



The 11th District Journal



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11th LD Democratic Organization Chair

Martha Koester

June 2011 Chair's Report

Martha Koester

Thanks so much to King County Democratic Central Committee alternate Roger Pence for arranging a table for us at the Beacon Hill Festival on June 4th. The Burien Strawberry Festival will be on the 18th and the 19th of June. Please call me at 206-762-6417 if you can volunteer a couple of hours at either. Community festivals are great fun, and really good opportunities to put out our message to the public.

The next festival is the Burien Strawberry festival June 18th and 19th—please contact Don Bennett if you can volunteer for a shift, at 206-242-9113 or bennettdonebe@aol.com.

Jim Flynn, Larry Grubb and Marvin Rosete have been hard at work organizing a visit to the Elwha Dam demolition on the weekend of September 16-17. More information is included in the following pages.

No one guessed the right answer to last month's free raffle ticket question—the quote was from Dwight Eisenhower, defending the 91% top tax rate during his administration. Want to try again? The first to give me the author of the following quote (just before the raffle) gets them. (Eboard members not eligible.)

Another means of silently lessening the inequality of property is to exempt all from taxation below a certain point, and to tax the higher portions of property in geometrical progression as they rise. Whenever there is in any country, uncultivated lands and unemployed poor, it is clear that the laws of property have been so far extended as to violate natural right.

Upcoming programs

*****11th Legislative District Democrats General Membership meeting June 21, 2011 – 7:00pm at Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Ave N, Renton, WA 98057. DINNER SERVED AT 6:30PM.**

Salmon pasta and salad for just \$6.00! Service starts at 6:30PM. There may be a little bit of ice cream left over from last month.

During the business meeting we will discuss the current state legislative session—hopefully at least one of our representatives will be able to attend. We have a number of endorsements of new candidates to consider as well.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT!!

Please read up on the following candidates on the King County Democrats website (requests still coming in)

<http://wa-demchairs.org/kcdems/2011/endorsements.php>

Seattle City Council

Sandy Cioffi
Dian Ferguson
Tim Burgess
Maurice Classen
Bobby Forch

Seattle School Board

Sherry Carr
Peter Maier

Renton City Council

Ed Prince
Robin Jones

Tukwila Mayor—Pam Linder

Tukwila City Council

Kate Kruller
Abshir Mohamed

Port Commissioner Pos. 5

Dean Willard

Meeting after the meeting

Does the break seem too short to finish conversations with people you meet? People who don't have to get up early and don't have other places to be right away adjourn to The Rock Restaurant at the Renton Landing to knock back a few. To get to 830 N 10th St, just go north on Burnett Ave, turn left on 4th St and then right onto Logan Ave. Turn right at 10th St and the restaurant is on the left side of the street.

GO DEMS!!

Martha Koester

Chair, 11th Legislative District Democrat

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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!

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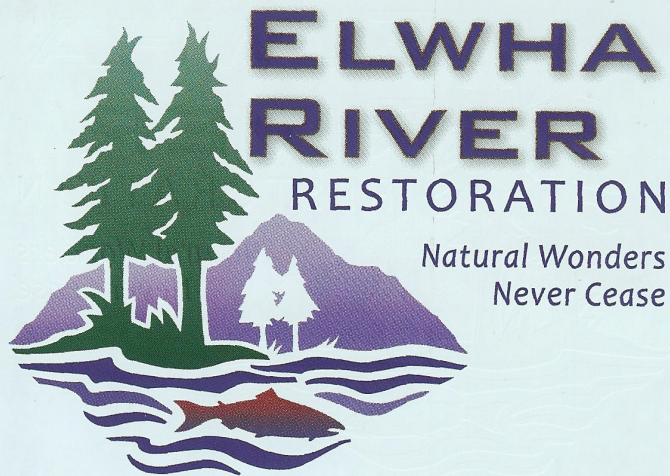
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Join the 11th LD Democrats at the Elwha River restoration

We have reserved a hospitality suite at the

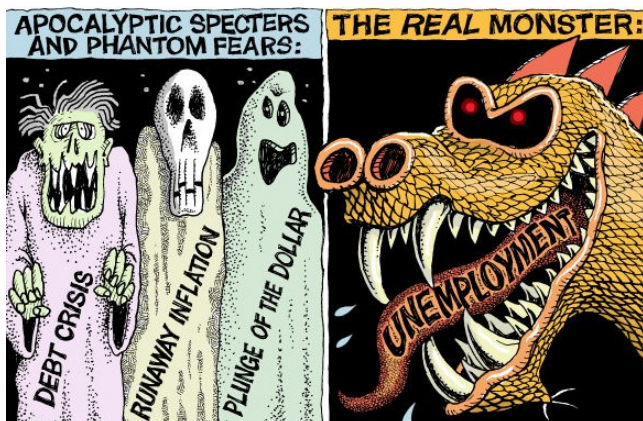
Red Lion

221 N Lincoln St
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Friday afternoon September 16
All day Saturday September 17

More information and RSVP to
Jim Flynn: james.flynn@comcast.net or
Larry Grubb: larbeag@hotmail.com

Elwha River Restoration will restore the river to its natural free-flowing state, allowing all five species of Pacific salmon and other fish to once again reach habitat and spawning grounds. The Elwha watershed is the largest in Olympic National Park; restoration of salmon to more than 70 miles of river and tributaries will return vital nutrients to the watershed and restore the entire ecosystem. For the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, this project will bring cultural, spiritual and economic healing as salmon return after a century's absence and flooded sacred sites are restored.



