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Website:

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

General Membership Meeting: **October 7, 2015**
First Wednesday of each month, **7:00 to 9:00 P.M.**
NEW LOCATION! Belmor Park Clubhouse, 2101 S 324th St

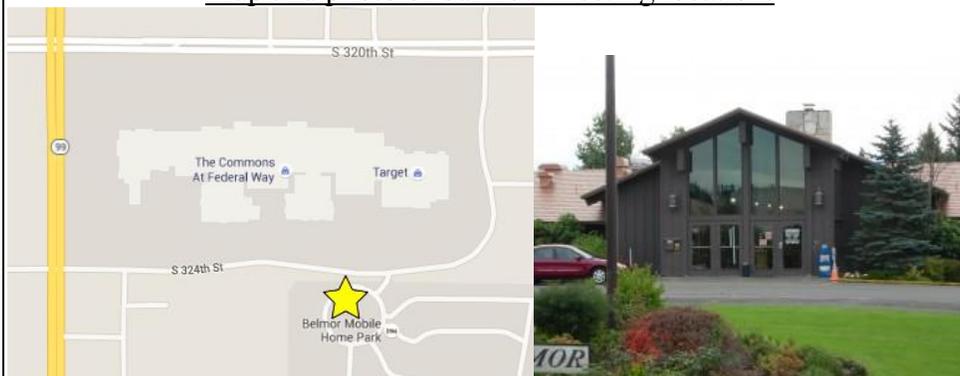
From The Chair

Tim Burns

New Meeting Location

The 30th LD monthly meetings have moved to a new location effective with the October meeting. Our new facility is at the clubhouse at Belmor Park (2101 S. 324th St., Federal Way) on the back side of the Commons Mall. Thanks to Jay and Peg Altman who have made the arrangements for the use of the clubhouse. Our meetings begin at 7pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

Map and photo of our new meeting location:



2015 Election Cycle

We are in the “final push” for this year’s election. Recent reports from the elections departments indicate a very low turnout which means that every vote is critical to elect our candidates. The 30th LD Democrats have sent out a mailer to 10,300 targeted homes encouraging votes for our endorsed candidates and paid for an ad in the October 16 issue of the Federal Way Mirror. Help is still needed to phone-bank, door-bell and sign wave on behalf of our endorsed candidates. Most important is to make sure your vote has been returned by November 3. In Federal Way, the last pick up at the post office on Pacific Highway is about 5pm and the drop box at the Federal Way City Hall closes at 8pm on election night. Please urge your family, friends, neighbors and any other democrat leaning voters to vote and mark their ballots for our candidates and against Initiative 1366. Our endorsements can be found at www.30thdems.org.

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Election Night Gatherings

- Carol Gregory campaign: 7pm, 30th LD Campaign Office, 33505 13th Pl S, Federal Way
- Leanne Guier campaign: 7pm, Northwest Brewing Co., 1091 Valentine Ave SE, Pacific, 98047. Call 253-987-5680 for directions.

Holiday Party Reminder

In lieu of a business meeting on December 2 we will have our annual holiday party at the clubhouse at Belmor Park. This is a pot luck dinner and social evening. Please bring family and friends and something to share and join us.

2016 Election Cycle

We are in the early planning stage for the Presidential election cycle for next year. Saturday, March 26 will be the precinct caucuses, followed in April by the Legislative District caucus. Delegates to the National Convention will be selected through the caucuses and conventions. This cycle is expected to be similar to the 2008 election cycle in excitement and attendance. Much help will be needed to assure successful caucuses.

Representative Smith Town Hall

Congressman Adam Smith will be hosting a town hall on Monday, November 9 from 7:00pm- 8:30pm
Where: Northwest African American Museum
2300 S Massachusetts Street, Seattle, WA 98144
Space is limited so please RSVP by calling (425)793-5180 or Toll Free at (888) SMITH09. You can also email rsvpsmith@mail.house.gov.

Jason Ritchie

Jason Ritchie has announced that he will be seeking election to a 5th LD State Representative seat rather than the 8th Congressional District seat currently held by Dave Reichert. Best wishes to Jason.

Democrat Friendly Businesses

Please patronize when possible

- Poverty Bay Café-1108a S. 322nd Pl., Federal Way
- Deli Smith-33626 9th Ave S., Federal Way
- Joe's Deli-1230 S. 336th St., Federal Way

“You’ve got to be an optimist to be a Democrat, and a humorist to stay one.”

--Will Rogers

Visit our 2015 campaign office!

33505 13th Place South



- **Get campaign signs and literature**
- **Get walking lists for doorbelling**
- **Phonebank for our candidates**
- **Bring canned and dry goods for food drive**
- **Bring school supplies for needy students**
- **Bring used printer ink cartridges**
- **Bring raffle and auction items**
- **Keep our office staff company!**

King County Report

Poverty Action

Jodi Riker-Yap, Keith Tyler

A summary of events at the recent King County Democrats Central Committee meeting of Oct. 27:

Endorsements

We endorsed one more candidate for 2015: James McNeal for Bothell City Council Position 4.

