



# The 11th District Journal



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*"I think this is really a bad idea. At a time when we are stretching every dollar to its max...there are so many needs...one percent aside is a budget cut. ...The State has other alternatives."* Rep Bob Hasegawa opposes Rainy Day Fund

*"How many of your remember the recession of the seventies? ... What we are trying to do is protect the programs that we have."* Sen. Margarita Prentice supports Rainy Day Fund

## 11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Wow, is this Summer going by quick! The 11<sup>th</sup> District Democrats made a great showing at each of our community outreach efforts... and the weather held up very well for the last two events in July! It was nice to put our new canopy to use on both occasions – and everyone likes having more space and the use of some or all of four walls.

The Tukwila Days Festival July 14 was a big success, with Emily Willoughby taking the lead on booth organizing and preparation. We love to showcase our elected officials and endorsed candidates, so this was a perfect opportunity to do so! Senator Margarita Prentice and Representative Bob Hasegawa were there to talk with people. Jeanette Kelly came up with an ingenious idea - holding a "straw poll" on who people favor most for the U.S. Presidential race right now. Literally, there were a number of plastic cups with the candidate's photos on them, and then people could take one straw out of a hatful of multicolor straws and weigh in on who they preferred. This was a BIG hit with passers-by, so we did it again at the next event – and it garnered lots of participation there as well. See the article later in this newsletter with the breakdown of what the tallies were...

Chuck Laney led the way on July 28-29 by organizing a booth for our district at Renton River Days for two days and taking a group of 11<sup>th</sup> LD democrats, elected and endorsed candidates through the parade. We're talking Lots of fun to go around! It was great fun promoting the Party and talking local politics with citizens. Our booth was set up beside Renton Mayor Kathy Koelker's booth – so high volumes of traffic, along a chance to team with a campaign that our district endorsed. Senator Margarita Prentice was there both days. Representative Bob Hasegawa and Representative Zack Hudgins made it to the parade and put time in at the booth to talk with the public.

Kudos to all the volunteers that made both our outreach efforts a success: Emily Willoughby, Chuck Laney, George Summers, Don Bennett, Bonnie Harger, Suzie Sheary, Shirley Guant-Smith, Larry Grubb, Martha Koester, Chris Hintz, Jim Flynn and Jeanette Kelly who were on hand, with enthusiasm!

### Precinct Committee Officer Activity

The primary is just around the corner. The KCDCC has already updated its PCO training guide online with information about Vote Builder at <http://www.kcdems.net/documents/pcotraining.pdf> Might be good to review that material for inspiration and ideas on how to work through your precinct. PCOs should be actively working their precincts and our Canvass Day is on August 11. PCOs should focus on that Saturday to walk their precincts and get the word out to citizens on how to register to vote, who our district has endorsed and to be sure and Get Out The Vote for the upcoming Primary and the final election period in November. PCOs will get more information about this via e-mail/ phone.

Afterwards, PCO Activities Chair Larry Grubb is working on a PCO event. He plans to have us meet at the Tukwila Foster Golf Course Clubhouse to exchange ideas, experiences and advice on how to best work our precincts Day (starting around 5 p.m. and continuing as long as PCOs are around). So get out and talk with your neighbors or give them a call. Then meet up with us later to share stories about the day.

### 2008 Caucuses Are Coming

Our Caucus Chair George Summers has been working hard on plans to organize our precinct caucuses for February 9, 2007. That sounds far away, but next month we will start making agreements with facilities where we will hold these caucuses. On July 23, George assembled a core group to go over information about facilities, examine previous turnout numbers and analyze what locations appear to be the most effective. It was a good exchange of ideas and we left with assignments to talk with past conveners about locations we've used and some new locations we are considering.

It is very important that we plan and carry this activity off well – because it is a vital part of our hand in what the Party does, with impacts that go through to the Democratic National Convention AND it's a vital source to recruit and retain new members.

