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From the Chair

By Allison Taylor

There are countless things I could touch on this month. So many reasons to be frustrated at the state of the world; so much negativity that could be used as motivation to work harder to get candidates elected who are willing to fight to help put "right" this world because it truly seems like it is completely out of control.

In the next few elections, we can turn the tide and start to see progress restored. We can change red seats into blue and continue to make politics a one-side-against-the-other-side war in perpetuity. Doing things that way could make every year a constant drawn out and painful battle of wills and money.

We may be better served, however, if we start to look across the aisle and ask for partnership on issues that matter to us all the most. I recognize that this might be a challenging position to consider. There are some values that we don't share with other political parties and likely never will. That being said, the idea that we are more alike than we are different is true, even in the political arena.

Recently, it was brought to my attention that a Mayor we recently endorsed was openly supporting a State Senate candidate from the Republican party, even going so far as to participate in their TV ads. When this was brought to my attention, I was asked to follow up with that Mayor, so I did. In doing do, I asked simply---why? Reaching out and asking questions can open the door of respectful dialogue. If the person you're talking to has a real reason behind their ideas or actions, then they shouldn't have an issue just answering the questions asked of them. In this case, The Mayor was very honest, explaining that this State Senator had helped to secure large amounts of funding in the State Budget for their community, was an avid and integral part of the community they lived in and while being fiscally conservative, they truly cared for the people of the city.

General Membership Meeting

July 11, 2018, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Belmor Park Clubhouse
2101 S 324th St, Federal Way
(First Wednesday of each month)

When I asked this Mayor if they were willing to give up endorsements because of their support for this candidate, the answer was easy. "Yes. If people want to make a decision to support me based on their feelings about someone that I support without even understanding why, then I'm ok without their support."

It really made me start to think.

Not to say that we should hold hands or hug-it -out and put behind us, all of the terrible things that some Republicans have done, especially those of recent. We must keep people accountable for their actions. We must be honest with ourselves and call it out when Democrats behave badly too. Just because they share our Party doesn't mean they are above being accountable.

The more I think about the conversation I had with that Mayor, the more I am inspired to continue keep my mind open and recognize the positives in one another, hoping that they will see the positives in me too.

With acceptance and grace, we might be able to find other things that we meet in the middle on with people who don't share all of our values or our party.

That being said, acceptance and grace might be something we could all use more of these days.

The Ask

By Allison Taylor

We have amazing candidates in the 30th LD that are **going to win** their seats this cycle. While we should all be working hard helping our own candidates, I ask you to look outside of our LD and find other candidates to support as well. Maybe they are in another part of WA, maybe even in another state, just sign up to help their campaign by making calls or donating a couple of bucks. The money from a donor in another state is motivating for a candidate, I promise, so keep your eyes out for a candidate that could help their community and remember that we are the UNITED States of America. I chose <https://www.kerrielynharris.com/>!

Convention Highlights

Roger Flygare

June 14 -17, 2018

Yes, I know the date is actually two more days than the actual convention but to be honest with everyone, it's a darn long drive from here to there when the "here" is Federal Way and the "there" is Wenatchee. To be precise, it's 155 miles and approximately 3 ½ hours of driving. Now I know many of you are saying, "Who drives for 3 ½ hours?" Well, actually no one, so it's more like 4 ½ hours in reality.

The weather going there and coming back was beautiful, blue skies crowded with some very picturesque clouds, which I will try to send some of those along to our dedicated news dude, Dan Turley, to accompany what will be a somewhat lengthy journal of my adventure.

I will skip telling you about the marvelous dinner Karla and I had on our first night there since it was repeated the next night too!! We found what's known as the Pybus Public Market in Wenatchee. What a fun place that is. Federal Way needs its own version. I will be writing a letter to the editor in the Federal Way Mirror about the attributes it provides to the charming community of Wenatchee. The two of us enjoyed sampling beer flights (various selections of small portions of beer...Jerry Flynn, a long time 30th PCO, would have been proud of me) and their marvelous Greek salad and "to die for" thin crust pizza. Not much skipping along here, right, but we had a wonderful time visiting this concoction of small local businesses. We went back again and I will fill you in on that episode later.

