



### Meeting Agenda

May 16, 2006  
7:30 pm—9:00 pm  
University Baptist Church  
NE 47th and 12th NE

- 6:00—7:00 Fundraising  
Taskforce pre-meeting
- 6:30 Doors open for 43rd  
Social hour -  
Credentialing  
Complete volunteer /  
skills form
- 7:30 Call to order —  
Welcome by Lisa  
Stuebing, Chair
- Minutes
- Finance Report
- Vote on July 18th 43rd  
District Candidates  
Forum
- Election of State  
Committeewoman
- 7:50 Councilmember Rich-  
ard Conlin
- Announcement of  
election results
- 8:05 Councilmember  
Jean Godden
- 8:20 I-933 Nigel Herbig  
Washington Conserva-  
tion Voters
- 8:25 Fair PAC, protecting  
the Supreme Court
- 8:45 Good of the Order  
Come to the Spring  
Party! May 20th  
Volunteers to help  
make New Member  
Packets
- 9:00 Adjourn
- 9:15-10:30 Executive Board  
Meeting

## AUCTION UPDATE!

**Come to the May 20<sup>th</sup> Spring Party for your chance to bid on these:**

- Book autographed and donated by Senator Maria Cantwell
- Brown bag lunch with Congressman Jim McDermott
- Lunch with Speaker of the House Frank Chopp, at a restaurant of your choice
- A pair of mugs emblazoned with the State Seal, from Representative Ed Murray
- A roundtable lunch with Mayor Greg Nickels
- Lunch with Sheriff Sue Rahr
- Lunch with Councilmember Sally J. Clark
- Signed by the author! “Princess Bianca” by Councilmember Nick Licata
- City Hall tour and lunch with Councilmember David Della
- Breakfast with Councilmember Richard Conlin
- Lunch and Scrabble or a tour of City Hall with Councilmember Jean Godden – for two guests.
- A walking tour for 2 people of the historic Alki neighborhood and refreshments at Alki Bakery with Councilmember Tom Rasmussen
- 4 fabulous nights at a privately owned beachfront condo in Neskowin, Oregon.
- 18-hole round of golf at Broadmoor Golf Club with PCO Jean Carlson
- Very hip, queen sized sheet set from SinninLinen
- Once in a lifetime Clinton-Gore 1993 Inaugural Memorabilia Collection
- Passes to the Jet City Improv
- Exquisite earrings made by local artist Tink McCoy
- \$25 Gift Certificate to for the Montlake Ale House, home of “Drinking Liberally”
- A pair of excellent tickets to the Mariners
- One ½ hour voice lesson from esteemed professional Barbara Coffin.

.... and many more items!



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## A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

*SKULLS AND CROSSBONES?*

BY LISA STUEBING

Friends,

Have you noticed lately that many young people today are sporting a skull and crossbones motif? I've seen the symbol on lunchboxes, on sunglasses, blazoned across the back of hoody sweatshirts, and yes, tattooed in various places. Curious, I asked a few people, in the under 20 set, what the symbol meant. I had heard that this was a somewhat more conservative crowd. I was worried the answer would be that they felt like the pirates of the world. That they were entitled to take on anybody and ready to do it at all cost. In short, I was worried the symbol might mean that those about to graduate from high school might have bought the Republican line. Instead, the answer was worse. The skull and crossbones is sort of a universal "Mr. Yuk" symbol. To these bright and rising stars, the world is a bleak place. They believe that there is not much they can do about anything.

Inspiring, is the love these kids have for one another. As I watch them, I see a lot of true camaraderie among peers. This bunch spent a lot of time in large groups growing up. They understand and enjoy team endeavors. If we model success for them then this up and coming generation will likely play a phenomenal role on our societal landscape.

I think, this is what Studs Terkel was observing when he wrote, in the April issue of the education journal known as the Kappan. The short article is titled "A Small Space of Sanity". He begins:

*"Schoolchildren should learn all they can about the people who stood up for humanity against the war-makers and the powerful. I'm talking about the abolitionists and the suffragettes, the Wobblies and labor organizers, the freedom riders and civil rights marchers, and the antiwar activists."*

He is right. We have a lot to pass on to this genera-

tion and they are ready to receive it. We must work to be heard above the din of the corporate media by being present and active in our communities. We need to be even more obvious than we have been. Finally, we need to strengthen the ties between the Democrats and every liberal organization that we also belong to. This will increase our visibility and our credibility in the community.