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**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 as a PDF file. If you 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. [james.flynn@comcast.net](mailto:james.flynn@comcast.net)

View Pictures of some of the July, 11th LD activities at my website <http://www.seattleoptin.us/July07>

[Chuck Laney](#) – Needs Volunteers, Aug. 7,  
**National Night Out Against Crime**

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## Charles Laney



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*(Make checks payable to the 11<sup>th</sup> District Democrats)*



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**Send to: 11<sup>th</sup> District Democrats % Chuck Laney Treasurer:**

**PO BOX 1133, Renton, WA. 98057-1133**

**11th Legislative District Democratic Organization****11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic Organization****General Membership Meeting Minutes July 17, 2007**

7:00pm The meeting was called to order by District Chair Susan Kruller, Flag Salute,

-Explanation of determination by ExecBrd that a review of 11<sup>th</sup> LD by-laws that Abstentions are not to be considered in total vote count. A review gives endorsements to David Della and Kathy Koelker

-Debate participants should identify themselves by name, location of residence and affiliation with campaign, if any. -

Candidates seeking endorsement are limited to two minutes speaking and two minutes of Questions and Answers

M/S/A Jay Hollingsworth/Emily W/Unanimous – I move to allow a motion not to allow a motion for sole endorsement for the entire proceeding.

**Candidates Seeking Endorsement**

**KC Council District 6** - Brad Larssen – Provided write - in information

M/S/A Previous month's minutes M/S/A Agenda

**Candidates Seeking Endorsement**

City of Seattle – Council Position 9 – Sally Clark – funding downtown improvements, housing levy, affordable housing

Q&A – Police Dept oversight, Emergency Services for Disaster

Seattle School Board

District 1 – Peter Maier- quality of education, community involvement, student programs

District 1 – Sally Soriano – incumbent– boost achievement and equity, defend against privatization, impact of “No Child Left Behind” and WASL

District 2 – Darlene Flynn – Four Year Incumbent – fiscal responsibility record, academic scores, health issues, demand funding from Legislature

District 6 – Maria Ramirez – proven experience in Education, Education Board, Human Resources, Contract Administration, Pilot projects for Education

District 6 – Steve Sundquist – Investment Group Manager, recognized leadership experience as GM and CIO, international education program

**City of Tukwila**

City Council Position 2 – Brian Kennedy – building construction, family wage jobs

City Council Position 2 - De'Sean Quinn – People and Policy, fiscal responsibility

**Endorsement Session** – non-member candidates and campaign managers leave building during endorsement session

**Credential Report** – 44 Voters

**King County**

Council District 6 - Brad Larssen – M/S/A 35-Y, 0-N, 1-A Received endorsement

City of Seattle –

Council Position 9 – Sally Clark - M/S/A 35-Y, 0-N, 1-A Received endorsement

**Seattle School Board**

District 1 – Peter Maier- M/S/A Margarita P/? 18-Y, 14-N, 1-6 No endorsement

District 1 – Sally Soriano M/S/A Bob H/? 25-Y, 12-N, 3-A Received endorsement

District 2 – Darlene Flynn M/S/A Don B/? 34-Y, 1-N, 3-A Received endorsement

District 6 – Maria Ramirez M/S/A Margarita P/? 34-Y, 0-N, 4-A Received endorsement

District 6 – Steve Sundquist M/S/A Alene B/? 13-Y, 15-N, 7-A No endorsement

**City of Tukwila City Council**

Position 2 – Brian Kennedy M/S/A Chuck L/Chuck P 31-Y, 1-N, 1-A Received endorsement

Position 2 - De'Sean Quinn M/S/A Ed P/ Margarita P 20-Y, 5-N, 10-A Received endorsement

**BREAK****Officer and Delegate Report**

Finance Report – submittal (Secretary Records) by Treasurer Chuck Laney

**Old Business:**

New Business:

