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

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

From The Chair

Official Call - There are 2 resolutions to be acted upon at the March 4 membership meeting (printed elsewhere in this newsletter). The US Postal Service employees have asked our help in retaining/restoring overnight delivery of mail. And Tim Eyman has proposed another disastrous initiative (I-1366).

LAC Day and Crab Feed On President's Day (February 16) 9 members of the 30th LD joined with the King County Legislative Action Committee for our annual visit to Olympia to learn about issues important to King County, the State and the 30th LD. After lunch we met with Representative Kochmar and Senator Miloscia to discuss our issues. (Representative Gregory was unavailable due to committee hearings). Lead by our LAC Chair, Greg Baruso, we again had the largest delegation of all the King County LDs.

After our day at the Capitol, we attended the annual Washington State Democrats Crab Feed at St. Martin's University in Lacey and were joined by 11 more members of the 30th as well as Carol Gregory and her legislative assistant, Meredith Rafferty. Carol was a featured speaker, along with Governor Inslee and Congressional Representatives DelBene (1st CD), Kilmer (6th CD) and Heck (10th CD). Again our contingent of 22 was the largest in attendance. Way to go 30th.

Great News from Washington, D.C. President Obama has vetoed the Keystone XL oil pipeline bill passed by the Republican controlled U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. The pipeline would have run from the Canadian border to Texas and carried extremely dirty oil. An environmentally devastating oil spill was inevitable. Please consider sending the President an email or note of thanks for his veto.

Taste of the 9th On Thursday, March 12, Congressman Adam Smith is hosting the 2nd Annual Taste of the 9th event to be held at the Lakewood Seward Park Community Club (4916 South Angeline St, Seattle). This is a community celebration featuring the diverse cultures of the 9th Congressional District. The event will be from 6 pm to 7:30 pm and is free, though campaign contributions would be greatly appreciated.

2015 Membership Dues are now due. Membership forms are available on our website www.30thdemswa.org under the "Become a Member" link. Remit envelopes can be obtained at the monthly meetings or by contacting Chair Tim Burns or Treasurer Naoma Zanetti. The 30th LD Democrats needs to have the financial resources to help elect our endorsed candidates and appreciates your generous contribution.

South King County Dinner and Auction Planning is underway for the 5th annual revival of the South King County Democrats' Dinner and Auction. It will again be held at the IAM 751 Machinists' Hall in south Seattle. The 30th LD is requested to provide 5 pasta sauces and 5 auction items. We also need an auction coordinator to gather our auction items. Volunteers for any of the above please contact Ginny Leach.

Drinking Liberally is a social gathering of like-minded people in various locations including Burien, Tacoma and Kent. The next Kent Drinking Liberally get together is happening this Thursday, February 26th @ 7:00 PM at the Mick Kelly's Irish Pub restaurant in Kent (2019 West Meeker Street, Kent, WA 98032). Please put this on your calendar for the Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month, @ 7:00 pm (with the exception of holidays). Host for this group is Bruce Anderson, a PCO in the 33rd LD.

From NARAL Pro-Choice Washington Join NARAL Pro-Choice Washington in supporting a pro-active, pro-choice legislative agenda. Washington women need the freedom and privacy to make the healthcare decisions that are right for themselves and their families, and today, they just don't have it. We will be heading down to the Capitol to talk with lawmakers on March 11th, with supporters from the 30th LD, and on March 31st, for a Statewide Day of Action. RSVP or learn more by contacting Eileen Pollet at eileenpollet@prochoicewashigton.org or by calling (206)624-1990.

Remember - Democracy is not a spectator sport. We need your participation and support.

KCDCC Report

Jodi Riker-Yap, KCDCC Delegate

KCDCC Committee on DisAbilities - A message from gm emanuel, co-chair: The newly formed King County Democrats Committee on DisAbilities is seeking interested disAbled persons and allies to staff the Committee, which helps people obtain their accommodations within the Democratic Party, educates on ableism, and works on legislation pertinent to disAbilities. One does not have to attend the full County meetings to participate. Committee meetings will be four times a year. Our first meeting will be March 23rd at 7:00PM. Call (206) 632-2868 for more information (between noon and 11:00PM).

Thanks for helping with this and please note that the capital A in the word disAbilities is deliberate---a popular nuance within The Movement.

