

# The DemoChat

The Official 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Democrats Newsletter  
Volume 5, Issue 1, February 2009

## February Kit Dexter Dinner

**Monday, February 23, 2009**

**TICKETS: \$25 Adult/ \$10 Kids / \$15 Living Lightly**  
Contact Lionel Forde at 206-850-3187

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

### **-2009 Meeting Schedule-**

Monday- **March 16th**, 2009

Monday- **April 20th**, 2009

Monday- **May 18th**, 2009

Monday- **June 15th**, 2009

Monday- **July 20th**, 2009

Monday-**August 17th**, 2009

Monday- **September 21st**, 2009

Monday- **October 19th**, 2009

Monday- **November 16th**, 2009

Monday- **December 21st**, 2009

### ***From the Chair***

My name is Omaha Sternberg, and I am your new 33<sup>rd</sup> legislative district chair. Though I have only been serving you for a few years as your newsletter editor and webmaster, I have been a lifelong Democrat, starting as a teenager helping my best friend's parents, who were both active Democrats, run their own campaigns. I was inspired to become politically active within the party once again as many of you were, because of the oppression of the Bush Administration, and knew that the only way to affect change was to become involved.

We have seen much of our hard work come to fruition in the form of the election of President Barack Obama. But the work is far from over, as President Obama himself has stated. There is so much more to do, and not just at the Federal level.

This coming year will see a number of local elections in city and county races, especially an important one in the King County Executive position. With Ron Sims taking an appointed position offered to him by the Obama Administration and the King County Council now nonpartisan, the door is now open for a very interesting race.

I look forward to serving you well in the next two years as your chair. Your executive board has already met and created the living document that is the district's biennial plan. This plan contains four basic ideas: improved campaign assistance to democratic candidates; better transparency of the executive board; improved PCO support; and plans for better recruitment, retention, and increased participation of members. Fulfilling these concepts will strengthen our district and improve support for all.

I am always open to all members, and ready to talk to anyone who is interested in asking a question or discussing an issue. You can always contact me at 206-618-5107, or my email address [33rddems@gmail.com](mailto:33rddems@gmail.com). We have a website that we regularly update located at <http://www.33rddems.org>. And of course I will provide monthly updates in the DemoChat. Together, we will bring about change we can believe in.

*With the elections past and our re-organization meeting aside, we have a brief lull before we gear up for this year's election cycle. This is a good time to familiarize ourselves with the upcoming races for Port of Seattle, Highline School District and the local City Councils. You might check each city, school district or Port website to see who's up for re-election, the agendas that are being decided, and the votes that have been cast in order to determine how you'll endorse. So congratulate yourself for all the work you did to get Obama elected, and to retain our Legislative District seats, then get ready for the next round! Remember, someone can use you, so get prepared!*

**Mysty Beal, DemoChat Editor**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> District Democrats**

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## **General Membership Meeting**

Minutes

January 19, 2009

Suzie Sheary called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Stephen Lamphear led the flag salute. Suzie named Stephen as Parliamentarian for this meeting. A motion was made and approved to appoint Cass Prindle as Sergeant-at-Arms. The tally committee was appointed and consisted of Bob Loeliger, Rosemary Blackwell, and Stephen Lamphear.

Suzie called for a moment of silence to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. and to acknowledge the realization of his dream with the upcoming inauguration of President-elect Obama. She also noted that Sherrill Huff had been endorsed by King County Democrats for Elections director and encouraged the 33<sup>rd</sup> District to endorse her as well.

Suzie called for the adoption of the agenda. A request was made to amend the agenda to re-order the nominations. The new nomination order was changed to: Vice Chair, State Delegates, King County Delegates, Legislative Action Delegates, Treasurer, and Secretary. This amendment was seconded and passed.

**Reorganization - Election of Chair:** Washington State code dictates that King County Democratic officials run the reorganization meeting. Suzie explained the bylaws pertaining to voting rights for the election of Executive board members. Only PCOs that were on the ballot in the August 2008 primary and who received the required 10% minimum were eligible to vote for the Chair position. Additional PCOs would be appointed and credentialed after the vote for Chair and would be eligible to vote on the other positions. A motion to approve the bylaws as stated was passed.

There were 19 elected PCOs in attendance to vote for Chair. Chair candidates were allowed 5 minutes to speak.

Cass Prindle nominated Elizabeth Albertson. Tim Clark voiced his endorsement and provided an introduction. Elizabeth explained her absence in active participation of scheduled meetings during the past year. She spoke about her goal to encourage communities to work together for the common good.

Don Carmignani nominated Omaha Sternberg. Mysty Beal provided an introduction. Omaha spoke about capitalizing on the desire for change and directing this enthusiasm to the local level to attract new members. Her goal is to improve the 33<sup>rd</sup>'s effectiveness in getting democrats elected.

Suzie asked PCOs to vote by writing the candidate's name on the white ballot and signing their names. The winner would require at least 10 votes. Omaha Sternberg was elected Chair of the 33<sup>rd</sup> District's 14 votes to 5.

