election cycle. This is especially important if a candidate is elected and then vacates the office prior to the next election. Absent the nomination, we would have no input on the replacement candidates for that office. This issue will be on the agenda under “new business”.

**Another Official Call** - Due to Lynnette Shureb moving out of the district and subsequently resigning from the position of King County Alternate Female Delegate, the elected and appointed PCOs will elect her replacement at the meeting on July 9. Anyone wishing to be elected to this position may contact Tim Burns for a list of the current PCOs eligible to vote in this election. This election will also be on the agenda under “new business”.

**Clarification** - The PCOs who will be elected in the August 5, 2014 primary election (whether or not on the ballot, only contested races will appear on the ballot) will take office on December 1, 2014 for the term ending on December 1, 2016. Those PCOs elected in August 2012 or appointed since December 2012 will continue to hold that office until December 1, 2014.

**Endorsements** - To date the following candidates and issues have been endorsed by the 30th LD Democrats for the 2014 election cycle:

- Jason Ritchie - US Congress, 8th District
- Adam Smith - US Congress, 9th District
- Denny Heck - US Congress, 10th District
- Shari Song - Washington State Senate, 30th LD
- Greg Baruso - Washington State Representative, Position 1, 30th LD
- Roger Freeman - Washington State Representative, Position 2, 30th LD
- David Meyer - Judge - King County District Court, SE Division, Position 2
- Matthew Williams - Judge - King County District Court, SE Division, Position 6
- Susan Mahoney - Judge - King County District Court, SW Division, Position 2
- D. Mark Eide - Judge - King County District Court, SW Division, Position 3
- Karl Williams - Judge - Pierce County District Court, Position 8
- Initiative 594 - Requiring Background Checks on Gun Sales
- Initiative 1329 - Constitutional Amendment to Reverse "Citizens United" (Campaign Contributions)
- Initiative 1351 - Reducing Class Size in Schools

All of our endorsed candidates and issues need and want our support to be victorious. Please do all you can to help elect them.

**Puyallup Fair** - The 30th LD has again been invited to help staff the Democrats' booth at the Washington State Fair (Sept. 5-21). Shifts available are 10 am-2 pm, 2 pm-6 pm and 6 pm-10 pm each day and include admission to the fair and free parking. There are normally 2 people assigned per shift. This is an opportunity to advocate for the Democratic Party, our candidates/issues and do voter registration. For more information or to sign up for a shift contact Tim Burns or Jodi Riker. As this goes to press, 30th LD members have volunteered for 14 4-hour shifts.

## Outreach Committee

Jodi Riker, Chair

Please sign up to help with the upcoming July 4th events--we need your help to support our candidates and get our name out there!

- July
- 4th **Federal Way Red White and Blues**  
Randy Smith
- 4th **Auburn 4th of July Event**  
Jodi and Jerry
- 11th-13th **Pacific Days + Parade**  
(*Host needed* - please sign up!)
- 18th-20th **Algona Days + Parade**  
Paul Mallary
- August
- 8th-10th **Auburn Days + Parade**  
(*Host needed* - please sign up!)
- 15th-17th **Milton Days + Parade**  
Ginny Leach / Cheryl Reid-Simons
- 16th **30th District Democrats Picnic**  
Jim Grayson
- 30th-31st **Yard Sale**  
Help us raise funds!

September 6th - **Washington State Fair**

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

December 3rd - **Holiday Party**

Candidates (or campaign representatives) are encouraged to attend the events and parades! Let us help you get elected!

Have ideas? Let us know or come by a meeting and share. Just drop an email or call:  
(253) 293-5643 / JodiPCO@aol.com

## State Committee

Ginny Leach & Gerry Yap, Delegates

The meeting was called to order by Jaxon Ravens at 9:00 AM. Governor Inslee was the main speaker before lunch. After the Governor spoke, a brief report was given by Susan Del Bene, Denny Heck and Derek Kilmer. Senator Patty Murray spoke after lunch.

The main topic was the Preliminary Report of the Platform Committee. There were a number of minor

changes to the document. A copy will be made available at the July 9th meeting along with a list of the changes. We did spend several hours going through the document. At time the discussion was heated but we made it through until 5:00.

There were no endorsements of candidates done at this time. These will be done at the September meeting.

