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2006 KCDCC HONORS BANQUET

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Friday February 17, 2006 - 7:00 pm



Contact 206.622.1957 or www.kcdems.org
for additional information

Join the LAC Team

KCDCC LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY

Presidents' Day
February 20, 2006
The Capitol in Olympia



Meet on the steps of the capitol at 10:00 am join in the events of the day:

- 10:30 am Watch the House or Senate in Session
- 12:00—1:30 pm LAC Legislator Reception in the Columbia Room of the State Legislator Building (main floor)
- 1:30 pm Attend a hearing
- 2:00—3:00 pm Special LAC tour of the capitol
- 3:00 pm Appointments with LD legislators

DNC CHAIR HOWARD DEAN WILL HEADLINE THE PCO TRAINING AND CRAB FEED IN OLYMPIA ON PRESIDENT'S DAY

SEE ARTICLE ON PAGES 4 and 5.

For additional information, contact your LAC rep or the LAC Chair at tinashamseldin@comcast.net



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King County Democrats Officers Meeting

King County—Legislative District Chairs are invited to join the Officers of the King County Democrats for an extended meeting agenda on:

**Sunday February 26, 2006
7:00 pm
Renton Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett Avenue North
Renton, Washington 98055**

NEXT LAC MEETING

The Legislative Action Committee under the direction of Tina Shamseldin will meet for their next meeting:

No February Meeting

**Sunday March 19, 2006
2:00—4:30 pm
Foster Library
4060 S. 144th, Tukwila
Special Guest: Senator Margarita
Prentice**

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IMPORTANT DATES:

2/17/2006	HONORS BANQUET
2/20/2006	LAC DAY—OLYMPIA
2/20/2006	WSDCC PCO Training and CRAB FEED
3/4/2006	PRECINCT CAUCUSES
4/22/2006	LD CAUCUSES
5/6/2006	KCDCC CONVENTION
6/3/2006	WSDCC CONVENTION

Support your LD, County, and State organizations by joining and participating with your fellow Democrats. See Page 7 for LD Chairs contact information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Senator Patty Murray's 11TH ANNUAL GOLDEN TENNIS SHOE AWARDS LUNCHEON

PLEASE JOIN
U.S. SENATOR PATTY MURRAY
AND SPECIAL GUEST
AL FRANKEN
MONDAY APRIL 20, 2006
The Westin—Seattle

Please note:
The Table Captain and Co-Chair reception will follow the luncheon

Suggested donation:
Co-Chair : \$1000/2 tickets
Gold Table Host : \$1500/\$150 per person
Silver Table Host: \$1000/\$100 per person

For additional information, please contact Amanda Brothers at 206.286.9199 or gtsawards@pattymurray.com

FIGHT MAD COWBOY DISEASE!

This is a poem made up entirely of actual quotations from George W. Bush, arranged for "aesthetic" purposes by Washington Post writer, Richard Thompson.

A wonderful poem like this is too good not to share. A testament to literacy in the age of "Every Child Left Behind!"

MAKE THE PIE HIGHER!

I think we are agree, the past is over.
This is still a dangerous world.
It's a world of madmen and uncertainty
And potential mental losses.

Rarely is the question asked,
Is our children learning?
Will the highways of the Internet
Become more few?

How many hands have I shaken?
They underestimate me.
I am a pitbull on the pantleg of opportunity.

I know that the human being and
The fish can coexist.
Families is where are nation finds hope.
Where our wings take dream.

Put food on your family!
Knock down the toll booth!
Vulcanize society!
Make the pie higher!

Make the pie higher!

Make the pie higher??

—submitted by Sarajane Siegfried, 46th
Legislative District—KCDCC Rep



WAL-MAR SHOULD PAY FAIR SHARE OF HEALTH BENEFIT COSTS—by Mike Murphy

Other Views—The Olympian, 2/3/2006

I was pleased to see The Olympian comment on an important issue before the Legislature — what to do about large employers shifting health care costs to the rest of us. The most obvious example is Wal-Mart, one of our nation's largest and most profitable employers. Wal-Mart is big and wealthy, but it does not provide decent health care benefits for its employees.

