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**30th District Democrat's
Website**

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

General Membership Meeting: **May 6th, 2015**
First Wednesday of each month, **7:00 to 9:00 pm**
WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

From The Chair

The Race is On - Representative Carol Gregory (D 30th LD) has announced her intention to run for election to the position she now holds as a result of being appointed to fill the Legislative seat following the death of Rep. Roger Freeman. Carol's declared opponent is Teri Hickel, Republican. Carol has just finished the regular session of the State Legislature and is now entering the 1st Special session (30 days). During the legislative session Carol is not permitted to raise campaign funds, though she had a 4 day break during which she did significant fundraising. This race, the only legislative race in the state this year, is expected to be expensive, in the range of \$1 to \$2 million. While we are not legally permitted to donate funds to her campaign until the end of this legislative session, we can assist by being ready to donate when the restriction is lifted, working with her campaign team and encouraging voters to support her.

Carol's campaign web site is www.electcarolgregory.org

May 6 meeting - We will have a representative from WAmend (www.WAmend.org) to explain Initiative 735 which will be gathering signatures to have the state legislature consider it in the 2016 Legislative Session. I-735 is an attempt to overturn the disastrous "Citizens United" decision by the U. S. Supreme Court by declaring that "money is not speech and that non-humans do not have constitutional rights".

In addition, a representative from Sound Transit has been invited to speak regarding the proposed routing of the Link Light Rail system from Highline College to Federal Way. A "public comment" period is available until May 26. For more information go to <http://www.soundtransit.org/Projects-and-Plans/Federal-Way-Link-Extension>

Please attend our meeting on May 6 to be informed about these important issues.

Membership - The 30th LD Democrats have crossed the 100 paid members threshold. At the end of April our paid membership totals 101. This is the earliest in recent history we have achieved this level of

participation. Congratulations and Thank You to all who have joined and recruited others.

From AFL-CIO Now — 150 workers will die today — Despite significant advancements in workplace health and safety in the 44 years since the Occupational Safety and Health Act become law, today and every day 150 people will be killed on the job or die from job-related illnesses and diseases. That and other sobering statistics about the preventable deaths and injuries workers face each day are in the 2015 edition of the AFL-CIO's annual *Death on the Job: The Toll of Neglect* released Wednesday. The report includes state-by-state profiles of workers' safety and health and features state and national information on workplace fatalities, injuries, illnesses, the number and frequency of workplace inspections, penalties, funding, staffing and public employee coverage under the OSH Act. Among the findings: states with the highest union density are among the safest for workers, with 13 states (including Washington) ranked in the top 20 for both union density and lowest rates of workplace fatalities.

The importance of the availability to Union membership cannot be over-emphasized

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” Martin Luther King , Jr.

Annual Spaghetti Feed Dinner/Auction

The 5th Annual Spaghetti Dinner is May 17th. Each LD has been asked to provide 5 sauces and 5 desserts. We have 4 sauces and 3 desserts so far from the 30th LD. You can sign up at the May 6th general meeting or contact Ginny Leach. We also have 3 auction items and need 2 more. If you are making a sauce it needs to be at the hall by 4:30pm, preferably in a crock pot. Ginny and Tim both have tickets for sale. The tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door. Advance purchase is recommended as we expect to completely fill the hall this year.

LAC - Another Special Session

Gregory Baruso, LAC Chair

As you read this, and unless you have been living under a rock, you would know that Governor Inslee has called for a Special Session and our Legislators are already hard at work.

A lot of talk has been going on about what has happened with the budget. The Senate Republicans have refused to negotiate and have blamed the House in the press. They claim that they want to negotiate but they refuse to consider the House's proposals. They'd rather raid the marijuana prevention and education funding setup by I-502 and pass a poor major property tax increase.

With disagreement in the transportation package, everyone knew that the Session deadline of April 26th would not come to fruition. In the Senate both parties have agreed to raise the gas tax by 11.7 cents per gallon on top of the current 37.5 cents and the Federal 18.4 cents per gallon. The greatest disagreement is over the revenue side of the General Fund budget. Democrats insist on new revenue to pay for both K-12 and keeping the human services net and the Republicans see no need in new revenue, insisting on finding ways to cut other services to fund the budget.

The Capital Gain Excise tax that the Democrats are fighting for would be just for 32,000 individuals and included in that would be that some corporate tax breaks be allowed to expire so that our state can meet its obligations to fund our schools and other essential public services. The Republicans spread fear by claiming it is an income tax and with this fear comes misunderstanding and distrust. Here in Washington State those with the most pay less than their fair share while the rest of us pay more.

