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General Membership Meeting: **June 3, 2015**
First Wednesday of each month, **7:00 to 9:00 P.M.**
WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way

From The Chair

Tim Burns

2015 Election Cycle

The filing period has closed and the candidates are now known. The 30th LD Democrats have an amazing 10 members running for office. Thanks to all of our member-candidates (below) who have stepped up to run for these offices. The Primary Election day is August 4 and the General Election is November 3. Every vote is important. Electing our members to offices will help to influence decisions and promote our issues. We anticipate sending our endorsement mailer again this year just prior to the General Election.

30th LD Democrats Member-Candidates:

- **Carol Gregory** for State Representative Position 2 (Incumbent)
- **Lloyd Hara** for King County Assessor (Incumbent)
- **Anthony Murrietta** for Federal Way City Council Position 1
- **Leanne Guier** for Pacific Mayor (Incumbent)
- **Liz Drake** for Federal Way Board of Education Director Position 3
- **Roger Flygare** for South King Fire & Rescue Commissioner Position 2
- **John Rickert** for South King Fire & Rescue Commissioner Position 3 (Incumbent)
- **Randall Smith** for Lakehaven Utility District Commissioner Position 3
- **Jeremy Nutting** for Des Moines City Council Position 4 (Incumbent)
- **Eric Herde** for Pierce County Charter Review Commissioner District 5, Position 1

30th LD Legislative Race Update

With the State Legislature now in the second special session, Carol Gregory is legally prohibited from fund-raising until the legislature adjourns. Her campaign is, however, ramping up and will be a major focus for the entire state. Winning this race is vitally important to maintain the slim margin of Democratic majority in the State House of Representatives.

Summer Activities

We are planning a busy summer. In addition to the 2015 election cycle, we will have entries in the 4th of July festivities in Auburn and Federal Way

(booths), Pacific Days (parade and booth), Algona Days (parade and booth) and Milton Days (parade and booth). Also there will be a Democratic booth at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup. These are excellent opportunities to promote our organization and our candidates, register voters and recruit new members. Volunteers will be needed for all of these events. Please contact Paul Mallary or Tim Burns to help.

South King County Democrats' Dinner

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction was held on May 16. Hosted by the 11th, 30th, 33rd, 34th and 47th LDs, the evening included a spaghetti buffet, sauce competition, silent auction, candidate speeches, social interaction and a keynote speech and lego building on the theme "Together We Can." Receipts and bills are still being compiled and profits will be distributed soon. Thank you to all who participated, especially Ginny Leach for providing the salad and bread and organized the kitchen, Carol Gregory for precooking the pasta(80 pounds), Jodi Riker for coordinating our auction items and printing the programs and Dan Olmstead for the bar service. Planning will begin soon for next year's dinner scheduled for May 14 which should be a huge event due to the major Federal (President, Senator and Congress) and State (all State-wide elective offices) election.

***Democracy is not a spectator sport
please participate as much as you can.***

Endorsements Committee

Endorsements for June 2015

The Endorsements Committee will make recommendations for the following positions at the June Meeting:

- Port of Seattle Pos. 2
- King County Assessor
- Federal Way School District Director District 3
- Des Moines City Council Pos. 4
- SKFR Commissioner Pos. 3

Legislative Action Committee

LAC – Another ONE???

Gregory Baruso

Here we go again... another Special Session! It shouldn't come to a big surprise to anyone that has been keeping up with the unimaginable ineptness of the Legislators to come up with an agreement on the State's budget in Olympia this year. I attended the King County Democrats LAC Meeting a couple of weeks ago in which one of the guest speakers was Senator Karen Kaiser. Here is just a summary of what she reported:

- The Republicans are sticking together – "No New Taxes". During this last Special Session they are saying "NO" and not engaging.
- She feels that the Senate budget is unsustainable; it's "robbing Peter to pay Paul".
- Capital Gain and Carbon Tax bills will not pass in the Senate and will possibly go to a public vote in the form of either an Initiative or Referendum.
- Republicans are waiting for the economy to show that it is rebounding so they can say that we don't need to create more revenue to fund the budget.
- If they can't come to an agreement after a second Special Session then expect a *government shutdown*.