We had over 400 delegates available to vote. The 30th had, in addition to Chair Tim Burns. State Committee Woman Ginny Leach and State Committee Man Jerry Yap, Keith Tyler, Dan Turley, Julie Turley and Jodi Riker-Yap.

## Why You Should Vote NO On the Resolution to Boycott Staples

Paul Lavy

The proposed resolution asks the 30th District Democrats to lend moral support to a postal workers' boycott aimed at Staples. Passing this resolution is a bad idea for several reasons.

First, it directly involves the 30th in a labor dispute. The heart of the issue is that the union objects to outsourcing its jobs to lower-paid non-union employees. While most of us undoubtedly sympathize with the postal workers we need to maintain our stance as political organization -- not an adjunct of a labor union. Our mission as Democrats is to promote our legislative agenda, not to become embroiled in individual labor disputes. Passing this resolution does nothing to further our agenda. Furthermore, involving ourselves in this effort lends credence to the Republican meme that the Democratic Party does the bidding of the unions.

Second, it ignores the deleterious effect of the boycott if it is successful. The USPS is under a great deal of financial pressure. In 2006 Congress mandated that the USPS prefund retirement health benefits for the next 75 years. The annual tab for this mandate is estimated to be around \$5.5 billion. Additionally, e-mail and social media have

supplanted a great deal of first class postage. For example, the IRS encourages you to file electronically; the Social Security Administration expects you to communicate with them via their website; virtually all financial institutions interact with their customers via secure websites and e-mail. The cumulative effect of these pressures are proposals to close some post offices, curtail service, and sub-contract services. In 2012 the Postal Service ran a \$15.9 billion deficit. The deficit was cut to \$5 billion last year. How is the Postal Service to behave in response to these deficits? The USPS has no taxpayer funding. But it must continue to operate under onerous financial regulations in the face of contracting demand. In this light, I see the Postal Service trying to cut costs with only unpalatable options available. A successful boycott would prevent one such cost-cutting measure and put the USPS in further financial jeopardy.

Finally, claiming that the security of the mail is at issue is risible. The NSA's proxy spies are ubiquitous, and claiming that the postal workers would be immune to governmental extra-legal pressures is the height of naïveté.

The real problem is the Republican effort to privatize mail service by crippling the USPS. Boycotting Staples does nothing to combat this plan. In fact, if the boycott were successful it would further burden the USPS. The only solution to this quagmire is legislative revision of the onerous financial requirements imposed on the USPS by a Republican congress.

For these reasons I urge you to vote no.

## Toast to the Candidates

Miriam Helgeland, League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County presents a breakfast multi-partisan FUNdraiser for the League's Education Fund which funds Candidate Forums, Workshops, Online Voter's Guide, our acclaimed "They Represent You" booklet, etc.

Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at the Westin Hotel, 1900

Fifth Avenue, Seattle.

Buffet opens at 7:25 AM. Generous breakfast with vegetarian options.

Program from 7:45 to 8:30 AM

Election games with an all-star lineup of politicians, pundits and political pros from all points on the spectrum comprising Team Red and Team Blue!

Also: Government Sunshine Award and Service To Voters Award

Tickets: Supporter: \$125 Leader: \$250 Visionary: \$500 Table of 8: \$754

May be purchased online at [www.seattleleaguelwv.org](http://www.seattleleaguelwv.org)

Contributions to our 501C education are tax-deductible.

Questions? Contact Allison at 206-329-4848.

## Can We Talk???

Paula Joneli

Several years ago, when George W Bush declared a "Global War on Terror", I remember questioning how a war can be declared on a strategy or tactic; in this case "Terror". Historically, wars have been between nations or factions within a nation; with clearly defined sides, uniforms, and loyalties.

This past week, the folly of a war on a tactic has re-entered the media stream with the prisoner exchange of 5 Guantanamo detainees for US soldier Bowe Bergdahl (held for five years in Afghanistan). Talking heads on both sides cry that we have "negotiated with terrorists". I submit here that if we were not willing to "negotiate with terrorists", we never should have declared a "War on Terror" (and the terrorists who wage it).

