

The Demo-Chat 2005

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33rd LD DEMOCRATS

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KCYD Reps:	Audry Cohen#	206-212-0769
	Shaun Miller#	253-872-9973

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



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
Rep. Shay Schual-Berke	360-786-7834/ FAX 360-786-7317
Rep. Dave Upthegrove	360-786-7868/ FAX 360-786-7317
Legislative Hotline	1-800-562-6000

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:

Cass Prindle
Treasurer
33rd District Democrats
P.O. Box 98823
Des Moines, WA 98198

January General Meeting **Monday, Jan. 17, 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 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- 8:15 p.m. Reports and district business
- 9 p.m. Adjourn

For more information, visit the district web site:

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

Reorganization Meeting Minutes December 13, 2004

Meeting Opening

Angela Henry, newly elected secretary of the King County Democrats, chaired the re-organization and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. D. Omaha Sternberg led the flag salute. Angela appointed Tina Shamseldin as secretary, Jim Fossos as Sgt.-at-Arms, and Bob Stephens as Parliamentarian. Audrey and Randy volunteered to be on the Tally Committee.

Angela asked for the registrar's report and Jean Hueston stated there were 28 precinct committee officers in attendance. The charter will not be adopted tonight but will be reviewed and discussed at the January general meeting.

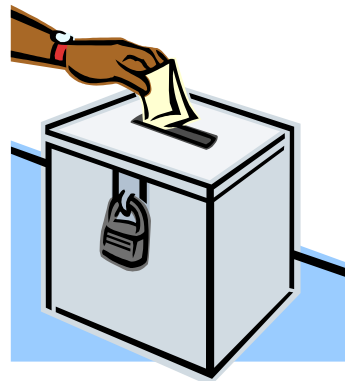
Newly Formed Democratic Disability Caucus

Julian Wheeler shared information about this new group that will be reviewing issues that affect persons with disabilities. The caucus will have a liaison attending the Washington State Democratic Central Committee meeting in Olympia Jan. 28-29.

Election of Officers

THESE 33rd DISTRICT OFFICERS WERE UNANIMOUSLY RE-ELECTED:

Tara Jo Heincke	Chair
Tim Clark	Vice-Chair
Tina Shamseldin	Secretary
Cass Prindle	Treasurer
Elizabeth Brant	KCDCC Rep-Female



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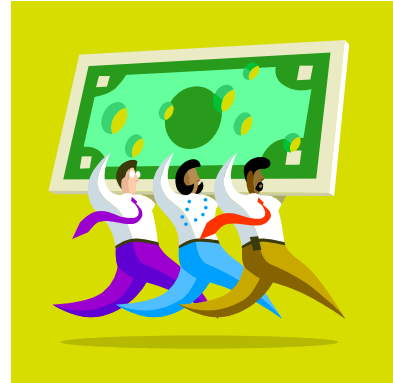
Wendy Morgan	WSDCC Representative
Jack Arends	WSDCC Representative
Lionel Ford	KCDCC Representative-Male
D. Omaha Sternberg	KCDCC Alternate
Bob Polwarth	KCDCC Alternate
Bob Loeliger	Legislative Advisory Committee Member
Kerry Wade	Legislative Advisory Committee Member
Lisa Plymate	Legislative Advisory Committee Alternate

After Tara Jo was re-elected, she thanked Angela for coming tonight to support our re-organization and proceeded to chair the remainder of the meeting. Tara Jo formally acknowledged Jo Clark, Clark Dodge, Meena Sharma, Bob and Barbara Fithian, and Aaron Ernst for their service in previous positions and their involvement on the board.

Tara Jo also extends her thanks to work done by many members of the group that are not in elected positions at this time but have greatly contributed to the 33rd LD: Jean Hueston, Diane Odegard, Florence McMullen, Steve Desilets, Bob Stephens, Jim Fossos, Audry Cohen, and Shaun Miller.

Federal Appropriations Overview

Chelsea Mason from Representative Adam Smith's office gave an update on the appropriations bills that passed through Congress. There were nine bills totaling over \$388.4 billion. Areas that received increased funding include homeland security and the military. Almost all other non-defense, non-security programs received reductions, with the exception of the veterans' bill. Unfortunately, Congress will focus on privatizing Social Security.



Chair's Report

In January the group will review and vote on the charter. In addition, Tara Jo plans to appoint some coordinator positions to broaden the opportunities for our talented members to contribute. These positions will include communications and fund-raising.



With Jack's shift into the WSDCC position, Tara Jo will need to recruit a new newsletter editor. The communications coordinator will oversee the web site, Demo-Chat and any press releases.

Other Business

- Kerry Wade gave an update on the gubernatorial recount. Kerry and other members who have been donating time to this effort were acknowledged.
- Members of the Democratic Youth Movement sang for the group and shared some of their concerns about our current administration.

Membership Business

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

Respectfully submitted, Tina Shamseldin, Secretary, 33rd District Democrats

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Upcoming Events ...

Thursday, Jan. 13, 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, Jan. 17, 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

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, 6 p.m.

King County Democratic Central Committee

Renton Carpenters Hall

231 Burnett Avenue North

Information: Susan Sheary, 206-622-9157

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, 2005

WSDCC Reorganization Meeting

Red Lion Hotel, 2300 Evergreen Park Drive

Olympia

Information: Jack Arends, 206-592-1302

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

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