

The DemoChat

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May General Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2009

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

AGENDA

(Endorsements may be made at this meeting.)

- 7 p.m. Call to order, approval of agenda and minutes;
Executive board appointments and report
- 7:15 p.m. Officer reports; legislative representative reports;
candidate reports
- 8:10 p.m. Speaker Fred Jarrett, running for King County
Executive; May district activity

-2009 Meeting Schedule-

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
By Omaha Sternberg

Sometimes when a person has become so used to a particular behavior, even if that behavior is anathema to their personality or cultural view, that person will continue to behave in that manner. The behavior has become like a rut in the road, and the

cart will always travel in that rut, no matter how wrong it is.

I have been spending the past month looking at all of my “ruts” and determining whether they are there because they should be, or because I have become too comfortable with them not to be. If I have a rutted path, I want it to be in the right direction. If it is not, I will have to work hard to find the correct path, then jump that rut. And that isn’t easy.

I am always open to listening to new ideas and new suggestions of ways for the 33rd to move. Understand that not all suggestions and ideas are going to take us in the direction that we as a district need to go, but no idea should be ignored. But some of the directions that the district has traveled have led us away from our goals, and we’ve created some pretty deep ruts. Now is the time to find those ruts and jump them. And your ideas and suggestions will help us find the correct paths to our goals.

Omaha Sternberg
33rd District Chair

Armed Forces Day
Saturday, May 16, 2009

Memorial Day
Monday, May 25, 2009

*Thank you to our current Active Duty,
Reserve and Retired military members*

General Membership Meeting

Minutes

April 20, 2009

Meeting Opening

Omaha Sternberg called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Motions were passed to approve the meeting agenda and March meeting minutes.

Omaha asked Parliamentarian Stephens for a brief presentation on Parliamentary Procedures. Bob noted that we made an error last month in granting endorsements, and reviewed Article 8 of our by-laws. We failed to notify the body that the meeting would be an endorsement meeting, as that statement was removed from the February DemoChat. Bob said that the endorsements should stand, and to chalk this up to experience. Bob reiterated the proper way to make a motion.

Political Representatives Speak

- Dennis Higgins, candidate for Kent City Council
- Larry Phillips, KC councilmember and candidate for KC Executive
- Dow Constantine, KC councilmember and candidate for KC Executive
- Bailey Stober, candidate for Kent City Council

Chair's Report/Announcements

The motion was made and passed to name Paula Joneli as Administrative Coordinator.

Omaha asked Ted Schwarz, Kyle Forar and Florence McMullin to serve on the Endorsement Committee: Omaha said we'd use the King County Democrats' questionnaire to reduce the burden on each candidate. Omaha noted that there would be no endorsement meetings between now and the June filing date, so we can get our questionnaires and endorsement by-laws prepared.

Omaha asked for volunteers for the Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, and LAC Alternate positions.

KC Council approved of some precinct changes, generally merging some into others. No 33rd PCOs were affected.

KCDCC – Kyle Forar gave a brief report of that meeting's proceedings.

LAC Report: Bob Polwarth noted the legislative issues aside from raising revenue: enacting an Education Reform Bill to redefine the goals and commitments of the state; Property taxes on financial assets such as stocks or other financial instruments; Urban growth management, environmental proposals. He said that Labor has taken a beating this session.

Local Government: Mysty Beal spoke on researching candidates on the PDC website; recent filings for local government seats, and suggested that members attend at local council or school board meetings to assist the membership and Endorsement Committee to understand the relevant issues and in making future endorsements.

By-laws Report: By-laws have not been updated since 2000 and they need to be revised in accordance with changes in state and county laws. The revised by-laws will be in next month's DemoChat so they can be voted on in June.

District Activity: Kyle asked the members to brainstorm what they would like the 33rd LD to be doing, what things they'd do to contribute, and what they'd like the 33rd to be doing for them. He will present responses next month.