We have the experience and the heart to take back our Country. All of our lives, we have been dedicated to making the world a better place for the next generation. Here they are on the brink of adulthood. It is time to be the change agents that we have always wanted to be. Success will come as we rededicate ourselves to our vision and include all of those working for the same future.

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**New Business**

The Board has approved holding our July 18th Regular Membership Meeting at the Town Hall. The reason we would move it is to hold a candidates event that can be attended by the public and the media. The base expense of the event can be covered by new and unexpected revenues and some cost savings that have already been made. We have the money in hand.

We need your help on two counts: 1) We would like your approval to move this important event out of our basement and into Town Hall. 2) We would like your personal commitment to help get the word out to the people living in the 43rd.

**Your Voices, Your Issues**

New in this newsletter are essays written by members of the 43rd District. If your essay did not appear, it is only because we ran out of room. The next deadline is Monday, June 26th at 9 am. Email your essays to Chair43rdDems@aol.com.

## YOUR VOICES, YOUR ISSUES

### Work Democrats – Immigration, an opinion

One could tell the current immigrant story academically, with little emotion. Not me! I see it as a charged issue with many million lives at risk. I believe that it is a Democrat story because one major difference between Democrats and the GOP (Ghastly Old Party) is that Democrat work to improve Society, while the GOP works to create a society that makes their own lives better ..... and better .... and better.

Take Immigration as an example. I believe the GOP is working to use immigration as a wedge issue for the 2006 election in the same manner that they used abortion and gay rights as issues in 2004. A wedge issue works like the Carnival. While the barker draws your eyes to one hand the other hand picks your pocket.

It works the same way in GOP politics. They find issues that are emotionally charged and while the real issues get forgotten. This year the real issues are The WARS, The ECONOMY and the totally INCOMPETENT AND CRIMINAL LEADERSHIP in the other Washington. Sure these issues are mentioned but no where the intensity of the millions of people in the street. Think of the issues – stealing our jobs not talking – breaking up families – Justice – a Nation of Immigrants etc.

How do they do it? First the GOP introduced and passed HR 4437. This is horrid legislation that would make undocumented immigrants felons. Beyond that anyone who helped immigrants would be a felon. This bill put millions of people in the streets demanding comprehensive immigration reform. Republicans were all over the map with immigration ideas, many ideas but no action just keeps the immigration around as a wedge issue.

I will be marching this Monday to support my immigrant sisters and brothers; I will be working for comprehensive immigration the Summer; but, Mr. Rove hear me clear, in November I will voting on the issues that will bring the horrible administration down – Wars, Economy and incompetence.

By Jack Smith

### Universal Health Care for All

Just like Education -- available for everyone, rich, poor, smart, dumb, tall, short, disabled, healthy, employed or unemployed.

ONE ISSUE FOR THE DEMOCRATS. DO THEY HAVE THE COURAGE?

By Eleanor Owen, Citizen Activist

### Fair Trade

We need fair trade. Contrary to what critics say, fair trade is not protectionists, but a way to preserve trade while promoting our quality of life.

When I was young, I remember going to the store shopping for clothes. Every time I would look at a shirt that I liked I looked at the tag and saw the Made in the USA label. I was proud to be an American because I knew I was holding a high quality shirt. But yesterday when I went to Wal-Mart, I could only see made in China shirts. I did not see one Made in the USA label. A recent report shows that workers in China are being exploited. The average worker working in a sewing plant works 16 hours a day and earns only 40 cents for a days work. No wonder why I can't find any made in the USA labels anymore.

Fair trade actually preserves trade. Under free trade, worker's rights, the environment and safety standards are eroded. When this happens, tensions arise between countries and trade wars result.

Thus, Fair Trade is one of my most important issues. Fair trade means that we can pursue worker's rights, environmental protection, and meaningful health care reform. Let's lift up the world and not let our workers have to work 16 hours a day for only 40 cents for a days work.