It was proposed that we endorse Mia Gregerson for SeaTac City Council, to ratify the endorsement of the 11th District Democrats. However, the KCDCC could not proceed with the endorsement, as Gregerson had not submitted a completed KCDCC questionnaire, which is required by the county bylaws.

2016 County Convention

Planning for the 2016 county convention is about to begin. The Platform, Resolutions, and Bylaws committee are looking for volunteers, preferably 3 per LD, to participate in drawing up the county platform to be voted on at the county convention next year. Contact Joel Ware or Dean Fournier at KCDCC.

Poverty Action Network

Rolando Avila of the Poverty Action Network gave a guest presentation of the PAN's activities, focusing

particularly on reintegration of ex-convicts, who have served their time, into society. Many barriers exist to reintegration into society for ex-cons, and as people of color are disproportionately arrested, convicted, and jailed, these barriers likewise disproportionately affect people of color.

Many prison sentences in Washington are accompanied by Legal Financial Obligations (LFOs), which may include court costs, punitive damages, and other financial charges, of which restitution is rarely a significant part. Such debts accrue a 12% annual interest, even while the individual is in prison and unable to earn money! After release, former prisoners find themselves with massively inflated debts that they simply cannot pay. In most cases, such people are also denied the right to vote until they pay off those debts. Many return to prison after chronic inability to pay, leading to a debtor's prison situation.

Other issues include Certificates of Restoration of Opportunity, which are required for ex-prisoners to be able to hold certain jobs – and are very difficult to attain; and “Ban The Box,” the movement to eliminate “Have you ever been convicted of a crime” from employment applications for non-sensitive jobs.

Rolando can be reached at 206-694-6772, and via rolando@povertyaction.org.

Bookkeeping Issues

KCDCC treasurer Barbara Whitt has resigned. The finance committee is working with two possible replacements.

It was discovered that KCDCC had not filed its C3 and C4 documents for 2015, due to internal errors and miscommunications within the leadership committee. John Behrens has offered to step in and get us current again, and KCDCC is in close contact with PDC to resolve the issue.

There was some discussion about re-appropriated expenditures in the 2015 budget, as to whether such re-appropriations should be approved by the executive board. It was determined that the budget as voted by the executive board is only binding as regards to sources of income and total expenditures, and that shifts within the budget that don't affect the total expenditures may be carried out by the leadership team without executive board approval.

Other Committees

The Legislative Action Committee will be planning its 2016 Legislative Agenda. Their next meeting will be Sunday November 15, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Maple

Valley Library, 21844 SE 248th St., Maple Valley.

The DisAbilities Committee's next meeting will host a speaker to talk about marriage equality. Not the sort of marriage equality that you're most familiar with – rather, marriage equality issues facing differently abled individuals, including legally mandated costs that complicate marriages for disabled individuals. The DisAbilities Committee meets at Couth Buzzard Bookstore, 8310 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle. Contact 206-632-2868 for more info.

Legislative Action Committee

It's All About the Money

Gregory Baruso

Even with the close of the third Legislative Special Session this year one wonders if we will ever have a budget that will fill the needs of our citizens. Because of the dark cloud of a possible government shutdown, we wondered whether our State Representatives and Senators could come to a resolve on how they intended to fund our transportation, fulfill the McCleary mandate, and produce the needed revenue to complete these and other important budget issues.

Taxes - the taxes that fund our state come largely from the money we all spend. Half of our revenue comes from sales tax; the less we spend, the less we have to fund things like higher education and K-12 education. One of the major issues that faced our Legislators last session was whether or not to pass a Capital Gains Tax. A recently released IRS data report shows that for the top 1,000 households in the U.S., income doubled. Families between 97% and 98% of the income pile saw an increase in their income go up \$23k to \$253K while families between 80% and 90% got a \$647 gain. For families in the bottom 50%, their average income fell almost 20%.

In the State of Washington families at the top of the income heap contribute very little of their income, 2.4% as a matter of fact, to help finance our State's schools, colleges, mental health facilities, the State Patrol, or our court system. The middle class contributes 10% and families that make under \$20K contribute 17%, this being done primarily through sales tax. We can't run public services, let alone fund education and transportation on revenue that is turning into a trickle. Remember, Washington State has one of the most regressive tax systems in the country. This is a fiscal crisis that we cannot allow to continue. How

do we invest in our state, our children, our infrastructure, and our future if we allow our elected officials to look the other way?

