

45th District Democrats

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Important dates:

5/29/04 Congressional District Caucuses: Delegates elected to the National Convention

6/5/04 State Party Convention, Tacoma

9/14/04 Primary Elections

11/02/04 General Election Bush sent back to Crawford

By Terry Thorsos

APPLE PIE AWARD

ROBERT C. OSROWSKE
Won the 2nd Apple Pie Drawing.

He was an alternate for the LD caucus May 1st. He attended his first 45th District meeting May 7th. We hope he'll continue to help the Democratic Party take back the White House!

An apple pie will be offered in a drawing at each regular 45th District Democrats meeting (1st Wednesdays) until the November election. It is a hearty "Thank you," to those doing the unglamorous, every day work toward winning in November. Get out & doorbell, update the voter file, register Democratic voters, stuff envelopes, staff phone banks and enter your name in the drawing.

Other prizes will be received gratefully, but don't let it detract from doing the real work

VICTORY IN NOVEMBER WILL BE OUR BEST REWARD!

Voter Registration at Duvall Daze

HOLD THESE DATES!

By Julie Revell Benjamin

Here's a few voting registration events to put on your calendars. The family can come along and enjoy the celebration while you register voters. Wow, a family outing! Remember, the more people that volunteer, the shorter each shift.

Duvall Daze will be held **June 4-5** in McCormick Park, which is just off Main Street in Duvall. One of the members of our committee, Bill Roman, has arranged for a voting registration booth at the festival, and he needs everyone's help.

If you could let me know (julieinduvall@yahoo.com), at your earliest convenience of your availability on June 4th and 5th, I'll forward your contact information to Bill, and we can put together a schedule.

If you have any questions, I'm at the above e-mail, or call me at 425/844-2590. Also, thanks to Bill for arranging this.

We'll also be registering voters in Carnation and Kirkland on **July 4th!** If you'd like to volunteer to run a booth that day, or have some free time and would like to sign a few people up, please e-mail me at julieinduvall@yahoo.com and (again,) we'll draw up a schedule.

Thank you, 45th District Democrats (and Kerry supporters!) for helping us send Bush back to Crawford on November 2nd!

By

Thanks to ALL!

Arlene Ritzhaupt

The 45th Legislative District Democrats' caucus on May 1 was packed by 750 delegates and alternates in attendance. The 45th did an outstanding job!

This is the first time many had witnessed such a huge turnout of people wanting to take part in an LD caucus. The sheer numbers of participants made the delegate counting more daunting than anticipated.

Everyone on the LD caucus committee worked hard to make sure the business of the day was accomplished. Chair Shawn McGuire along with his committee did an outstanding job for rookies.

Believe it or not all of the workers were **VOLUNTEERS!** There was no script to follow. No easy do's and don'ts for a successful caucus. No class in how to hold a successful caucus.

Some felt overwhelmed by the time commitment alone. A caucus has nothing to do with dashing in to vote. It's all about electing delegates to continue on to the Congressional Caucus and State Convention. Political speeches of those campaigning for elected office are heard while waiting for the delegate count. What better way to use the time than hear from the candidates up for election.

45th LD Democrats meetings: 1st Wednesday of each month.

Doors open 6:45pm meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

The Redmond United Methodist Church; 16540 NE 80th St, corner of 166th Av NE, Redmond

Annual membership is \$25, seniors/students/limited income \$10. Checks payable to 45th District Democrats and mail to: Dave South, 18320 NE 70th St, Redmond, WA 98052 or bring to the meeting.

How you can help the Democrats WIN around the COUNTRY

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PCO Map Help

Have you signed up to be your Precinct Committee Officer for the Democratic Party?

You say you don't have enough time that you are already busy enough in the day-to-day struggle for survival. I'm sorry, but I didn't hear the Republican party say they were taking time off from persuading your neighbors to vote Republican come this fall. And fall we shall, if there is not a regime change and very soon!