By Ed Song

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# CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

## HILLARY MADSEN

Dear Democrats,

I am excited to be a candidate for **State Committee Woman** from the 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District. It would be an honor to serve you in this capacity and I sincerely appreciate your support. There are several reasons why I am running, which I would like to share with you.

1. **I am eager to get more involved in the 43<sup>rd</sup>**. I have been active in politics since I was a child (when I was five my dream job was to be our first female president). Most recently I have been engaged in the Young Democrats, in student organizing at the University of Washington and Seattle University School of Law, and in volunteering on local and state-wide elections. I think that serving the 43<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District as the State Committee Woman would be a great opportunity to expand my political involvement with the party and promote our issues.
2. **I have a unique perspective to offer the 43<sup>rd</sup>**. Beyond my experiences in politics, I have been very active in our community through work with homeless youth, refugee and asylum seekers, and survivors of sexual and relationship violence. These activities have developed my sense of justice and inform my political choices. I believe that as an officer on the executive committee and as a representative to the state party, I will be able to bring these experiences forward and offer new insight to internal debates. Furthermore, as a young person I am keenly aware of the sense of apathy and alienation felt by many people of my generation. I can speak to these unique problems and contribute to implementing change within our party.
3. **I am passionate about outreach in the 43<sup>rd</sup>**. One of the most important responsibilities of the Democrat Party is to make democracy accessible to all people. I am very concerned that our party has not done enough to reach new voters and people in disenfranchised communities. If elected, one of my goals will be working with the officers of the 43<sup>rd</sup> as well as the state party to consider ways in which we can deepen and better share our message in our community.

Thank you very much for taking the time to consider my candidacy. I welcome any thoughts or feedback you may have and I look forward to meeting you on May 16<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

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**Help us make our Annual Spring Party a Success!**

**Donating auction items, funds, or time will help ensure that we raise as many funds as possible to benefit our organization.**

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# CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

## KARELINA RESNICK

### **PCO for 1378**

The presidential caucus meetings were so exciting! New to Seattle, I stepped up and volunteered to be an acting, then elected PCO. It's been a rewarding couple of years. With a large majority of Democrats in my precinct, I've been able to organize a large, close-knit, active committee, which meets, talks, and involves an area larger than our precinct in discussions, lectures, and 'meet the candidate' events. Our most successful event involved nine candidates for office who gave their views and answered questions for 75 of our neighbors. I've also been working with Derek Stanford, to share my experiences and grass roots organizing technique with new PCOs.

I have more to give.

### **Who am I?**

Though new to Seattle, I'm not new to politics. A third generation Democrat, I've lived and breathed politics since I was a small child. I've been surrounded by activists: my grandmother was national secretary of the ADA (American Democrats for Action), my father was the independent president of the largest UAW local in the US and embroiled in state, local, and federal politics, and my step son is a full-time labor organizer in Texas. My own political activism began in junior high school fighting for women's rights and has continued through the present day: civil rights worker in Fayette Co., TN, anti-war activist in college, full-time community organizer for anti-war, welfare mothers, ERA, unions, college students, conscientious objectors, in rural counties in NY. In the 3rd largest city in NY, I worked as staff to city council, drafting legislation, including the equal protection for gays and lesbians, coordinating local activities with state and national legislators, and working with citizens to solve problems. I was staff to Midge Costanza, later controversial aide to Jimmy Carter. For 7 years, I worked with the unemployed, developing training programs for discouraged workers, welfare mothers, displaced workers, and retraining for the disadvantaged. I conducted training for the US Department of Labor and lobbied for labor legislation and programs in Washington, DC. For 5 years, I worked for universities and colleges developing bridge programs for disadvantaged youth in Newark, NJ, NYU, and MA. In California, I was a Planned Parenthood PAC captain. Along the way, I've raised a daughter, sung in the Eastman opera, danced in Lincoln Center, and earned degrees in education and a graduate degree in public administration.

Currently, I work at the UW Medical Center developing grants and contracts for medical research. An SEIU 925 political organizing committee activist, I am also a member of the League of Women Voters, Planned Parenthood, Sierra Club, WA Native Plant Society, Amnesty International, ACLU, Early Music Guild, and Issaquah Trails Club, among others. For two years, I have been a PCO in precinct 1378, with the largest and most active committee in the 43rd.

