

The Demo-Chat 2005

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33rd LD DEMOCRATS

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= Appointed in 2003-04; 2004-05 appointees to be confirmed by Chair Tara Jo Heinecke

February General Meeting

Monday, Feb. 21, 2005

Normandy Park Congregational Church
19247 First Avenue South, Normandy Park, Washington
AGENDA

(Additions may be made to this agenda)

7 p.m.	Call to order
7:15 p.m.	Program
8:15 p.m.	Reports and district business
9 p.m.	Adjourn



These Democrats represent the 33rd Legislative District in Olympia. Representative Shay Schual-Berke, Senator Karen Keiser, and Representative Dave Upthegrove are there to serve you. Please contact them if you have an inquiry.

Senator Karen Keiser	360-786-7664/ FAX 360-786-1999
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The First Step in Democratic Activism: Pay Your Dues for 2005

It's easy to join the 33rd District Democrats. If you live in the district and wish to be active with friends who share your interest in the Democratic Party, our annual dues of \$20 per person will enable you to receive the Demo-Chat in your mailbox (postal or electronic), help us defer our meeting expenses, and support our efforts on behalf of Democratic candidates.

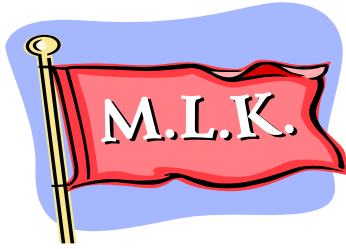
To submit your dues payment by mail, send your check made out to 33rd District Democrats to:

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33rd District Democrats
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General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2005



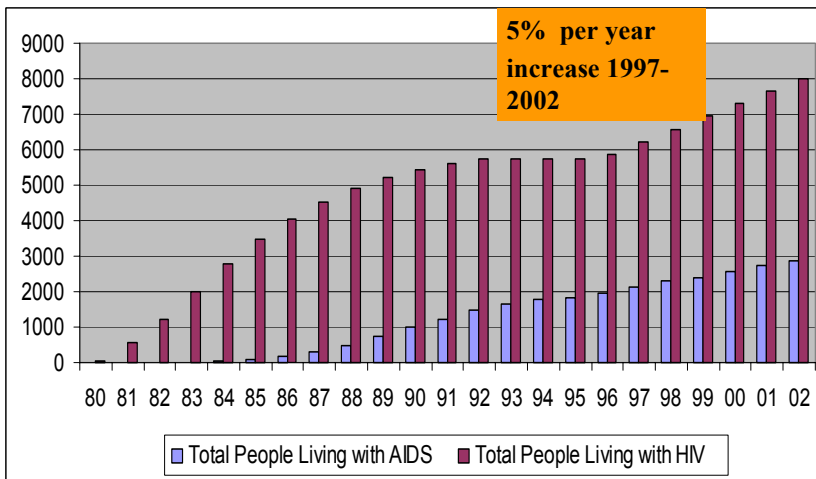
"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

Meeting Opening

Tara Jo Heinecke called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Bob Stephens led the flag salute. Tara Jo reviewed the agenda items. The Libertarian Youth Organization led a beautiful song honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

More persons living with HIV & AIDS at year's end, King County, 1996-2002



King County Councilwoman Julia Patterson



Julia shared updates on the HIV/AIDS crisis in King County and throughout the world. Without improved access to medications, public education

and support services, African Sub-Saharan areas will be devastated in the next 10 years. As of Dec. 31, 2002, the World Health Organization estimated more than 42 million persons were infected with the HIV/AIDS virus. Julia and her district director, Erika Nuerenberg, set up the DVD, *A Closer Walk*,¹ for the members to watch. In King County there has been a dramatic decrease in HIV-related deaths since 1995, mostly because of newer medications. Despite the decrease in deaths, the AIDS epidemic continues to grow, with the number of people living with HIV and AIDS in King County continuing to increase each year (see table).

