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General Membership Meeting: **April 6, 2016**
First Wednesday of each month, **7:00 to 9:00 P.M.**
Belmor Park Clubhouse, 2101 S 324th St, Federal Way

From The Chair

Tim Burns

Precinct Caucus Recap

The 2016 Presidential Precinct Caucuses were held on Saturday, March 26 at 11 locations in the 30th LD. Planning for the caucuses was based on data from the 2008 caucus cycle as most reflective of this year's cycle. Naturally, with 8-year-old data, we were guessing regarding the attendance for 2016. As it turned out, our estimates were low in most of our locations. In 2008 there were 1773 precinct caucus attendees. This year 2357 people participated, an increase of almost 600!

Some other numbers from the caucuses:

- Bernie Sanders received with 329 delegates and 280 alternates.
- Hillary Clinton has 139 delegates and 111 alternates.
- 3 delegates and 2 alternates are uncommitted.
- The 30th Democrats gained 26 paid members.
- We turned in 62 voter registration forms.
- We collected 28 pages of signatures for Initiative 1433.

Volunteers spent more than 75 person-hours compiling, checking and copying the registration forms on Sunday and Monday after the caucuses to return them to the State Party.

Except for a few minor glitches, the caucuses were pretty smooth and successful. Praise and thank you to all who participated, and especially those who worked so hard to run the caucuses.

Legislative District Caucus

On Sunday, April 17 at 1:00pm the 30th Legislative District (LD) Caucus will convene at Decatur High School (2800 SW 320th St., Federal Way), at which time, the Precinct Delegates chosen at the previous caucuses will choose LD delegates to represent the 30th District at the State Democratic Convention. The 30th LD is allocated 24 delegates and 12 alternates, divided up by county and Congressional District (CD):

King County 8th CD: 7 delegates and 3 alternates

King County 9th CD: 16 delegates and 8 alternates

Pierce County 8th CD: 1 delegate and 1 alternate

The LD caucus is open to all who declare themselves to be a Democrat, and may run for LD delegate, but only the delegates selected at the precinct caucuses are eligible to vote.

County Conventions

County Conventions for King and Pierce Counties will be held on Sunday, May 1st at times and locations to be announced soon. The county conventions will deal with the county platform and resolutions and not choose delegates.

Congressional District Caucus

Congressional District (CD) caucuses will be held on Saturday, May 21 and will select delegates to the National Convention. The 8th CD is allotted 3 female and 3 male delegates and the 9th CD will choose 3 male and 4 female delegates. Each congressional district will also choose an elector for the Electoral College (the actual vote for President).

State Convention

Delegates elected at the LD caucus will meet at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center June 16-19 to select the delegates who will go to the National Convention in Philadelphia July 25-28.

South King County Dinner

The 6th Annual South King County Democrats' Dinner and Auction is scheduled for Saturday, June 4 at the IAM 751 Hall in South Seattle. Again this year it will be a spaghetti dinner, sauce competition and auction. Each of the 5 LDs participating is requested to provide 5 crock pots of sauce, 5 items for the auction and 5 desserts. To volunteer one or more of these items, please contact Ginny Leach. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$25.00 per person and at the door for \$35.00 per person. A large number of candidates and elected officers are expected to attend. Dan Olmstead (Poverty Bay Café) will again provide the cash bar (beer and wine).

Fundraising

The 30th LD has purchased license plate frames which read "PROUD DEMOCRAT" in blue print on a white frame (with a Union Bug). A frame is free to those who donate a mere \$5.00 to the 30th LD. Show your pride in being a Democrat by contacting Tim Burns at chair30LDdems@aol.com or 253-224-5707.

Dues

Dues for 2016 membership in the 30th Legislative District Democrats are due now. Please contact Treasurer, Naoma Zanetti at j_zanetti@comcast.net.

Mark Your 2016 Calendars!

- April 6 (Wednesday)
 - 30th LD Monthly Meeting
- April 17 (Saturday)
 - Legislative District Caucus
- May 1 (Sunday)
 - King/Pierce County Conventions
- May 4 (Wednesday)
 - 30th LD Monthly Meeting
- May 21 (Saturday)
 - Congressional Dist. Caucuses
- June 4 (Saturday)
 - South King County Dinner

DEMOCRAT-FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

Our monthly list of businesses* that we consider to be Democrat-friendly. We want to know about any 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.*

Living Liberally Federal Way

**Socialize with
fellow progressives**

**7 PM, Tue. April 12th
Billy McHale's Restaurant
1320 S. 324th St., Federal Way
(Formerly P.J. Pockets)**

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

Don't Look Now: Another Spending Plan!

