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30th District Democrat's Website

<http://www.30thdems.wa.org>

General Membership Meeting: **February 4th, 2015**
First Wednesday of each month, **7:00 to 9:00 pm**
WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

From The Chair

February 4 Meeting - The South King County Fire and Rescue District will be presenting a “town hall” type forum regarding the proposed bond issue to provide repairs and upgrades to their facilities and equipment, build a new fire station in the Brooklake neighborhood and a larger fleet maintenance facility on 320th. This should be both interesting and informative.

January 7 Reorganization Results - The officers of the 30th LD as elected on January 7 are listed on the left side of this page. Standing Committee (communications, fundraising, hospitality, membership/pco and outreach) chairs and committee members will be announced in the near future. On behalf of the new and continuing officers, we thank you for your confidence and support for the next 2 years.

January 8 - Governor Jay Inslee announced that Carol Gregory, 30th LD member and PCO, was appointed to the 30th LD Representative position replacing Roger Freeman. This position will be subject to election in the 2015 cycle to fill the remainder of the term. Carol has since settled in to her new office in Olympia and is working on our behalf. Carol’s legislative assistant is Meredith Rafferty meredith.rafferty@leg.wa.gov. Contact their office (room 317 in the John L. O’Brien Building) at 360-786-7830 or through the toll-free hotline 1-800-635-9993.

From Congressman Adam Smith - “I’m pleased to announce several changes to my campaign staff. Rebecca Bryant, my political director for the past two years, is joining me in Washington, DC as my Director of Strategic Initiatives. She has served the 9th district extremely well during her time as political director, and I’m looking forward to watching Rebecca grow in her new role.

Maria Leininger will be replacing Rebecca as my new political director. Maria will be leading the charge on my campaign, and we’re excited to have her on board. She will be a valuable addition to my team, and I wanted to make sure that you had her contact information:

Maria Leininger, Political Director
Adam Smith for Congress
PO Box 578
Renton, WA 98057
Cell: 206-790-0096
Office: 253-572-6125”

King County Legislative Action Day - On February 16 (President’s Day) we will be making our annual trip to Olympia to discuss the legislative agenda of the King County Democrats and the 30th LD. All are encouraged to attend. The morning session will include visits to the group from several legislator from around the state, followed by a box lunch. In the afternoon we will attempt to outline our legislative priorities to our 30th LD Senator and Representatives. The individual cost for the materials and box lunch will be about \$20.00. Contact Tim Burns or Greg Baruso to RSVP and set up car-pooling.

Washington State Democrats Crab Feed - Following our visit to Olympia on February 16, many of us will drive to St. Martin’s University for the annual WSDCC Crab Feed from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. This is an opportunity to meet other Democrats statewide and elected officials. The menu will include salmon, crab, clams, a vegetarian dish and will cost \$50.00 if registered by February 13 (\$60.00 at the door). Again we will set up car-pooling, contact Tim Burns to RSVP. Group sponsorship is available at several levels, 10 or more people will entitle us to special recognition. This is a very fun event .

2015 Election Cycle - This year there will be many County, Port, Utility District and Municipal offices up for election. In addition the 30th LD Representative Position 2 will be on the ballot. At this time this will be the only Legislative race elected in Washington State. There are already 2 candidates (not Democrats) announced and it is anticipated that the race will be very expensive. We will need to raise a significant amount of funds to retain this seat. Please be generous with donations to the 30th LD and our candidate when announced.

2015 Membership Dues - Dues are due in

February. Dues rates range from \$10.00 to \$250.00 or more and are available from our webpage (30thdems.org). Cash, checks and credit cards gratefully accepted. Contact our treasurer, Naoma Zanetti for more information.

Mark your calendars-

2015 Annual South King County Democrats Spaghetti Feed and Auction - is set for Saturday May 16. More details to come.

2015 Annual Picnic - Will be held at Steel Lake Park on Saturday, August 1.

State Committe Report
Ginny Leach, Richard Champion

The Washington State Democratic Central Committee held its first meeting of the 2015-16 cycle on January 24 in Olympia.

The following individuals were elected officers of the Washington State Democratic Party:

Chair	Jaxon Ravens
Vice Chair	Valerie Brady Rongey
Secretary	Rob Dolin
Treasurer	Habib Habib

Each of the following individuals was elected to represent their Congressional District on the Washington State Democratic Central Committee's Executive Board.

