



### Meeting Agenda

June 20, 2006  
7:30 pm—9:15 pm  
University Baptist Church  
NE 47th and 12th NE

6:00—7:30 Social Hour

- If you are a candidate or elected official and wish to address the audience, please identify yourself to the Chair during social hour.
- Endorsements are coming up. If you are not sure if your dues are current, ask the Board Member at the sign-in table. There will be a list there.
- Buy Raffle Tickets! Prizes

7:30 Call to order —  
Welcome,  
Lisa Stuebing, Chair  
PCO Business, Derek  
Stanford, 1st Vice  
Chair for Membership  
Treasurer's Report,  
Tara Gallagher

7:45 Candidates and  
Elected Officials

8:15 Principal Joe Drake,  
John Marshall High  
School, Seattle Public  
Schools

8:45 Old Business,  
Resolution No I-933

8:55 New Business and  
Good of the Order

9:15 Raffle Drawing and  
Adjourn

## CONFESSIONS OF AN ECONOMIC HIT MAN?

"*Confessions of an Economic Hit Man?*" by John Perkins (2004) is \$25 hardcover. Seattle Public Library has 38 copies.

It is published by Berrett-Koehler in San Francisco. Six other of their titles advertised in the back of the book are all on the anti-corporation theme.

The 250-page text is indexed and well documented. It is well organized. The prose, often in the first person, is exceedingly smoothly written. Much of it is about Perkins himself: his own activities, his thoughts about US imperialism, and several women in his life. It is a page turner.

Perkins, born 1945, was engaged as an economic hit man (EHM) for twenty years, in Ecuador, Indonesia, Iran, Panama, Saudi Arabia. The method of exploiting less developed countries for labor or especially natural resources comes in three stages.

FIRST, rulers are enticed by the EHM's with offers of loans to finance development -- of roads, dams, electrical generation systems, etc. -- in such a way that they or their families and supporters become enriched. Contracts must be let to US corporations (Bechtel, Halliburton, Stone & Webster) so the loans cycle right back to the US and, in part, to campaign contributions. The goal is that when the enormous loans cannot be repaid normally, the country has to sell off natural resources at bargain prices.

SECOND, if the loan scheme doesn't work satisfactorily, unrest is subsidized to overthrow the rulers or, in some cases, the "jackals" (assassins) go in.

In Ecuador, Jaime Roldos was a populist, nationalist president who demanded a better deal from Texaco. He died in a fiery helicopter crash 24 May 1981.

In Panama, Omar Torrijos, who signed the Canal Treaty with Carter, resisted Reagan administration demands to renegotiate it and he was receptive to the Japanese plan to replace the existing canal with a more efficient one. He also insisted that the School of the Americas leave Panama. He died in a plane crash 31 July 1981.

THIRD, if removal of the ruler fails, the military invades. In the case of Iraq, Perkins says, "The EHM's had failed. The jackals had failed. So young men and women were sent to kill and die among the desert sands."

The book is both an often-detailed account of these methods and also a biography of Perkins that is uncomfortably self-promotional.

There is a two-page resume, a four-page Personal History, and a three-page About The Author, as well as two photos, in this short book.

It is a page turner.

-- Review by Al Rasmussen

EDITOR'S NOTE: Al Rasmussen is donating a copy of this book for our raffle on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Regular Membership Meeting.

## A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

BY LISA STUEBING

Friends --

At a recent committee meeting our Treasurer, Tara Gallagher, noted that it would be optimal if we could recruit 200 new dues paying members. Does that number give you pause? Consider this, our membership list is down by 1000 families since I started maintaining the list in the Fall of 2004.

Where did everybody go? I think that people's energies have been purposely diverted. We are a people that believe strongly in standing up for our issues. We go the distance. Since George W. Bush has been our President, everything has been on the line. Everything we have devoted ourselves to – met about, written about, telephoned about, debated about, marched about – everything has been on the line. Many have become compelled to do the work that we cannot accomplish as a party. They are still Democrats. They have been distracted by worthy work.

We have an opportunity. June 18<sup>th</sup>, we have rented Town Hall. Our six-way race for the House is the most interesting race in the State. All of the candidates have agreed to appear. Heidi Wills will moderate. Frank Chopp and Ed Murray will both give introductory addresses. This will be an event! It will be made better by inviting old friends join us. It provides an opportunity to forge new relationships.

Will you commit to inviting your friends and neighbors to join us at Town Hall on Tuesday, July 18th? Are you a dual member of another organization? Will you serve as an ambassador? Will you help us connect? There are email lists, websites and mailing lists to share. And, of course, nothing tops a personal invitation. Will you bring 3 new people? Together, we will become a stronger, tougher and savvier party.

Dan Wilson said it best when he said, "You can play a tough game with grace." Let's build this party stronger. We are the majority.

-- Lisa Stuebing

### AUCTION UPDATE!

Thank you to all! We made almost \$4000 on our auction after expenses!

And WOW! We really appreciate Senator Russ Feingold, Senator Maria Cantwell and Representative Jim McDermott joining us!

Thank You to this year's supporters of our Spring 2006 Fundraiser.....