Could you imagine what would happen in your household if you and your spouse or significant other couldn't agree on what to spend your hard earned money on and thought that you could purchase items for your future needs with the money that you both currently make at your jobs? Really?

One major sticking point with budget negotiations is wage increases for collective bargaining agreements. State employees are long overdue for a pay raise. These include the folks that keep our communities safe, care for the elderly and disabled, teach and protect our children, maintain our roads, and provide other needed essential services.

Our Democratic Legislators are doing the work, fighting, but need help from everyone to make phone calls to our Legislators to voice your concerns. They are so busy that if they don't hear from you on issues that you feel are important, then they assume you don't care and move on to other bills. Please take the time to contact them to voice your concerns. You can also call any Republican Legislator that votes our

way, changing their minds and positions on a bill that benefits our Democratic ideas like the Equity Pay for Women bill, and thank them for their vote. This will go a long way in helping us get out of this Legislative gridlock.

Of course there is only one Legislative race this year and it is in our own backyard of the 30th District. This House race will be a key race and a lot is at stake. We must keep the seat in order to retain the Majority in the House. It is of the utmost importance that we, the members of this organization, help out in getting Carol Gregory elected back to the House. In the coming months there will be ample opportunities for that help. Stayed tuned and let's do our part whether donating money, phone banking, or sparing any of your time to her campaign.

I close this month with at least some good news out of Olympia. Gov. Inslee has signed these pro-working family bills into law:

HB 1595 - Clarifying apprenticeship hours for truck drivers to ensure Washington State has highly skilled, readily available trucking workforce for public works construction projects. The bill passed both houses with strong bipartisan support.

HB 1496 - Makes permanent some labor-backed provisions of the vocational rehabilitation pilot program and provides financial benefits, such as partial wage reimbursement, for businesses that employ an injured worker receiving vocational services. It passed both houses unanimously.

King County Report

A Big Pile Of Endorsements

Keith Tyler

The May 26th meeting of the King County Democratic Central Committee Executive Board was dominated by the first wave of county party endorsements for this election year.

This year's process codifies rules for endorsement votes; successful endorsement motions must receive a 2/3rds majority; if there are any speakers against an endorsement motion, then up to 4 alternating pro/anti speakers will be heard; and no motions may endorse more than one person (they have to be handled separately).

The KCDCC Endorsements Committee presented their slate of recommendations, which, after selected

racers were "pulled" for separate consideration, were all endorsed by the County:

- Initiative 735 - PASS
- King County Council Position #4 – Jeanne Kohl-Welles
- Port of Seattle, Position #2 – Courtney Gregoire
- Seattle City Council District #7 – Sally Bagshaw
- Issaquah City Council Position #2 – Jennifer Sutton
- Kirkland City Council Position #6 – Dave Asher
- Shoreline City Council Position #4 – Doris McConnell
- Shoreline City Council Position #6 – Lorn Richey
- Tukwila City Council Position #6 – Kate Kruller
- Seattle School Board District #2 – Rick Burke
- Seattle School Board District #3 – Jill Geary
- **SKFR Commissioner Position #2 – Roger Flygare**

(Initiative 735 is for the state to declare that corporations are not people. It is run by Wamend.org, and is the successor to last year's I-1329.)

After the slate, all other endorsements were taken up separately, between those recommended by the Committee as well as those moved by members. These endorsements were successful:

- King County Assessor – Lloyd Hara
- King County Elections Director – Zack Hudgins
- King County Elections Director – Chris Roberts
- Seattle City Council District 3 – Rod Hearne
- Seattle City Council District 2 – Bruce Harrell
- King County Council District 8 – Joe McDermott
- Seattle City Council District 5 – Debora Juarez
- Seattle City Council District 5 – Sandy Brown
- Shoreline City Council Position 2 – Keith Scully

Subsequently, these endorsement attempts **failed**:

- King County Assessor – John Wilson
- Seattle City Council District 3 – Pamela Banks
- Seattle City Council District 5 – Halei Watkins

Other updates from King County:

- KCDCC has made the switch from commercial banking to a credit union. Formerly with Umpqua Bank, the KCDCC's main bank account is now with BECU.
- The county has hired a financial consultant, and plans to strongly increase fundraising income, with a

target of 60,000 to the end of the year.

