

# The DemoChat

The Official 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District Democrats Newsletter  
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## October General Meeting

**Monday, October 20, 2008**

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
- 7:15 p.m. Approval by the body of Elizabeth Albertson as Vice-Chair
- 8:15 p.m.

## -2008 Meeting Schedule-

Monday- November 17th, 2008

Monday- December 15th, 2008

Don't forget to  
**Get Out The  
Vote!**

- Fill out your absentee Ballot early
- Join a GOTV canvass in your neighborhood
- Help an elderly or disabled neighbor get to the polls on election day
- Be a pollworker or observer
- Wave signs on election day
- Make sure to vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>!

## *John McCain...the saddest story of all*

The behavior of Senator John McCain during this election cycle has been downright abhorrent, and even his Republican allies are saying so. In fact, things are getting so ugly at his rallies that people have stopped whispering about the worries of open violence against Obama supporters. Why whisper when the ones who want to commit the violence yell "Bomb Obama", "Kill him", and shoot supporters in cars (Google for that one...believe it or not, it was in the UK).

But John McCain and his running mate have been spending their time, if not encouraging this behavior, not discouraging it. Any parent knows that children who aren't discouraged from bad behavior assume that they can continue it. And mobs have a childlike mentality.

But John McCain has not always been like this. I have admired John McCain in the past...for example, during the 2000 election cycle when he opposed George Bush. He really has spent a great deal of time fighting against pork barrel spending. As a prisoner of war, when provided the opportunity to be released out of cycle, before other prisoners who were due to be released, he turned it down. He did so because it violated his interpretation of the military code of conduct. I'm afraid that the John McCain we know now would have accepted the offer immediately.

What changed, John? What happened between your years in the military and your years in politics? I watched you tell your supporters the other day that they should have no fear of Obama, that this should be an ethical campaign, but you couldn't look up while you said it. You looked like you were having your teeth pulled.

Is becoming President of America so very important to you that you are willing to forego the very core of your honor and integrity to get it? How very sad when your code of conduct changes to the ends justify the means.

**Omaha Sternberg, DemoChat Editor  
33<sup>rd</sup> District Democrats**

## General Membership Meeting

Minutes  
September 15, 2008

### Meeting Opening

Tim Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Dorothy Scheppke led the flag salute.

Tim opened by reminding the body of our primary focus: to elect democrats in the 33rd District. We have more than \$5,000 in our general fund. This should be spent in this election cycle to aide the campaigns of our local candidates. To this end, we should use our time and resources to support our local candidates. The only caveat is that we need to leave a balance of \$2,000 to carry over to January 2009. Cheryl B-J made a motion to donate \$800 each to the Tina Orwall and Dave Upthegrove campaigns from our treasury. This was passed.

Work space for the state representative campaigns has been obtained. It is next door to Corky Cellars on Marine View Drive in downtown Des Moines. Lionel Forde made a motion to appropriate \$500 a month for three months from our treasury to pay for rent and supplies. Motion was passed. Omaha explained the difference in paying for the rent directly vs. donating the monies to the Orwall and Upthegrove campaigns. If the rent is paid directly, the candidates must file "in kind" expenses. If the money is paid to the candidates, they record the money as income to their campaigns. Cass Prindle can explain which method was used since the checks had already been written. (He was not in attendance during this conversation.)

### Political Representatives Speak

#### Tina Orwall



Two fundraisers provided \$3200 for Tina's campaign. There will be a brainstorming event in the Kent Regional Library to arrange doorbelling and phone banking.

#### Maddy Knaup for the Coordinated Campaign



Works with Evan Miller in the Auburn office for the coordinated campaign. Contact her at 206-799-3648 or email: [madeline@wa-democrats.org](mailto:madeline@wa-democrats.org) for volunteer opportunities and information on upcoming meetings and events. You can also contact Bob Loeliger who is the 33rd LD's representative or Tiffany McGuyer who is the organizer of Women for Obama. Voter registration drives are scheduled at TARGET in Kent on Benson Avenue. The last day to register in order to be eligible to vote in November is October 4th.

#### Julia Patterson



Spoke about Proposition 1 to fund "Transit Now" that includes 34 new miles of light rail, a 25% increase of buses, and an increase to 13 round trips of the Sounder train. This expansion would be good for South King County. The funding would consist of a half penny for every one dollar purchased, which equates annually to the cost of 1 tank of gasoline! Bob Loeliger commented that the Kent-Des Moines Midway project is dependent on this proposition passing. Ray Finney expressed opposition to the placement of light rail station locations.