Gene Lux – Referendum 67 – insurance trust – M/S/A in support Unanimous

Chris Hinz – Discussion of US House Resolution 222 to impeach Dick Cheney

Representative Bob Hasegawa – SR-8206 – Budget Allocation Fund requested members to oppose SR-8206

Don Benett- Motion to support opposition of SR-8206 – discussion, **Previous Question** M/S/A – Oppose SR-8206 - 17-Y, 10-N, 4-A Motion Carried

Representative Zack Hudgins – Just Back from China report

Raffle

Good of the Order:

-Renton River Days – Chuck Laney – Sign up sheet, need volunteers, Aug. 7, National Night Out Against Crime

-Thanks Jeanette for your work in providing the new booth

-11<sup>th</sup> LD picnic – Alene – August 18, Crystal Springs, Tukwila need volunteers

-July 21<sup>st</sup> Beacon Hill Penata Park – Jay H

-August 22 – Emily W – Adam Smith Town Hall Meeting

RoundTable – Caucus Chair George S – at Denny's after the meeting

-Thanks for the Endorsements – Mayor Kathy Koelker, Brian Kennedy, Pam Carter, Cathy Keene

9:00 p.m.ADJOURN

Submitted, James Flynn, Secretary, 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative Democratic Organization

**KCDCC Female****Jeanette Kelley**

District 11 booth at Renton Rivers Days a Success! We had our new booth up and decorated by 10AM Saturday morning in time for the crowds attending the Renton parade on Main Street to come by. Many thanks to Chuck and Larry for getting it set up Friday night. And what crowds we had coming by our booth to talk with State Senator Prentice who seemed to know everyone or at least someone in the family. Marguerite can talk with anyone on any subject! The District had the endorsed candidate's literature on the table as well as banners and signs. Red, white and blue were the colors of the day and attracted quite a few people.

Our Presidential straw poll was a big hit with probably over 500 to 600 people stopping by over the 2 day period to either vote, talk or pick up information.

Having a presence at the community festivals, parades and other activities is part of District 11 outreach to the community we serve. People want to know what is going on with local and national politics and we were there to provide the information.

Many thanks to all who staffed the booth, brought water and food to sustain the volunteers, decorations and did the set up and take down. Also without State Senator Prentice participating we would not have nearly half the fun. Rep. Bob Hasegawa also was there to meet with constituents. Thanks to all!

**SECRETARY****Jim Flynn**

Alexander Hamilton was confident that the US economy should be a system of credits defined by the constitution. Brilliant as an economic strategist but terrible as a politician he had to reach deep within himself to find the resources to convince our founding fathers of the necessity to borrow money, guaranteeing repayment by federal securities known to us as Treasury Notes, to pay the debt left by the American revolution. Repayment was mandated by [Article VI of the Constitution](#). The sprightly Hamilton also saw this as a way to *promote the general welfare* of our new nation.

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/constitution.articlevi.html>

The highly literate, Revolutionary War veteran anticipated manufacturing as the backbone of the economy. To avoid burdening the struggling factories with new taxes he persuaded his detractors to impose a tariff on imports, providing the treasury with the needed cash flow. The first Secretary of the Treasury influenced Congress to authorize building a ten ship fleet of [Revenue Cutters in 1790](#) to enforce the tariff. The Revenue Cutter Service continues to this day in the form of the US Coast Guard, celebrating their founding anniversary on August 4.

<http://www.defenselink.mil/afd/military/coastgrd.html>

**Chairs message continued from Page 1**

We're in the early stages of planning right now, but feel free to talk with George or myself about it and expect to learn much more in the next two-three months about what will happen. George will let us all know when the next meeting is and what he wants us to address. More and more, I hope to see members finding ways to get involved. Just give me or any Executive Board member a call about what you'd like to do. This is YOUR organization and everyone counts!

