

DEMOGRAM

Next Membership Meeting:

Olympic View Elementary

Thursday, February 15th

7:00 PM Social

7:30 PM Mtg Begins



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR by Scott White



2007 is a Critical Year for Democrats

Looking ahead to 2007, I see many opportunities for grassroots activism to impact elections and policy agendas. Volunteer opportunities, issue forums, local elections and preparing for the precinct caucuses in 2008 will all certainly keep Democrats busy this year. Now more than ever, our global community needs dedicated progressive grassroots activists throughout the United States and in your neighborhood! Does your list of New Year's resolutions include a pledge to renew your membership with the 46th District Democrats in an effort to help strengthen our schools, neighborhoods and economy? With so much at stake, please consider inviting a friend to one of our upcoming meetings! Read on to learn more about our plans for 2007.

Issues and Activism

On February 15th, the 46th District Democrats will begin the year with our annual **Issues Summit** meeting where we invite YOU to join your neighbors from North Seattle to talk about issues that matter to YOU. (See next page for more info) The Issues Summit will be the first of many exciting and interactive programs put on by the 46th District Democrats in 2007.

Our **monthly membership meetings** (held the 3rd Thursday of the month) are always interesting as we host visits from elected officials and policy briefings to keep you updated on the most important issues. In the coming months we plan to have discussions on "Clean" (publicly financed) Elections and Education. Once again, we will have our annual candidates forum so you can hear directly from those who are running for office and we will endorse candidates for both the Primary and General Elections.

In addition to regular meetings, the 46th District Democrats are partnering with the King County Legislative Action Committee to bring you new opportunities to help move the policy agenda for-

ward. On Monday, February 19th, Democrats from all over King County will trek to Olympia for a day of lobbying and meetings with elected officials. (more info on page 4) This is a great opportunity to work on the front lines of Democracy! The Leg Action Committee meets on the third Sunday and various locations throughout the county. Stay tuned for more info.

Also, dues paying members will receive this monthly Demogram newsletter. That's a pretty good menu of civic engagement activities for just a \$25 dollar membership fee!

Elections in 2007

2007 promises to be an interesting election year with a variety of races for local office AND the Primary Election will be held in August for the first time. Much attention has recently been directed towards the City Council, the School Board and the Port of Seattle. Many of the most important decisions impacting your everyday life are made by officials at the local level. Because the Primary Election will be held in August, we will need to hold our Primary Endorsement meeting earlier in the year.

Preparing for 2008

2007 is going to be another great year! In addition to all of the activities previously mentioned, much of the work we do this year will be directed at building our infrastructure in preparation for the precinct caucuses and elections in 2008. As you may recall, in 2004 the 46th District Democrats set records with about 7,000 caucus participants—and we expect even more in 2008! We have much work to do to be ready for so many people, and to ensure the grassroots are organized for a successful campaign to win back The White House.

I look forward to working with you! Thanks for your support!

Scott White

Chair, 46th District Democrats

Next General Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 15th

7:00 Social ~ 7:30pm Meeting Begins

Olympic View Elementary School ~ NE 95th St. & 8th Ave. NE

Special Program: 2007 Issues Summit

Please join your friends and neighbors to discuss platform issues that matter to you! (See inside for more information)



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Next Demogram Deadline: Feb 28, 2007

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Please check our Website for all the latest information, meeting minutes, and calendars: **www.46dems.COM**

Issues Summit Feb 15th

What do Democrats stand for? The answer really does start with our membership and the people who come to precinct caucuses every even numbered year. Here in the 46th District, the process of deciding what we stand for begins with an Issues Forum at our General Membership meeting on Feb 15th. This is a participatory event with breakout groups discussing the major portions of our Platform.

Our Issues Forum on Feb 15th is designed for you to:

- discuss what Democrats should stand for on those topics;
- propose priorities for the 46th District's legislative action committee and our joint priorities for action on each topic;
- suggest program topics for upcoming meetings;
- suggest resolutions or actions we can take as a district to make a difference on the issues that you care about;
- become involved in our legislative action or outreach committees.

If you belong to organizations that look to Democrats and elections to work for their common agenda, this is a great time to ask them to suggest priorities and bring those to the meeting. It's also the perfect opportunity to stress to many groups that they need to think about who wins elections and what is in the party platforms they champion if the groups want to see their agendas move ahead or be defended. There's nothing top-down about this process—this is pure bottom-up grassroots activism! So please join us on Feb 15th at Olympic View Elementary to start this process, and enjoy discussing where Democrats should stand.

