



The 11th District Journal



“The fourth is freedom from fear, which, translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor - anywhere in the world. That is no vision of a distant millennium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation.” Franklin D Roosevelt Four Freedoms Speech

11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

I just got back from the Washington State Democratic Central Committee quarterly meeting held in Bellingham. Martha Koester and Azziem Underwood will fill you in on the details, but there were a couple of big decisions made that help us know what's ahead. The first is that we will continue to emphasize Democratic caucuses – and that's where our delegates to higher caucuses and conventions will be determined. The second decision was to hold the 2008 state convention in Spokane. With these results, we can implement our strategic plan knowing how important caucus will be and allow potential delegates to understand what cities may be on their itinerary as they work their way up.

Here in our own district, we have been very busy getting our processes in order and moving forward. During the last meeting, we made changes to our by-laws that will help us look at trying to deliver our newsletter electronically (via e-mail) as well as through the USPS. Our Policy and Procedures Committee has established Board-approved special rules to help us process candidates who want to be considered for endorsements. Martha Koester has done a marvelous job of organizing how we will group precincts together that are near one another – so we can have PCOs coordinating efforts, recruiting PCOs where positions are not filled and ultimately combine efforts to register, get people excited about attending our caucuses and helping voters to VOTE DEMOCRAT!

This is our time to organize and fundraise. Please talk to me if you'd like to help the 11th LD Democrats promote and coordinate the caucuses in our district going forward. Getting key pieces to our infrastructure set up well will go a long ways toward our success in holding significant events and getting voters excited about the Democratic political landscape. And as we all know, there's lot to be excited about.

Welcome New Precinct Committee Officer!

Last meeting we picked up another new (actually renewed) Precinct Committee Officer: Jason L. Cheung We've made great progress so far, but we only have seven more meetings to reach our 2007 goal of filling 75 percent of the positions. Talk with Membership Chair Martha Koester if you, or someone you know, would like to be a PCO.

Election Poll Workers Needed for August and November

We will soon be recruiting Democrats to work at the polls in August and November. Thank you to Don Bennett for volunteering to be our Election Poll Worker Coordinator for the 11th LD Democrats. If you are interested in working at the elections or being an observer, contact Don.

May Program

We will bring in a statistics expert to talk to us about how Democrats performed in our district in the last election (registrations and ballots cast) – to establish a baseline for us to work from as we approach the next election. Then we'll go over the district "game plan" for 2007 and 2008. I want everyone to get a good look at what to expect each month and to understand how to get involved. Our future is very bright, and our plans are fun. There's never been a better time for you to be part of it all.

We'll also feature local candidates that have met our requirements to be considered for endorsement by our organization. We have a LOT to sort through, because we represent precincts in Burien, Renton, Seattle, SeaTac and Tukwila – plus areas of unincorporated King County. We want to consider endorsements that will help us get Democrats elected. Our by-laws say we can make endorsements for candidates three months prior to the primary. The time is now to start processing endorsements requests. If you are a candidate, or represent one that wants an endorsement from our legislative district, please contact me as soon as possible.

What a great time to be a Democrat! Let's keep the energy going!
Susan Kruller 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Chair

**Welcome to the
11th Legislative Democratic Organization**

**You are Invited to attend the Monthly
Meetings and engage in democracy in action!**

**Your dues enable you to receive the district
newsletter, help us defer our meeting
expenses, and support our efforts on behalf
of Democratic candidates.**

**We provide or participate actively in fun and
informative opportunities to reach out to
Democrats and other voters
in the 11th District.**

**Your volunteer efforts will further our goal
of active members in all of the
11th District precincts.**

We welcome you!

The newsletter is also available online in PDF format at the [11th LD website](#) and via email. The digital format is in color with active links. You can change the text size to fit your preference.

There are some great new features at the 11th LD web site. Join the Discussion Group and be heard by the entire membership. You will find it at <http://www.11thliddems.org>

Some members of the 11th LD Dems are receiving the monthly newsletter via email in digital format as a PDF file. If you are a regular member who receives the print edition and would like to also receive the electronic version, in color with active links, send me a [email message](#) with: Newsletter in the subject and you will be added to the emailing list.

