
The DemoChat

The Official 33rd Legislative District Democrats Newsletter
Volume 7, Issue 9, September 2011

September General Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2011

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

AGENDA

- 6:30 p.m. Gathering and social time. Displays and information.
- 7 p.m. Call to order, approval of agenda and minutes
- 7:15 p.m. Officer/committee reports
- Speakers
- Break
- 9:00 p.m. Adjourn

-2011 Meeting Schedule-

September 19th (Ballot Issues)

October 17th (Meet Your Legislators)

November 21st (What Really is Fascism)

From the Chair:

I received an email recently from Mia Gregerson, who is running for SeaTac City Council and who the 33rd endorsed. The email she forwarded to me, from the so-called "SeaTac Citizens for Truth", was full of accusations of lying, fear pandering, ruining property values, and signing up illegal voters, all to serve a "liberal agenda".

As I have seen over and over again, those who scream the loudest about what you do usually scream about actions they themselves perform. And after reading that email, I have no doubt that the opposition that hopes to defeat Mia Gregerson, as well as Dave Bush and Barry Ladenburg, in SeaTac would do anything to accomplish their goal.

From mudslinging to stealing signs to accusations of defamation to even threats of lawsuits...these are the kinds of actions that groups that claim they are seeking the truth often engage in to get what they want.

If we want to see Mia, Dave, and Barry elected fairly in November, we have to stand up and work hard. I am asking all of you to be willing, when we call in the coming weeks, to come out to SeaTac and doorbell those precincts.

SeaTac has become a very diverse city, but if this organization and those that support it have their way, minorities will be marginalized by not even having appropriate candidates to vote for, let alone represent them.

We're going to come out swinging! We're going to make that happen!

MINUTES: 33RD DISTRICT DEMOCRATS NO GENERAL MEETING, August, 2011

Editorial

What is happening to our country? When did we move from caring about our fellow Americans to withdrawing our help in difficult times? Are we really this mean-spirited – or are we letting the wrong people speak for us?

A young Abraham Lincoln (a Whig-turned-Republican) read newspaper accounts of building the Erie Canal and commented, "This is the purpose of Government; to do what individuals cannot do and corporations will not do."

In his "Cross of Iron" speech, Dwight Eisenhower pointed out how many hospitals, schools, hospitals, electrical plants, miles of highway, and private homes could be built for the cost of a warship, heavy bomber, rocket, or fighter plane.

In his nomination acceptance speech, Hubert Humphrey explained that "The moral test of government how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life; the children, those who are in the twilight of life; the elderly, and those who are in the shadows of life; the sick, the needy, and the handicapped."

Ronald Reagan sounded mean when he disparaged the image of "welfare moms driving Cadillacs", then he acted mean when he broke the PATCO union, and began slashing education funding.

Then, as if to offset his boss, George H.W. Bush talked of "a kinder, gentler nation", but did little to act on those words.

Eight years later, George W Bush called himself "a compassionate conservative". (A pundit at the time commented that, "A compassionate conservative is kind of like a vegetarian cannibal!") Of course, W "compassionately" handed out tax breaks to his buddies and "conservatively" ran two wars off-balance-sheet!

Now, the meanies aren't even attempting to wear a facade of kindness and compassion.

If we want our children educated, we must starve our seniors.

If we want to take care of the disabled, we are required to provide tax cuts to those who don't need them.

If we want a job, we have to accept minimum wage, give tax breaks to the "job creators", and sacrifice collective bargaining.

If we want to provide assistance to those who have suffered a natural disaster, poor children have to give up medical care.

And voter suppression is approaching a new high; with shortened early voting periods, increased restrictions on voter ID, and a myriad of small tweaks intended to disenfranchise seniors, students, and minorities – all of whom vote largely Democratic. Claims of "voter fraud" are given for these draconian measures, yet only 87 people nationwide were convicted of voter fraud in the three years 2006 – 2009. These voter suppression measures are actually election fraud; systemic in nature. Voter fraud is like a paper cut on your finger; it hurts, but it won't kill you. Election fraud is like a cancer that starts small and eventually invades the whole system – and it will kill our democracy.