There is a good amount of agreement on the Capital Budget, with the Senate funding the Housing Trust Fund at \$65 million and the House at \$80 million. Please ask your legislators to go for the \$80 million for the Housing Trust Fund to make up for the zero dollars last year and only one earmarked project to King County the year before.

The following Bills died on the April 1st cutoff day because the Chair of the Senate and Commerce and Labor Committee, Sen. Michael Baumgartner (R-Spokane), didn't enable a Committee vote on them:

- HB 1355 Minimum Wage
- HB 1356 Paid Sick Leave
- HB 1646 Equal Pay Opportunity Act
- HB 1863 – increasing the pay for teachers at community and technical colleges – passed in the House on a bipartisan 64-34 vote, but didn't get a Senate hearing
- HB 1732 Patient and Health Care Worker Safety

With the budget well into deliberation, it is very clear that our Legislators will have a difficult time coming to an agreement. We can all help by studying the pertinent issues regarding funding and potential solutions. Take a stance and call your legislator. Tell them to fund a budget that is responsible and meets our needs. Remind them that they have both a constitutional and moral obligation to invest in our States' future. Inform them that we expect them to make the investment in our future.

State Committee Report

Ginny Leach & Richard Champion

The Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) held its Spring 2015 meeting on April 18th in Pasco.

At this meeting the WSDCC approved its 2016 Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan, which states that the delegate selection process will begin with precinct caucuses on March 26, 2016.

The WSDCC approved an amendment to the State Party Bylaws concerning the process by which charter and bylaws amendments can be submitted to the State Convention.

The WSDCC approved an amendment to the State Party's Rules for Resolutions requiring that

resolutions be submitted 14 days prior to a WSDCC meeting.

The WSDCC passed the following resolutions:

- Resolution 699 Need for timely Transparency in Growth Management Decisions
- Resolution 707 Resolution in Opposition to the Trans Pacific Partnership
- Resolution 709 Fair Public Process Needed for Pacific NW Electronic Warfare Range Plan
- Resolution 714 Resolution Requesting Childcare at Democratic Party Meetings
- Resolution 717 Resolution Opposing Initiative Measure 1366
- Resolution 720 Resolution Urging Support for Initiative 735
- Resolution 722 Supporting Student Loan Reform
- Resolution 724 Resolution in Support of Governor Inslee's Carbon Pollution Accountability Act
- Resolution 729 Resolution in Support of a More thorough Investigation of Anencephalic Birth Defect cluster in Eastern Washington
- Resolution 733 Resolution Opposing Freedom Foundation Legislation Attacking Public Employees
- Resolution 736 Bill Frank, Jr. Recognition and Scholarship Fund
- Resolution 737 Resolution to Maintain Strong Washington State Consume Protections Laws Relating to Payday Loans

These resolutions will be available shortly on the State Democratic Party website.

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

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Liz/Miles Drake, Linda/Elbert Gage, Shari Song

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Kim/Penni Dixon, Carol/Gil Gregory, Al/Teya Hillerman, Jeff/Kaori Holden, Ginny Leach, Bonnie/Mark Thompson, Dan/Julie Turley, Keith Tyler, Jem Wear

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MEETING CALENDAR

Wed 05/06 30th District Democrats General Membership Meeting

7-9 PM, doors open 6:30 PM

WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

Wed 05/27 Exec Board Meeting. Open to all members of the 30th District

Democrats, where the members always have a voice.

MAY 2015 MEETING 6:00 PM

HOT BAKED POTATOES



SELECT YOUR OWN TOPPING!

YOU TOP WITH WHAT YOU LIKE!

SHARP CHEDDAR CHEESE

BUTTER, SOUR CREAM, BACON BITS

CHILI, CHIVES WILL BE AVAILABLE

YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN TOPPING TO SHARE!

A SUGGESTED DONATION OF

\$ 5.00

AND \$ 1.00 A SODA

South King County Democrats 5th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, May 16, 2015
Doors open at 5:00 PM
Dinner at 5:30

Together We Can!

Join us to support the SKC Democrats
and meet and greet candidates.
Keynote speaker to be announced.

IAM Hall

9125 15th Pl South
Seattle, WA 98108

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



Tickets:

\$25.00 advance

\$35.00 at the door.

Available at Brown Paper Tickets

<http://skcd.brownpapertickets.com/>

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