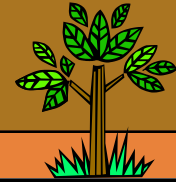


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## Meeting Notice-NOTE DATE CHANGE

The 31<sup>st</sup> L.D. Democrats will meet on  
Thursday:

May 22, 2008

At

Marion Grange

27725 Buckley-Summer Hwy E  
Buckley

Coffee Hour 6PM

Meeting 7PM

## Program for May

- Sharon Mast (Democratic National Committee women) will explain the National Convention.
- Peter Goldmark is running for Lands Commissioner, He will be here seeking our endorsement
- PCOs will vote to nominate Chris Hurst and Ron Weigelt for State House.
- Rebecca Graham and Judge Marianne Spearman are running for King County Superior Court.

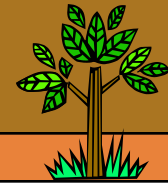
## Endorsement of Candidates

Since we have a large number of new people attending our monthly meetings and this being a busy election year, the 31<sup>st</sup> Democrats want to try to explain the endorsement process for the candidates that come through this year, though the process can be complicated. This year because of the large number endorsements that need to be done before June, we are doing early endorsements for incumbents or sole Democratic candidates to help move candidates through the process. When a majority of paid District members vote to “sole” endorse a candidate the only way to consider endorsing another candidate for the same position is to rescind the earlier action. This can become rather complicated and could require either a majority rule or 2/3 majority of paid members depending on the exact process.

The following is a very simplified version of the process:

1. The candidate fills out the 31<sup>st</sup> Democrats questionnaire form and submits it to the Executive board (E-Board).
2. The E-Board makes a recommendation to endorse the candidate (if it is an early endorsement).
3. The candidate should come to a 31<sup>st</sup> Democratic monthly meeting and take questions from the attending group. It is at this point in time that you can ask them whatever questions you may have.
4. On that day or at another monthly meeting the attendees that are paid 31<sup>st</sup> District Democrats vote to endorse the candidate. The candidate cannot be present when the attending group votes. Someone in the room “moves” to endorse. The Chair then opens the floor to debate. At this point paid members can make a comment for or against the candidate. When the debate is done (or if there is none), the chair asks for “yea” and then “nay” votes. If more yea’s, the candidate is then endorsed.

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## **Things Happening Around Our Area:**

- 1) **May 17: All PCO's in the 8th and 9th CD should attend the CD meeting to approve nomination of candidates.**
- 2) **May 19 (6:30pm-8:30pm): Town Hall Meeting on Public Campaign Financing to be held at the Shoreline Conference Center, Shoreline Room, 18560 1st Ave Northwest, Shoreline.**
- 3) **May 28 (7-8:30pm): Town Hall with Congressman Adam Smith.** Federal Way Community Center, 876 South 333rd St, Federal Way. Please RSVP to (253)896-3775 or (888)SMITH09
- 4) **June 12 (7:30pm). David Sirota**, author of "Hostile Takeover", will be at Elliott Bay Book (101 S Main St, Seattle 206-624-6600) to promote his new book "The Uprising".
- 5) **June 28. Buckley Log Show.** The 31st district Democrats will have a booth.
- 6) **July 4. Auburn 4th of July Festival.** The 31st district Democrats will have a booth.
- 7) **July 21. 31st District Democrats will have a "Take Back Our Country" dinner featuring Govenor Gregoire.**
- 8) **Every Sunday (12:00 - 1:00 PM)** citizens gather at the corner of Pacific Hwy and 320th in **Federal Way** to protest the war(occupation) in Iraq.

(If you want something posted- please [email szot.patricia@gmail.com](mailto:szot.patricia@gmail.com) with the information)

## **Help Needed:**

Summer is rapidly approaching and as usual the 31st Democrats have a presence. Volunteers are needed to sit in the booth and hand out material on candidates, issues or to sell buttons. It's a lot of fun to meet other people in our area that share our values. Volunteers typically stay for 1-2 hours (more volunteers-less time). The first summer fair is the Buckley Log Show (June 28). Please email me at [szot.patricia@gmail.com](mailto:szot.patricia@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer. I will also be taking volunteers names at our monthly meetings.

## **ONGOING FOOD DRIVE**

**Please bring any food item for our ongoing food drive to help those less fortunate than ourselves.**

War Statistics (<http://www.antiwar.com>)  
4077 US Military Deaths (Iraq)  
29628 US Military Wounded (Iraq)  
151,000-1,206950 Iraq Civilian Deaths