June 15, 2011



Physicians for a National Health Program meets from 7:00PM-9:00PM at Swedish/Cherry Hill Campus Conference Center Auditorium

We will have a presentation on Project Access, a program for people with no regular access to health care sponsored by the King County Medical Association.

<http://www.pnhpwesternwashington.org/>
pnhp.westernwashington@comcast.net

REMINDER - Don't miss it!

WPC Fifth Annual Awards Banquet - June 18th, 6 PM

Early-bird price extended if you reserve and "host" a table.

Call or write for details:

banquet2011@washclean.org / 206-283-6297.

with Norman Goldman, Banquet Speaker

Award recipients

- **Rep. Bob Hasegawa** - Public Leadership Award
- **WashPIRG** - Organization of the Year Award
- **Monica Hoover** - Volunteer of the Year Award

Special Rap "world premiere" presentation: *Gamma Lambda and the Amendments!*

[Banquet Info / tickets.](#)

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June 28, 2011

King County Democratic Central Committee
7:00PM at Renton Carpenters Hall

11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Monthly Meeting

Tuesday May 17, 2011

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

M/S/A March Minutes

M/S/A- Agenda

OFFICER and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Announcement and Discussion of June 10th Candidate Filing Party – Marvin Rosete

Announcement and Discussion of Sept 15th Elwha Restoration Event – Jim Flynn

ENDORSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Jean Gooden M/S/A Early Endorsement

Sally Clark M/S/A Early Endorsement

Gale Tarleton M/S/A Early Endorsement

Tom Rasmussen M/S/A Early Endorsement

OFFICER and COMMITTEE REPORTS Continued

WSDCC Male Azziem Underwood: 5 recommended to pass, 11 w/amendments, 7 no pass, 1 refer to originator

WSDCC Female Kate Kruller: Rules Committee, selection of delegates

GOOD OF ORDER

M/S/A ADJOURN

Official Minutes – James Flynn, Secretary

The State Party Medicare Defense Website is Now Up!

As you may have heard, the Paul Ryan budget eliminating traditional Medicare and converting Medicaid to a block grant program was defeated by the Senate. This does not mean that Ryan's attack on these programs has stopped—he continues to back the plan, despite the loss of a special election seat in upstate New York that had been held by Republicans for 50 years in which the Democratic candidate made Medicare a principal issue.

The next step will likely be holding raising the debt ceiling hostage to cuts in these programs. Call and write the White House and your congressional representatives to insist that they not give in to blackmail. Also, sign up at the new state party website to get action updates and the latest information on this ongoing fight.

<http://www.saveourmedicare.org/>

Around the 11th LD— Help save the White Center and Boulevard Park Libraries

Part of a letter to KCLS Superintendent Welch—

In 2004, when the King County voters approved a Capital Bond Measure, part of the county-wide plan was to replace the current, heavily used and "aging" 6,000 sq.ft. White Center Library with a new 10,000 sq.ft. library on the present site. The Boulevard Park Library was to receive some improvements. Other libraries in King County began to be planned with "start dates" as early as 2006. However, in 2007, some "potential modifications" were added to the original plans. For White Center and Boulevard Park, the "potential annexation to the City of Seattle" and rising costs were noted. The "start date" of 2011 was eventually postponed.

Beginning in 2009, when an attempt was made by KCLS to acquire part of Puget Park to build a "Puget Park Library", the White Center Library Guild, as well as other members of the community, became aware of the desire of KCLS to replace these two smaller libraries with a consolidated library. In a number of public meetings and correspondence, the value of maintaining both libraries has been addressed by library advocates. These libraries provide accessibility and responsiveness to the unique needs of the diverse and often low-income patrons. Students from nearby schools, including Cascade Middle School and Evergreen High School, can often be found in these libraries, where they use computers and the internet, among other resources, they might not otherwise be able to access.

With the annexation of the southern part of North Highline to Burien, both White Center and Boulevard Park libraries became situated within the boundaries of the City of Burien. This means they are still in the KCLS jurisdiction. However, now with the White Center Library situated close to a potential boundary, KCLS maintains they might be "building a library for Seattle" if a new library were to be built on the present site.

I am writing to you as the president of the White Center Library Guild and an active advocate for libraries. For the past 47 years my husband and I have lived in the North Highline Community and are now part of the City of Burien. All three of our sons graduated from Evergreen High School and completed their Bachelor's degrees. We feel deeply bound to our community through the education our sons received and the quality of education that all children that must be provided. We also feel that every child deserves the best we can give them...as Jeffrey Canada of the "Harlem Project" is famous for saying, "Whatever it takes!". Well, it takes a community that is willing to provide the level of support that insures their success, including accessible, responsive libraries.

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Rachael is heading a petition drive to request KCLS to keep our libraries open. If you live in Burien, North Highline or the south part of West Seattle, please consider contacting her to help out.

Official Call
11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting
Tuesday June 21st, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.
Renton Carpenters Hall- 231 Burnett Avenue North
Proposed Agenda

**6:30 P.M.—Salmon Pasta and
Salad for only \$6.00!**

- 7:00 pm
Call to Order
Flag Salute
- 7:05 p.m.
Approve Past Minutes
Approve Agenda
- 7:10 pm
Candidate endorsement
- 8:00 p.m. Break
- 8:10 p.m.
More endorsements—during gaps in our process,
we will hear about the legislative session from Zack and/or Bob
- 8:30 p.m.
Brief Officer and Committee Reports
Consideration of Click and Pledge as credit card option
- 8:45 p.m. - Raffle Prizes
- 8:50 p.m. - Good of the Order
- 9:00 p.m. - Adjourn

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