



# The 11th District Journal



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"Our future may lie beyond our vision, but it is not completely beyond our control. It is the shaping impulse of America that neither fate nor nature nor the irresistible tides of history, but the work of our own hands, matched to reason and principle, that will determine our destiny. There is pride in that, even arrogance, but there is also experience and truth. In any event, it is the only way we can live."

Robert F Kennedy (1925-1968)

## 11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Susan Kruller

The US Presidential race is well into the delegate count and it is clearly a banner year to be a Democrat! The 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District has worked hard to fund and facilitate the Precinct Caucuses in 14 locations. There was a time when these caucuses were held in the homes of Precinct Committee Officers. Now we consolidate it all in larger facilities to provide greater accessibility and efficiency. Hopefully that will do be the case with the high turnout we expect!

Of course we want everyone to participate in the Precinct Caucuses on February 9 and weigh in on who you think should be nominated - then elect delegates. Come a little earlier if you have the time to help your convener out. No matter what, you should be there at least by 1:00 p.m. for administrative activities and instructions, and then the process really gets going a half-hour later.

This is also an important time for the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District to recruit and retain attendees as new members and Precinct Committee Officers. So encourage your neighbors and precinct attendees to get involved and join the Democratic Party while you're working with them.

We are very grateful to our Caucus Chair George Summers and all of our Conveners:

Don Bennett - Hazel Valley School	Jay Hollingsworth - Van Asselt School
Barbara Chadwick - Renton Technical College	Martha Koester - Beverly Park
Dave Cockrill - Tiffany Park Elementary	Susan Kruller - Foster High School
Terry Cockrill - Nelsen Middle School	Chuck Laney - Highlands Elementary
Brendan Donckers - Tukwila Elementary	Margarita Prentice - Carpenters Hall
Jim Flynn - Benson Hill Elementary	George Summers - Hilltop
Jon Gould - Mercer Middle School	Azziem Underwood - Renton Park Elementary

Countless volunteer hours have been contributed behind the scenes by those listed and other PCOs and members to facilitate the caucuses. Thank you all! All members are encouraged to help our conveners and participate in this significant grassroots Party process. Feel free to contact our Caucus Chair George Summers if you want to get involved.

Delegates from our Precinct Caucuses will advance to the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Caucus on April 5, 2008 starting at 10:00 a.m. Preparations are underway to hold it at the IAM Hall and you will learn more about this event in the next issue. Also be aware King County Democrats Convention has changed to Sunday, April 13, at 2:00 p.m. at the IAM Hall.

### Upcoming Programs

Be sure to turn out for our **February General Membership Meeting on WEDNESDAY, February 20 at 7p.m.** - Carpenter's Hall. Please note that we're sliding the meeting one day to avoid a schedule conflict with the polling activity for the Primary on our usual meeting day.

We've lined up a couple of good speakers you'll want to see. Right at the top of the meeting, we'll feature King County Labor Council Trustee Nancy Rising will cover the Political Landscape and Priorities for Unions - which should be very interesting now that we're in the heat of the state legislative session and the US Presidential race. Our main Program speaker is Seattle City Council Member Richard Conlin, who asked to come down to the 11<sup>th</sup> LD to get a sense of what issues our membership is concerned about. He will share the 2008 Council Priorities.

### GO DEMS!

**Susan Kruller - Chair**

**11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic Organization**

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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](#) with an email reminder. The digital format is in color with active links. You can save a copy to a folder on your computer or print a copy for personal use.

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 with a link to 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)

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**Please Send in Your 2008 Membership Dues Now**  
(Make checks payable to the 11<sup>th</sup> District Democrats)



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**WSDCC Female****Martha Koester****WSDCC quarterly meeting January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver*****Election of DNC delegates***

Pat Notter has stepped down from her DNC position to do more work in eastern Washington from now on.

There were six candidates running for the four positions; Lona Wilbur, Ed Cote, Dave McDonald, Joe McGimpsey, Jackie Bradley and Sharon Mast. Sharon, Ed and Dave are current DNC representatives running for re-election. All were re-elected, along with Lona Wilbur.

