
The DemoChat

The Official 33rd Legislative District Democrats Newsletter
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Representative Meet and Greet

Monday, October 19, 2009

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

Meet and Greet your Representatives!!

All residents of the 33rd legislative district are invited to meet and greet their elected officials on Monday, October 19th, at 6:45 p.m.

Where

Normandy Park Congregational Church
19247 - 1st avenue south
Normandy Park

Who

State Senator Karen Keiser
State Representative Dave Upthegrove
State Representative Tina Orwall
King County Councilmember Julia Patterson
King County Councilmember Dow Constantine

What

Come and discuss any issue with your elected officials. They will welcome your questions and comments. Don't miss this opportunity to interact with your legislators.

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For more information: Florence McMullin, 206-878 9111

NOTE: *there will be no official 33rd business performed on October 19th. The next general membership meeting will be November 16.*

-2009 Meeting Schedule-

Monday- November 16th, 2009

Monday- December 7th, 2009

From the Chair

by Omaha Sternberg

I would first like to announce that our trusty temporary newsletter editor, Mysty Beal, has had to retire from this duty. With so much on her plate as it is, efforts with children in school adds just too much. I would personally like to express my gratitude to Mysty for taking on this job while she is also the secretary for the district. I know what it is like to do more than one duty at a time, and I commend her for it.

But, of course, the newsletter editor position has, and still is, open. I am taking this temporarily, but if this is something you think you can do, please contact me about it.

We are also in the final few weeks before the voting deadline of November 3. Deadline I say, because of course this is the first general election with all-mail voting. It's vitally important that we get the word out about our endorsed candidates and issues, and about several in particular. Dow Constantine is by far the superior candidate, but is still lagging slightly according to the recent polls. Referendum 71 is confusing to many, and may not pass. And Initiative 1033 seems on the surface to be a positive thing, until you lift the frilly cover to see the gruesome filling. All of these require educating the public about the consequences of not voting properly.

That's where our PCOs come in. Michael Miele, the district's dedicated PCO coordinator, worked hard with volunteers to create bags of literature and walking lists for our PCOs. It's now time for the PCOs to walk their precincts. If you would like to walk a precinct but aren't a PCO yet, contact Michael about becoming an appointed PCO or, if your precinct has a PCO, an acting PCO for another precinct near you.

And let's get the word out. Because our local and county elections are just as important as the Federal ones.

General Membership Meeting

Minutes
September 21, 2009

Meeting Opening

Omaha Sternberg called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Motions were passed to approve the meeting agenda and September meeting minutes.

Chair's Report/Announcements

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Birdsong-Juneau reported \$1,747.00 in our account.

Registrar's Report: Glenda reported 28 members and 8 guests present.

Chair's Report/Announcements: Omaha has been contacted by many candidates and issue campaigns seeking help.

Legislative Action Committee: Bob Polwarth reported that the main topic was transit oriented growth act (failed). He said it should return as light rail progresses. Ross Hunter and Margarita Prentice – how to raise tax revenues. Proposed closing 600 tax loopholes, but we need 2/3 vote. Spoke against I-1033.

PCO Coordinator Report: Mike Miele noted that PCO Coordination was a Team effort.

Summer Events Coordinator: Paula Joneli reviewed the Summer Events we participated in:

- Marched in Kent and Burien parades.
- Trash to Treasure Sale.
- Mad as Hell Doctors, Health Care Forums and Town Hall Meetings.
- 11th and 34th and 33rd Picnic.
- AM1090 Radio Show at the Showare Center in Kent – handed out literature and recruited new members.

By Laws Report: Members of that committee have not met yet.

Jim Fossos moved to accept the Chair's Report and the motion carried.