¹ To view a trailer of the movie and find out more information you can go online at www.acloserwalk.org/

Sally Clark, Lifelong AIDS Alliance

Sally provided an overview of her agency and described three things we can do about HIV/AIDS in our community:



- Keep the discussion about HIV/AIDS active in our community and work to educate others on this issue.
- Volunteer at Lifelong AIDS Alliance or other agencies that serve persons with HIV/AIDS or other HIV/AIDS activities such as the AIDS walk, "Dine Out" and the AIDS Awareness Day on Wednesday, Feb. 23.
- Encourage others to be tested for HIV/AIDS and to make healthier choices to decrease their possible exposure to this virus.

To be added to the Lifelong AIDS Alliance Action Alert, e-mail the staff at action@ltaa.org or call 206.957.1760.

State Representative Shay Schual-Berke's sexual health education bill, if passed, would require school districts to not only teach abstinence, but to educate youth on health issues including HIV/AIDS.

Chelsea Waliser, Political Director for Rep. Adam Smith's 2006 Campaign

Chelsea introduced herself to the group and encouraged members to contact her if they have any questions. (253-572-6125 or cwaliser@hotmail.com)

State Representative Dave Upthegrove

Dave updated the group on what committees he is working on. They include Capital Budget, Transportation and National Resources/Parks (of which he is vice chair). The priorities for this session will be increasing the number of good paying jobs, supporting education and making health care more affordable. Two of his local goals include soil testing of day-care sites in our area and increasing resources to improve our streams and wetlands.

Chair Report

Tara Jo spoke about the large turnout of 33rd members at the Redistricting Commission meeting in Auburn. She testified at the meeting, as did Jack Arends, Tim Clark, Dave Upthegrove, Dan Caldwell, and Jean Hueston.



The good news on the redistricting is that Des Moines, Sea-Tac and Tukwila remain in the district of Julia Patterson, who also has gained new parts of Kent and Renton. Unfortunately, Julia will no longer represent Normandy Park and Burien. Members

spoke highly of Dow Constantine, who will be the King County Council representative for these areas, and suggested that he be invited to speak at one of our general meetings in the near future.

It was noted that Andrea Darvas, who won her election for King County Superior Court, has remaining debt from her campaign. Andrea is a resident of the 33rd and lives in Normandy Park. Caryn Roberts made a motion to donate \$250 toward her campaign debt; the motion was seconded by Dave Upthegrove; and was passed.

Cass Prindle gave the treasurer's report. The non-exempt account has \$1,714.45 and the exempt account has \$151.76. Jim Fossos made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; Lisa Plymate seconded, and the motion carried.

Other Business

- **Bob Fithian presented Bob Stephens the Purple Heart Award** for his dedication to duties in helping with the recount and unfortunately sustaining injuries after falling at the recount site. We are happy to report Bob has mended and was at the meeting in good spirits when he received the award.
- Wendy Morgan announced the KCDCC dinner scheduled for March 18th and said our LD will donate a large basket for the auction.
- Jack Arends made some announcements. The **State Democratic Crab Feed** is scheduled at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, in Olympia (This conflicts with our monthly LD general meeting). For more information, contact Heather at (206) 583-0664. Jack also announced the PCO training will begin at 10 a.m. Feb. 21 at St. Martin's College, 5300 Pacific Avenue, Lacey. Also, hold the date of March 18 for the **King County Honors Banquet event** at 6 p.m. in the Hilton Hotel at 6th Avenue and University Street. The cost is \$70 per person.
- Diane Odegard gave a special thank you to Cass Prindle and Dorothy ____ for bringing food to the meeting. (Diane also brought snacks as she often does.)

Membership Business: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tina Shamseldin, Secretary

Washington State Democrats Schedule Crab Feed and PCO Training

When: Presidents' Day: February 21, 2005

10 a.m. PCO Training (\$10 per person pays for lunch and printed materials.) Topics include "Building the Grass Roots," technology training and effective canvassing and communications strategies.