**Elections Committee** - Michael King gave a brief report on the Coordinated Campaign, which is now set up. We discuss HB 1551 (the public financing bill) which passed the House mostly on a party line. The corresponding bill looks like it will pass in the Senate.

**Communications Committee** - They are working on revamping information flow in the State Party, and preparing a information kit about who is doing outreach in LDs and counties. Centralized training sessions are also being planned.

**Technology Committee** - They discussed how to handle the caucus results, and noted that resources are a problem. My resolution mandating more resources for VoteBuilder and related technology passed the Progressive Caucus and was referred by the Resolutions Committee to the Technology Committee.

**Affirmative Action Committee** — they requested that LD and county chairs send affirmative action contacts. There will be information on demographics coming out soon organized by zip code level.

**Rules Committee** - They discussed the Judicial Review Board and delegate selection

**DNC reports** - Dave McDonald reported that the Rules Committee meeting spent a lot of time discussing the delegate situation of Florida and Michigan. It is apparent that we will have to do something about frontloading so that all the 2012 primaries are not held on January 21, 2009. For 2012 they are proposing the Delaware plan. This will be month by month starting with small states and moving to larger states. The idea is that less money is required to campaign in small states, so that more candidates will have the opportunity to gain traction over time without having to start out with huge piles of money.

**Ed Cote is on the Executive Committee.** - A preview of the national convention was presented. Denver really wants us and is very well organized, with most events within walking distance of each other. The political report stated that the 50 state strategy will be in the hands of the nominee. About \$8 million has been spent on technology over the last four years. The Voting Rights Institute is completing a survey of every election jurisdiction. We must be proactive because half of the counties in the country have no policies about voting machine allocation.

**Sharon Mast is on the Resolutions Committee.** - One of their main priorities is transparent and accurate elections. They are also urging more specific voter identification to be based on the 2010 census. Karen Marchioro was honored.

Martha Koester

11<sup>th</sup> LD State Committeewoman

**Dave McDonald****Ed Cote****Lona Wilbur****Sharon Mast**

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**Precinct Caucus Locations**

as of December 1, 2007

**February 9, 2008 1:00PM****Seattle:**

**Mercer Middle School** 1600 S Columbian Way Seattle, WA. 98108  
SEA11-1597, SEA-11-1600, SEA-11-1928, SEA 11-1941, SEA-11-1942, SEA-11-1945,  
SEA11-1946, SEA11-1947,

**Van Asselt School** 7201 Beacon Ave S. Seattle, Wa. 98108  
SEA-11-1602, SEA-11-1621, SEA-11-1622, SEA-11-1624, SEA-11-1638, SEA-11-1639,  
SEA-11-1640, SEA-11-1641, SEA-11-3491

**North Highline**

**Beverly Park** 1201 S 104<sup>th</sup> ST , Seattle, WA. 98168  
Sylvan, Bernice, Patricia, Plato, Beverly, Glasgow, Juniper, Arbor Lake, Connaught, So-Hi  
**Hilltop** 12250 24<sup>th</sup> S Seattle, WA. 98168  
Glendale, Monterey, Victory, Jutland, McKinley, Margaret, Roseburg, Meath, McCauley,  
Military Rd., SEA-11-1256, SEA-11-1550, SEA-11-1552

**Burien & Sea-Tac,**

**Hazel Valley School** 402 SW 132<sup>nd</sup> Burien, WA. 98146  
BUR-11-0009, BUR-11-0289, BUR-11-0298, BUR11-0377, BUR11-0562, BUR-11-0824,  
BUR-11-0957, SET-11-3102, SET-11-3107

**Tukwila**

**Foster High** 4242 S 144<sup>th</sup> Tukwila, WA. 98168  
TUK-11-1166, TUK-11-2751, TUK-11-2752, TUK-11-2951, TUK-11-2952, TUK-11-2955, TUK-11-2956, TUK-11-3127,  
TUK-11- 3128, TUK-11-3393

**Tukwila Elementary** 5939 S 149<sup>th</sup> Tukwila, WA. 98168  
TUK-11-1164, TUK-11-1165, TUK-11-1167, TUK-11-2453, TUK-11-2949, TUK-11-3233