**Reorganization – Election of Other Board Members:** Omaha's first order of business was to appoint new PCOs and explain the voting process for the remainder of the reorganization. Each credentialed PCO was presented with a red ballot to signal their vote for candidate. The following PCOs were appointed:

DES 33-0367 - Myst Beal  
DES 33-0532 - Warren Eliason  
DES 33-2394 - Robert Stephens  
DES 33-2395 - Joanne Pearson  
DES 33-2416 - James Kenney  
DES 33-2455 - Robert Tobin

DES 33-2626 - Florence McMullin

FINDLEY - MaryAnn Schwarz

KEN 33-1055 - Brenda Fincher

KEN 33-3174 - Michael Miele

KEN 33-3232 - Kyle Forar

ROSEMARY - Glenda Castillon

One Acting, selected by the PCO as he gave up Benson last year,

John Chromy - CASA Precinct

The other Board Members were elected as follows:

✂ Vice Chair: Michael Miele withdrew his name and nominated Bob Loeliger.

No other nominations were submitted and the vote was unanimous. All other positions were uncontested.

✂ <u>Washington State Committee Man</u> :	Lionel Forde
✂ <u>Washington State Committee Woman</u> :	Tiffany McGuyer
✂ <u>King County Committee Man</u> :	Kyle Forar
✂ <u>King County Committee Male Alternate</u> :	James Fossos
✂ <u>King County Committee Woman</u> :	Elizabeth Brant
✂ <u>King County Committee Female Alternate</u> :	Florence McMullin
✂ <u>King County Legislative Action Committee Rep One</u> :	Bob Polwarth
✂ <u>King County Legislative Action Committee Rep Two</u> :	Carol Anne Maiers
✂ <u>King County Legislative Action Committee Alt</u> :	Paula Joneli
✂ <u>Treasurer</u> :	Cheryl Birdsong-Juneau
✂ <u>Secretary</u> :	Mysty Beal

Congratulations to our new officers! Tara Jo Heinecke moved to formally thank Tim Clark for taking on the responsibility of Chair this past year. Jim Fossos made a similar motion to formally thank Cass Prindle for all his dedication and hard work as Treasurer. Both motions were enthusiastically seconded and approved.

**Adam Smith Meeting:** Tim Clark gave a read-out of the meeting the 33<sup>rd</sup> requested from our Congressman to voice concerns about his past and future legislative performance. Our message to his office was that we didn't want to dwell on the past but to concentrate on improved communication. Each person had a chance to speak and listen to what Rep. Smith had to say. He has committed to attend future LD meetings.

**Registrar's Report:** There were 30 members and 3 guests in attendance. Omaha introduced visitors Mac Van Wyk, Marianne Jackson, and Nancy Mundra. Marianne Jackson was voted in as new member.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is \$4,422.22 in the bank and \$25 in Petty cash. If you haven't paid your dues for 2009, you can do so online or during the General Meeting.

**Issue Representatives Speak:** Jack Arends, the current secretary of the 38<sup>th</sup> Legislative District in Snohomish County encouraged us to support Mark Hintz in the contested race for State Chair. Mark Hintz was Chair of the Snohomish County Democrats from 2004 to 2008. He is committed to grassroots activism and inclusive, transparent government.

**Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Report** – Bob gave his last report on the monthly meeting of what he considers one of the best Committees in King County before he hands over LAC responsibilities to new board members. The focus for 2009 will include environmental issues like storm water run-off, limiting suburban sprawl, renewing the Midway area, and supporting public transit. The major roadblock in the coming year will be funding for approved projects. Legislative Action Day is February 16, 2009. Information is available at the following website: <http://wa-demchairs.org/kcdems/lac.php>.

### Good of the Order:

- No General Meeting scheduled for February because of Legislative Action Day and the Kit Dexter dinner.
- An Inauguration Watch party and breakfast potluck is scheduled at Elizabeth Albertson's house beginning 8:00 am on Tuesday. The Paramount Theater will be streaming the Inauguration live. Doors open at 6 am. First come seating. Look for other events listed online.
- The raffle made \$76 for the Treasury.

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- Des Moines Democrats are needed to push back on the Multi-Family Tax Exemption proposed by the Des Moines City Council. The hearing is to be continued at council meeting of February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Contact Mysty Beal at [johnjbeal@comcast.net](mailto:johnjbeal@comcast.net) or 206.878.0499 for more information.
- The Kit Dexter Annual Fundraiser and Dinner will be on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at the Occupational Skills Center located at 18010 – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. **[Post meeting update: The dinner will be held at the Normandy Park Congregational Church on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and catered by Galliano’s]**

Omaha adjourned the meeting at 9:00.

**Join the Retired Americans of South King County**

The alliance for Retired Americans South King County Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Kent Senior Center, 600 Smith Street, Kent, WA

We share information about developments affecting seniors, we decide on letters and emails to public officials expressing Elder’s concerns and what is happening. Make sure this community has at least one organization of Elder advocates which is visible to the general public.