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Pat & Richie Sterne

## ELECTION TIME FOR PCOs

Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) are elected for two year terms, and those terms expire at the end of this year. We will be electing new PCOs in the primary election on September 19. Each precinct can elect one Democratic PCO.

If you are currently an elected or appointed PCO, then you need to file for reelection. If you are an Acting PCO and you would like to run for PCO in your home precinct, this is the time to do it. If you are not a PCO and you would like to get involved, this is the time to sign up and get your name on the ballot.

To be elected as the PCO for your precinct, you must file as a PCO candidate. This is done by filling out a PCO candidate form and submitting it to King County Elections along with the filing fee of one dollar. This can be done in person during the week of 7/24 to 7/28, or by mail starting on 7/10 (important: forms mailed earlier will not be valid).

At the next 43rd District meeting on June 20, we will have PCO filing forms available. We will collect completed forms at the meeting and deliver them to King County Elections for you. If you would like us to mail or email a candidate form to you, please contact Derek Stanford (206-524-1737 or derekstanford@comcast.net).

If you are an Acting PCO and you would like to continue in that role, you do not need to file. Acting PCOs will be appointed (or reappointed) after the 43rd District reorganization meeting in January 2007.

More information is available at the King County Elections website:

[www.metrokc.gov/elections/candidate/](http://www.metrokc.gov/elections/candidate/)

*By Derek Stanford*

## Don't miss these documentaries....

### An Inconvenient Truth

"With wit, smarts, and hope, An Inconvenient Truth ultimately brings home Gore's persuasive argument that we can no longer afford to view global warming as a political issue - rather, it is the biggest moral challenges facing our global civilization."

Pacific Place and Guild 45

Coming soon...

**Al Franken: God Spoke:** From the makers of The War Room. A documentary shot over the course of two years, the film follows Al Franken as he battles Bill O'Reilly and tireless campaigns against George Bush in the 2004 Presidential Election.

**Wrestling with Angels:** A documentary on the personal and political life of Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, Tony Kushner.

**Wordplay:** Crossword puzzles and the people who love them are the central subjects in this exciting documentary.

Catch more documentaries at SIFF ([www.seattlefilm.com](http://www.seattlefilm.com)) which runs thru June 18th.

By Elva Gonzalez

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## YOUR ISSUES, YOUR VOICES

### ARBEIT MACHT FREI

by Janice Van Cleve

These words, forged in iron, hover over the front gate of Auschwitz like a cynical sick joke in a bad nightmare. "Work Makes Free" is the literal translation. The message is that prisoners who entered here could find eventual freedom if they worked hard. The freedom they were ultimately given was death after long and cruel imprisonment.

Fast forward to United States Army Regulation 210-35, the "Civilian Inmate Labor Program", issued January 14, 2005. You may find it by googling "Civilian Inmate Labor Program" where it is in PDF format. Here, in 34 pages of amazingly clear text, is the blueprint for America's own Arbeit Macht Frei program. I was first alerted to this program by a very insightful editorial by Dr. Wes Browning in Real Change, May 17, 2006.

Here are some choice quotes:

"This regulation provides Army policy and guidance for establishing civilian inmate labor programs and civilian prison camps on Army installations." -

1-1. Purpose

"Civilian inmate labor programs benefit both the Army and corrections systems by -

(1) Providing a source of labor at no direct labor cost to Army installations to accomplish tasks that would not be possible otherwise due to the manning and funding constraints under which the Army operates.

(2) Providing meaningful work for inmates and, in some cases, additional space to alleviate overcrowding in nearby corrections facilities.

(3) Making cost-effective use of buildings and land not otherwise being used." - 1-5. Civilian inmate labor programs

"Installation commanders will establish areas where inmates are prohibited . . . The intent is to preclude fraternization between inmates and civilians, military personnel and/or, family members. . ." -2-3. Governing provisions

"Media representatives should not be allowed to interview inmates nor take photographs of inmates without the corrections facility's and installation public affairs office specific approval." - 2-3. Governing provisions

"The Army has determined that accepting inmate labor with no associated cost for inmate labor is equivalent to accepting voluntary services from corrections facilities." - 3-2. Negotiating with correctional systems representatives to establish prison camps

". . . a proposal to establish a civilian inmate prison camp . . . must . . . address the following areas: . . . (4) Economic analysis of the cost and/or benefits of establishing a civilian inmate prison camp. . . (7) Local community reaction, including family member reaction to establishing a civilian inmate prison camp on the installation. (8) Summary of the benefits the Army will derive from establishing a civilian inmate prison camp." 3-5. Procedures for establishing a civilian inmate prison camp on Army installations

"Any media coverage involving inmates participating in the Civilian Inmate Labor Program, or involving onpost civilian inmate prison camps, will be reported through command channels to HQ, IMA (SFIMPL), and HQDA." - 4-2 Media coverage

This is not fiction. According to the editorial, KBR, the notorious subsidiary of Halliburton, has been awarded a no bid contract of \$385 million to build a network of these prison camps.

