

45<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats  
Regular Meeting  
June 7, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM and commenced with Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Guest speakers**

**Larry Springer** updated us on his campaign activities. There are 2 announced contenders. Gary Stute, a Libertarian from Woodinville and Tim Lee, an independently wealthy Republican. Mr. Lee contributed a great deal of money to the Swift Boat Veteran's for Truth. He is 25 years old. Larry's campaign needs to raise cash to run against this guy. Bob Horn asked what one spends in funds in a race like this. Larry responded that costs are largely printing, mailing. Additionally there is a campaign manager's salary. Bill seemed to think Mr. Lee is tightly bound to evangelic community and wondered about his company. Larry does not know of any tie to evangelicals. He stated as an incumbent he will have more endorsers, including some moderate Republicans.

**Roger Goodman** announced that he will be running for the other Washington State Representative seat. We have a district that is more and more Democratic, and his opponent, Jeffrey Possinger, is right wing. The fund raising base is pretty broad. All elements seem to be in favor of our winning this seat. Roger is running on what the people are telling him. Health Care is important. Traffic doesn't seem to bother the voters. Education is important to the voters. His program is going to come from the mouths of the voters. He wants to be responsive to the voters. He believes constituent service matters, and that's what he will do. He sees public service as a calling. Roger was born in RI and grew up in the context of common sense, tolerance, acceptance. His father was a Political Science professor. He went to a private Quaker school where he learned the value of non-violence. He has lived abroad. In Law school he studied environmental law taught by EPA officials. He worked on the Mike Dukakis, Mondale, Gary Hart campaigns. He was legislative director to Rep. Bob Wise who represented high sulphur coal, and learned to balance the needs of people and industry. He is a Kennedy School of Government grad, presently working on drug laws and changes toward more humane

treatment. Kick off party, June 22, 5:30 \_to 8:00 pm

**Hong Tran**, candidate for US Senate.

Ms. Tran's personal history is that of a Viet Nam refugee. She left Saigon on the day of Viet Cong bombing by boat and was at sea several days with her family. They were rescued by us naval ship. So, she feels she owes her life to US military. She states, "having directly experienced war, I oppose war because this is a senseless war." She wishes to raise a voice for the innocent victims of war. She feels no one seems to speak out for the innocent victims. Tran says the human and economic costs of this war are enormous. Her career has been in low economic law. Programs have lost funding due to economic toll of war and tax cuts. The cost has already been 300 billion and is rising. She feels we need to transform our trade policies. Free trade is destroying the world economy and immigration policies have increased the poverty results of Nafta and Cafta. She is for fair trade, and against free trade. Increasingly the poor not covered by health care. Corporations are not being responsible. Walmart type corporations prevent union organization and impoverish local communities. She supports Single Payer Health Care. Her website is: [www.Hongtran.com](http://www.Hongtran.com), where she has posted her positions on issues.

**Eric Oemig**, running for Washington State Senate. Bill Finkbeiner has dropped out of the race. Toby Nixon is now running against him. Eric's phone is ringing off the hook. Many lobbyists are calling. He has knocked on over 4000 doors and uses a bicycle. He is about to pedal through his first set of tires. This could be the most expensive campaign in Washington state history. Toby self funded his last race. Eric needs funds to counteract. His campaign office is in his home. He will hold an open house next month. A co-ordinated campaign staff member is working in this office.

RALPH ASKED THAT ALL OF US HELP WITH THESE CAMPAIGNS.

**Emily Walters**, speaking for **Darcy Burner**, called attention to an article in Time magazine that mentions Darcy's campaign. Emily will send a link to Ralph. President Bush is coming out to raise money for Reichert. The campaign has knocked on 4000 doors only 40000 to go. They have out raised funds by 3 to 1 against Reichert. They will try to be in the summer parades. Emily can be reached at [emily@darcyburner.com](mailto:emily@darcyburner.com) or 425 454 0402 campaign headquarters. We need to help boost her war chest. The more helpful way is to talk to your friends.