- June is Ride Transit Month, everyone is reminded to take advantage of our regional transit options
- The KCDCC will hold a Teen Feed for homeless youth on July 30, 5:30 P.M., at Renton Beach.
- The King County Wine and Chocolate Soiree will be held June 20, 7 P.M., at the Renton Pavilion (233 Burnett Avenue South). \$40 at the door.
- The KCDCC East African Liaison thanked the organization for a generous donation to help fight youth crime in their community.
- The Communications Chair, Andrew Villeneuve, has started live-blogging meetings, and is looking for help with revitalizing the KCDCC website.

The Stalemate Over Washington State's Budget

Marilyn Watkins, EOJ

The stalemate in Olympia over Washington state's budget represents an ideological divide that won't be overcome by negotiators sitting in a room. And unfortunately, neither side has proposed a budget and revenue package that would fully fund the education and services families need in today's economy.

Republicans, who control the Senate, are sticking to the anti-government, anti-tax rhetoric that plays well with their base. They insist we can increase spending on schools, cut university tuition, move money from the General Fund to transportation, and hand out more business tax breaks, without raising taxes anywhere else. To get there, they void the class-size reduction initiative voters passed last November, assume a big increase in consumption of marijuana, shuffle funds around, throw in savings from unspecified "efficiencies," and continue to skimp on compensation for teachers and state workers.

Democrats, who control the House, are saying we must enhance basic services such as early learning, K-12 education, mental health services, and child protection – and it's time for the wealthy and big corporations to come closer to paying their fair share. They've proposed raising revenue from a capital gains tax on investment income that would fall exclusively on the wealthiest individuals in the state, closing some special tax breaks, and restoring selected business tax rates to the level paid two years ago.

But the Democrats' budget also overturns the voters' mandate on class sizes, and still leaves the state a long way from fully funding basic education.

In fact, neither legislative leaders nor the Governor have proposed reforms for truly fair taxes or enough new revenue to fully fund public education and other essential services that our children, families, and workers need in today's evolving economy.

Most of our state revenue comes from the sales tax and a gross receipts business tax that falls hardest on working families and small businesses. Washington's tax structure is the most unfair in the country, with low and moderate income families paying proportionately much more than the wealthy. Today – in an era of globalization, services, rapidly changing technology, and soaring inequality – an income tax has to be part of any fair or sufficient system.

State Treasurer Jim McIntire recently proposed a new tax structure, including an income tax, reduced sales tax, and revamped business taxes. In contrast to the current system, under his proposal we'd have enough to fully fund at least K-12 education for the foreseeable future. But because his tax is a flat, rather than progressive, income tax, it still leaves lower income families paying more than their fair share – and the rich paying less.

Regardless of its merits, McIntire's proposal is being entirely ignored by the people charged with negotiating our state budget, just as the recommendations of the state's Tax Structure Study Committee were thirteen years ago.

Without a new budget, the state won't have authority to pay the bills come July 1. Two years ago, the legislature waited until layoff notices had already been issued to most state employees to break the ideological logjam and send a new budget to the Governor's desk.

Teachers across the state have taken to the streets in a series of one day rolling strikes, to try to put some pressure on legislators to act. On May 20th, many state employees used their lunch break to rally. It's time for the rest of us to step up, too. Let's assure our elected representatives that we're willing to pay our share of the bills to educate our kids and keep our communities strong – but we'd like the wealthy and profitable corporations to pay their fair share, too.

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Membership Roster

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IF SO, THANK YOU – IF NOT, PLEASE DO!

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Associate Members

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Meeting Calendar

Wed 6/3	30th District Democrats General Membership Meeting 7-9 PM, doors open 6:30 PM WEA, 32032 Weyerhaeuser Way S., Federal Way
Wed 6/24	Exec Board Meeting. 7-9 PM, check for location Open to all members of the 30th District Democrats
Wed 7/1	30th District Democrats General Membership Meeting 7-9 PM, doors open 6:30 PM

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