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8th Congressional District Candidate Darcy Burner posts regularly on YouTube. Follow Darcy's campaign at:

<http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=darcygb>

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Charles Laney

OK people Susan Sheary talked me into opening a gmail account. So here is a gmail address for political party mail: claney06@gmail.com



Please Send in Your 2007 Membership Dues Now
(Make checks payable to the 11th District Democrats)



Memberships:

___ Regular Membership \$15.00	___ Family Membership \$27.00
___ Captain Membership \$50.00	___ Living Lightly \$6.00
___ Liberty Membership \$100.00	___ Subscription only \$10.00
___ Silver Membership \$250.00	___ Family Sponsorship \$100.00
___ Gold Membership \$500.00	___ Platinum Membership \$1,000.00

NAME _____

(Please list all household names joining if membership is for Family or Sponsor)

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**11th Legislative District Democratic Organization
General Membership Meeting Minutes — April 17, 2007****11th Legislative District Democratic Organization
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7:00pm The meeting was called to order by District Chair Susan Kruller, Flag Salute, Approval of previous meeting minutes and proposed agenda.

7:05pm Port of Seattle Commissioner Alan Fisker addressed membership
M/S/A Endorsement of Alan Fisker as Port Commissioner

7:10pm Candidates for Reelection addressed membership:
Larry Phillips, May 19 Kick Off – Water Quality, Transportation, 911 System
Dow Constantine – Legislation to Protect Puget Sound, Keep King County Airport
Larry Gossett – Asked for our endorsement based on record on progressive issues. Support
Schools and Education
Scott Noble – KC Accessor – Transparency, Tax Payer Advocate
M/S/A Endorsements unanimous for all candidates

7:45pm Motions to change Bylaws Wording:
Art. 3 Section 4 Line 63 – add sent, strike mailed M/S/A unanimous
Art 7 Section 2 strike M/S/A unanimous

7:50 BREAK

8:00 Darcy Burner - Grass Roots Activity

Reports:

Vice Chair – PCO and Activists meeting, Cinco De Mayo Party Announcement
Treasurer – Income \$4021.53 Expense 1476.38 – Renton River Days and Tukwila Days need our support
WSDCC Male Azziem Underwood – 28th April in Bellingham
WSDCC Female Martha Koester – State Committee Woman, Caucus Date
KCDCC Male Chris Hintz – yield time to Jeanette
KCDCC Female Jeanette Kelley – KC Logo, Young Democrats Contract
Programs – Brendan Dockers – Web Address, Primary Policy and Procedure
PCO Activities – Larry Grubb – Voters can meet Legislators at PCO meetings

PCO Application Received from Jason Cheung 11-1552
Ten new PCOs since Election, seventy five percent representation is our goal

Libby Carr - WA for Peace – Resolution 8016 M/S/A 24 yea, 13 nay

Drawing

Candidate Introduction

Renton City Council: Greg Taylor,

Candidate Members of the 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization:

Renton City Council: Shirley Gaunt Smith, Pam Carter, Terry Pearson

Tukwila City Council: Brian Kennedy

Seattle School Director: Lisa Stuebing

9:05pm M/S/A Adjourn

Webmaster

Alene Brede

In April, Alene Brede's son was struck by a car while he was in a crosswalk. His injuries were serious and he will not be able to walk for many weeks. During our April meeting, our members gave from the heart to lend a helping hand to Alene and her family. She'd like you to know you made a difference.

"Thank you so much for the generous contribution for my son's family in their "time of need". It is difficult to convey how surprised and touched my husband and I were when we opened the envelope from Emily.

Watching Shawn and his family struggle through this crisis, worried about what is ahead, your simple act of kindness lifted our spirits, answered prayers and helped restore hope for the future.

Also thank you to those who sent supportive emails. Your kind messages were greatly appreciated.

It is such a privilege and honor to know each and every one of you. Thank you...so very very much.

With warmest regards,

Alene & David Brede

The Laffertys: Shawn, Angiee, Victoria, Jaden and Natalie"

We Must Plan to Redeploy Our Troops in Iraq

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Adam Smith (D-Wash.) today announced he will vote for the conference agreement on H.R. 1591, the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Health and Iraq Accountability Act. The agreement includes language that would set a goal for the redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq by March 2008. Smith chairs the Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee.

"President Bush should sign this bill. A veto would signal a total rejection of the will of the American people and would further hamper our efforts to fight the spread of al-Qaeda. We will not stay in Iraq indefinitely. We must plan to redeploy our troops in Iraq,"

[U.S. Rep. Adam Smith \(D-Wash.\)](#)

<http://www.house.gov/adamsmith/>

Rep Bob Hasegawa 11th LD <http://hdc.leg.wa.gov/members/hasegawa/>

IRAQ

My prayers are with our troops and the Iraqi people: that our troops will return home safely and that deaths of innocent Iraqi children and other civilians will be avoided.

"I do not agree with the path that President Bush has chosen. This war was avoidable. I fear that bypassing the United Nations and demanding regime change by force instead of working toward peaceful disarmament is a dangerous step for our nation.