Our current Platform is available on line at www.46dems.com

Gerry Pollet, Vice Chair for Programs

WANTED: Experienced Newsletter Volunteer

Got skills creating newsletters using MS Publisher? Want to help out the 46th by playing a key role in creating and publishing the best grassroots newsletter in the entire state? We need your help!!! This is a fun way to help the district and stay up to speed on Democratic events. If you are interested, then please contact Chair Scott White at 363-9522 or **Scott.White46@comcast.net**



Time to Renew Your Membership for 2007



If you haven't already renewed for 2007, then please contact Betty Means, Vice Chair for Membership at 523-5702 or **bmeans56@comcast.net**

Your dues help support the Democratic grassroots, move forward the progressive policy agenda and help to elect Democrats. Thank you!!!

See page 5 for more details.

In Case You Missed It... Life in the Fabulous 46th!

Working to ensure that 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. has a new occupant after the 2008 presidential election was the common theme for candidates running for Board positions at the biennial reorganization meeting on January 18. As new At-Large Board member **Bernadette Laqueur** said in her nomination speech, she wants to “wake up the day after the 2008 election and know that she has done all she can to bring about a change!”

Temporary Chair **Javier Valdez** called the meeting to order. After Ed Doyle led the pledge of allegiance, the proposed rules for the reorganization (based on 46th District Democrats Bylaws) were approved by a show of credentials.

Scott White was nominated for chair and re-elected unanimously. He spoke about the progress that the 46th Democrats had made over the past two years. The District successfully advocated for Party platform and for adopted resolutions, helped elect Democrats to office, and worked to build grassroots infrastructure. In addition, the 46th begins 2007 with a positive budget balance of well over \$5,000. However, White stressed that while the next two years will be an exciting time, much work needs to be done to ensure successful outcomes in local elections in 2007, the Precinct Caucuses and Convention Cycle in early 2008, and the Statewide and Presidential elections in fall 2008.

A credentials report showed that 64 PCOs and 21 members had registered, for a total of 85 enthusiastic voting members.

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First Vice-Chair	Jan Ames
Female Delegate to KCDCC	Sarajane Siegfriedt
Male Delegate to KCDCC	Chad Lupkes
Female Alternate to KCDCC	Sylvia Haven
Male Alternate to KCDCC	Mike Thompson
Female Delegate to WSDCC	Janet Miller
Male Delegate to WSDCC	John Webber
Second Vice-Chair (Programs)	Gerry Pollet
Second Vice-Chair (Membership)	Betty Means
Secretary	Stan Sorscher
Treasurer	Donna Boysen
Sergeant-at-Arms	Barbara Whitt

The following nine individuals were nominated for the five at-large vacant positions: **Dean Fournier, Justin Simmons, Peter Martinson, Pat Emerson, Mark Saporito, Bernadette Laqueur, Larry Smith, Javier Valdez, and David Garcia.** The five elected to serve are: **Emerson, Fournier, Laqueur, Simmons, and Valdez.**

Reports included one on the Washington State Party, a Treasurer’s report, a King County Central Committee report, and a membership report.

The number of members for 2007 totals 256. **White** welcomed new members and those who



Members and PCOs of the 46th District Democrats mingle and get ready for the start of the Reorganization meeting on Jan 18th. It was another great turnout with well over 100 people attending.

were there for the first time and challenged the District to work to get 1,000 members. He noted that it is a team effort to grow our membership and asked each member to bring a friend or neighbor to an upcoming meeting.

Two resolutions posted in the Demogram were considered. The first stated support for DNC Chair Howard Dean, while the second resolution supported hotel workers negotiating a contract with the Westin Hotel in Seattle. Both resolutions were **passed**.

The rules were suspended to consider three resolutions:

- a resolution supporting three gun safety bills, with Deputy Chief Clark Kimerer from the Seattle Police Department speaking on behalf of Chief Gil Kerlikowski in favor of the three bills;
- a resolution supporting three bills regarding “clean” (publicly funded elections) elections; and
- a resolution honoring **King County Councilmember Larry Phillips** for his great work as a three-term chair of the council, as a 20-year PCO and as a community activist.

All three resolutions **passed** unanimously. The resolutions can be viewed on our website at www.46dems.com

It was a great meeting with lots of positive energy in the room. Thanks to all those who were able to attend. 2007 is going to be a great year!