Should we be concerned about how Wal-Mart treats its employees? Wal-Mart and its allies say this topic should be no concern to the public or the Legislature. I see it differently.

Wal-Mart follows a business model of providing minimal health care, which it knows will shift costs to taxpayers and other employers. A recent news article said more than 3,100 of Wal-Mart's employees in Washington are on taxpayer-funded health care plans.

This practice by Wal-Mart and some other large employers has a direct impact on the entire state. The cost to taxpayers is estimated at tens of millions of dollars a year.

This is unfair to our state treasury, to communities across Washington, to business and to families. Our Legislature must step in. That's why I decided to support the "Fair Share" bill.

The bill sets a minimum for the state's largest employers and targets the worst corporate abusers. For companies with 5,000 or more employees, the bill requires them to spend at least 9 percent of payroll on health care or pay the difference into the state's health care fund. That's a reasonable minimum. The vast majority of companies that size already meet the standard. The bill is supported by businesses, working families, elected officials, health care professionals, and community and civic leaders. This bill can help address the growing number of uninsured children and adults in Washington, now estimated at more than 600,000 people.

Health care is a national crisis, and we do need comprehensive change. But as we work to bring change nationwide, we can't ignore growing abuses of the present system by Wal-Mart and other large employers. We must stop the "race to the bottom" by unfair employers.

This legislation will have two important benefits. First, employees at Wal-Mart and other companies would get improved health care for themselves and their children. Second, and perhaps more important, taxpayers would no longer provide an unintended subsidy to corporations whose employees are on the taxpayer-funded Washington Basic Health Plan. Wal-Mart and its allies have tried to characterize this bill as anti-business. This is the same argument that failed in Maryland, where similar legislation was passed into law.

Many small and larger businesses support the "Fair Share" bill because it levels the playing field. Fair-minded employers shouldn't be paying higher premiums to offset the irresponsible few. Fair-minded employers should not be penalized for doing the right thing. Wal-Mart has a well-documented history of questionable treatment of its employees. It's time to pass this legislation and help put a stop to abuses of our health care system.

Mike Murphy is treasurer of the state of Washington.

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Precinct Committee Officer Training

By Jim Flynn PCO Maple Glen,

<http://www.seattleoptin.us>

Immediately after the Senate Alito confirmation, someone asked cynically, "Why are you a Democrat?"

I answered with my elevator speech, "*I believe the Democratic Party is working for the improvement of social, cultural and economic lives of Americans. We are reclaiming Democracy by working for a safe, stable and prosperous future for our families and the citizens of King County and America.*"

At the 2005 **Precinct Committee Officer Training** in Lacey, WA, Michele Cotner, PCO and Campaign Consultant, urged us to format a speech that we could deliver in less than one minute. The ideal statement, she taught, contains a clear statement of belief, two prominent core values and four statements that express those values. Assuming you have less than a minute to establish credibility, the short speech is a first step in more effective communication.

We covered a lot of material at the all day seminar. With the 2004 election fresh in our minds, we felt proud of our accomplishments. There was some discouragement because of the National election but we realized change was possible with a lot of hard work and openness to new ideas.

The most significant part of the training was *FRAMING 101* where we learned to use positive value statements in communications with voters in our precincts. The training was based on the book *Don't Think of an Elephant*, by George Lakoff. Everyone came away with a new way of speaking and thinking about political issues. One of the ideas we investigated was how Democrats lost the support of voters in the 2004 National election on issues like *Tax Relief, War on Terror, Gay Marriage, Social Security Crisis...*

We learned that Democrats could have more influence on voters by rephrasing the terms to define our own values. One example, NeoCons used the phrase *TAX RELIEF* to justify the tax cuts to the wealthiest citizens. Thinking about it, who doesn't want RELIEF? The Democratic view is: Big Business has deserted America and is not paying their fair share. Tax money invested wisely has benefited in highways, schools and colleges, military and transportation to name a few. We should have reframed the phrase to *PROTECTING TAX SUPPORTED INFRASTRUCTURE* to gain the support of our constituents.

