

31st District Democrat's Newsletter

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MEETING NOTICE

31ST DISTRICT

DEMOCRATS

WILL MEET from 7-9PM

Monday March 21st *

SUMNER PUBLIC LIBRARY

1116 Fryar Ave.

Sumner, WA

*Please note, this meeting is on Monday not Wednesday. After the 21st we will return to our regular Wednesday meetings.

New 'Social Hour'

Starting at 6 PM on March 21st come out to meet and greet each other over coffee and snacks. Get to know your fellow 31st LD Democrats. Look over our table of alternative news sources, jam on ideas for out-reach, fund raising and committee work. This is a great opportunity to talk up your issues outside the formal meeting and really get to know each other. Please, be there.

ACTIVISIM ISSUE

"No government ought to be without censors; and where the press is free no one ever will." Thomas Jefferson.

To be active one must have information.

There has been a lot of talk in recent times about the press and the quality of the information we get from it. Liberals ask daily why some stories are dropped or aren't covered at all. I don't think any reasoning person could deny the pressures brought to bear by the corporations that own the major media outlets have grossly effected the content of what we see on the nightly news.

The blatantly right-wing outlets, such as Fox News, hammer away 24/7 to promote the Republican agenda and discredit any opposition to it. The shrieking voices of the neo-cons make it seem that all Americans agree with them. We know better, but it can be difficult to find information to refute them.

The first part of this newsletter will consist of a list of sources, some on line, some in print, some electronic media that will serve to inform us in this ongoing struggle against those who would lead us with lies. This is a partial list and I will include in future newsletters resources the membership sends to me.

The second part of the newsletter will contain information regarding contacting our elected

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officials.

Our organization is moving forward and constantly growing stronger. We can and will roll up our sleeves, limber up our brains and take back the 31st !

Please, keep in mind this is only a partial list of resources. If I missed your favorites please, let me know at mjlaffs@netscape.com (MJ McGalliard, editor).

PUBLICATIONS-

THE HIGHTOWER LOWDOWN

P.O. Box 20596

New York, NY 10011

www.hightowerlowdown.org

One of the last progressive Texans, Jim Hightower brings news on lots of economic and social justice issues. They are currently running a series "The Buying of the Government: Brand Names Behind Bush". 12 issues \$15, \$12 Seniors and Students.

The Progressive

409 E. Main Street

Madison, WI 53703

www.progressive.org

Broad, issue based progressive magazine, includes interviews, book reviews and regular columns by Molly Ivins another progressive Texan. The March issue offers a new subscription deal of \$24 for 24 issues or \$19.97 for 12. Looks like two years is the better deal. Toll free 1-800-827-0555 mention promotion code-

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WEBSITES

A few examples, this list could go on forever.

www.freepress.net

News from Washington (the other one), grassroots, sign up for action alerts, much more.

SOCIAL SECURITY ACTION SITES-

<http://www.unionvoice.org/campaign/ProtectSocialSecurity>

<http://www.aarp.org/socialsecurity>

<http://www.ourfuture.org>

Commentary - Arianna Huffington used to be rightwing until she saw the light-

www.ariannaonline.com

Non-partisan government watch-

www.americanprogress.org

And, if you're not yet scared of the neo-con evangelicals, try this one-

www.theocracywatch.org

Talk Radio-

Air America Seattle- 1090 AM KPTK

Progressive talk, Al Franken, and much more.

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Next month county representatives!

LEADERSHIP PROFILE

31st Democrat's Secretary

Karen Willard

Our district organization is growing and getting better all the time. The people who have been elected to leadership are a prime example of this progress. Thanks to Karen our meetings are fully noted in detailed minutes and she's taken on the tough job of organizing our new web site. The 31st L.D. Democrats want to recognize and thank Karen for her hard work.



My husband (Ken Hallock) and I have two sons, one living in Walla Walla and one at GRCC, soon to be a Cougar. I've always been Progressive politically, and only recently active.

Karen Willard