

# The King County Democrat



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## Let's Caucus!



2008 Washington State  
Democratic Precinct Caucuses

**Saturday—February 9, 2008, 1:00 pm**

Vote for your favorite Democratic Presidential Candidate

Check out the Caucus Lookup Facility at the WSDCC website  
For a neighborhood location near you!

### King County Council Member Julia Patterson Unanimously Elected 2008 Council Chair!

Congratulations to King County Council—District 5 Representative, Julia Patterson on her December 17th election as Council Chair. Council Member Dow Constantine will serve as Vice Chair for Policy and Chair of the Committee of the Whole.



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### Vote By Mail May Be Delayed Until 2009

Due to schedule slides in certifying new counting equipment, King County Executive Ron Sims has asked for consideration of delay until 2009 for the switch to "Vote By Mail." The U.S. Election Assistance Commission has to certify the upgrades by February 1, 2009 and their internal and independent testing is running behind schedule. The Executive said he was not ready to give up on all mail balloting in 2008 as long as there is a possibility that testing may be completed.

### Online Voter Registration Available At the Secretary of State Website

Monday January 7th, the Washington State—Secretary of State introduced the online voter registration capability. Registration is available at,

<http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/>

One must provide: First and Last Names, Date of Birth, Address, and Driver's License or State Id Number. The new feature should augment our efforts in support of the State Party Challenge.

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### January is Membership Month at KCDCC

The annual Call for Membership is begin mailed this week, and emails were sent to the Legislative District Chairs for District support as well.

Please consider becoming a member of the King County Democrats today by using the new donation form on page 2 of this publication.

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Did you know...

The word Caucus is derived from a Native American phrase meaning, a gathering of tribal chiefs...

The King County Democrat is published a minimum of 10 days before a general membership meeting pursuant to KCDCC By-laws. Copy is published in-house on a monthly basis, posted at website, [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org), and sent via bulk-mail to the membership list.

**KCDCC**

**Officers and LD Chairs Meeting**

Sunday January 20, 2008—7:00 pm  
Renton Carpenters Hall  
231 Burnett Avenue North

**KCDCC — LAC Meeting**

Sunday January 20, 2008—2:00 pm  
Rainier Beach Public Library  
9125 Rainier Ave S, Seattle  
Featuring 45th LD Representative  
Larry Springer

**The Evergreen Democratic Club**

meets the second Tuesday  
of each month at 11:30 am  
Angelo's of Burien  
601 SW 153rd Street  
Contact Stephen Lamphear  
206.439.7362

**The West Seattle Democratic Women**

meet the fourth Thursday  
of each month at 11:30 am  
The Daystar Retirement Village  
2615 SW Barton Street—Seattle  
Contact Beth Grieser  
206.938.5706

**May Arkwright Hutton Chapter**

Democratic Women's Federation  
Contact Elaine Phelps, President  
206.546.5495  
efphelps@earthlink.net

**Metropolitan Democrats Club  
(MDC)**

The MDC meets in Seattle at the Plaza  
Building—600 Stewart Street, Suite 203  
They meet on the second and fourth  
Wednesday of each month at noon.  
Contact Membership VP  
Justin Simmons at 206.736.9882

**Vashon/Maury Island  
Democratic Club**

Meets the third Saturday of each month,  
potluck- 6:00 pm, call to order- 7:00 pm  
Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust Bldg  
10014 Bank Road SW,  
Vashon 98070

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*King County  
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*Thank You!*

P.O. Box 58337, Renton, Washington 98058  
Susan C. Sheary, Chair

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## KCDCC VICE CHAIR OF FINANCE POSITION OPEN

Wendy A. Morgan resigned as Vice Chair of Finance last week and nominations and election of a new vice chair will be considered at the January 22nd meeting.

Thank you to Wendy for her many contributions to the KCDCC.

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## SEATTLE BULK MAIL FACILITY MOVING IN FEBRUARY

The Seattle Business Mail Entry Unit (aka, Bulk Mail Facility) on Occidental Avenue South will be moved to the Seattle Processing and Distribution Center located at 10700 27th Avenue South, Seattle 98168. The move is scheduled for February 2008. Additional information will be provided as construction nears completion.

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## 2008 CHALLENGES

The year 2008 presents many opportunities for the Democratic Party in King County.

We start out with preparation for the caucus/convention cycle. The first step is scheduled for Saturday February 9th—1:00 . The KCDCC technology team has been working in concert with Rick DeWitt of Snohomish County and the WSDCC to provide an online caucus facility that will offer caucus site lookup, maps, training, and more. The telephone calls inquiring about the precinct caucuses are beginning to take up a goodly portion of the business day, both at KCDCC and the WSDCC.

Legislative District Caucuses will follow on Saturday April 5th—10:00 am. KCDCC will provide insurance coverage for all district caucuses. If Chairs have scheduled locations, please let me know so that "Proof of Insurance" can be provided.

The King County Convention will follow on Saturday April 19th—2:00 pm at the IAM Hall at 9125 15th Place South in South Park. Reservation has been made and preparations have started. Each District Chair will be asked to provide a representative to the Rules, Credentials, and Platform/Resolutions committees.

The next step is the Congressional District Caucuses to be scheduled and conducted by the Congressional District Chairs that were elected in 2007. National Delegates will be elected on Saturday May 17, 2008 at 10:00 am.

The State Convention will be held in Spokane, Saturday June 14, 2008. The following day, At-Large National

## SAVE THE DATE

# KCDCC—LAC DAY IN OLYMPIA

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2008

*DETAILS TO FOLLOW*

## SAVE THE DATE

(continued from 2008 Challenges, left column)

Delegates will be selected by the Delegates elected at the Congressional District Caucuses.

