



## October 2011 Chair's Report

### Upcoming programs

**\*\*11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats General Membership meeting October 18, 2011 – 7:00pm at Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Ave N, Renton, WA 98057. Tacos/nachos served at 6:30PM.** No set price, but we are leaving a begging bowl on the dinner table.

Endorsements will be considered. Apologies to the Seattle school board reform slate—we did not take an endorsement position last month because some members were not sure if we'd be contradicting previous endorsements. We will discuss the Tukwila advisory initiative on casinos—please don't skip out because you don't live in Tukwila. This is a really broad and general issue when you think about it. When there is activity that is legal though potentially harmful, but yet brings in a lot of tax revenue, how should you regulate it?

Thanks to Suzie Sheary for organizing the Fiestas Patrias—see inside for pictures. Kate, Azziem and I missed it due to the quarterly state meeting of the Washington State Democratic Party Central Committee.

I am very sorry to announce the passing of our former webmaster Alene Brede, who has been struggling with breast cancer for several years. Information about her memorial will be posted on our website. I first met Alene when I joined the 11<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats in 2003. We were assigned the task of doing credentials for the 2004 caucus—me because I came into the organization ranting about election integrity, and Alene because her profession was setting up computer systems for small businesses. She impressed me as being one sharp lady, and was excellent at foreseeing problems that might arise. We had to calculate delegate numbers for four candidates in each of three separate congressional districts. After sharing that experience, I decided that I'd buy my next computer system from her. I'm still using it. And we did the same thing in 2008 with only two candidates, but far higher attendance. She set up and maintained our website until no longer able to do it. She was also a talented musician, who played flute for us at many of our events. We all will miss her so much.

The caucuses are coming again next year, and while there is no suspense as to who the nominee will be, they will still require work. If you want to go to the national convention, here is where you have to start. Also, I would like to hear from PCOs that I haven't contacted yet about what they are able to do next year for registering voters and getting out the vote. Honest assessments please—we know that some people are not physically able to walk, and that others have many other commitments and responsibilities. Any way that you can contribute in this difficult year will help. What we mainly need is to make sure that coordinated campaign volunteers are placed in precincts where we need their help and not in those where they will be tripping over our regular PCOs.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> St, just go north on Burnett Ave, turn left on 4<sup>th</sup> St and then right onto Logan Ave. Turn right at 10<sup>th</sup> St and the restaurant is on the left side of the street.

GO DEMS!!

Martha Koester

Chair, 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats

**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!**

**2011— 2013 11th Legislative District Democratic Organization Executive Board**

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We now have online payment with Click and Pledge. You can make one-time only payments or pledge a minimum of \$5/month. See our website for details. <http://www.11thlddems.org/blog/>

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## WSDCC State Committee Woman – Kate Kruller

This quarter, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee met in Bellingham on September 17, 2011.

As a member of the Rules Committee I represented you in the process of learning about WSDCC Executive Committee changes to the Delegate Selection and Affirmative Action Plan. Essentially, the Executive Board put forth the proposal that the State Central Committee direct legislative district organizations to begin meeting within their new geographic boundaries within 30 days of adoption by the legislature.

David McDonald said we are in a unique situation in 2012. In 1992 we used the 20 new CD boundaries but probably used the old precinct caucus boundaries. McDonald spoke with Patrice Taylor at the DNC office of Party Affairs. She understands why we want to make the changes. She is going to present our proposal to the DNC RBC co-chairs. The WSDCC Rules Committee voted to support this.

In another matter, the Rules Committee passed a motion to remove the lines of the DSAAP reading “The minutes shall include the full text of all presented resolutions.” This change eliminates the requirement for a rapid assembly of resolutions turned in at the legislative district caucuses to be fully documented in the minutes in time for the County conventions ( a tedious task within an extremely short turnaround time). Resolutions will follow the normal path performed outside of the caucus process. The WSDCC Rules Committee voted to support this.

During the main WSDCC General Session, the Washington State Democrats endorse Jay Inslee for Governor and WSDCC Chair, Dwight Pelz, recognized all candidates at the meeting that were running for office in 2011.

Also, a motion passed stating “the WSDCC authorizes the State Party Chair to enter into negotiations with the legislature regarding Precinct Committee Officer elections. The Chair would take any terms of these negotiations to the Executive Board, and the Executive Board would have to approve the results of the negotiations.”