Jan Ames
First Vice Chair



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State Dems Hold Reorganization in Olympia

By Janet Miller and John Webber, 46th LD WSDCC Delegates

The Washington State Democrats Central Committee had its first meeting of the year on Saturday, Jan 27. Your two state committee people were there to represent you: John Webber and Janet Miller. Also in attendance were DNC member David McDonald, 46th District Chair, Scott White and Executive Board Members, Chad Lupkes, Barbara Whitt and Stan Sorscher.

This was the first quarterly meeting in 2007 and served as the reorganization meeting of the organization. The main business of the day was electing the state party's executive committee. All of the incumbents ran for their previous offices and all were elected. Dwight Pelz was reelected unanimously after a year of unprecedented gains for Democrats in the State Legislature as well as the resounding reelection of Senator Maria Cantwell. Our own Javier Valdez was reelected to serve on the Executive Committee representing the 7th Congressional District.

In both his 'campaign speech' as well as the Report from the Chair, Dwight talked about the hard work that grassroots Democrats did throughout the state to push us to these victories. "We got the job half done in 2006. We will get the other half done in 2008." He spoke about the important role that the caucuses play in bringing people into our party and keeping them there. The state party will be putting more effort and resources into this cycle than ever before. Dwight announced that he will hold a Chair's Retreat in March in Ellensburg to begin planning and coordinating this important effort. Ever the grassroots organizer, Dwight challenged districts like the 46th to set some high goals and work toward them. He is suggesting that 'blue LDs' in Seattle work toward 100% voter registration and 100% voter turnout. These are

both ambitious and important goals.

Democrats did well in the state legislative races this year in no small part due to resources provided by the House and Senate Caucus campaigns. Yet across the state there are many hard working Democrats running in County Council races without organized central support. Dwight has begun a special fund to help support these campaigns. His goal is to raise \$100,000 specifically to support county level races. He is looking for 100 individuals who will join the Democratic Victory Circle with their \$1000 contribution toward this effort. Dwight announced that he already has over 60 donors and at least 2 came forward at the meeting.



Chairman Pelz addresses the crowd at a Peace Rally held during the State Convention in Olympia

For many years the committee work of the State Party Central Committee has been a frustrating experience for participants. Chairman Pelz is working with the chairs of the committees to change this. John Webber serves on the Rules Committee, which is

unquestionably the most powerful, and makes all the decisions about HOW the party will do what it is doing. Most notably are the details of the caucus cycle. This committee makes sure that our plans and rules are in compliance with those dictated by the national party and that they serve the needs of our local party. Janet Miller has been asked to serve as the Chair of the Elections Committee. Previously referred to as the 'Let's Bitch about the Coordinated Campaign Committee' this group will be focusing on building on what we have learned in the last few election cycles, advising the state party Central Committee and staff about election issues and promoting party building activities that strengthen our organization.

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*** Save The Date ***



Three Great Reasons to go to Olympia on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 19th:

- 1. PCO Training** This annual training is a great way to learn the latest on the Voter File, techniques for managing your precinct and meeting PCOs from around the state. Held at St. Martin's College. (5300 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey 98503) Call the State Party HQ to get signed up at 206-583-0664.
- 2. Lobby Day** If you don't want to attend the PCO training, then consider attending the Democrats' Lobby Day, sponsored by the King County Democrats Legislative Action Committee. Includes a meeting with Governor Gregoire, lunch with King County legislators and opportunities to lobby on issues. Email Scott White at scott.white46@comcast.net for more info and to reserve a spot.
- 3. State Dems' Annual Crab Feed** Always one of the best events of the year! Join Democrats from around the state at St. Martin's College for fresh crab and good politics. Call the State Party HQ at 583-0664.



Join us in Olympia for some grassroots training, lobbying and feasting!

Show Your Commitment to the 46th District Democrats.

Please take a moment to look at your name as it's printed on this newsletter's Address Label. If "2007" appears after your name, **Congratulations and Many Thanks!** You are a dues-paying member of the 46th Legislative District Democrats for the coming year. If "2007" does not appear, we hope you will send in your Membership Dues today in the enclosed envelope. Make checks payable to: **"46th District Democrats"** & mail to: **PO Box 15435, Seattle, WA 98115-0435 JOIN TODAY!**

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- \$500 "Benefactor"
- \$100 "4600 Club"
- \$46 Friend of the 46th
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YES! Please send me an email when the newsletter is ready for online reading.