**Renton**

**Carpenters Hall** 231 Burnett Ave N , Renton, WA. 98055  
RNT-11-0719, RNT-11-0966, RNT-11-0967, RNT-11-0970, RNT-11-0971, RNT-11-1015,  
RNT-11-2582, RNT-11-2583, Black River, Campbell Hill, Riverton  
**Renton Technical College** 3000 NE 4<sup>th</sup> St. Renton, WA. 98056  
RNT-11-0981, RNT-11-0984, RNT-11-0992, RNT-11-0997, RNT-11-0998, RNT-11-1006,  
RNT-11-2607, RNT-11-2815, RNT-11-3223, RNT-11-3359, Vinca  
**Highlands Elementary** 2727 NE 9<sup>th</sup> , Renton, WA. 98056  
RNT-11-0962, RNT-11-0973, RNT-11-0975, RNT-11-0978, RNT-11-0979,  
RNT-11-0980, RNT-11-0988, RNT-11-1002, RNT-11-1004  
**Tiffany Park** 1601 Lake Youngs Way SE Renton, WA. 98058  
RNT-11-0990, RNT-11-0996, RNT-11-1008, RNT-11-1012, RNT-11-2581, RNT-11-2845,  
RNT-11-2854, Aqualine  
**Nelsen Middle School** 2403 Jones S Renton, WA. 98055  
RNT-11-0985, RNT-11-0986, RNT-11-2739, RNT-11-2844, Akers, Matilda, Mildred, Roger, Spring Glen  
**Renton Park Elementary** 16828 128<sup>th</sup> SE Renton, WA. 98058  
Candlewood, Fairville, Fairweather, Fairwood, Gaile, Impala, Merrihill Tony, Lydia Deloris  
**Benson Hill Elementary** 18665 116<sup>th</sup> SE Renton, WA. 98058  
RNT-11-2472, RNT-11-3535, Fruitland, Meakim, Wayne, Iowa, Maple Glen, Hawkeye

**KCDCC Female****Jeanette Kelley****KCDCC Meeting January 22, 2008**

The meeting was gaveled to order by **Susan Sheary** promptly at 7PM.

The first order of business was to vote for an early endorsement of Peter Goldmark for Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands. The motion was seconded and passed. The other motion to donate \$300 to his campaign was seconded and also passed.

While I have no argument with his candidacy or the donation, it becomes apparent to me that this election cycle will quite likely see many requests for early endorsements and money to the respective campaigns. The 11<sup>th</sup> District membership needs to be mindful that not every good cause whether at the local, state or national level can be honored by a depletion of the District's financial resources. A \$50 donation may not seem like much but when multiplied...

Perhaps not co-incidentally, the suggestion arose at the meeting that the LDs may be asked to increase their contribution to King County.

Jeanette Kelley

**Secretary****Jim Flynn**

*"In the absence of the gold standard, there is no way to protect savings from confiscation through inflation....This is the shabby secret of the welfare statists' tirades against gold. Deficit spending is simply a scheme for the confiscation of wealth. Gold stands in the way of this insidious process. It stands as a protector of property rights. If one grasps this, one has no difficulty in understanding the statists' antagonism toward the gold standard."*

That quotation seems to come from antiquity. It certainly doesn't apply to America of the 21<sup>st</sup> century who shed the fixed exchange rate in 1972. It sounds like something from the FDR administration or some tenacious Breton-Woods bulldog. Actually, it comes from none other than the Rube Goldberg of financial instruments, Alan Greenspan, the father of the tangled complexity called financial derivatives. Proceeding from them were sub-prime mortgage accounts, leveraged by banks to one hundred times their assets, bundled and sold to hedge-funds owners with virtual money borrowed from the banks to buy the hedge funds. Unable to meet contractual obligations because of defaults, the hedge-fund owners, the banks, borrowed more money from their institutions to meet debt financing arrangements.