## Dave Upthegrove



Reported on his trip to Denver as a delegate to the Democratic Convention. He found it an exhilarating experience and a highlight of his political career. On the first night, the Michelle Obama and Ted Kennedy speeches were wonderful. Hilary Clinton's speech on the second night was worthy of a presidential candidate. On Wednesday, President Clinton spoke and reminded everyone how great it was to have a President that is intelligent and a motivational. Obama's acceptance speech was on Thursday was a fitting and uplifting cap to a wonderful team building week.

## Eileen MacCall

The State Democratic Vice Chair. It is important to get Democrats elected at every level. She has been helping democrats in Eastern Washington become organized and a force to be reckoned with in this very important election year.

## Stacy Anderson for Governor Gregoire



Campaign representative for Governor Gregoire. You can contact her at the Auburn office. Her telephone number is 206-919-4261. Volunteers are always needed.

## **Issue Representatives Speak**

### Initiative 985



A staff member from the Association of Washington Cities explained the impacts of Tim Eyman's latest initiative. Initiative 985 sets up a dedicated fund, taking 15% of taxes on new and used car sales, toll fees above costs, and red light camera fines and commits this money to Eyman's traffic congestion (road building) fund. This puts the photo enforcement of moving violations program in jeopardy because currently the fines are used to pay the equipment vendors with the surplus going to a city's general fund.

Diverting dollars from the general fund to a dedicated fund removes the flexibility to deal with changing priorities and needs, particularly in times of budget deficits like we are now in and it avoids the public scrutiny of the legislative budget process. In other words, the 'congestion relief account' goes to the head of line before any other budget need identified by city governments.

Also, once the 'congestion relief account' pays for synchronizing traffic lights, opening up car pool lanes and increasing emergency vehicles, that money (estimated to be \$145 million per year) will be spent for "any other purpose which reduces traffic congestion by reducing vehicle delay by expanding road capacity and general purpose use to improve traffic flow for all vehicles". However, Eyman adds that "Purposes to improve traffic flow for all vehicles do not include creating, maintaining or operating bike paths or lanes, wildlife crossings, landscaping, park and ride lots, ferries, trolleys, buses, monorail, light rail or heavy rail." This is a quote from the initiative wording on the back of the initiative that most people never read.

## **Endorsements**

Two candidates for the vacant judicial Pos 22 attended to request endorsement from the 33rd Democrats. Both have "outstanding" ratings from Municipal League of King County.

### Julia Garratt



She is currently a Juvenile Court Commissioner appointee. Julia stated that crime in our community is a highly visible problem. The solution lies in equal access to the courts and equal justice for everyone within the judicial system and is passionate about maintaining the public trust.

### Holly Hill



Concerns for public safety is high on her list. Holly believes every person in her courtroom deserves to be heard, treated fairly, and given an equal opportunity to make their case, no matter who they are, where they live, what they do for a living, their race, age, gender, lifestyle, or point of view.

There were questions from the body about mental health involuntary commitments and the death penalty. Both candidates could not give a personal opinion about these issues because as judges they do not allow their personal opinions to influence the rule of law. Since both these candidates are equally qualified, the members could not come to a consensus to endorse one over the other. They had both asked for sole endorsement rather than dual endorsement. Also, since voters can only vote for one in the upcoming election, a motion for dual endorsement failed.

The members endorsed Proposition 1 – ‘Transit Now’ and voted to oppose Initiative 985.

### **Chair’s Report/Announcements**

The first presidential debate will be on September 26th at 6pm PDT. It will last 90 minutes and be carried on all major broadcast and cable news channels. Debate watch parties are being planned. The dates of the upcoming debates are: October 2, October 7, and October 15 with the same start times and durations.

### Parliamentarian

Bob Stephens explained a point of parliamentary procedure from last month’s meeting. Presiding officers should always ask for discussion on items put to the body for a vote. If an error in this procedure occurs, you need to call for a point of order immediately. If you make an attempt to call for rights and privileges after the fact, you are out of order.

**Registrar’s Report:** 43 members present. We welcomed new members Jim Williamson, Jennifer Menick, and Laura Anderson.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Unavailable at this time.

### **Good of the order:**

- Send all meeting / volunteer notices to Omaha to make sure they are included in the 33rd’s website calendar.
- Raffle prizes were distributed.
- Contact Lionel if you need voter file training.
- Contact Tiffany for information on the upcoming Women for Obama meetings.
- Thad Stevens has made his home (26214 33rd Ave S, Kent) available as a drop off / meeting place for campaigning in the Kent area. Thank you Thad!
- Ray Finney can make personalized door hangers for any PCO who wants them. They are a really helpful tool when walking your precinct. Ray only requests help to defray the cost of ink. Dave Uptegrove volunteered funds to cover ink costs for any PCO that could not afford this expense.