The most glaring example of our failure to put events in a proper frame concerns the levee failures in New Orleans. In 2001 several agencies including the US Army Corps of Engineers warned the President of an imminent disaster if a simple levee reconstruction project wasn't completed. Typical of Bush mismanagement, the Crawford Village Idiot cut the levee project funding. Proving the axiom *Murphy was an optimist*, the worst natural disaster struck, thousands died, tens of thousands were left homeless and billions in commerce were lost. The sound bite that Democrats allow is, "Who could have foreseen a levee failure?" We never reframed the truth to our values. Instead of saying "...the victims of Katrina," or "...the damage caused by hurricane Katrina," we should use the phrase, "...the victims of the levee failure in New Orleans."

Here is a link to a recommended resource from the PCO training that offers more comprehensive information to the levee failure frame:

FRAMING KATRINA

<http://www.rockridgeinstitute.org/research/lakoff/framingkatrina>

by George Lakoff, John Halpin

Relentless budget cuts and misplaced policy priorities left vital government response capabilities uncoordinated, stripped of critical funding, and in the hands of political novices.

A new dialog needing the reframing of Democratic values concerns the Patriot Act. Read what another suggested resource has to say about it.

Frameshop: In 'Patriot Act' Debate, Dems Should Use Cindy's Playbook

<http://www.frameshopisopen.com/>

by Jeffrey Feldman

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PCO Training (continued)

In the debate to renew the Patriot Act, Democrats are losing because they are not framing the debate on their terms. The current debate is being framed by the President and his allies in Congress. They are winning the debate by talking about a 'wall' that exists between police and the FBI or CIA. This 'wall' is a magic word that is being repeated over and over again, defining a frame that helps the President achieve his agenda on the Patriot Act.

To respond, the Democrats must set their own frame, use their own magic word. But what should that be?

<http://www.frameshopisopen.com/>

We were introduced to several means of conversation to add to our PCO toolbox at last year's session. Democrats are a diverse group with different values and ideals. The Online Voter file at <http://www.wa-democrats.org> provides fantastic information to increase the efficacy of our efforts as PCOs by addressing the diversity.

At this point we need to remember that any productive exchange of political ideas is an opportunity to frame our values clearly. By focusing on progressive values, learning how to use resources effectively and learning new techniques at the next PCO Conference in Lacey on February 20, 2006 we will be able to do our part to get our Democratic leadership in a position to work to improve the social cultural and economic conditions of the citizens of King County. I hope to see you there.

Washington State Democrats

Annual Crab Feed and Precinct Committee Officer Training

Presidents' Day—February 20, 2006

St. Martin's College Pavilion

5300 Pacific Avenue SE

Lacey Washington 98503

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

PCO Training

Facilitated by UW Professor David Domke

Suggested donation—\$10/person

5:00 pm

Crab Feed

Special Guests:

DNC CHAIR—GOVERNOR HOWARD DEAN

WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNOR CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Congressman Brian Baird, Congressman Jay Inslee, Congressman Jim McDermott, Congressman Adam Smith,
and many more

Suggested donation—\$40/person

For additional information or to RSVP, please contact Shawna Ousse at 206.583.0664 or shawna@wa-democrats.org

WASHINGTON STATE—DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT CAUCUSES

SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2006—2:00 pm

FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATS:

Don't forget that the precinct caucuses are less than a month away... On **Saturday March 4th, at 2 pm**, you can gather together with Democrats in your neighborhood to discuss the Party platform and do the important work that makes our Party strong. We had record turnout for our precinct caucuses in 2004. Show up this year to help us show how much momentum we are carrying into this year and the years beyond!!

Here are some reasons why you should attend the 2006 precinct caucuses:

- **Become a delegate.** At the caucuses, you will select delegates to the county convention and legislative district caucuses. Delegates from the legislative district caucuses then may become delegates to the State Convention.
- **Make your voice heard.** You will discuss issues and positions with your neighbors. Based on those discussions, your precinct will pass resolutions, which may eventually become party of the Party platform.
- **Meet other Democrats.** Is that quiet guy who lives down the street also a passionate supporter of Democratic values? Is your political soul mate just a block away? Come to the caucuses and find out!