5 p.m. Crab Feed (\$40 per adult; \$10 per child; the menu promises an "excellent seafood dinner," in case anyone feared it meant irritable social-hour conversation.)

Where: Worthington Center, St. Martin's College, 5300 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey.

RSVP to Washington State Democrats: heather@wa-democrats.org, 206.583.0664

King County Democrats Schedule First Legislative Action Day



Date: Presidents' Day, Feb. 21, 2005
Time: Brown-bag lunch, noon to 1:15 p.m.
Where: Hearing Room A, John L. O'Brien Bldg.
What: Legislators are scheduled to speak during lunch. Attend hearings; meet with your legislators; tour the newly remodeled Legislative Building. District 33 Representatives Dave Upthegrove and Shay Schual-Berke will stop by. Please leave a message with Lisa Plymate (206.824.4666) if you plan to attend. Lisa also will coordinate a carpool for those who are interested.

The (Jacked-Up) State Re-Organization Report

On Jan. 28-29, Wendy Morgan and I represented the 33rd District at the State Democrats' reorganization meeting in Olympia. I went there in a state of puzzlement, because I remembered a famous quote the humorist Will Rogers uttered in the early 1930s: "I am not a member of an organized political party," that generation's Mr. Rogers said. "I am a Democrat." I write for a living. Therefore, I pay attention to such things as words their meanings. So, yes, I am puzzled by our collective assertion that, as a party, we actually reorganize ourselves every two years, even though most party members admit (at least privately) that we are not organized in the first place.

That editorial comment having been noted, here is my report:

The business of our meeting was to elect state officers. State Chairman **Paul Berendt** was re-elected on the first ballot with 100 votes out of 169 cast. Former King County Chairman Greg Rodriguez received 44 of the 69 remaining (including Wendy's and mine); Bill Phillips of Snohomish County received 17 votes; and Kat Overman of Snohomish County received 8 votes.

Eileen MacColl of Whitman County defeated Secretary Sharon Mast of King County for the position of Vice Chair. That race was decided 90-72 on the second ballot after Jean Brooks of Pierce County did not make the cut.

Luis Moscoso of Snohomish County got 100 votes on the first ballot to win his bid for Secretary, defeating Julian Wheeler (35 votes) and Justin Simmons (24), both of King County. **Habib Habib** of Snohomish County was re-elected treasurer by unanimous acclamation. **John Thompson** of Pierce County won his bid to represent the 9th Congressional District on the state executive board.

*Respectfully if irreverently submitted,
Jack Arends, State Committeeman, 33rd District Democrats*

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or call Tara Jo Heinecke, 206-870-8819

Upcoming Events ...

Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

33rd LD E-Board Meeting

Carpenters Specialties Training Center

20424 72nd Avenue South, Kent

Information: Tara Jo Heinecke, 206-870-8819

Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, 7 p.m.

33rd LD General Meeting

Normandy Park Congregational Church

19247 First Avenue South, Normandy Park

Information: Tara Jo Heinecke, 206-870-8819

Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, noon

King County Democrats Legislative Action Day

Brown Bag Lunch in Hearing Room A

John L. O'Brien Building, Olympia

Information, RSVP: Lisa Plymate, 206-824-4666

Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, 10 a.m.

Wash. State Democrats' PCO Training

Worthington Center, St. Martin's College,

Lacey; \$10 fee includes lunch

RSVP: Heather Woodruff, 206-583-0664

Monday, Feb. 21, 2005, 5 p.m.

Wash. State Democrats Crab Feed

Worthington Center, St. Martin's College,

Lacey; \$40 per person (\$10 per child)

RSVP: Heather Woodruff, 206-583-0664

Friday, March 18, 2005, 6 p.m.

King County Democrats Honors Banquet

Hilton Hotel, Downtown Seattle

6th and University; Suggested donation: \$70

Information: Susan Sheary, 206-622-9157