Resolutions to be Considered at February 15th Meeting

1. Resolution Supporting WA State Senate Joint Memorial 8003:

WHEREAS, the 46th District Democrats Platform explicitly supports "withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq", and

WHEREAS, President Bush is calling for escalation of forces rather than withdrawal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 46th District Democrats support Senate Joint Memorial (SJM) 8003, introduced by Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles (36th LD) and co-sponsored by Senator Ken Jacobsen (46th LD), that:

- Calls on Congress and the President of the United States to not escalate involvement in Iraq or increase troop levels,
- Requests that Congress pass legislation requiring the President to seek Congressional approval before spending taxpayer money on any escalation of the war.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge the 46th State Legislative delegation and all legislators to support SJM 8003 and join us in calling for a public hearing on it by the Senate Government Operations & Elections Committee.

Submitted by Bev Marcus and Scott White

2. Resolution Supporting the preservation of trees at the Campfire USA Property :

WHEREAS the Campfire USA property, located at 8511 - 15th Ave NE, is a neighborhood jewel containing the historic Waldo Hospital building and more than 70 mature trees, including a unique forested grove of native Douglas Fir and mature rhododendron plants, and

WHEREAS the Campfire USA property is a part of the Thornton Creek Watershed, and

WHEREAS Mayor Nickels and many community leaders have endorsed the Green Seattle Partnership which seeks to create a healthy, livable city by preserving and enhancing sustainable forested parklands in our neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS Maple Leaf Community, as well as surrounding neighborhoods, have many residents who deeply value this site and its beautiful trees and shrubs, and

WHEREAS the Maple Leaf Community values its children and believes in the value of the connection children have to nature in their own neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS it is part of the WA State Democratic Party Platform to protect and preserve watersheds and quality of life through environmental stewardship;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats believe that the Campfire/Waldo Grove trees as well other large trees and groupings of trees on site should be preserved by negotiation with the developer, city and neighborhood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this parcel of land should be considered for designation as a "pocket park" and unique asset to the District and community.

Submitted by Marlo Mytty

State Dems Reorg ~ continued from previous page

Also on the agenda at this meeting were a number of resolutions. The three that passed all centered around issues of the war in Iraq: "Remove the remaining troops within 12 months", "Conduct investigations of federal funds spent in Iraq 'Reconstruction'", and "Close Guantanamo Bay Prison." There are many 'whereas's' and 'therefore's' that help detail these issues. If you are interested in the full text of these, please contact your state committee people or the state party office.

If you have not looked at the State Party web site in a while, check it out at <http://www.wa-democrats.org> It has a new look and feel, including photos from the Peace March on Saturday, Jan. 27 in Olympia.

Janet Miller and John Webber, WSDCC Delegates



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH AT OLYMPIC VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7:00 PM SOCIAL ~ 7:30PM MEETING

**Items for February 15th
 Membership Meeting**

- Call to Order and Pledge
- Reports
- Program: Annual Issues Summit!
- Resolutions
- Good of the Order / Adjourn



**Time to Renew Your
 Membership for 2007**

If you haven't already renewed for 2007, then please contact Betty Means, Vice Chair for Membership at 523-5702 or bmeans56@comcast.net. Your dues help fund our grassroots activities!

- \$5 student/senior/fixed income
- \$25 individual
- \$35 family
- \$46 Friend of the 46th
- \$100 4600 Club
- \$500 Benefactor

Thank you for your support!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Thurs. Feb 15th, **46th Dems General Membership Meeting @** Olympic View Elementary School, 7:00pm Social, 7:30pm Mtg begins
- Sun. Feb 18th, 7:00 pm **King County Democrats Central Committee (KCDCC) Officers / Chairs Meeting @** Renton Carpenters Hall-231 Burnett Ave. More info at: www.kcdems.org or 206-622-9157
- Mon. Feb 19th—**President's Day in Olympia** (see inside page 4):
 - All day **PCO Training @** St. Martin's College Pavilion (in Lacey)
 - All day **KCDCC Legislative Action Day @** State Capitol
 - 5:00 pm **WSDCC Crab Feed @** St. Martin's Pavilion (in Lacey)
- Tues. Feb 27th, 7:00 pm **King County Democrats Central Committee (KCDCC) Regular Meeting @** Renton Carpenters Hall - 231 Burnett Ave. More info at: www.kcdems.org or 206-622-9157
- March 3-4, WSDCC Chair's retreat @ Ellensburg
- Tues. March 6th, 7:00 pm, **46th Dems Executive Board Meeting @** Olympic View Community Church. Info: www.46dems.com
- March 13, **Special Election**—future of Viaduct among other items

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 meeting minutes, activist tools and calendars at:
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