## **Agenda adopted.**

**Minutes of previous meeting adopted.** Technical edits received from Chair.

## **Short Topics**

Martin spoke about the post cards we heard about at the previous meeting. He passed samples around and is hoping for donations for ordering more.

Bill Roman has heard Darcy speak about a dozen times. He believes Darcy is not running against Reichert but is going toe to toe with GW

Wayne Ferrer spoke to we planning a big party on thanksgiving ...the retirement party for GW

Todd Boyle stated this is his first visit to a meeting. He is concerned about the war. The war started in both parties. He is a peace activist. Senator Cantwell is still supporting the war. What are your values? Lay aside your fears. Vote your values.

Paul Yarborough spoke to John Kerry's bill SR 36. He has called to ask both senators to support this bill and urges us to do the same as he has done, call.

Judith Shattuck spoke to what Cantwell actually says about this year being a year for transition.

Terry Thorsos asked that we please support local candidates. Please find PCOs where they are missing. Changing the leadership in Washington means changing committee control.

Diane Slota asks that we sign I-937

Ellen Hanley stated the governor has said she would come out and make a statement to the pharmacy board regarding birth control. Please send a message to the governor urging her to make this statement.

Ralph read a letter from the Governor to the Pharmacy Board criticizing their proposed rules that would let an individual pharmacist

decline to fill a prescription as a matter of conscience. **(ask for the letter.)**

Judith made a motion, which was seconded, asking Ralph to write a letter to the pharmacy board as well. This passed unanimously.

### **PCO appointments**

Bill Roman will take a neighboring precinct, Bacchus, in addition to his own. Todd Boyle became PCO, will act in a neighboring precinct. Inge Theisen acting PCO for neighboring precinct.

### **Chair's Report**

Ralph has forms for PCO registration, but cautions, do not file before July 10th. Forms must be at the KC elections office by July 28. He will hand the forms out tonight. If you fill out the form and hand it back tonight, he will pay the \$1.00 filing fee and will also do so at next meeting and will undertake getting the forms to the correct office on time.

Any parade volunteers? A sign up sheet was sent around the room.

Emily Ross is replacing Kirk Shirley at the coordinated campaign office. (Kirk is working for Jim McDermott's re-election campaign.) Please read the calendar. Remember the Redmond Derby days Parade on July 8 and Carnation and Kirkland parades for the 4th of July.

### **King County Democrat Convention (chair's report continues)**

At the King County Convention we heard from far too many speakers, though the actual process for dealing with platform was orderly. Joel Ware kept things on track. The day was complete a little after 7 PM. King Co has a great platform.

### **State Convention**

Ralph opined: the convention was not well run. There was an attempt to amend the state party charter because the state Central Committee is like a legislative body and thinks up things for us (chairs) to do and then tells us what to go and do. The charter amendment (which was defeated) would have given the chairs the right to vote on the Central

Committee.

Ralph spoke to the convention problems at some length. Judith spoke to platform flaws. Others spoke to the issues of the convention saying they felt the business of the convention needs focus more on the platform and less on a procession of candidates.

Ralph announced he will not seek re-election to the Chair's position at the reorganization meeting in December. He reminded people that the electors at that meeting will be the PCOs elected in the September primary election.

### **Treasurer's report**

\$ 1604. is presently in our account.

### **King County Democrats Central Committee meeting**

Martin reported the KCDCC has decided to hire a professional fund raiser.

A motion to endorse Senator Cantwell failed at the May meeting. Darcy Burner was endorsed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Washington Conservation Voters gave a report on property issues.

Motion to consider endorsing "No" on I-933 was tabled.

### **Good of the Order**

Bob asked for everyone to sign in.

Martin spoke to our district needing to have an orderly process for endorsement. Anyone interested in serving to bring a good process to life make sure Ralph gets your name.

Terry asked for feedback on LD caucus.

Duane has new voter registration forms and these will be available at Derby days.

**Meeting adjourned** 9:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judith Shattuck, secretary