Printing Precinct Maps

At the King County Records and Elections Website
(Requires: Either of Adobe Reader 6.0 or Adobe Acrobat 6.0 software) Mac users may have problems. Contact me and I'll send you your copy. ar45dem@ritzzythings.com

1. Access the King County Records and Elections site at, <http://www.metrokc.gov/elections/>
 2. Select on GIS / MAPS
 3. Select on Legislative Maps
 4. Select Legislative District
 5. Increase size to 100% or more
 6. Click on SnapShot Tool (camera icon on tool bar of adobe software screen)
 7. You will now have a crosshairs-type cursor; use it to highlight precinct of choice and press enter
 8. A pop-up panel will tell you that your highlighted area is now on clipboard; click OK to clipboard copying. Open MS WORD or processor of choice and paste the image into a document – you may expand or decrease the image, annotate, save and/or print.
- Or try either of the below links:
<http://www.kcdems.org/Precincts%20and%20PCOs/Precinct%20Maps.htm>
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IN MY HUMBLE OPINION

by Arlene Ritzhaupt

I don't mean to complain but

When I drove up to the pump, I did all the right things. Yes, I checked myself carefully and I've been a good citizen driving safely, caring for myself and mine, not being a burden on society. But lord help me, I can not understand why it should take \$47.75 to fill my Chevy Venture van's gas tank.

While breathing the gas fumes, I start thinking..... Last week in LA truck drivers struck against high gas prices and blocked sections of the freeway making it totally impassable during rush hour.

Does this mean that if gas stays this high, the country won't get any goods shipped? Might that mean no toilet paper? Oh my, oh goodness, oh my!

Each day the price of gas is different at each individual station.

Gee, I thought they filled their large storage tanks and sold off that for at least a week or so, didn't you? I mean, doesn't the price stay the same until the tank is refilled? Gosh, who's cheating?

Today was "stick it to them day". No one should purchase gas. In theory, the gas companies will lose millions in lost revenue. Is this the proverbial "closing the barn door after the horse took off"? This steed is running hard and may not stop for a long time.

This administration has allowed many gas and oil company mergers, thus creating a loss of competition. We now have a big bully (the all powerful oil companies) that can make all sorts of demands, until the economy is in total shambles.

Did you know there no longer are enough refineries in this country to produce enough fuel to meet our hungry thirst for eastern oil? Of course, one answer would be to open long-closed Federal Lands for the drilling of *liquid gold*.

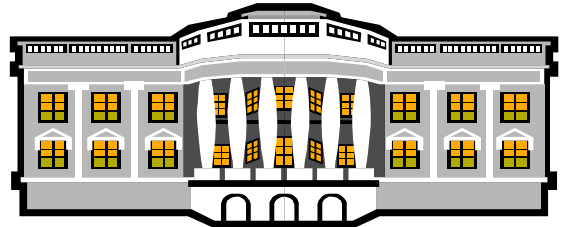
Do I really think this administration will go so far to release public lands from the protection of this country's laws, by producing a fake need for gasoline? Would the present administration think of releasing these protected lands to the slaughter of greedy oil corporations?

The lack of refineries creates a bottleneck. Drilling for more oil won't expand the supply of refined product one twit. Is this a rich get richer story, with a by the way, lets stick it to the average citizen theme?

The obscene gas hogs need to go, that is true. Some people were coaxed to buy large vehicles they are now stuck using because of the slow economy. There are more ways the country can become less obligated to eastern oil than by starting wars on foreign lands or by opening our public lands to being destroyed.

Contribute to the cause for a NEW LEADER with your time and volunteer or donate until it hurts. The support of all Democrats is needed to bring Kerry into office and send Bush back to Texas!

It's time to take back our White House!



On the web—Check these sites out— They offer lots of information

<http://www.45thdemocrats.org> - 45th Legislative District & more

<http://www.kcdems.org> - King County Democrats

<http://www.wa-democrats.org> - Washington State Democrats

**BUSH IS A WEAPON
OF MASS DECEPTION!**

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New Meeting TIME 7:00 PM June 2nd, 2004



First Class

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45TH LD DEMOCRATS MEETING JUNE 2ND @ 7:00 PM

45th Legislative District Democrats

WE are trying a new meeting place!

The Redmond United Methodist Church;
16540 NE 80th St, corner of 166th Av NE,
enter parking from 80th St. or park on the street.

Church is marked with an X on the map.

Try to come a few minutes early to find your way.
Sign up for a committee, all are explained inside.

**The 45th District is looking for more Democrats
to assist in Sending Bush back to Texas!**

9/14/04 Primary Elections

11/02/04 General Election

Endorsements will be made in
August at a Special Meeting.



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