During the threat of a government shutdown I received word that the State's Fire Training Academy in North Bend would shut down early this year after its last Recruit academy and wouldn't be scheduled to open until possibly September or October. They always host a recruit academy in August. Early on they prepared for the shutdown. Public services like these would have suffered tremendously if the budget couldn't be reconciled. The State Fire Marshal's office was once again prepared to do more with less, and even though the shutdown was avoided, the Fire Marshal's office is always leery of lay-off notices and the loom of department furloughs

Before the end of this year's Session, Governor Inslee proposed to break the impasse and have the budget done in a week. He proposed a new revenue option, closing obsolete tax loopholes to get legislative negotiators to a middle ground. He in effect knew that possibly 25,000 State employees could have received temporary layoffs because of the July 1 shutdown date.

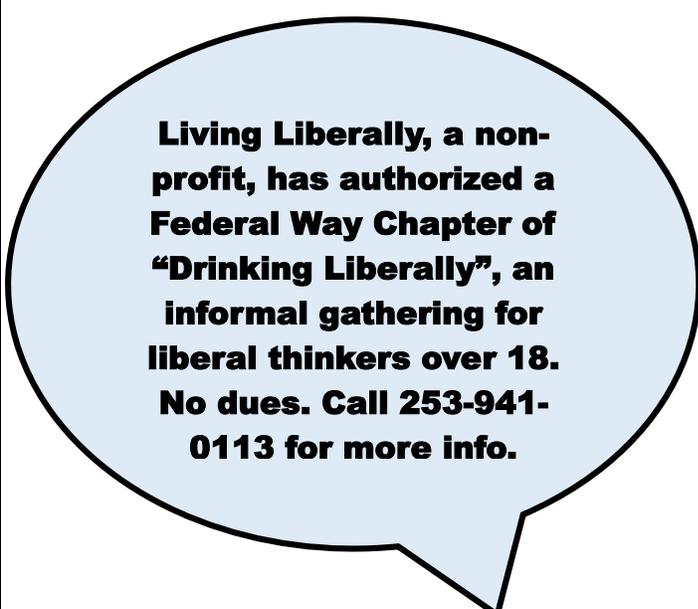
One of the major issues that faced our Legislators last session was whether or not to pass a Capital Gains Tax. Will the Washington lawmakers give up the call for a Capital Gains Tax in 2016? The Capital Gains Tax was not voted on in the House to avoid harming Democrats in Swing Districts like the 30th. It was projected that the 7% Capital Gains tax that Governor Inslee proposed would collect an estimated \$798 million.

What are Capital Gains? Essentially Capital Gains are profits from the sale of corporate stocks, bonds, investment property, and other high-end financial assets. The tax would only apply to Capital Gains in excess of \$20,000 per year for a married couple and \$10,000 for single filers.

Under current law, working Washingtonians pay 6.5% in state sales tax when they buy a pair of shoes, a bar of soap, and other household goods. Millionaires pay nothing when they reap huge windfalls from exclusive Wall Street investment partnerships. A state Capital Gains tax would help to correct that fundamental imbalance. The tax would help grow the State economy by providing new resources for schools, health care, child care, and would create jobs thus fostering a robust growth. A Capital Gains Tax would definitely help with generating additional revenue to assist with funding the McCleary Decision.

It's not too late to contact your Legislator to voice your concerns and your opinion before the 2016 Legislative Session. Help them understand that we all are in this together and that we expect them to resolve this funding crisis. As our elected officials, they owe it to the future of Washington State and our children. Stop the bickering, embrace the suck and get the job done.

Taxes – It's all about the money!



Living Liberally, a non-profit, has authorized a Federal Way Chapter of "Drinking Liberally", an informal gathering for liberal thinkers over 18. No dues. Call 253-941-0113 for more info.

The Institute for a Democratic Future (IDF) is now accepting applications for the 2016 Class!

For those who aren't familiar with the program, IDF is a six month fellowship program for young leaders (ages 21-35) who are interested in learning more about Washington State politics. The program consists of eleven weekends and focuses on a diverse range of political topics. Alumni include members of congress, state senators and representatives, policy and civic leaders around the state, and yours truly.

It's comprehensive, it's informative, and most importantly, it's FUN!

For more information on the program, please visit www.democraticfuture.org.

IDF's early application period ends on November 8th, and the late application period ends on November 15th.

Questions? Please contact IDF's Executive Director Liz Hall at lizhall@democraticfuture.org

Members

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

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Upcoming Meetings

- Wed 11/4 30th District Democrats General Membership Meeting
7-9 PM, Belmor Park, 2101 S 324th St., Federal Way
- Wed 11/18 Executive Board Meeting. 7-9 PM, Federal Way 320th Library
Open to all members of the 30th District Democrats
- Wed 12/2 30th District Democrats Annual Holiday Potluck -- **Bring Food!**
7-9 PM, Belmor Park, 2101 S 324th St., Federal Way