### **Why do I want to be the State Committeewoman?**

I have more to give.

I would bring a strong commitment to equal rights for all people, a personal understanding of the need for universal healthcare, the needs of the poor, ties to the unions, and staunch support of civil rights, including a woman's right to choose, to the position of State Committeewoman.

We need to build bridges, to engage the community. Thousands came out for the caucuses and have disappeared into the woodwork. How can we involve those enthusiastic caucus participants in our party? We need to develop long-term policies to continue to engage and re-engage the membership in the party - look for new methodologies - not the same old ways. We need to make a commitment to grassroots organizing, provide support, establish teams, and activate the district coordinator role, to provide a coordinating, superstructure for PCO activities, so they're not working alone. These are just a few ways we might better reach our constituents.

And, I'm committed to getting that criminal out of the White House!

Sincerely,

Karelina

## MORE... YOUR VOICES, YOUR ISSUES

### **My Most Important Issue: Values Must Complement the Issues**

My friend Fred gets up every day to lobby politicians in Illinois to pass immigration rights legislation. My friend Paula gets up everyday to help raise funds to reduce toxic waste in the Mississippi River. John gets up everyday in Washington, DC to make sure that the Supreme Court recognizes that the Right to Privacy exists in the United States Constitution.

I have many friends working on many different issues. They work for unions and they work for professional organizations. Most of my friends and their organizations support Democratic candidates. Unfortunately, not all do. Once in awhile, a Conservative Republican will be a better environmentalist, more sympathetic to immigration rights or better on civil liberties than their Progressive Democrat opponent. Yet, the Conservatives are always united behind their conservative candidate.

What concerns me most is that the progressives are embroiled in their own special interest issues while conservatives are united because they think about what their principles and values are. We all know what the conservative values are: 1. Strong Defense, 2. Tax Relief, 3. Being Tough on Crime, 4. Small Government, 5. Freedom and Free Markets, and 6. Family Values. Conservatives remain united even when they disagree on specific issues because they share the same principles and values.

In contrast, Democrats talk about what is the most important issue of the day. The candidates take positions that the polls tell them to take. I know because I took political strategy courses with professional Democratic Party Consultants. But the conservative think tanks have long figured out that this strategy is flawed. Because Democrats change their positions with changes in popular opinion, they sound inconsistent and without principles. Professors in Public Policy label the Democratic strategy as "Time Inconsistent." Thus, the American people still wait to hear what the Democrats stand for.

So what concerns me most is that Democrats talk about the issues without communicating the principles and values that they hold most dear. If they did, I'm sure they would remain united even when they disagreed on specific issues. If they did, I believe that the 40 year conservative trend in this country would end. So I ask the Democrats, please articulate to Fred, Paula, John and my other friends what your principles and values are.

*By Ed Song*

### **Class Warfare**

We are a country of the middleclass -- this has always been our strength and the bedrock of our future. The confidence in ourselves has come from knowing that this great middleclass was open to all comers, with an assurance that if you worked hard and were honest you and/or your children would prosper. If some got wealthy because of the opportunities afforded them, fine, but it was only fair that they contribute back to society. If some were poor and were unable to raise themselves a helping hand was a contribution not just to them but also to the greater society. Thus we became a powerful democratic country built around the initiative of capitalism, but capitalism tempered by a pragmatic and considerate understanding of community.

Now something is happening to us that I never would have imagined possible in this country that has been seen by many as "the hope of the world." This granite foundation of the middleclass is being shattered and eroded, pounded by a would-be permanent aristocracy at the top and washed away by a growing tide of desperate and impoverished labor at the bottom. We are becoming a country of the rich and the poor. The quality of life is not discussed by politicians and "class" is a dirty word, especially for those who consider themselves as "upper-class."