We are the only organization of Elders in South King County which has the backbone to stand up against negative proposals. Come to a meeting and see what we talk about.

Larry Green: 253-630-5280

Leroy Miller: 206-878-0601

**Local Government Websites**

Burien: <http://www.burienwa.gov/index.aspx?nid=501>

Des Moines: [http://66.175.4.144/city\\_gov/city\\_council/city\\_council.html](http://66.175.4.144/city_gov/city_council/city_council.html)

Kent: <http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/citycouncil/index.aspx?id=1196>

Normandy Park: <http://www.ci.normandy-park.wa.us/>

SeaTac: <http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/citycouncil/index.htm>

Highline School District: <http://www.hsd401.org/>

Port of Seattle: <http://www.portseattle.org/>



These Democrats represent the 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District in Olympia. Senator Karen Keiser, Representative Dave Upthegrove and Representative Tina Orwall are available to serve you. Contact them if you have an inquiry, or for quicker results, call the Legislative Hotline.

<b>Senator Karen Keiser</b>	<b>360-786-7664/ FAX 360-786-1999</b>
<b>Rep. Dave Upthegrove</b>	<b>360-786-7868/ FAX 360-786-7317</b>
<b>Rep. Tina Orwall</b>	<b>360- 786-7834/FAX 360-786-7317</b>
<b>Legislative Hotline</b>	<b>1-800-562-6000</b>



These Democrats represent the 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District in the King County Council. County Councilmembers Julia Patterson and Dow Constantine are always interested in hearing from you. Please contact them if you have an inquiry.

<b>Councilmember Julia Patterson</b>	<b>206-296-1005/ FAX 206-296-0198</b>
<b>Councilmember Dow Constantine</b>	<b>206-296-1008/ FAX 206-205-5610</b>

### **33<sup>rd</sup> LD DEMOCRATS Executive Board for 2008-09**

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Omaha Sternberg</b>	<b>206-618-5107</b>
Vice-Chair	Bob Loeliger	206-870-1939
Secretary	Mysty Beal	206-878-0499
Treasurer	Cheryl Juneau	206-870-1994
WSDCC Reps	Tiffany McGuyer	206-878-2239
	Lionel Forde	206-850-3187
KCDCC Reps	Elizabeth Brant	206-870-1759
	Kyle Forar	
KCDCC Alts	Florence McMullin	206-878-9111
	Jim Fossos	206-824-8537
KCDCC LAC	Carol Anne Maiers	206-779-4798
	Bob Polwarth	206-824-0206
KCDCC LAC Alt	Paula Joneli	
Parliamentarian	Bob Stephens	206-824-2699
Registrar	Vacant	
Admin. Officer	Vacant	
Sgt.-at-Arms	Cass Prindle	206-403-6869
KCYD Reps	Vacant	
	Vacant	
Newsletter Editor	Mysty Beal	206-878-0499

### **Congressman Adam Smith Town Halls**

Here are some upcoming Town Hall meetings with Adam Smith – please attend one, if you can, and fee free to ask about the budget, military and veteran’s issues, healthcare and more.

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 – 8:30 pm  
City of Kent Council Chambers  
220 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S., Kent, WA 98032

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
1:00 – 2:30 pm  
Panorama City’s Chalet (Lower level)  
1650 Circle Lane SE, Lacey, WA 98503

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## ***RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED***

For more information, visit these web sites:

<http://www.33rddistrictdemocrats.org>

<http://www.kcdems.org>

**or call Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107**



## **Upcoming Events ...**

**Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 7 p.m.**

**33<sup>rd</sup> LD Executive Board Meeting**

Kent Carpenters Hall

25120 Pacific Hwy S, Kent

Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

**Monday, February 23, 2009, 7 p.m.**

**Kit Dexter Dinner**

Normandy Park Congregational Church

19247 First Avenue South, Normandy Park

Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

**Monday, March 9, 2009, 7 p.m.**

**33<sup>rd</sup> LD E-Board Meeting**

Location TBD

Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

**Monday, March 16, 2009**

**33<sup>rd</sup> LD General Meeting**

Normandy Park Congregational Church

19247 First Avenue South, Normandy Park

Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

**WSDCC PCO Training and Crab Feed Monday, February 16, 2009, 5 p.m.**

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St. Martin's University Pavilion

5300 Pacific Avenue SE

Lacey, Washington 98503

Training begins at 10:00 a.m.; **Crab Feed begins at 5:00 p.m.** (\$50 per person - \$10 children 12 and under)

**King County Democratic Central Committee**

February 24, 2009 Meeting—7:00 pm

Renton Carpenters Hall

231 Burnett Avenue North—Renton

**Roast/Toast Birthday Celebration for King County Council Member Larry Gossett**

Saturday, February 28, 2009, 6:30 pm Reception/7:00 pm Dinner and Program

Westin Hotel - Grand Ballroom

1900 5th Avenue

Seattle, Washington 98101

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