*Susan Kruller*

*Chair - 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization*

**WSDCC State Committeewoman Membership Chair**

Martha Koester

Help out with our canvass day on **Saturday August 11th**, starting at 11AM at Robert Mair's house, 1900 S 104th St in North Highline. We'll be registering voters, asking A and B Democrats if they would like to attend the February caucus and donate to make it happen. Larry Grubb will be preparing another PCO party spectacular at Robert's place, where we can gather before, during and after. (Renton PCOs and canvassers might want to meet and strategize there, and drop by North Highline afterwards.)

I hope that we will be able to have a database including every single house and apartment in the 11th LD by the 2008 general election. That may or may not be actually doable, but the closer we get to that goal, the better the likely outcome of that election.



The Elections Committee had a good brief presentation in January on how a single person started a voter registration program aimed at apartment dwellers. They move around a lot, but if you can get them registered and do at least one GOTV contact afterward, they strongly favor Democrats. Some strategists attribute the large gains there in 2004 and 2006 to this program.

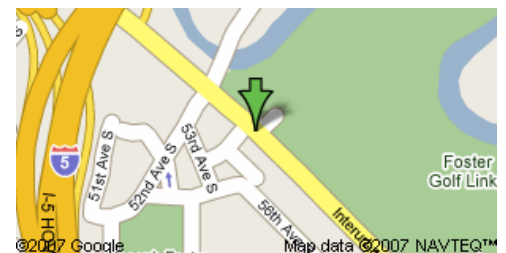
**PCO Activities**

Larry Grubb

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO: **Gordons on the Green**  
13500 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila WA. at the Foster Golf Course after a long but fun and productive day of canvassing. No Host Bar, Hordeorves, happy hour from 5 to 9. This is the new Foster Golf club-house. Bring your putter. Casual dress. I hope for a good time for all PCOs, Democratic Activists, friends and others.

**Saturday, August 11** - 5 pm. And a raffle.

<http://www.gordonsonthegreen.com/>

**WSDIC Chair**

Julian Wheeler

**WSDIC\* Summer Picnic**

Date: Saturday, August 25, 2007

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Place: 14102 - 68th Ave E, Puyallup, WA 98373

With: "Elvis" may attend.

\$ 15 suggested donation for admission ("more if you can, less if you can't").

**Attendees can get a \$10 discount if they submit a political issue that concerns them about disability issues in writing.**

(\* Washington State Democratic Disabilities Issues Caucus)

RSVP to: Julian Wheeler [julianfwheeler@aol.com](mailto:julianfwheeler@aol.com)

Here are some pictures of the 11th Legislative Democratic Organization presence at the community festivals, parades and other activities. You can enjoy more pictures in color and larger size at my web site: <http://www.seattleoptin.us/July07> .

Add your pictures to the gallery. Please contact me or send them to me at: [pco@seattleoptin.us](mailto:pco@seattleoptin.us).



**STRAW POLL TOTALS FROM RENTON RIVER DAYS**

Clinton – 197                  Edwards – 69                  Obama – 60                  Richardson – 31                  Kucinich - 15

“Students today benefit from smaller class sizes and experienced teachers who received a well-earned cost of living increase.” **Christine Gregoire**  
Governor Gregoire led an effort to invest more than \$28 million in additional tutoring for students who need help to graduate on time.

**Upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> District Meetings**

**General Meeting: Sept 18th – 7pm**  
Carpenter's Hall, Renton

**Executive Board Meeting:**  
**Sept 6th – 7pm**  
Carpenter's Hall, Renton

**Official Call**

11th Legislative Annual Picnic in Lieu of General Meeting

**11th LD District ANNUAL PICNIC**

August 18th 2PM - 5PM Crystal Springs Park

Historical Water Tank  
S. 160<sup>th</sup> St. and 51<sup>st</sup> Avenue S.

Come one...Come All...11th LD Annual Picnic...Meet your legislative representatives and important candidates. Enjoy a traditional barbecue of hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, salads and chips. Bring the kids and have a wonderful down home Democrat Day!!

Those who wish to volunteer to help cook, decorate etc. should show up at 1PM. Potluck additions are of course welcome.



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