We Democrats are in great danger of being "classed" into irrelevance -- oh yes, we in this country are in the midst of class warfare, a take no prisoners kind of war where the "haves" and "have mores" want it all for themselves, their children, grandchildren, and on and on. Europe initiated inheritance tax to breakup their aristocracy's ownership of everything, we are doing away with inheritance tax (death tax as it is called by Republicans). The trend is clear, let the workers pay for public services, health care, retirement, social security, gasoline, government, the military, all of the quality of life issues out of frozen paychecks while ever more breaks are given to the wealthy and powerful. Politicians and government functionaries have the best health and retirement benefits of anyone, and these are guaranteed. CEOs get ridiculously rich, even bad ones, and tout their success by how many workers they have fired or out-sourced. You can be sure that those vast lands we own in common as Americans will be sold to billionaires and corporations when and if we are not looking.

So, to me, the bottom line starts with quality of life, for those of us now alive and for future Americans. The Republicans have laid bare their voracious appetite. In their arrogance they are no longer making any attempt to hide it. I wish this was politics as usual, but the sad reality is we have only ourselves, Democrats, to change the catastrophic direction the country is headed. We must be the party of the middleclass, the bedrock party with an open door to the aspirations of the struggling, but also for those at the high end who recognize that ultimately unchecked greed brings disaster.

*By Nicholas Corff*

## MAY

- Daily**  
**Progressive Talk Radio AM 1090**  
**Tuesdays—Drinking Liberally**  
 8:00pm  
 Montlake Ale House  
 2307 24th Avenue E.  
[www.drinkingliberally.org](http://www.drinkingliberally.org)
- 9 **City Club presents:**  
**Madeleine Albright**  
 7:30pm  
 6:45 reception with Secretary Albright, a copy of her new book and preferred seating.  
 Tickets \$10/\$50  
[www.seattlecityclub.org](http://www.seattlecityclub.org)
- 11 **The Motherhood Manifesto**  
 Joan Blades (co-founder of MoveOn.org) and Kristen Rowe-Finkbeiner  
 7:30 pm, \$5  
 Town Hall
- 16 **43rd District Meeting**  
 7:30 pm—9:00 pm  
 University Baptist Church  
 NE 47th and 12th NE  
 9:15-10:30 pm  
 Executive Board Meeting
- 20 **Annual Spring Party**  
 Food, Beverages, Silent and Live Auctions: political memorabilia, Mariner tickets, autographed books, gift certificates....  
 If you would like to contribute with an item, please contact Julian Wheeler, [julianfwheeler@aol.com](mailto:julianfwheeler@aol.com)  
 It is going to be a fun night and we hope you will join us!  
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
 1642 43rd Avenue East  
 Madison Park, Seattle
- 23 **What Women Really Want**  
 Celinda Lake, a leading political strategist for the Democratic Party and Kellyanne Conway, a market research expert and leading conservative pollster.  
 7:30pm  
 Town Hall
- 25 - June 18th  
**Seattle International Film Festival**  
 The 31st Annual Seattle Film Festival promises to be an exciting event! Experience 25 days of intense film viewing. Prices vary.  
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- 2-3 **State Party Convention, Yakima**
- 8 **Greg Palast**  
 Armed Madhouse  
 8:00pm  
 Town Hall  
 TBA, please visit  
[www.elliottbaybook.com](http://www.elliottbaybook.com)
- 10 **AM1090: Changing the Media, Changing America**  
 7:30 pm  
 Interactive forum featuring AM1090 hosts Stephanie Miller, Thom Hartmann, Mike Malloy, Laura Flanders, and moderator Rachel Maddow.  
 \$27.50  
 Town Hall  
[www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)
- 13 **Sam Seder and Stephen Sherrill**  
 The creators of Air America's Majority Report will discuss their new book, *F.U.B.A.R*  
 7:30, \$5  
 Town Hall
- 16-18 **Camp Wellstone**  
 \$35-\$75. Space is limited so please visit [www.wellstone.org](http://www.wellstone.org) today!
- 17 **What is a Progressive, Anyway?**  
 With Randi Rhodes, Ron Reagan, Dan Savage, and Angie Coiro  
 8:00pm  
 Town Hall
- 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.

### 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:** The deadline for submissions is the 1st of the month.

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**Next Meeting:**

**May 16**

**Program:  
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**43rd District Democrats Annual Spring Party**

Saturday, May 20, 2006

7:00 pm

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Madison Park in Seattle

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