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

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MEETING CALENDAR

Wed 03/04 30th District Democrats General Membership Meeting
7-9 PM, doors open 6:30 PM

WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

Wed 03/25 Exec Board Meeting. Open to all members of the 30th District
Democrats, where the members always have a voice.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING INITIATIVE MEASURE 1366

WHEREAS Tim Eyman, Mike Fagan, and Jack Fagan have sponsored and are circulating petitions for Initiative 1366, filed on January 5th, 2015 as an initiative to the people for 2015; and

WHEREAS I-1366 would reduce the sales tax, and therefore approximately \$1 billion in state revenue every year, thereby preventing the increased spending on K-12 education required by the McCleary decision, while jeopardizing higher education, transportation and the social safety net, unless the State Legislature follows the dictates of the initiative and sends to the voters a constitutional amendment undemocratically requiring a two-thirds vote in each House of the Legislature to raise revenue or repeal any tax loophole; and

WHEREAS the Washington State Supreme Court in February 2013, in League of Education Voters v. State of Washington, struck down as unconstitutional a requirement of a supermajority vote to raise revenue, and Eyman's I-1366 comprises a devious attempt to evade that ruling by coercing lawmakers into colluding in his underhanded scheme to overturn it by holding all state funding hostage; and

WHEREAS either the loss of a billion dollars per annum to our common wealth or the undemocratic modification of our Constitution to require two-thirds votes to raise and recover revenue would result in serious long-term damage to the communities of Washington State, including those in the 30th LD; and

WHEREAS our state's founders understood that democracy requires majority rules with minority rights, and, after much debate and deliberation, they wrote a Constitution for Washington specifying that bills in the Legislature are passed by a majority vote, defined as greater than fifty percent – no more, and no less; and

WHEREAS any higher threshold for the passage of legislation would result in power being concentrated in the hands of a few (rather than the many), such as one-third of one house of the Legislature – as when I-601 and its clones I-960, I-1053, and I-1185 were illegitimately in effect; and

WHEREAS allowing tax exemptions to be created by a majority vote, but repealed only with a vote of two-thirds or greater, represents an unfair double standard that would make it nearly impossible to reform our outdated and regressive tax system; and

WHEREAS I-1366 would inevitably contravene the State Supreme Court's 2012 decision in McCleary v. State by making it effectively impossible for the state to fulfill its paramount duty of making ample provision for the education of all children within its borders, as required by Article IX of the State Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 30th Legislative District Democrats urge all Washingtonians to refuse to sign Tim Eyman's Initiative 1366 and, if placed on the ballot oppose the measure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we ask the Washington State Democrats to take a similar position opposing I-1366 at the State Party's next meeting in Pasco; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we encourage every activist and citizen who supports the values that Washington was founded upon to join the coalition opposing I-1366.

Submitted by Tim Burns

Resolution To Rescind Cuts To, And Restore Service Of, Overnight First-Class Mail Delivery By The U.S. Postal Service

WHEREAS the U.S. Postal Service changed delivery standards on January 5, 2015, eliminating next-day mail delivery of normal first class mail; and

WHEREAS letters, invoices, bill payments, medicine, Netflix, and other mail that had taken a single day to be delivered locally, will now take a minimum of two days; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Postal Service has recovered financially from the Great Recession, with revenue increasing for seven straight quarters, and an operating profit since October 2012 (despite the paper loss from the congressionally imposed “pre-funding” of retiree health benefits that no other employer is required to do); and

WHEREAS the change in delivery standards allows the closure of mail processing operations in Tacoma, Wenatchee, Redmond and 79 other sites nationwide, impacting 15,000 workers and eliminating union-wage jobs; and

WHEREAS Washington elections are affected – it will take an additional day or more to get final count on contested elections – and the proposal to allow ballots received by Election Day to be counted would disenfranchise many voters if adopted; and

WHEREAS Ruth Y. Goldway, Postal Regulatory Commissioner since 1998, has criticized the service cuts as threatening “the very integrity and concept of Universal Service”; and

WHEREAS 59 U.S. Representatives, including Suzan DelBene from Washington State, have co-sponsored HR 784, the Protect Overnight Delivery Act to restore previous service standards;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this body shall go on record as supporting any and all campaigns and legislative efforts to restore overnight first-class mail delivery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body shall communicate this sentiment to the appropriate federal legislators, the Postal Board of Governors, the Postal Regulatory Commission and the Postmaster General.

Submitted by Tim Burns on behalf of the American Postal Workers Union