Friday, the big day for me as your State Committeeman, who was also representing our fair district as a delegate on the State Platform Committee. It was an ambitious undertaking, to say the least, of reviewing 59 pages of resolutions. It actually took all day Friday to cut through the mustard and get a satisfactory presentation for the body to consider on

Saturday. I must add here that I was impressed with the quality of input of other delegates. We have a very smart and savvy state party and I am proud to be a member of this austere group.

Some of the sticking points were obvious as heated discussions took place over issues like gun licensing and registration; our Eastern Washington brothers and sisters feel handicapped by this portion of the Platform in that it was there feeling that local Eastern Washington Democratic candidates may be hamstrung by what was eventually passed out on Saturday. But, hey, the majority spoke and we have fairly progressive planks on gun control issues.

Another hotly debated issue was President Trump, of course, right? Not a lot of love going down there that's for sure. No one was happy about the border patrol issues that are becoming more and more inflamed and the arresting and separation of families who are trying to emigrate from some pretty disastrous areas of Central America.

After the long day, we couldn't make a decision on where to have dinner and since we enjoyed the Pybus so much, we went back and sampled a whole bunch of olive oils and balsamic vinegars. OMG, if you're in the neighborhood, you've got to go there. We walked through looking at the various eateries, ICE had an enormous delicious gelato selection, FIRE had what looked to be incredible pizzas, and so on but we were thirsty so we went back to the Wenatchee Brewery spot and again enjoyed a flight of beer, salad and pizza. I think we made the right choice to go back and pick up a gelato to finish out the evening.

Moving onto Saturday: The Pybus was hosting a local farmers market and we "had to" stop in and see what it was all about. Much smaller than our FW Farmers Market but we found a few items to bring home with us, organic kale and cabbage and white radishes.

After that quick visit, Karla dropped me off at the convention center. There was an attempt at the beginning to streamline things by accepting

Mark Your Calendars

July 7th – Claire's Beach Party

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2031529783755827/>
<http://claireforsenate.com/>

July 8th – Adam Smith Town Hall

11am-Noon, Mercer Island Community Center

July 14th – Pacific Parade (10am Meet-up!)

July 14th – 30th Dems Office

GRAND OPENING

(See FOCUS ON THE 30th Section below!)

July 15th– Shannon Hader's Birthday Party and Fundraiser

<http://drshannonforcongress.com/>

Jul 28th – Summer Picnic

4pm, Town Square Park, Federal Way

Sept 9th – Rep. Reeves' Moms of Merit Annual Awards Luncheon

11:30pm, Federal Way Performing Arts & Events Center, Federal Way

<https://www.facebook.com/events/555785251482508/>

those issues that were passed by the Platform Committee, but you know us Democrats, we like to talk and so that was pushed aside but in all honesty it was a good idea. Some problematic language was either resolved, struck, or pushed back to the originators for clarification. Lively discussion took place on many issues and mostly the platform was passed. I will hopefully have a complete list by our next general membership meeting. Saturday moved along briskly and the day ended a few minutes early much to the happiness of those of us who needed to head out for a long drive home.

And this is where we departed from the wagon train home. Karla and I stayed one more night to get a better feel of Wenatchee. During the day Saturday, while I was toiling over platform issues, she headed out to explore interesting bits and pieces of the city. She was very excited to visit the Ohme Gardens, which I had visited a few years ago. It is a delightful walkabout and one you shouldn't pass up if you're in the neighborhood. She picked me up at the Convention Center (which is exceedingly more useful in any respects that our PAEC with its 700 seating capacity, but to be honest it has had

financial difficulties too). This sucker is huge and Wenatchee, well, isn't the center of the universe. But they have a really cool convention center which is also a home for entertaining events.

It was closing in on 5:00 p.m. and we needed sustenance badly. Clever person Karla is she had located a fun winery named Chateau Faire Le Pont where we could taste some of the delightful wines of the Wenatchee area. Unexpectedly, they have an incredible restaurant, which after sampling their wines, we stayed and enjoyed a mushroom risotto, a nifty tossed salad, and this incredible carrot cake with candied walnuts and covered with a divine white buttery frosting. It was just a few thousand calories but what the heck, right. You all know I love to cook and so this was just something to fill out my recipe book!!