In summary, the following resolutions were passed by the WSDCC:

- i. **Resolution 537 – Resolution Calling for Federal Recognition of the Duwamish Tribe**
- ii. **Resolution 542 – Restore Laws for the Separation of Banking Insurance and Security Firms**
- iii. **Resolution 544 – Resolution on Tax Expenditures**
- iv. **Resolution 546 – Resolution on State Investment Trust**
- v. **Resolution 549 – Resolution Calling on Congress to Adopt New Priorities**
- vi. **Resolution 550 – Reallocate Military Funding**
- vii. **Resolution 552 – Resolution on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid**
- viii. **Resolution 553 - Resolution to the WSDCC Rules Committee Regarding Resolutions (see 16.E.i below)**
- ix. **Resolution 555 – Endorse and Support the Passage of Initiative Measure No. 502 to Legalize, Tax, and Regulate Marijuana for Adults 21 and Over**

Passed resolutions in full text can be found online at: <http://www.wa46democrats.org/content/resolutions-0>

### Other Business:

On a personal note, I am now in the last weeks of my campaign for Tukwila City Council, Position 6. Over the summer, the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District provided financial support, which was greatly appreciated! For those that want to follow along, , volunteer, contribute or just give me a kind word every now and then, my campaign information can be found at [www.kate4tukwila.com](http://www.kate4tukwila.com) and you are welcome to e-mail me about the campaign at [kate@kate4tukwila.com](mailto:kate@kate4tukwila.com) Go to this page to join my campaign group for all additional updates <http://www.facebook.com/groups/kate4tukwila>

### Next WSDCC Activity:

The Washington State Democrats 18th Annual Magnuson Dinner & Awards Ceremony will take place on **Saturday, October 22nd at the Washington State Convention Center** in Seattle beginning at 5:00pm. Our own Senator Margarita Prentice will be receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award. Democrats from all over the state will be gathering to honor the award winners. Our special guests include Senator Maria Cantwell, Congressman Jay Inslee, and Joe Sestak, Former Navy Admiral and Congressman from Pennsylvania

## Upcoming events

October 19, 2011



**Physicians for a National Health Program** meets from 7:00PM-9:00PM at Swedish/Cherry Hill Campus Conference Center Auditorium  
<http://www.pnhpwesternwashington.org/>  
[pnhp.westernwashington@comcast.net](mailto:pnhp.westernwashington@comcast.net)

October 21, 2011

### Senior Lobby 2011 Convention

9:00AM-4:00PM  
 Hotel Murano  
 1320 Broadway Plaza  
 Tacoma, WA 98502

More information at  
<http://www.waseniorlobby.org/>

October 25, 2011

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

October 26, 2011

### Public Bank Forum

7:00pm 6:30 doors open  
 120 Kane Hall, University of Washington  
 \$5 at the door, or at Brown Paper Tickets  
[www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com), 800.838.3006

Sponsored by:  
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 Puget Sound Alliance for Retired Americans  
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If you are tired of state tax money going to megabanks, you will want to attend this event.

For more info about public banking:

[www.wapublicbankproject.org](http://www.wapublicbankproject.org)  
[www.publicbankinginstitute.org](http://www.publicbankinginstitute.org)  
[www.justsustainableeconomy.org](http://www.justsustainableeconomy.org)

October 29, 2011

### Involved Democracy presents

Dr. Steven Bezruchka: "Nostalgia for the Future: Rethinking today's society so Americans have healthier lives"; followed by a FREE screening of Michael Moore's documentary *Sicko*.

Federal Way Library  
 848 S. 320th St, Federal Way, WA

Dr. Bezruchka speaks at 1:00 PM; movie to follow)  
 Dr. Bezruchka has practiced as an Emergency Room physician for the past 30 years and is recognized as a National figure on the state of health here in the United States. He has received the 2002 Outstanding Teacher Award and the 2008 Faculty Community Service Award in the School of Public Health. He has appeared on Democracy Now! with Amy Goodman and Alternative Radio. Dr. Bezruchka is OUR NATION'S HEALTH COACH.

November 8, 2011

Evergreen Democratic Club meets at Angelo's Restaurant  
 Burien, WA  
 11:30am-1:00pm

### TAKE A PICTURE AND SEND CONGRESS A MESSAGE!

Instead of just standing by while corporations eliminate jobs and avoid paying taxes, Congress should put America back to work on the work that needs doing—fixing our roads and bridges, improving our neighborhoods, teaching our kids.

Here's a fun and easy way to make sure that Congress gets the message. Take a picture of work that needs doing in your community. Post it along with a message to Congress at [www.workthatneedsdoing.org](http://www.workthatneedsdoing.org)

### Support your local city council candidates by donating and volunteering

Kate Kruller for Tukwila City Council  
<http://www.kate4tukwila.com/>

Robin Jones for Renton City Council  
<http://www.robinjonesforrentoncitycouncil.com/>

Abshir Mahamed for Tukwila City Council  
 (no website donations yet—send checks made out to Friends of Abshir Mahamed  
 14440 International Blvd bldg # 2  
 Tukwila, WA 98168

*(Not to slight our Seattle endorsed candidates, but most are incumbents with plenty of money. Those of you in Seattle please check our website for endorsements and candidate information.)*

## Latest outrage from the SuperCongress

The SuperCongress is now going after Medigap plans, which are not provided by the government at all! The rationale is that extra insurance covering deductibles and copays that Medicare does not causes more use of services, therefore impacting Medicare. This is just pure BS. Compared to every other country in the world, we have far less utilization of doctor visits—and their health care on average costs half of what ours does.