"An important difference between our country and Iraq is that we can and do speak out. Americans should continue to exercise their Constitutional right to express their beliefs.

The legacies of war remain with us forever. We now owe the Iraqi people the fulfillment of the promises our President has made to them." [Representative Jim McDermott \(D-Wash\)](#)

http://www.house.gov/mcdermott/issues_iraq.shtml



[Rep Zack Hudgins](http://hdc.leg.wa.gov/members/hudgins/)

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"The commission shouldn't be able to do it via an easy, quick vote," Hudgins said, describing the bills as direct response to his constituents' heartburn about the port's management. "They want accountability."

http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/312076_dinsmore18.html

WSDCC Female & Membership Committee

Martha Koester

The 11th LD was out in force to welcome Karl Rove to the Seattle Hilton on April 14th. Chuck Laney was (amazingly) not working that day, joined by Larry, Suzie and Martha. The Vashon Island Chain Gang was out in force. Dina and Cherisse from the 34th LD displayed signs with Dina's usual artistic flair.

It's hard to believe that Republicans still name their commemorative dinners after Abraham Lincoln. A couple of quotes I can guarantee that Karl Rove never mentioned--

"Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration." Lincoln's First Annual Message to Congress, December 3, 1861."

"Allow the President to invade a neighboring nation whenever he shall deem it necessary to repel an invasion, and you allow him to do so whenever he may choose to say he deems it necessary for such purpose, and you allow him to make war at pleasure. Study to see if you can fix any limit to his power in this respect, after having given him so much as you propose. If to-day he should choose to say he thinks it necessary to invade Canada to prevent the British from invading us, how could you stop him? You may say to him, — "I see no probability of the British invading us"; but he will say to you, "Be silent: I see it, if you don't." Letter, while US Congressman, to his friend and law-partner William H. Herndon, opposing the Mexican-American War (15 February 1848)

SECRETARY

Jim Flynn

Those who managed to stay awake during Democratic Presidential debate were rewarded with walk-on has been Mike Gravel showing some emotion. Other than that is was the Beltway Democrats versus the Haven't Got a Chance Democrats. Everyone agreed we should get out of Iraq, end of story. OK, here we go again snagging defeat out of the jaws of victory. None of the presidential candidates have a clue what grass roots democrats expect from the next election.

Reflecting on the 2004 election, we learned that Democrats know how to govern, they just don't know how to campaign. Since then, the Eleventh Legislative District Democratic Organization has been working to improve the situation. With the leadership of candidates like Darcy Burner, candidate for 8th Congressional District, who spoke at the April meeting, we can focus on what PCOs must do to get our candidates elected.

No one is working harder on a campaign than Ms Burner. Her work to get the attention of the eighteen to thirty five year old voters is brilliant. Our next Congresswoman on YouTube, updated regularly is surely a first. Check it out for yourself:

<http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=darcygb>

Any questions? The president's own generals say there is no military solution to the civil war in Iraq, that it requires the political solution the Iraqis have resisted. But that didn't stop the GOP from trying to spin conscience into controversy. Predictably, Dick Cheney went on the attack, calling Harry Reid's comments "uninformed and misleading."

Come see a history of the vice president's rhetoric to see something really uninformed and misleading:

<http://www.johnkerry.com/standingwithharry/> Write letters to you local paper, call in to talk shows, let our media gatekeepers know that you want a real debate, and you stand by people who are fighting for one.

I started us off by posting a defense of Harry Reid on the Huffington Post. You can read it here:

[Huffington Post](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-kerry/standing-with-harry-reid_b_46910.html) : http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-kerry/standing-with-harry-reid_b_46910.html

"An educated, well-trained workforce is the key to our state's economic prosperity. We need to take down the no vacancy sign and ensure we are focusing on the needs of both today and tomorrow's employers."

[Christine Gregoire](#)

Upcoming 11th District Meetings

General Meeting: May 15th – 7pm
Carpenter's Hall, Renton

Executive Board Meeting:
June 7th – 7pm
Carpenter's Hall, Renton

OFFICIAL CALL:
11th District Democrats
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, May 15, 2007
7:00pm— Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Ave N
(Endorsements may be considered)

Meeting Agenda

7:00 p.m. Call to Order, Flag Salute

7:05 p.m. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Proposed Agenda
Introductions

7:10 p.m. 11th Legislative District - By The Numbers Report

7:30 p.m. Challenge From The WSDCC Chair –Registration, Get Out To Caucus
(GOTC) and Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Strategic Goals

Break

8:05 p.m. Officer and Committee Reports

8:25 p.m. New Business

8:35 p.m. Old Business

8:45 p.m. Raffle Prizes

8:50 p.m. Good of the Order

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

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