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**You're Invited!**  
30<sup>th</sup> District Democrats'  
Winter Party/Potluck  
Wed. December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 PM  
Belmor Park Clubhouse  
2101 South 324<sup>th</sup> Street  
Federal Way, WA 98003



Free! Bring family & friends! No business -- Just fun!

Come join with us as we celebrate 2015!

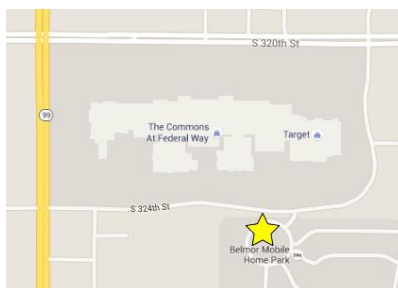
Please bring an appetizer, soup, salad, main course, or dessert.  
Bring enough for 10 people. There will be lots of food!

Turkey and Ham provided by the 30<sup>th</sup> District Democrats.  
\*Cash Bar (Beer & Wine) by Dan Olmstead of Poverty Bay Café

End-year blow-out raffle! Many great items! Bring ticket money!



Our new meeting place is the clubhouse at Belmor Park (2101 S. 324<sup>th</sup> St., Federal Way), located behind Commons Mall. Thanks to Jay and Peg Altman who have made the arrangements for the use of the clubhouse.



## From The Chair

*Tim Burns*

### Holiday Party

In lieu of a business meeting on December 2, the 30th LD Democrats will have our annual holiday party and potluck dinner. We welcome families and friends to join us for an evening of good food and friendly interaction. We will provide turkey and ham, and we ask that attendees bring a food item to share. A cash bar (beer and wine) will be hosted by Poverty Bay Café owner (and 30<sup>th</sup> Dems member) Dan Olmstead. Two declared Democratic candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Senators Karen Fraser (22nd LD) and Cyrus Habib (48th LD), as well as Representative Jim Moeller (49th LD), have been invited to join us. This will be a good opportunity to gain knowledge of them and their issues on a one-on-one or small group basis.

### January 6 Meeting

At the November meeting, the 30<sup>th</sup> approved a resolution in support of establishing a "State Bank". Some members said they would like to know more about that proposal. Senator Bob Hasegawa (11th LD), prime sponsor of the legislation, has agreed to give a presentation and Q&A at our January 6 meeting, as long as he is not needed in Olympia.

### 2015 Election Cycle

While we were not successful in retaining Carol Gregory as our Legislator or electing Roger Flygare to South King Fire & Rescue Commissioner, 9 of our 15 endorsements were validated. Four of the five members of the Federal Way Board of Education are currently or formerly endorsed, two of the five SKF&R commissioners (plus one from the 33rd LD), the Mayor and 2 members of the Pacific City Council and a member of the Milton City Council are members of the 30th Democrats. Voter turnout was the lowest in recent history, with fewer than 4 of 10 registered voters bothering to vote (Milton exceeded 40%) despite the valiant efforts of the campaigns. A big thank you to all who participated in these campaigns and/or worked at the office.

### 2016 Election Cycle

With the 2015 election results final and certified, it is time to briefly celebrate our wins, lick the wounds of our losses and start working on the 2016 cycle. In addition to electing a Democrat for President, all

State-wide offices, re-electing Senator Patty Murray, all Congressional Representatives and both 30th LD Legislative positions, PCOs will be elected in the August primary. It will be another busy, exciting and challenging year. We will need to increase our efforts to return the blue to the 30th LD.

### Democrat-friendly Businesses

Starting with the November newsletter, we began publishing a list of businesses\* that we consider to be Democrat-friendly. We invite information of other businesses, churches, etc. in the 30th LD that would like to be known as Democrat friendly. Contact Tim Burns with details so that we may promote them here.

#### **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

*\*No monetary considerations are received in exchange for these listings.*

## **Drinking Liberally Federal Way**

**Socialize with your fellow  
progressives over drinks!  
Meet, Eat and Drink Liberally**

**7 PM, Tue. December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Billy McHale's Restaurant  
1320 S. 324<sup>th</sup> St., Federal Way  
(Formerly P.J. Pockets)**

**Info: Pat A. @ (253) 941-0113**

## Policy or Budget???

*Gregory Baruso*

This month's King County Democrat's LAC meeting was held at the Maple Valley Library with House Majority Leader Pat Sullivan as our guest speaker. Representative Sullivan spoke about his concerns for the 2016 Legislative Session. His report was mainly driven to address the State budget and the fact that there will be a likely greater gridlock to progress for Washington State because of the elected make-up of the House and Senate – one Republican voted in on one side and a majority in the other.