From the blue state of Washington, we must step up and help save our country. Close to home, we must continue to work to get out the vote. Nationally, we must contact friends, relatives, and acquaintances across the country; not as Democrats, but as fellow citizens – to spread the word that voter rules are changing. Ask these fellow citizens if they know the new rules in their state, and if they have completed the necessary updates to their ID. Ask them to become familiar with any changes to early voting, polling places, or ID requirements. Ask them to talk to their friends, neighbors, and relatives to make sure all of them are prepared to vote on Election Day.

This is NOT a partisan issue. This is about making sure that everyone who wants to vote is allowed to vote. And we must vote the meanies out of office if we are to take our country forward.

Paula Joneli



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 360-786-7459
 E-mail: karen.keiser@leg.wa.gov

Rep. Dave Upthegrove 360-786-7868/ E-mail:
dave.upthegrove@leg.wa.gov

Rep. Tina Orwall 360-786-7834/ E-mail:
tina.orwall@leg.wa.gov

Legislative Hotline 1-800-562-6000



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

Councilmember Julia Patterson 206-296-1005/
 FAX 206-296-0198

Councilmember Joe McDermott 206-296-1008/
 FAX 206-205-5610

Membership

We are into our 2011 membership drive! We'll be sending out reminders to everyone about renewing your membership to the 33rd (only \$25 for the year), and you can renew at the General Membership meetings as well. We're also hoping to get the online service up and running again very shortly, so check the district website (<http://33rddistrictdemocrats.org/>) if you'd like to pay online through PayPal.

**33rd LD DEMOCRATS
 Executive Board for 2011**

Chair	Omaha Sternberg	206-618-5107
Vice-Chair	Bob Loeliger	206-870-1939
Secretary	VACANT	
Treasurer	Cheryl Juneau	206-870-1994
Registrar	Ray Finney	206 851 0931
WSDCC Reps	Lionel Forde	253-850-3187
	Tiffany McGuyer	253-250-8869
KCDCC Reps	Florence McMullin	206-878-9111
	James Langston	206-878-7205
KCDCC Alts	Cass Prindle	206-375-0041
	Ellen Fawcett	206-870-6074
KCDCC LAC	Carol Anne Maiers	206-779-4798
	VACANT	
KCDCC LAC Alt	Glenda Berg	206-824-3027
Parliamentarian	Bob Stephens	206-824-2699
PCO Coordinator	Steve Juneau	206-870-1994
Admin. Officer	Paula Joneli	206-878-2171
Sgt.-at-Arms	Jim Fossos	206-824-8537
KCYD Reps	VACANT	
	VACANT	
Webmaster	Don Franks	206-280-7875
Newsletter Editor	Scott Eliason	206-310-4157

A recent joke, shared by the editor's son-in-law:

KNOCK, KNOCK!
 Who's there?
 Dick Cheney.
 Dick Cheney who?
 YOU are on the jury!

The DemoChat

33rd Legislative District Democrats
17837 1st Ave S. #111
Normandy Park, WA 98148
E-mail: chair@33rddistrictdemocrats.org
Email calendar notices:
webmaster@33rddistrictdemocrats.org

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 ...

Sunday, September 11, 2011, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
33rd LD Executive Bd Meeting/Recruit Retreat
South King Fire & Rescue, Station 26
2238 S 223rd St Des Moines
Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

Monday, September 19, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
33rd LD General Meeting
Normandy Park Congregational Church, 19247 First
Avenue S, Normandy Park
Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

Sunday, October 16, 2011, 2-4:00 p.m.
King County Legislative Action Committee (LAC)
Location: TBA

Information: King County Democrats

Sunday, September 18, 2011, 2-4:00 p.m.
King County Legislative Action Committee (LAC)
Location: TBA

Information: King County Democrats

Monday, October 10, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
33rd LD Executive Board Meeting
Paula Joneli's house, 25034 13th Ave S, Des Moines

Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107

Monday, October 17, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
33rd LD General Meeting
Normandy Park Congregational Church, 19247 First
Avenue S, Normandy Park
Information: Omaha Sternberg, 206-618-5107