Throughout history, wars have been ended by negotiations with the enemy, resulting in a treaty that is signed by both sides. Unwillingness to

negotiate with any enemy results in perpetual war (favored by the Defense Industry) or a stalemate. What a different world we would occupy if the Allies and the Axis had been unwilling to negotiate the two treaties that ended World War II.

Whatever we may believe about Bowe Bergdahl and the circumstances of his abduction by the Taliban, perhaps we can rejoice that one more American is coming home from Afghanistan -- and maybe -- just maybe -- this is a first step to some semblance of a peaceful settlement for an impossible mess in which our country has been mired for 13 years. Let's keep the conversation going -- that's the only path to eventual understanding and agreement -- and that elusive "world peace".

## Ready To Get Involved?

### **Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility**

Phone banking in support of I-594 sponsored by Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility.

Roger Flygare's office: 1715 S 324th Pl Ste 250, Federal Way, WA 98003

June 26th (Thursday) 5:30-8pm

July 9th (Wednesday) 5:30-8pm

*Please* RSVP to Andrea Carey, 206-227-2644, [andrea@wagunresponsibility.org](mailto:andrea@wagunresponsibility.org)

### **Shari Song**

Photo shoot - Friday (June 27th). The campaign will be shooting at locations around the district, and Shari would greatly appreciate if members from the 30th Dems came and joined us for an hour.

Door bellling blitz - taking place throughout the week until Sunday (29th). Will you join us for a two-hour shift? We have several elected officials, e.g. Dave Upthegrove and Gael Tarleton, coming out to knock on doors with volunteers and Shari.

Anyone who is interested can contact Matt Yoo at 360-296-4455.



## **Greg Baruso**

Greg Baruso's campaign to represent you in the Washington State House of Representatives is gearing up and we need your help to get the word out.

On June 28th we will be having our first doorbell blitz! There will be two groups of volunteers—10am and 1pm. Coffee and food will be provided, along with a brief training.

We will meet at our campaign office:  
1715 S 324 Pl #500, Federal Way, WA 98003.

If you'd like to join us, please visit  
<http://www.electgregbaruso.com/volunteer-for-greg>  
or contact Hope Bixby at (360) 562-7999.

## **Resolution to Support U.S. Postal Workers; Don't Buy Staples**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Postal Service has a no-bid, sweetheart deal with Staples to operate postal counters in 82 Staples stores and to provide nearly all the services U.S. Post Offices provide;

**WHEREAS**, the USPS and Staples plan to expand the program to Staples' 1,500 U.S. stores;

**WHEREAS**, the USPS and Staples have refused to staff Staples' postal units with unionized USPS employees who have the training and experience to properly handle U.S. Mail, who have sworn an oath to uphold the highest standards of public service, and who are accountable to the American people;

**WHEREAS**, low-wage, non-union "postal" jobs at Staples will inevitably replace the living-wage, union jobs of U.S. Postal Service employees and Staples stores will inevitably replace U.S. Post Offices;

**WHEREAS**, privatizing the handling of U.S. Mail will jeopardize the sanctity and security of the mail;

**WHEREAS**, postal workers have been vigorously

fighting this blatant attempt to privatize the U.S. Postal Service, replace their living-wage jobs with low-wage jobs, and degrade service, and whereas they have asked for our support;

**WHEREAS**, we care about high-quality public services, protecting living-wage jobs, and maintaining universal, affordable mail service for the American people and we oppose privatization of public services;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 30th District Democrats supports the American Postal Workers Union in its efforts to protect living-wage jobs and its insistence on the highest possible standards of customer service;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 30th District Democrats opposes efforts to privatize postal operations;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 30th District Democrats, urges members, friends, colleagues and family members to stop shopping at Staples stores until further notice;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this call to boycott Staples will be communicated immediately to members of the 30th District Democrats, the news media, the APWU and Staples headquarters.

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

**President's Club**

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Jay/Peg Altman, Larry/Hideko Coghill, Kim/Penny Dixon, Art & Diana Fluharty, Rick Hoffman, Jeff/Kaori Holden, Ginny Leach, Linnea Peterson, Shari Song, Dan/Julie Turley, Sterling Smith, Jem Wear

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**MEETING CALENDAR**

Wed 07/09 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 07/30 Exec Board Meeting. Open to all members of the 30th District

Democrats, where the members always have a voice.