The guitarist was excellent and he made the evening very romantic, like being in Spain or perhaps Italy. It was a very fun evening.

Back to reality, the cost of traveling and staying at a hotel is fairly expensive. Our hotel, certainly not a 5-star adventure but nice was \$150.00 a night, three nights, and they had an okay but I wouldn't write home about it breakfast. The convention had food arrangements if you wanted to spend a lot more but Karla and I opted for trying some of the local fare. We had lunch at a very fun local Mexican restaurant which had a very delicious salsa, corn soup with pork, and other goodies too much to list here.

I would estimate that we spent upwards to \$500.00 plus on normally expected expenditures, i.e., hotel, food, gas, et cetera. Was it worth it? Yes. Would I do it again? Yes.

So that's it in a nutshell and here's hoping you were able to take advantage of what apparently was nice weather here in the 30th.

Thanks for reading,
Roger

PS: The number of platform planks that the 30th LDD Platform Committee worked so hard

on were incorporated into the platform in revised fashion and so I felt good about our venture here to make our work worthwhile for the good of the State Party.

Time to Knock & Talk

Jennifer Hurley

We are getting close to the August 7th Primary and if you are a PCO (Precinct Committee Officer), that means it is time to start talking to your neighbors and reminding them to vote! Fortunately, there are some great tools available to help you do this. You may already be familiar with VoteBuilder (a website that allows you to create and maintain lists of voters in your precinct), but maybe you could use a refresher course. Maybe you have a smart phone and would like to download lists to your phone for easy door-to-door canvassing. Well, there's an app for that—it's called MiniVan!

I am available in the evenings to meet you at a library or a coffee shop and can go over some of these fantastic technological tools! I prefer 1:1 or small group meetings, because we can tailor the tools to fit the way that you want to canvass. Just be sure to bring your laptop and smart phone, so it is interactive. The 30th LD will also be putting together a handout with all of our endorsements that you can share with your neighbors.

If you are uncomfortable with door-knocking, please let me know. We can try to get a team together to canvass your precinct with you. Let's try to put the "Committee" back in Precinct Committee Officer! There are also plenty of precincts that do not have a PCO, so I'm hoping to host some canvasses in those neighborhoods. Whether or not you are a PCO, we would love to have you join us.

If you would like to set up a meeting to go over PCO training 1:1, please reach out to Jennifer Hurley, PCO Committee Chair, at (206)499-6179 or jenniferhurley298@comcast.net

Convention Insights

Joshua Fike

It was my first time attending a state convention and I learned a lot. For those that don't know, the event runs two days on Friday and Saturday. The main purpose of the event is to approve the platform the state party will adopt for the next 2 years. The platform is basically a list of items the party supports or opposes. It's a non-binding document. Not everyone in the party agrees on the values 100%, but it is a general sense of the values that bind the party together.

The first day is completely optional, but I found some value in it. There are three committees that meet Friday to help plan for the event on Saturday: Affirmative Action, Rules and Platform. The Platform Committee has a lot of influence on the resolutions because they make recommendations to approve or deny them, and the crowd generally goes with the recommendations.

Out of these three, I only attended the Affirmative Action Committee meeting. I left early however, because this meeting was very disorganized. The crowd seemed really interested in talking about Affirmative Action as a Washington State law, rather than the stated goal of the meeting which was to talk about affirmative action regarding the delegation selection process for the WA State Democrats. There is some question about making sure the delegation has an equal representation of men/women, and how to ensure that people of different ethnic backgrounds are represented as well. The person chairing the meeting kept entertaining questions from people who were disruptive, so I left the meeting.