Registrar's Report: Glenda reported 27 members; 3 guests: Abbott Turner, John Burdine, Chelsea Peeples. Motion was made to appoint Manjid Singh PCO of SeaTac SEA-33-3068 – motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Birdsong-Juneau reported \$6,303 in bank.

Good of the Order: Liberally Drinking Wednesdays at Mick Kelly's in Burien

Omaha adjourned the meeting at 9:22.



These Democrats represent the 33rd Legislative District in Olympia. Senator Karen Keiser, Representative Dave Upthegrove and Representative Tina Orwall 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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Rep. Tina Orwall	360-786-7834/ FAX 360-786-7317
Legislative Hotline	1-800-562-6000



These Democrats represent the 33rd Legislative District in the King County Council. County Councilmembers Julia Patterson and Dow Constantine are there to serve you. Please contact them if you have an inquiry.

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

33rd LD DEMOCRATS Executive Board for 2007-08		
Chair	Omaha Sternberg	206-618-5107
Vice-Chair	Bob Loeliger	206-870-1939
Secretary	Mysty Beal	206-878-0499
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	Lionel Forde	206-850-3187
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	Vacant	
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Last month we spent \$134.40 mailing copies of the DemoChat. If you're still receiving paper copies, would you consider receiving the electronic version?

Summertime Festivities

The 33rd plans to participate in local summer events – contact Paula Joneli at 206-878-2171 if you can help out in a booth, parade or other event.

Burien Strawberry Festival and [5K Run](http://www.burienwa.gov/index.asp?NID=773)
 June 20 and 21
 Burien Community Center Park
<http://wa-burien.civicplus.com/index.asp?NID=773>

SeaTac International Festival
 June 26, 27 and 28
 Angle Lake Park
 Parade and Booths
www.ci.seatac.wa.us/park/seinternationalfestival.htm

Burien Independence Day Parade
 July 4
<http://www.burienwa.gov/index.asp?NID=772>

Kent Cornucopia Days
 July 10, 11 and 12
 Downtown Kent
 Parade and Booths

Burien Family Fiesta
 July 16

Des Moines Waterland Parade
 July 18th

Des Moines Waterland 5K Fun Run
 August 1, 2009
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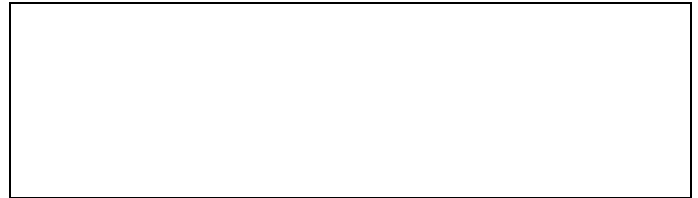
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<http://www.33rddistrictdemocrats.org>

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or call Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107



Upcoming Events ...

Monday, May 18, 2009, 7 p.m.

33rd LD General Meeting

Normandy Park Congregational Church
19247 First Avenue South, Normandy Park
Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

Tuesday, May 26, 7pm – 9pm

King County Democrats General Meeting

Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Ave North, Renton
Information: Susan Sheary, 425-228-4729

Monday, June 8, 2009, 7 p.m.

33rd LD Executive Board Meeting

Home of Paula Joneli
24054 13th Ave S, Des Moines
Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

Sunday, May 17, 2pm – 4pm

KDCDD LAC Meeting

Shoreline Library,
345 NE 175th, Shoreline, WA 98155
Information: Susan Sheary at suzie2004@comcast.net

KCDCC Officers and Chairs Meets, Sunday, May 17, 7pm – 9pm

Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Avenue North Info: suzie2004@comcast.net

Mother's March for Health Care, Saturday, May 30, 10am – 2pm

Downtown Seattle – Details to follow Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

KCDCC Rummage Sale, Sunday, May 31, 10am – 4pm

Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Ave N, Renton, WA 98057 Information: Susan Sheary (see above)

KCDCC Candidate Interviews Saturday, June 6, 10am – 4pm

Renton Carpenters Hall, 231 Burnett Ave N, Renton, WA 98057 Information: Susan Sheary (see above)