Tim adjourned the meeting at 9:25pm

## **33<sup>rd</sup> District Democrats Endorsed Candidates**

The candidates and ballot issues listed below will be on the November 4 General ballot and have been endorsed by the 33<sup>rd</sup> District Democrats. For information about candidates and issues endorsed by the King County Democrats, please go to <http://www.kcdems.net/documents/endorsements.200811.pdf>. For candidates and issues endorsed by the Washington State Democrats, please go to <http://www.wa-democrats.org/>

### **Candidates**

*Secretary of the State*  
Jason Osgood

*State Treasurer*  
Jim McIntire

*33<sup>rd</sup> State Representative, Pos 1*  
Tina Orwall

*33<sup>rd</sup> State Representative, Pos 2*  
Dave Upthegrove

*King County Judicial Position 1*  
Tim Bradshaw

*King County Superior Court Position 37*  
Jean Rietschel

### **Ballot Measures**

***Initiative Measure 985 – Vote No***  
Transportation Initiative

***Initiative Measure 1000 – Vote Yes***  
Concerns allowing certain terminally ill  
competent adults to obtain lethal prescriptions



These Democrats represent the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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.

<b>Senator Karen Keiser</b>	<b>360-786-7664/ FAX 360-786-1999</b>
<b>Rep. Shay Schual-berke</b>	<b>360-786-7834/ FAX 360-786-7317</b>
<b>Rep. Dave Upthegrove</b>	<b>360-786-7868/ 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 there to serve you. Please contact them if you have an inquiry.

<b>Councilmember Julia Patterson</b>	<b>206-296-1008/ FAX 206-205-5610</b>
<b>Councilmember Dow Constantine</b>	<b>360-786-7834/ FAX 360-786-7317</b>

### **33<sup>rd</sup> LD DEMOCRATS Executive Board for 2007-08**

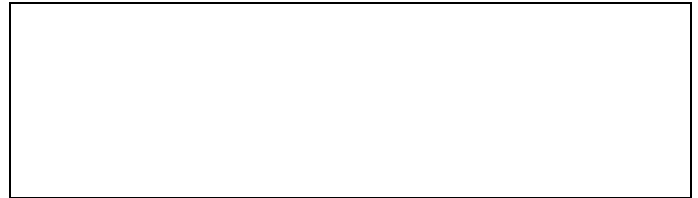
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Tim Clark</b>	<b>253-854-1895</b>
Vice-Chair	Vacant	
Secretary	Cheryl Juneau	206-870-1994
Treasurer	Cass Prindle	206-403-6869
WSDCC Reps	Elizabeth Albertson	206-595-3627
	Lionel Forde	206-850-3187
KCDCC Reps	Elizabeth Brant	206-870-1759
	Bob Polwarth	206-824-0206
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	Michael Miele	253-854-6349
KCDCC LAC	Vacant	
	Bob Loeliger	206-870-1939
KCDCC LAC Alt	Steve Juneau	206-870-1994
Parliamentarian	Bob Stephens	206-824-2699
Registrar	Paulette Holcomb	206-433-0551
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## ***RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED***

For more information, visit these web sites:  
<http://www.33rddistrictdemocrats.org>  
<http://www.kcdems.org>  
**or call Tim Clark, 253-854-1895**



Upcoming Events ...

**Monday, October 20, 2008, 7 p.m.**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> LD General Meeting**  
Normandy Park Congregational Church  
19247 First Avenue South, Normandy Park  
Information: Tim Clark, 253-854-1895

**Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 7 p.m.**  
**King County Democrats General Meeting**  
Renton Carpenters Hall  
231 Burnett Ave North, Renton  
Information: Susan Sheary, 425-228-4729

**Tuesday, November 11, 2008, 7 p.m.**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> LD Executive Board Meeting**  
Kent Carpenters Hall  
25120 Pacific Hwy S, Kent  
Information: Tim Clark, 253-854-1895

**Monday, November 17, 2008, 7 p.m.**  
**33<sup>rd</sup> LD General Meeting**  
Normandy Park Congregational Church  
19247 First Avenue South, Normandy Park  
Information: Tim Clark, 253-854-1895

**VP Al Gore for Governor Gregoire, Friday, October 24, 2008, time 12:00 pm**  
Sheraton Hotel, 1400 Sixth Ave, Seattle. Info: contact Ansley at (206) 903-0520

**Halloween Bash for Obama and local candidates, Friday, October 31, 2008, time 8:00 pm**  
Tukwila Comm Center, 12424, 42nd Ave. South, Tukwila. Info: <http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/gshlpp>

**GENERAL ELECTION DAY, Tuesday, November 4, 2008**  
Locations across King County and Absentee Ballots. **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!**