These people are utterly clueless about the distribution of health care costs. In every age demographic slice, 5% of the population accounts for 50% of health care costs for that age group, and 15% of the population accounts for 85% of costs. More cost sharing is a nasty and cruel attempt to deny care to the sickest people, who need it the most. People who are trying to protect themselves should they fall into that category will be punished heavily by these proposals—they will prevent necessary as well as supposedly “unnecessary” care. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/10/us-usa-debt-medicare-idUSTRE7990R420111010>

Call and fax the 12 members of the SuperCongress and tell them not to do this—contact info in the last newsletter.

<http://www.pdamerica.org/site/page/4834/>

Resource page on the SuperCongress from Progressive Democrats of America

[http://act.afcio.org/c/261/p/dia/action/public/?action\\_KEY=2945](http://act.afcio.org/c/261/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=2945)  
Petition to the SuperCongress from labor newsletter The Stand.



## Occupy Seattle—October 7, 2011





11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic Organization Monthly Meeting

Tuesday September 20th, 2011

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

M/S/A March Minutes

M/S/A- Agenda

COMMITTEE REPORTS- Treasurers Report – Roxanne Kangas, Treasurer – report available Online. *No further committee reports by order of the Chair due to length of Agenda*

CREDENTIALS REPORT – 25 (twenty-five)

## SPEAKER

Jack Whalen-Asked for endorsement of four Seattle School Board Commissioners

Halei Watkins win/win Network – No on I-1125 and I-1183

Derek Baker – No on I-1183

Adam ? –No on I-1163

David Miller – No Seattle Proposition 1

## BREAK

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –*none*

## NEW BUSINESS

Robert Kangas – Power Point Presentation showing Redistricting Commission proposals for the 11<sup>th</sup> LD

## RESOLUTIONS &amp; Endorsments

M/S/A PCO Application Abshir Mahamed

M/S/A By Laws change for Online Monthly Donations

Jay Hollingsworth – Candidate Forum

M/S/A -\$200 to campaign of Robin Jones – candidate Renton City Council

M/S/A-\$200 to campaign of Kate Kruller – candidate Tukwila City Council

M/S/A-\$100 to Police Accountability Forum

M/S/A – Motion by Suzie Sheary to Lay on the Table the motion of Azziem Underwood to not endorse entire slate of 4 (four) Seattle School Board candidates. Chair ruling: the motion to endorse the candidates would not proceed due to the previous motion to Table.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Don Bennett – Support USPS and LETTER CARRIERS petition

## ADJOURN

Official Minutes – James Flynn, Secretary

The candidate who has pledged to keep the hospital public is behind the candidate who wants to sell off the assets of Public Hospital District #1. In order to win in the general election in a low-turnout odd-numbered year, Dr. Mary AliceHeuschel needs financial support and volunteers to doorbell and phone bank.

[electmaryalice@yahoo.com](mailto:electmaryalice@yahoo.com)

<http://www.electmaryalice.com/contribute.aspx>

Elect Mary Alice  
PO Box 1185  
Renton, WA 98057



**Official Call**  
**11th Legislative District Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday October 18, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Renton Carpenters Hall- 231 Burnett Avenue North**  
**Proposed Agenda**

Tacos/nacho snacks—donation suggested but not required

**Business to be transacted**

1. Debate on Tukwila casino advisory proposition; Richard Weiser for and Chuck Parrish against. Endorsement for or against may be considered.
  2. Consideration of endorsement of a resolution on biofuels presented by Toby Thaler, 36<sup>th</sup> LD policy director
  3. Consideration of endorsement of Seattle School Board reform slate that was tabled last meeting to check for prior endorsements.
  4. Officer and committee reports.
- Discussion of redistricting and 2012 caucuses

**Approximate timeline**

- 7:00 pm  
Call to Order  
Flag Salute
- 7:05 p.m.  
Approve Past Minutes  
Approve Agenda
- 7:10 pm Tukwila advisory proposition
- 7:55 Redistricting and caucuses
- 8:00 pm break
- 8:10 Resolution on biofuels
- 8:30 pm Officer and Committee Reports
- 8:45 p.m. - Raffle Prizes
- 8:50 p.m. - Good of the Order
- 9:00 p.m. - Adjourn

Note the change in format. Pam Carter said that she didn't realize last month that there would be endorsements. Webmaster Robert Kangase suggested listing our "To Do" items separately from the much more malleable timeline. Hope this makes things clearer.

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