I also attend the caucus meeting for the Stonewall Democrats. This is the state LGBT caucus for the WA Democrats. One of the goals of the Stonewall Democrats is to encourage LGBT individuals to run for office and to endorse candidates who support LGBT issues. I spoke in support of two candidates the 30th endorsed: LGBT candidate Claire Wilson who is running for

State Senate and Shannon Hader who is running for the 8th Congressional District seat. Shannon Hader has a great history of advocating for people who have HIV, which is still a large health issue for gay men in the United States. The caucus ended up endorsing Kim Schrier for the 8th and Claire Wilson. There was more business this group could have done but, because of time constraints, we had to rush through a lot of business.

There was a 4-hour long training for candidates as part of the state party's Rise and Run campaign. They had trainers from the National Democratic Training Committee present on topics like fundraising and a representative from ActBlue to discuss how to set up an online account to accept donations. If you are interested in running for office anytime in the next 5 years, I strongly recommend connecting with Dylan Cate with the state party and check out <https://www.traindemocrats.org> for free online trainings.

That evening, I connected with Shannon Hader's campaign and phone banked for an hour. I ended the evening with a night of karaoke!

Saturday was the main event. The beginning of the meeting was given to candidates to address the group, and there was some intentional stalling in the schedule to give people who were still driving to Wenatchee some additional time to arrive. Most of the time was spent removing planks from the platform. The platform is separated by categories (Education, Gun Rights, Civil Rights, etc.), and each category had multiple bullet points, called planks. We first identified planks we wanted to remove, and then after everything was identified, we passed everything there were no questions on. The second round was to go through everything that was flagged one by one. If you spoke to have it removed, you had some time to state your position and if there was anyone that spoke against you, they had equal time to speak their mind. We started out having 2 minutes each to speak, and then as the day wore on, it was reduced to 1 minute and then 30 seconds.

My impression is that it was difficult to remove things from the platform. Most of the ideas were popular and things that people asked to remove were largely kept in place. I was expecting more debate on a lot of the planks, especially stuff like banning automatic weapons and other hot button issues. But I felt the crowd wasn't as divided as I expected. More time was spent on responding to clarifying questions as participants wanted to understand what was meant by the phrasing rather than opposition to the plank itself. By the time the platform was passed, there were only 45-60 minutes left in the day to discuss resolutions. Being on the Platform Committee is definitely influential because the group pretty much approves the committee's recommendation.

Was it worth going to the state convention to work on the platform? I think so. We'll never agree with each other 100%, but there were some individuals there who said some ignorant and sometimes awful things and I would not want them representing the party as a whole. If we don't show up, they will show up in larger numbers and although they are in the minority they would have more influence in the state party.

There are over 500 people in attendance and if we do a little planning, we can maximize our time at the next convention. Allison gave an idea earlier this year of having a table at the convention where we could sell t-shirts and other things for fundraising. This is an excellent idea. On Friday, many people had down time between meetings and lingered at the tables/booths. If by then we have endorsed a particular initiative, we could have them join our table and use the petition signing to get a captive audience that we can persuade to buy our merch. If we had good displays of our endorsed candidates, we could use the time between sessions to raise money for our candidates. Lastly, if the delegates and LD reps coordinated our time so we all went to different caucuses, we can ask each caucus to endorse/support our candidates. I'm not aware that the Black Caucus or the Progressive Caucus

Dues

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<https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/30thdemswa>

endorsed anyone from the 30th, and that was a missed opportunity.

Focus on the 30th

Jennifer Hurley

The Washington Democrats are putting a focus on the 30th Legislative District this year! Guillermo, our fearless leader, has scheduled some great events for us this summer!

All events will be held at the new Federal Way Coordinated Headquarters: 32123 1st Ave South, Suite A1, Federal Way, WA 98003.

1. 30th LD Canvasses - Federal Way
Sunday, July 1st at 10:30 AM
2. 30th LD Office Kick Off
Saturday, July 14th
11 AM-2 PM phone bank and canvass
2:30-5PM potluck and guest speakers
Bring a dish and celebrate the office opening!!
3. 30th LD Canvass - Federal Way
Sunday, July 8th at 10:30 AM

Also, we will be phone banking every Thursday at 6PM until the primary: 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26 and 08/02.