A small part of total economic activity, hedge fund failures and the supply of credit to the manufacturing sector is only part of the monetary problems that our democratic president will have to address in fulfilling the government's responsibility of stabilizing the US economy at high employment and productivity. It must be done by increasing government spending related to a progressive tax policy, including things like adjusting the rules for depreciation, and returning to the gold standard.

Six hundred dollars for each taxpayer is not the answer. The money will trickle down into credit card payments or be spent within the state's biggest economic sector, gambling, and do nothing to clear the wreckage of the American economy. Meanwhile, Crawford's Village Idiot will increase our federal deficit by four hundred billion, increasing the Federal debt to seven hundred billion, this year, and ask for thirty-five billion in Medicare and Medicaid cuts.

Hopefully this newsletter will reach you by February 9<sup>th</sup>. Please support the candidate who provides the best answer to the question of the direction of the US Economy. More of the same is disaster.

To all of the supporters of those Democratic Presidential Candidates who have dropped out of the race: Please stay involved and committed to your principles. We need every one of you to win back the White House and increase our numbers in Congress.

When we caucus on February 9th, you may want to consider voting for "Uncommitted" if you have not made up your mind to support one of the remaining candidates.

We need you and your support! Together we can win!!

Thanks, Susan Sheary



# Chris Gregoire

G O V E R N O R

## Washington's Presidential Caucus

Friends,

The Washington State Presidential Caucus is fast approaching, and Washington is going to have an historic opportunity to help decide the Democratic Party's nominee for President.

On February 9th, Democrats will come together at caucus sites across the state and together we will begin to take America back.

To find out where to go for your caucus, please visit:

<http://www.wa-democrats.org/caucusfinder>

And you can find an overview of the caucus process by visiting:

<http://www.wa-democrats.org/caucusinfo>

Make Your  
Voice Heard.

Find Your  
Caucus  
Location.

As we have seen in the results already from New Hampshire, Iowa, and other states, our excellent field of Democratic candidates is providing the country with bold agendas, new ideas, and a vision for the future that is exciting Democratic voters across the country.

We have already seen record turnout and participation in the early primary and caucus states, and with a close race expected on our February 9th caucus date, we are anticipating Washington and our residents to play a critical role in the nomination of our next candidate.

With Democratic leadership, Washington is choosing progress and a brighter future for our state. I urge you to take part in this process and make your voice heard on February 9th.

Thank you,



**Governor Chris Gregoire**

**Maybe Dwight Pelz is right.. the saga continues**

Posted by **Niki Sullivan** @ 11:17:04 am

**State Democratic Party Chairman Dwight Pelz** and Secretary of State Sam Reed are in a game of chicken, and a hint I got just now may tip the scales in Pelz's favor.

**Pelz says** that between Super Tuesday (tomorrow, if you've been under a rock) and the state's caucuses on Saturday, the Democratic candidates will visit, then leave. They don't care about the primaries (Feb. 19), he says, because there are no Democratic delegates at stake. [http://blogs.thenewstribune.com/politics/2008/02/04/maybe\\_dwight\\_pelz\\_is\\_right\\_the\\_saga\\_cont](http://blogs.thenewstribune.com/politics/2008/02/04/maybe_dwight_pelz_is_right_the_saga_cont)

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

**General Meeting: Feb 20th, 2008 7:00 PM**  
Carpenter's Hall, 231 Burnett Ave North Renton

**Executive Board Meeting:**  
**Thursday March 6 – 7pm**  
Carpenter's Hall, Renton

### **Official Call**

11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY February 20, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Avenue North

**Note: We will meet on Wednesday due to the Primary Poll Location in operation at Carpenter's Hall the previous day**

### Proposed Agenda

(Endorsements may be considered)

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. **Hot Topic –King County Labor Council Trustee Nancy Rising** on the Political Landscape and Priorities for Unions.

7:30 p.m. Program - **Seattle City Council Member Richard Conlin**: Will get a sense of what issues our membership is concerned with, and will share the 2008 Council Priorities.

Break

8:05 p.m. - Officer and Committee Reports

8:25 p.m. - Old Business

8:35 p.m. - New Business

8:45 p.m. - Raffle Prizes

8:50 p.m. - Good of the Order

9:00 p.m. - Adjourn

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