To learn more about the caucuses or to find out which precinct you live in, go to <http://www.wa-democrats.org/caucus/>. The location for each precinct caucus will be posted soon. You will be able to enter the number of your precinct and find out where your precinct is meeting.

Your county and legislative district organizations are organizing the caucuses in your area, so don't forget to contact them to hear more about specific plans. To find the contact information for your local Party, go to <http://www.wa-democrats.org> and click **Contact your County party** or **Contact your District party**.

The caucuses are a true grassroots experience. We hope that you can come, and we thank you for all your support!!

*King County
Democratic Central Committee*



Yes, I want to make a difference!

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Thank you!

ATTEND YOUR DISTRICT MEETINGS!

If you have not attended a District meeting this year, review the list, find your District and join the many active Democrats participating across the County.

1st LD

Chair: Jeff Wiley, 425.778.4808
Meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm
Northshore School Admin
18335 Bothell Way NE, Bothell

5th LD

Chair: Kayne McGladrey, 425.894.5298
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
King County Library Admin
960 Newport Way NW, Issaquah

11th LD

Chair: Edward Prince, 206.246.8747
Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Carpenters Hall
231 Burnett North, Renton

30th LD

Chair: Larry Jackson, 253.661.2287
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Federal Way Senior Center
4016 South 352nd St, Federal Way

31st LD

Chair: Tim Pearson, 253.863.4543
Meets 4th Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Sumner Library
1116 Fryer Avenue, Sumner

32nd LD

Chair: Lila Smith, 206.818.1195
Meets: 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
American Legion Hall
14521 17th Ave NE, Shoreline

33rd LD

Chair: Tara Jo Heinecke, 206.870.8819
Meets 3rd Monday, 7:00 pm
Normandy Park Congregational Church
19247 1st Ave S, Normandy Park

34th LD

Chair: Ivan Weiss, 206.463.4647
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 pm
The Hall at Fauntleroy
9131 California Ave SW, Seattle

36th LD

Chair: Peter House, 206.784.7665
Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm
See website for locations

37th LD

Chair: Gwen Rench, 206.324.2786
Meets: 2nd Monday, 7:30 pm
Central Area Senior Center
500 30th Ave S., Seattle

41st LD

Chair: Barbara Geller, 206.232.4970
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 pm
UFCW Hall
12838 SE 40th, Factoria

43rd LD

Chair: Richard Kelley, 206.949.7717
Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm
University Baptist Church
NE 47th and 12th Ave NE, Seattle

45th LD

Chair: Ralph Gorin, 425.556.5789
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
United Methodist Church
16540 NE 80th St, Redmond

46th LD

Chair: Scott White, 206.363.9522
Meets 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm
Olympic View Elementary School
425 N 95th St, Seattle

47th LD

Chair: Bryan Kesterson, 253.639.3515
Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Machinists' Hall
A St SW at 2nd St SW, Auburn

48th LD

Chair: Ben Von Ullrich, 206.979.9073
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 pm
Stevenson Elementary School Library
14220 NE 8th, Bellevue

*Congratulations
and
Good Luck
to our new State Chair
Dwight Pelz*

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TAYLOR BRANCH

Tuesday February 21, 2006—7:30 pm
Town Hall, Seattle

<http://www.foolproof.org> for additional details and online reservations.

*In loving memory of
Coretta Scott King
1927 - 2006*

"Coretta Scott King's face remained a study in serenity," said poet Maya Angelou, who was King's close friend. "Her passion was never spent in public display. ... She believed religiously in non-violent protest. She believed it could heal a nation mired in a history of slavery and all its excesses."
2/7/2006

Official Call

King County Democratic Central Committee
Monthly Meeting Notice

Tuesday February 28, 2006—7:00 pm
Renton Carpenters Hall—231 Burnett Avenue North

7:00 pm	Call to Order Flag Salute Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes Acceptance of Agenda
7:05 pm	Announcements
7:10 pm	Officer and Committee Reports
7:30 pm	Legislative District Chairs' Reports
7:50 pm	Break
8:00 pm	Program: Legislative Action Committee Forum
8:20 pm	New Business
8:30 pm	Old Business
8:50 pm	Door Prizes
8:55 pm	Good of the Order
9:00 pm	Adjourn

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