1st CD	Todd Nichols
2nd CD	Tom Riggs
3rd CD	Marsha Manning
4th CD	Brad Taylor
5th CD	Don Schewerin
6th CD	Lynda Foster
7th CD	Javier Valdez
8th CD	Kent Verbeck
9th CD	Bryan Kesterson
10th CD	Zach Smith

The Washington State Democratic Central Committee passed the following resolutions”:
705 Resolution Regarding Washington State Revenue

- 706 Resolution Opposing Common Core State Standards
- 708 Washington Health Security Trust, a Single Payer Healthcare Plan for Washington
- 710 Pass the Oil Transportation Safety Now Bill
- 711 Support the Seattle Seahawks in Winning the Super Bowl XLIX "Go Seahawks"
- 712 Resolution to Support Equality in Automatic Record Sealing Process of Youth
- 713 Request a Study of the Economic Impact of Noxious Weeds

Defending the Indefensible

Paula Jonelin

Observing the debacle in New York City over Mayor DeBlasio's words of support to demonstrators against police violence has my head spinning. The Mayor simply voiced concern that perhaps police practices need review. This rather non-committal comment evoked rage from rank and file Officers, the Police Union, former Mayor Rudy Guilliani (who demanded an apology), and Officers who turned their backs on DeBlasio at the funeral of a fallen Officer.

- Fact 1: Statistics show that young black men are often viewed as "automatic suspects" by some police officers.
- Fact 2: African Americans are disproportionately represented in US prison populations.
- Fact 3: In the past five months, local police officers have fatally fired their weapons in at least three well-documented cases; killing a young black man and a 12-year-old black youth, and killed a black man using an illegal choke hold in NYC.
- Fact 4: Parents of young black sons have a very different "talk" with their children as they approach puberty; instructing meekness and obedience when dealing with any authority figure in addition to "the birds and the bees".

As the father of a black son and daughter, Mayor DeBlasio is painfully aware of the above statistics and the additional peril his children face in their young adult years. His words of support to the "Black Lives Matter" protesters were a reflection of his personal life, his humanity, and his responsibility

to ALL the citizens of New York City.

Those who criticize the Mayor and his stance are, in effect, defending the indefensible. I believe the vast majority of police officers are honorable, respectable, true to their communities, and deserve our utmost respect. Like all groups, police officers represent a wide swath of their communities, and occasionally a "bad apple" finds his/her way into those honorable ranks. This officer may view his/her duties as being defined by anger, hate, bigotry, or any other personal bias. When an officer acts on these personal biases, he/she tarnishes the image of officers everywhere. When fellow officers and union officials defend the perpetrators of such acts, they denigrate themselves as well. As the maxim states, "One bad apple can spoil the whole barrel."

In the recent cases, the "spoilage" then emanates to the entire law enforcement and judicial communities, as well; when other cities join the protests, Officers are put on "paid administrative leave" or get to keep their benefit-laden jobs, and Grand Juries refuse to indict.

- In Ferguson, the offending Officer did not file his Incident Report for several days, was immediately put on "paid administrative leave" (a paid 'staycation'), the Prosecutor has admitted that he allowed unreliable witnesses to "testify" before the Grand Jury, and the Grand Jury refused to indict.
- In NYC, the offending Officer had been sued for civil rights violations in the line of duty, was put on "desk duty", and the Grand Jury refused to indict. This Officer will again walk the streets of New York wearing the uniform of "New York's Finest".

The tragic assassination of two NYPD Officers by a nutcase with a gun was an act of revenge for these recent incidents. Make no mistake about it, the nutcase was triggered by the killer cops in Ferguson, NYC, Cleveland, and elsewhere; not the Mayor, not the protesters, not the public, not the Grand Juries.

My advice to police officers everywhere: Police Officers police yourselves. Stop defending criminal behavior within your ranks. Get rid of your "bad apples" before you, too are "spoiled".

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2015?
IF SO, THANK YOU – IF NOT, PLEASE DO!

President's Club

Linda/Elbert Gage, Liz/Miles Drake

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MEETING CALENDAR

Wed 02/04 30th District Democrats General Membership Meeting
7-9 PM, doors open 6:30 PM

WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

Wed 02/25 Exec Board Meeting. Open to all members of the 30th District
Democrats, where the members always have a voice.