Gregory Baruso

Tuesday, March 29th marked the end of the special session and the end of any legislative action for 2016. Lawmakers came to an agreement to a state supplemental operating budget. This agreement boosts spending for mental health, fighting wildfires, and other priorities, like homelessness programs.

The spending plan, called a supplemental operating budget, adds about \$191 million in new spending over the current \$38.2 billion 2015-2017 operating budget. About \$40 million of that will go towards mental-health programs and the state's two psychiatric hospitals. \$7 million of the \$191 million will help to recruit and retain K-12 staff. \$29 million will go to pay for overtime of home health-care providers and it will spend \$18 million to maintain state need-grant college funding with \$8 million going to help backfill tuition costs for State colleges and universities. \$190 million in budget reserves will go to pay for last year's wildfires using a variety of fund transfers and the Budget Stabilization Account, known as the "Rainy Day Fund." An additional \$1 million is allotted for local jurisdiction equipment purchases and \$200,000 for training on the equipment. Democratic lawmakers and Gov. Jay Inslee proposed plans to spend more on addressing statewide K-12 teacher shortage.

Here's some lesser-known parts of the budget:

- \$32 million for a settlement in the lawsuit known as *Moore v. Health Care Authority*, (HCA). This stems from a 2014 lawsuit over penalties for wrongfully denying health benefits to certain part-time workers.
- \$28 million for low-income health care, after a federal government waiver was denied, and other expected savings didn't materialize, during this budget cycle.
- \$13 million for a collective-bargaining agreement with family child-care providers.
- \$98,000 for the state Department of Commerce to study the effects of land uses surrounding military bases. It includes an analysis of practices in other states to ease conflicts between local jurisdictions and military installations.

- A legislative study on the implications of merging two public-employee pensions, the LEOFF 1 and TRS 1 pensions. There is thought from Republican lawmakers that this would save the State \$75 million.
- A directive to add forecasts for how many students are enrolled in charter schools for the remainder of the 2015-2017 budget cycle. These forecasts are already made for public schools.

At the end of this year's regular Legislative Session, Gov. Inslee vetoed 27 bills that dealt with a broad range of issues. Some of those issues included pharmacy assistants, sprinkler systems, wholesale vehicle dealers, and industrial hemp growers. Both the House Democrats and Gov. Inslee hoped to raise revenue by eliminating tax exemptions, but Republican lawmakers wanted to only make small corrections, rather than enact new policies. By vetoing bills, Gov. Inslee intended to have our state lawmakers focus on completing the budget. It wasn't everything that our state Democrat lawmakers wanted, but this is the reality of a divided government. When it came down to it, both our state Democrats and Republicans came to an agreement, in principle, compromising only when absolutely necessary for them to complete the 2016 Session. As usual, "Our fellow Democrats wanted to make more investments than the elected Republicans and we both moved together to achieve a goal in the end," stated House Majority Leader Rep. Pat Sullivan.

Both parties struggled to agree on a state budget and a "balanced" budget at that. The Republicans floated a tax provision for national network TV broadcasters lowering the share of national advertising income that out-of-state broadcasters like Comcast would pay taxes on, but those same out-of-staters don't believe that their national advertising should be taxed and as a result don't report that income. Sound familiar?

All in all, this year's Legislative session is done. So where do we go from here? We move forward in helping elect progressive Democrats to the State House, and pray that when it comes time, that we get a Democrat elected back into the Senate seat that was once held by a tough, strong, and reliable Democrat. It's up to us to get this done. Both Mike and Sharry will need the 30th Democrats to come out fighting!

Yes..., this is a Presidential year, but we have much work to accomplish here in our own backyard. Gather everyone – we're here to battle!

Our Members

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2016? IF NOT, PLEASE RENEW NOW!

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Cathy Cox-Shaffer

Alan Dahl

David Daly

Bob Dickinson

Beth Doyle

Eric Englund

Daniel Felton

Jerry & Linda Flynn

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Max Hedgecock

Miriam Helgeland

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