Get the Word Out for Hader

Greg Knight

URGENT—CALLING ALL VOTER ENGAGEMENT SPECIALISTS:

With less than three weeks until voters receive their ballots, now is the time to get the word out about Shannon!

Only two hours of your time will make a big difference in sending Shannon Hader, our endorsed candidate for Washington’s 8th Congressional District, to the general election to take on Dino Rossi. Please sign up to attend at least one of the following events, and bring your family and friends! All events can be found on Shannon’s Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/pg/DrShannonForCongress/events/

In addition to the following volunteer opportunities, Shannon’s campaign can provide you with a virtual phone bank link as well as a walk list for you to talk with voters at your convenience. Please send an email to Greg Knight to request a list—greg@drshannonforcongress.com

Event	Day	Time	Location
Door knocking (Auburn area)	Sundays (every week)	11:00 AM	Auburn Campaign HQ 204 Auburn Ave Auburn, WA 98002
Phone bank (Auburn)	Tuesdays (every week)	5:30 PM	Auburn Campaign HQ 204 Auburn Ave Auburn, WA 98002
Phone bank (Auburn)	Wednesdays (every week except July 4)	5:30 PM	Auburn Campaign HQ 204 Auburn Ave Auburn, WA 98002
Phone bank (Redmond)	Wednesdays (every week except July 4)	6:00 PM	Muslim Association of Puget Sound 17550 NE 67th Ct

			Redmond, WA 98052
Phone bank (Auburn)	Thursdays (every week)	5:30 PM	Auburn Campaign HQ 204 Auburn Ave Auburn, WA 98002
Door knocking (Auburn area)	Saturdays (every week)	11:00 AM	Auburn Campaign HQ 204 Auburn Ave Auburn, WA 98002
Door knocking (Auburn area)	Sundays (every week)	11:00 AM	Auburn Campaign HQ 204 Auburn Ave Auburn, WA 98002

30th Dems Summer Picnic

Please bring a friend and join us while we enjoy the beautiful weather and company of Dems and distinguished guests!

Where: Town Square Park

When: 7/28/18

Time: 4pm-7pm

Sign up with Jim Grayson to bring a dish!!!

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30TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS
RESOLUTION ENDORSING
INITIATIVE 1644 to the PEOPLE and INITIATIVE 981 to the LEGISLATURE
JUNE 6, 2018

WHEREAS, America's greatest strength is our Diversity, an asset which sets our country apart from any other nation in the world; and

WHEREAS, according to Washington state's Office of Financial Management (OFM), as of 2017, Washington 7.3 million population was 50% women and over 30% people of color; and

WHEREAS, nearly 20 years ago on November 3, 1998, Washington State passed Initiative 200, sponsored by right-wing conservatives Tim Eyman and John Carlson, which banned the use of race and gender in Affirmative Action programs in public education, public contracting and public employment; and

WHEREAS, since 1998, numerous studies have documented Washington's severe education, employment and public contracting disparities, particularly for women and people of color; and

WHEREAS, Washington's Office of Women and Minority Business Enterprises (OMWBE) has reported that since the passage of I-200, state spending with certified minority and woman-owned businesses has dropped from 10% to 3%, causing a devastating \$3.8 billion dollar 20 year loss to small, minority and women-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, the People of Washington State have consistently shown overwhelming support for voting to repeal I-200 and restore Affirmative Action back in Washington State law to prevent discrimination against women, honorably discharged veterans, the disabled and minorities in public education, public contracting and public employment; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1644 and Initiative 981 would create a Governor's Commission on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; redefine Affirmative Action without quotas and preferential treatment; and expand the military veterans covered under Affirmative Action beyond Vietnam era and disabled veterans to now include all honorably discharged veterans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 30TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS hereby endorse Initiatives 1644 and 981 and urge all Washington Democrats to sign and vote for both initiatives; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 30TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS urge THE WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE (WSDCC) to endorse Initiatives 1644 and 981 at their June 2018 state convention; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we urge all legislative and congressional candidates endorsed by the Democratic Party to endorse, sign and vote for both Initiatives 1644 and 981.

Submitted by Tirzah Idahosa, 30th Legislative District Precinct Committee Officer (PCO)