

# 31<sup>st</sup> District Democrat's Newsletter



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## MEETING NOTICE

Please note date change

**The 31<sup>st</sup> L.D. Democrats will meet**

**Wednesday, April 18th**

**7 TO 9 PM**

SUMNER PUBLIC LIBRARY

1116 Fryer Ave.

Sumner, WA

Coffee hour 6-7 PM

<http://31stDistrictDemocrats.org>

Featured Speaker

**John Ladenburg, Pierce  
County Executive**

He will address Growth,  
Transportation, and Pierce County:  
The Past and Future.

Mr. Ladenburg is the former  
Pierce County Prosecutor and is  
being recruited to run as the  
Democratic contender for Attorney

General in 2008. *(by Yvonne Ward Programs  
Chair)*

## SPRING MEETINGS

### LOCATION CHANGES

Due to renovations at the  
Sumner Library the 31<sup>st</sup>  
District Democrats will be  
meeting in May and June in  
different locations:

May meeting-

Wednesday, May 16th

Buckley Library

123 So. River Ave, Buckley

June meeting

Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

Neuwaukum Home Grange

(Outside Enumclaw,

directions to be published.)

## Summer Events Schedule

The 31<sup>st</sup> will be out at events  
again this summer. This is what  
Patti Szot, Outreach Chair has  
booked so far. Please, pick an  
event to volunteer at and put it on  
your calendar.

6/3- Buckley Log Show

7/4- Auburn 4<sup>th</sup> of July

8/4- Edgewood Picnic

8/7- 31<sup>st</sup> Dems 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Taking Our Country Back  
Celebration

8/10-11-12- Auburn Good  
Ol' Days

8/18-19- Bonney Lake  
Days

Please, contact Patti Szot to  
volunteer.

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## MAY MEETING PROGRAM

(By Yvonne Ward Programs Chair)

Tired of having Enron, Haliburton, Big Oil, and Drug Companies run our government? Come and hear *Washington Public Campaigns*, which organizes and supports clean elections by eliminating corporate control over politicians through election finance reform.

<http://washclean.org>

## ELECTION RESULTS

The campaigns are starting earlier and earlier, and the 31<sup>st</sup> Dems are starting their elections early, too.

Through two interesting experiments started by Karen Willard, 31<sup>st</sup> Secretary, we are raising money for the campaign fund and learning about instant run-off voting.

At recent meetings members have the opportunity to 'vote' for their favorite presidential candidate by dropping a dollar in the jar with the candidates' name on it. So far, John Edwards has the lead.

Instant run-off voting, in the presidential campaign has a different result.... See the website for more surprising information at the 31<sup>st</sup> L.D. Democrats' website

<http://31stDistrictDemocrats.org>

## FUND RAISING

(By MJ McGalliard, Newsletter Chair)

The 31<sup>st</sup> District Democrats need to raise money on a continuing basis. I personally believe the best way to do this is to combine small innovative fund raising projects with the more traditional.

An example of a small innovative fundraiser is Karen Willard's on-going presidential voting project. Some districts are raising money by selling donated items on Ebay.

On the more traditional side the 31<sup>st</sup> will be holding our Buckley dinner again this year.

Any and all ideas are welcome, but please remember they all depend on volunteers. What can you think of to raise money and how much time can you give? A little time now could make a big difference in 2008.