Political Candidates Speak

- Tony Anderson, SeaTac City Council member and candidate – noted that his city had low unemployment rates, but high poverty rates, which required many families to seek services from city government.
- Bob Rosenberger, KC Election Assessor candidate – outlined ideas for cutting budget – reduce assessor's pay by \$24,000, the amount of the highest ranking person he supervises; move some assessors from high-priced downtown office to satellite offices, and other
- Kevin Knutson – the "NO on 1033" campaign needs phonebankers.
- Ref 71– Omaha explained that we need to vote to APPROVE Ref 71 to affirm the law the legislature passed. Failure would negatively affect seniors or any domestic partnership.
- Dow Constantine Campaign - Mike Heavey from Dow's campaign thanked the 33rd for being one of the first to give Dow sole endorsement and said they appreciated the additional donation.

District Monthly Activity

Des Moines Council member and physician Dr. Dan Sherman presented the King County Board of Health-created Health Reform Principles. The purpose of these principles is to establish the standards for reform, not suggest how to pay for them. These principles are:

- *All people have access to affordable, comprehensive health care services on an equitable basis. All individuals are able to access the right care in the right place at the right time.*
- *All health care is clinically appropriate and provided in a timely, safe, and patient-centered manner.*
- *Health services financing is designed and allocated so as to provide permanent, stable, and sufficient funding for high-quality, universal health care.*
- *Health services delivery systems are responsive to the needs of the community they serve. Community members collaborate with health care systems to ensure the delivery of appropriate high-quality health care services.*
- *The best investments are those that prevent diseases and promote good health in the most cost-effective manner.*
- *Health care services delivery and financing systems employ strategies, policies, and interventions aimed at achieving health equity.*

Dr. Sherman's presentation prompted much discussion among the members.

Endorsements

Endorsement Committee: Tony Anderson, Bob Rosenberger – recommend endorsement for both.
Bob Polwarth moved to endorse Tony Anderson – motion passed
Bob Loeliger moved to endorse Bob Rosenberger – motion passed

Executive Board Campaign Donation Motions:

The SEIU donated \$4,000 to the 33rd last month. Omaha stated that since one of the primary goals of 33rd is to get democrats elected, this gift should be parsed out to the campaigns and outlined the allocation as follows:
Motions to donate the following

1. Omaha moved to donate \$2,000 to Dow Constantine – motion passed
2. Mysty Beal moved to donate \$500 to Susan White – motion passed
3. Bob Loeliger moved to donate \$100 to Dennis Higgins – motion passed
4. Ellen Fawcett moved to donate \$250 to Melissa Ponder - motion passed
5. Bob Loeliger moved to donate \$500 to Max Vekich - motion passed
6. Cheryl moved to share the endorsement money between Lloyd Hara and Bob Rosenberger as intended when Hara was dually endorsed with Rich Medved – motion passed

Good of the Order

Susan White, Max Vekich, Bob Rosenberger thanked the members for their continued support of their campaigns.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10



These Democrats represent the 33rd Legislative District in Olympia. Representative Dave Upthegrove, Senator Karen Keiser, 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
Rep. Dave Upthegrove	360-786-7868/ FAX 360-786-7317
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

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Chair	Omaha Sternberg	206-618-5107
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Upcoming Events ...

Monday, October 19, 2009, 6:45 p.m.

33rd LD General Meeting

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

Tuesday, October 28, 2009, 7 p.m.

King County Democrats General Meeting

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

Tuesday, November 9, 2009, 7 p.m.

33rd LD Executive Board Meeting

Paula Joneli's House
24054 13th Ave S, Des Moines
Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

Monday, November 16, 2009, 7 p.m.

33rd LD General Meeting

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

King County LAC Meeting, Sunday, October 18, 2009

Shoreline Library, 345 NE 175th, Shoreline. Info: kcdcc1@gmail.com

WSDCC - Annual Magnuson Awards, Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Seattle Westin Hotel, 1900 Fifth Ave, Seattle. Info: kcdcc1@gmail.com

King County General Election Deadline, Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Locations across King County. GET YOUR BALLOTS IN!