August 25-28th, Denver will host the Democratic National Convention where our presidential candidate will be elected.

On the local level, we will support and elect Legislative District Representatives and one-half of the State Senators as well as electing all state officials. There are many non-partisan judicial positions that will be considered.

And just to make life interesting, the Republicans are intent on an initiative that will make King County Offices non-partisan. The King County Charter Commission will have their updated charter on the ballot—it contains the elected auditor initiative that passed in November 2007.

It appears that all mail balloting may be delayed until 2009, so we will have to provide all of the polling location inspectors and one-half of the judges again. There will be training at King County Elections as well as training for the district poll worker coordinators by KCDCC.

With online voter registration, we should be able to increase the number of voters in King County and we need to work on augmenting our PCO numbers—PCO Application Form and Training available at [www.kcdems.org](http://www.kcdems.org). We need more volunteers and members to support the candidate and issue campaigns.

The LAC will have another great agenda for all of us to support as well, especially Public Financing of Campaigns.

Let us commit to work together, support the State Party Challenge, the Coordinated Campaign efforts, and local races to elect Democrats to all levels of government.

LET'S GO DEMOCRATS,  
Susan Sheary, KCDCC Chair

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for their kind and generous gifts**



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34th LD Democrats—36th Democrats—41st LD Democrats—45th LD Democrats—  
46th LD Democrats—47th LD Democrats  
The Evergreen Democrats—IBEW Local 77—IAM Local 751**

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In memory of  
Former King County Chair Karen Marchioro**  
Mayor Ava Frisinger of Issaquah—46th LD Officer Betty Means  
48th LD Membership  
**Thank You!**

**Join in by Attending Your Local Legislative District Meeting!**

If you have not attended a District meeting this year, review the list, find your District and join the many active Democrats participating across the County.

**1<sup>st</sup> LD**

Chair: Cheryl DeGolier, 425.481.6231  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm  
Northshore School Admin Center  
3330 Monte Villa Parkway, Bothell

**5<sup>th</sup> LD**

Chair: Hank Thomas, 425.392.2272  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
King County Library Admin  
960 Newport Way NW, Issaquah

**11<sup>th</sup> LD**

Chair: Susan Kruller, 206.853.9330  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm  
Carpenters Hall  
231 Burnett Avenue North, Renton

**30<sup>th</sup> LD**

Chair: Larry Jackson, 253.661.2287  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Federal Way Senior Center  
4016 South 352<sup>nd</sup> St, Federal Way

**31<sup>st</sup> LD**

Chair: Tim Pearson, 253.863.4543  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Marion Grange Hall  
27725 Buckley-Sumner Highway East

**32<sup>nd</sup> LD**

Chair: Lila Smith, 206.818.1195  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
American Legion Hall  
14521 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Shoreline

**33<sup>rd</sup> LD**

Chair: Tina Orwall Shamseldin,  
206.409.3038  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm  
Normandy Park Congregational Church  
19247 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S, Normandy Park

**34<sup>th</sup> LD**

Chair: Ivan Weiss, 206.463.4647  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
The Hall at Fauntleroy  
9131 California Ave SW, Seattle

**36<sup>th</sup> LD**

Chair: Peter House, 206.784.7665  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
7002 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW, Ballard

**37<sup>th</sup> LD**

Chair: Rob Holland, 206.353.6354  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30 pm  
Central Area Senior Center  
500 30<sup>th</sup> Ave S., Seattle

**41<sup>st</sup> LD**

Chair: Barbara Geller, 206.232.4970  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 pm  
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church  
4228 Factoria Blvd SE, Bellevue 98006

**43<sup>rd</sup> LD**

Chair: Hillary Madsen, 253.227.8311  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:30 pm  
University Heights Community Center  
5031 University Way NE, Seattle 98105

**45<sup>th</sup> LD**

Chair: Martin Chaney, 425.880.4220  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Old Redmond School House Community Ctr  
16600 NE 80<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond

**46<sup>th</sup> LD**

Chair: Javier Valdez, 206.548.9510  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:30 pm  
Olympic View Elementary School  
504 NE 95<sup>th</sup> St., Seattle

**47<sup>th</sup> LD**

Chair: Bryan Kesterson, 253.639.3515  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Machinists' Hall  
A St SW at 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW, Auburn

**48<sup>th</sup> LD**

Chair: Doug Hightower, 206.954.0715  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Stevenson Elementary School Library  
14220 NE 8<sup>th</sup>, Bellevue



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**Washington State Democrats**

**Winter Meeting in Vancouver**

**January 25—26, 2008**

**Host Hotel—Red Lion Hotel**

**Vancouver at the Quay**

**100 Columbia Street**

**Vancouver, Washington 98660**

**Friday January 25th offers additional training on Votebuilder, caucuses, and more**

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## Official Call

King County Democratic Central Committee  
Meeting  
Tuesday January 22, 2008 — 7:00 pm  
Renton Carpenters Hall—231 Burnett Avenue North

### Proposed Agenda

Nomination and Election of New Third Vice Chair of Finance  
will be considered

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|---------|---|
| 7:00 pm | Call to Order<br>Flag Salute<br>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and<br>Proposed Agenda |
| 7:05 pm | Announcements and Introductions   |
| 7:20 pm | KCDCC Strategic Plan, Budget, and Calendar Proposal   |
| 7:40 pm | Break   |
| 7:50 pm | Officer and Committee Reports<br>LD Chair Reports   |
| 8:15 pm | Old Business  |
| 8:35 pm | New Business  |
| 8:50 pm | Door Prizes   |
| 9:00 pm | Adjourn   |