Now tell me again just why the NSA is collecting phone records of all Americans? And just what is the National Guard going to do with all those Mexicans they capture? Are GITMO and the secret CIA prisons in Eastern Europe just a practice run and tell me again why we need military commanders in charge of all US intelligence departments?

*Janice Van Cleve is a writer from Seattle. She has left space on her lower right arm for the tattooed internment number - and don't forget my black triangle (the Nazis used black triangles for lesbians) while you're at it!*

## *CON'T ... YOUR ISSUES, YOUR VOICES*

I think that the only chance the Democrats have of reclaiming influence regarding the governance of this country is similar to the problems that we have in Washington. Bureaucracies are self-serving. No more self-serving than PhRMA, Enron, etc. But those who "serve" the public are, in fact, "employees" of the tax-payers. Currently, these "employees" determine policies, pay schedules, benefits, etc. that are far more generous, often superior to their "employers." And, because this is hypocritical and unjust, the "employers" have moved over to the Republican party. They feel, and I believe justly so, that they are being duped.

Steeped as I am in any number of government "bureaucracies," I see, first hand the shameful "co-dependency" of perpetuating systems that are inefficient, ineffective, and often harmful -- but are zealously pursuing more dollars for more expansion. It is no different than Starbucks or Nordstroms. The major difference? Income assured.

One egregious example. When I first became involved in the mental health system I was on a non-profit board of directors. The net assets of the organization was about \$800,000. Today, about a quarter of a century later it is close to \$3 million. Yet, because we have a "pick and choose" system -- compliant clients are kept forever (good customers), and those who insult, don't show up, tell doctors they are stupid, get "disenrolled." They end up in jail or prison. Historians will say, "For shame America -- the only developed nation in the world that has more severely mentally ill people in jail and prison than in hospitals." Yet, this is "good business." Jails are cheap, hospitals are expensive. It's even worse. These so called "non-profits" have put small, privately owned group homes out of business and they have built huge "mini-institutions" to "house" compliant "customers" forever, assured of the Medicaid match.

The Rs ("Employers aka Tax-payers) are putting a stop to it. Why? Because the Ds don't have the guts to Change.

In the past fifty years I have given generously to Ds. I stopped when the Ds knifed Dean. And I have no intention of contributing another penny until the Ds develop some spine and say something Real and Worthwhile: Like -- Universal Health Care for All. Or, Provide Jobs, not Perpetual Care. Or, Publish Test Scores of Teachers before they get hired. (Some elementary school teachers can't write a grammatically correct paragraph!)

I believe that Ds need to start doing in public what they know in private. Until then, nothing will change.

*By Eleanor Owen, Citizen Activist*

### Buy Raffle Tickets!

- Neil Young's latest CD, "Living with War" donated by Katie Evans
- Book, "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man" written by John Perkins (2004), donated by Al Rasmussen
- Homemade, sun ripened, hand picked, blackberry jam, donated by Sam Fahrer.

#### **Attention Contributors**

We have expanded our newsletter in order to focus on more substantive and topical articles. We urge the contribution of articles from any member on a topic of general interest. Editing will be done because of space and/or page constraints. The editor reserves the right to reject any news item or article.

**Articles:** We welcome articles reporting on events and news. All items should be typed and spell-checked and submitted in an email, in Word or text format.

**Events:** All announcements and/or calendar events should be emailed including available hyperlinks.

**Deadlines:** Last Monday of the month at 9 am to [Chair43rdDems@aol.com](mailto:Chair43rdDems@aol.com)

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**Next Meeting:  
June 20th**

**Principal Joe  
Drake, John  
Marshall High  
School**

## JUNE

- 13 Executive Board Meeting**  
7:00pm  
Montlake Ale House
- 16-18 Camp Wellstone**  
\$35-\$75. Space is limited so please  
visit [www.wellstone.org](http://www.wellstone.org) today!
- 18 KCDCC Officers and Chairs Meeting**  
Renton Carpenters Hall  
231 Burnett Avenue North
- 20 43rd District Meeting**  
7:30 pm—9:00 pm  
University Baptist Church  
NE 47th and 12th NE
- 25 Seattle Pride March / Parade /  
Festival**  
Parade starts 11:00 am in downtown  
Seattle. It will run from Westlake Park  
to Seattle Center.
- 27 KCDCC General Meeting**  
Renton Carpenters Hall  
231 Burnett Avenue North

## JULY

- 9 Hispanic Seafair**  
12:00pm - 9:00pm  
Seattle Center  
[www.hispanicseafair.com](http://www.hispanicseafair.com)
- 16 KCDCC Officers and Chairs Meeting**
- July 18<sup>th</sup> – Our very own 43<sup>rd</sup> District  
Candidates Forum in Town Hall!  
Heidi Wills moderating. Candidate's  
Reception begins at 6 pm. Program  
starts at 7:30. Town Hall is located at  
8<sup>th</sup> and Seneca. It is accessible by  
several Metro routes including: 2, 3,  
4, 10 and 12. Free.**
- 25 KCDCC General Meeting**  
Renton Carpenters Hall  
231 Burnett Avenue North
- 29 KDCC Annual Picnic**  
12:00pm  
Shelter 1  
Lower Woodland Park  
1000 North 50th St.