Yes, funding the McCleary decision was on everyone's mind, but because of the shortfalls in the current budget, Rep. Sullivan was quick to remind us that any revenue increase in the budget would be very slim. According to new numbers released last Wednesday, the budget shortfall is projected to be nearly \$500 million for the next two-year budget ending in mid-2019 and that doesn't even count the state's obligation to increase funding for education. Although the current two-year budget is \$38 billion, State costs to maintain current services and other mandatory costs for the current biennium have grown by nearly \$700 million. The State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council has projected that because of the current budget, our next two-year budget projection shows a shortfall of \$474 million.

Hmmm, \$700 million in growth costs and a projected shortfall for the next two-year budget of \$474 million – you do the math!

Rep. Sullivan spoke about a “supplemental budget”, something expected from Governor Inslee and both the House and the Senate in January. These proposals will be offered during the 60-day legislative session, a short session. Remember our lawmakers will also be faced with a new voter approved initiative that gives them two choices: by April 15, 2016, pass a constitutional amendment that asks voters to raise the threshold needed for the Legislature to pass taxes or else the State's sales tax will be cut by 1%, (Eyman's Initiative 1366). The State Office of Financial Management has estimated the measure would reduce revenue to the State budget by \$8 million through the middle of 2021 if its tax-cut element becomes law.

Position ourselves to influence policy, or influence fiscal measures? The suggestion has been made.

## 2016 Caucuses: Everyone Should Go

*Keith Tyler*

Tonight I was asked by a friend of mine if they should go to their 2016 Washington Democratic Precinct Caucus.

I'd never even thought of that question before. When I learned, in 2008, that was how Washington influenced the vote on the party nominee for President, I went eagerly. It was a rare year for Washington, a year in which the Democratic race had not been effectively decided by the time the state caucuses came around. In countless years prior, Washington's springtime presidential primary was held well after the party votes of other states, sufficiently so that the nominee was already a shoe-in; often, even, all other remaining candidates had already conceded before then.

Perhaps it will not be rare any longer. Like 2008, 2016's Democratic nomination field is hotly contested. If the Pierce County Democrats' straw poll this year at the Puyallup Fair is any indication, two strong contenders dominate the field by a long shot. As polls shift and candidates make gains in this state and that, the nationwide contest for the party nomination is not likely to get any less interesting.

By all predictions, we are likely to again see a record turnout at our state caucuses in 2016. Devoted supporters of each candidate will strive to make their case to their neighbors, and perhaps further to their fellow city denizens, state residents, and perhaps even nationwide compatriots, to make the best choice for the Democratic Party to present as its candidate.

The caucuses can be exciting events in these situations. It's not simply a vote, but it's a discussion. You sit amongst your peers and discuss the candidates, the pros and cons, the whys and why nots. Some of the attendees may even be undecided. You may be able to make an impression on them and influence the result.

It's not a very large time commitment, and while not everyone may be able to attend, I strongly suggest anyone who can, and who has any interest in who will be the Democratic nominee for President, to keep an ear out for the time and place of their precinct caucus, and be sure to attend, and help decide the direction of this party. Our party, the party of democracy.

## Members

### REMEMBER YOUR DUES NOW FOR 2016!

Dues are due in February, but you can get ahead of the game now!

#### President's Club

Liz & Miles Drake  
Linda & Elbert Gage  
Shari Song

#### Senator's Club

Larry & Hideko Coghill  
Kim & Penni Dixon  
Carol & Gil Gregory  
Al & Teya Hillerman  
Jeff & Kaori Holden  
Ginny Leach  
Geoffery & Devin McAnalloj  
Bonnie & Mark Thompson  
Dan & Julie Turley  
Keith Tyler  
Jem Wear

#### Governor's Club

Joy & Peg Altman  
Greg & Shawn Baruso  
Hope Elder  
James & Sharon Englund  
Roger & Karla Flygare  
John & Karolyn Hughey  
Mike & Mary Kun

Jason Ludwig  
Daniel & Alice Olmstead  
Mike Pellicciotti  
Jacqueline Russo  
Paul Schlossman  
Jodi & Jerry Yap

#### Members

Pat Artz  
Karen Backman  
Craig Bosworth  
Walter & Carolyn Brooks  
Keitha Bryson  
Tim Burns  
Nai-Jeanne Busick & Lou  
Murkowski  
Richard Champion  
Jason Chan  
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Dan Fisher  
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John-Michael Hicks  
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Susan Johnson  
Pauline Jones  
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Christina Kim  
Bernie & Susan Knighton  
Nancy LeMay  
Keith & Susan Livingston  
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Kaethe McCoskery  
Mary McLaughlin  
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Catherine North  
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Schwarmann  
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John & Jackie Rickert  
Margo Rolf  
Valarie Santos  
Monica & Wayne Smith  
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Jamila Taylor  
Theresa Turner  
Bev Webber  
Wil Williamson  
Jim & Naoma Zanetti

#### Associate Members

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Anita Latch  
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