

31st District Democrat's Newsletter

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MEETING NOTICE
31ST DISTRICT
DEMOCRATS
WILL MEET from 7-9PM
Wednesday May 25th, 2005
SUMNER PUBLIC LIBRARY
1116 Fryar Ave.
Sumner, WA
'COFFE HOUR'
6 to 7 PM

Candidates Seeking Endorsement

Two candidates for Port Commissioner will be asking for the endorsement of the 31st membership. Peter Coates coates0174@aol.com and Lloyd Hara citizensforhara@comcast.net

This month's featured website- The Huffington Post. This site features news links you won't find elsewhere as well as blogs from Harry Shearer and others.

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/?tr=y&aid=872749>

Q: What's the difference between Iraq and Viet Nam?

A: Bush had a plan for getting out of Viet Nam.

May Agenda- Strategy Groups

The 31st District Democrats are well ahead of years past in terms of organization, candidates and membership. We are going to be ready for 2006. After the work of our reorganization, rewriting the bylaws and electing new officers, it is time to roll up our sleeves and take back the 31st for the Democrats. We will use part of our regular meeting to break out into groups in order to organize our work in the following areas-

Ways and Means- In order to fund our activities we need to make some money outside of donations and membership dues. Let's get creative.

PCO Recruitment- Sharon Hodgins has been carrying this one all by herself, its time to give her a hand.

Election Strategy- We need people to look at candidates and find ways to support them.

8th Congressional Strategy Group- We need to run the 'sheriff' out of town. We deserve someone to represent us, not a toady to Texas special interest money.

Strategy Groups con 'd.

Voter Registration- It all comes down to the number of votes. That seems simple and it is, we have to make sure every person in the 31st with Democratic values is registered to vote. If we do- We'll win.

Electronic Information- This strategy group will become more and more important as people wake up to the political realities of our times and want to join us to take back our state and our country.

Membership- We've grown and that's good, but we need more people in our organization. In this case bigger really is better, we can always use more hands.

Outreach- When people in Eastern Pierce and King Counties see a strong Democratic presence they are more likely to get out and vote. The GOP has overwhelmed us in the past, making it seem like there are no Dems out here and their candidates are a done deal. It is perception, not reality. Let's set that straight once and for all.

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31st Democrats Go 'On The Road'

The 31st District Democrats will be seen and heard this summer at a series of events. Thanks to all of you who volunteered we have enough commitment to get booths at Auburn Good Ol' Days, Buckley Log Show, Orting's Festival in the Park and The Edgewood Picnic. We'll also have volunteers at the King County Democrats' booth at the King County Fair. We will be educating people on issues important and relevant to the 31st District, signing up new members, taking donations and giving folks a chance to meet our candidates.

(Condensed from Maria Cantwell's Maria's Monday Memo. May 16, 2005)

American Energy Plan for 21st Century Needs Home-Grown Ingredient

Biofuels are a cleaner alternative to foreign fossil fuels, and they can soon be a cheaper alternative. Unlike with fossil fuels, we aren't going to run short on rapeseed (canola) and wheat straw, both of which are grown here in Washington state. I plan to offer an amendment in the Senate Energy Committee this week that will provide incentives to build better infrastructure closer to home, so we can use agricultural products from Washington state to produce biofuels and provide a new revenue stream for Washington state farmers. I will use my seat on the Energy Committee to make sure biofuels – and incentives making them more affordable in Washington state – are central to a new 21st Century national energy plan.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

"Paint the Town Blue" Seattle

Governor Howard Dean New Chairman of the Democratic National Committee

Sunday, June 5, 2005

7:00 - 9:00 pm Premier Club

1700 1st Avenue, South

Seattle, WA

For more information, or to join the host committee, please contact Seth Rosenbloom at 202-488-5019 or rosenblooms@dnc.org.

May 22nd, 4-6 PM (A Sunday). This kickoff is to introduce you to Mr. Randy Gordon from Bellevue who is running for Congress for the 8th Congressional District. Randy is coming to our area to meet active Democrats because he knows he cannot win the race without a strong voice in Pierce County -- especially in the 2nd, 31st and some precincts of the 25th. Ram Restaurant, across from the South Hill Mall, on Meridian Avenue. Only \$5.00 a person.

June 22nd: An event with Governor Christine Gregoire!

Cost: \$10.00 pre-registration, \$15.00 at door.

Cougar Mountain Junior High, 5201 260th St. E; (Just off Mtn. Hwy (S7R) and 260th St.);

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Agenda: 4-6 PM (Registration, Reception, Silent Auction)

5pm: Recognition Ceremony led by State Senator Rasmussen.

6:00 PM: Workshops on several exciting issues with very interesting speakers

7:00 PM Governor Gregoire, Keynote speaker.

8:30 PM Final Guest Speaker (to be announced)

Please consider donating Auction Items!

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