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THE CAMPAIGN IS IN FULL SWING – & WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A WINNING YEAR FOR DEMOCRATS!

Here's your first step: subscribe to the Whatcom Democrats "announcement" email list.
http://www.whatcomdemocrats.com/email_announce.php

We'll send you a weekly message of volunteer opportunities & campaign events for all the campaigns in Whatcom County. If you don't have email, you can call the Campaign office at 734-1739, stop by 1220 Bay St, Bellingham on a regular basis, or check our website at whatcomdemocrats.com.

For specific information about volunteering, contact the Campaign Volunteer Coordinator, Bridgette Graham, graham.bridgette@gmail.com, or call 734-1739.

What are we trying to do?

The obvious thing to do in a political campaign is to get voters to vote for your candidate. But in Washington State, since we don't declare a party preference when we register to vote, we first need to know which voters are likely Democratic voters. This "voter ID" step includes finding out which voter's are on the fence. Here is no gain in trying to convert the diehard Republicans—we want to find the swing or independent voters out there. But first things first. Here's a progression of the work to do & who's in charge

Phone number look-up: can't call people until we have their phone numbers. We're doing a quick & easy on-line look-up that can be done at our office or at home. Contact: Ronalee Kincaid at lkıncaid@aol.com or 671-2612.

Voter ID over the phone: contacting voters by phone is obviously more efficient than knocking on doors, so we'll do what we can by phone first. Phoning is scheduled Sun-Thursday, Contact: Bridgette Graham at graham.bridgette@gmail.com, or call 734-1739.

Voter ID & Voter Registration door-to-door: Once we have done what phone calling we can, we'll hit the pavement to contact the rest. We'll work precinct by precinct, so any volunteer who wants to work in their own neighborhood should be able to do so. Contact: Zach Hoffman at 734-1739 or zhoffman781@hotmail.com.

Primary Get-Out-The-Vote phone-calling: Starting in early August, we will be phone-banking non-stop to be sure our Democratic voters mail in their ballots. The new "Top-Two" primary election ballot will pit democratic candidates against republicans, & it's important that our candidates have a good showing to take them into the Fall campaign. Contact: TBA. Call 734-1739 or 647-7661.

Other On-going Efforts

Yard sign placement: The Whatcom Democrats have printed our own supply of Obama yard signs & we want to be sure they get out in visible locations. Gregoire staffer Zach Shelton will coordinate this effort while getting out the Gregoire signs as well. This involves assembling signs, phone calling & driving around & putting up signs. Contact Zach at 676-7316 or zshelton@chrisgregoire.com

Office staffing: Communication & organization are keys to a successful campaign operation, & the office staff keep it all together. Sign up for a regular shift weekdays, evenings, or weekends. Contact: Rebekah Lee at 201-3431 or rebekah@msrebekah.com

Community Outreach: At big events or just anywhere that people gather, we'll be out gathering new voter registrations, selling campaign "stuff" & talking up our candidates. Contact: Bridgette Graham at graham.bridgette@gmail.com, or call 734-1739

"I'm saving gas & staying home this summer" We hear you! Almost half of Whatcom County voters live outside of Bellingham. Most of the work listed above can & must be done out in the small cities & rural precincts as well.

Regional Coordinators are needed to help organize these efforts in Blaine, Lynden, Everson/Nooksack, Deming, Sudden Valley & other locales. Contact Natalie McClendon at vicechair@whatcomdemocrats.com or call 671-6851 to volunteer.

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WELCOME TO OBAMA ORGANIZING FELLOWS!

A basic principle of this campaign is that change comes from the ground up. When individuals commit to taking their future into their hands, they can bring about enormous change. This is what Obama Fellows bring to Whatcom County. Our Organizing Fellows are:

**Brigette Graham
Mike Sullivan**

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Whatcom Democrat's Yard Sale

The Whatcom Democrat's 3rd annual yard sale is September 13th at 9 am! We have plenty of time for local Dems to gather donations & create a big success. This year's sale will again be at Gene & Eleanor Hogan's home on Eldridge Avenue in Bellingham. Our '07 yard sale was a big success because so many of us donated goods & helped work the event.

Our specific yard sale "Needs & Volunteers List" includes

- Several sorters & markers for September 11 & 12
- People with trucks or larger vehicles to take periodic loads to storage, & on September 13 to transport goods to the sale
- Office table transport to the Hogan's September 12 evening.

- Card tables, oblong tables, tarps, & canopies (Deliver & pick up)
- Set up & early event help: 7 a.m., 3-4 people for 2-3 hours
- Yard sales help: 8:45 & 10:45, 3-4 people, for 2-3; tear down: 12:45 for 2-3 hours
- Cashiers (2 people for each for 2 shifts): 8:30-11:30 & 11 to 2:00
- Bakers: What kind of goodies can you make for us to sell?

Please continue dropping donations at the Whatcom Democrat's office on Bay Street, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Or you can call Roni Beall at 756-1405 for things that require immediate storage. Contact Gayland Gump, Volunteer Coordinator at gggump@gmail.com. *No large overstuffed furniture or computer monitors.*

Whatcom Democrats Endorse Candidates For 2008

The Whatcom County Democrats, at their monthly meeting, June 11, endorsed Democratic candidates running for State & Federal offices.

Because of the competitive race among Democrats for the 40th District Senate seat, the Whatcom Democrats did not consider this race. The policy of Whatcom Democrats is not to endorse in a partisan primary. We're having a partisan primary for the Senate in 40th, therefore, we are not endorsing.

Anyone interested in getting involved should contact 647-7661, or stop by the party office at 215 W. Holly St., Suite B-27.

42nd Legislative District

Kelli Linville, (incumbent) State House Position 2

40th Legislative District Update

Following Harriet Spanel's announcement that she will not seek reelection, the 40th LD held forums, a nominating convention, a general membership meeting, a membership drive, & a series of endorsement meetings.

The 40th LD Nominating Convention was May 18 in Anacortes. The rules specified that the nominee would be the first candidate to obtain 50% of the votes plus 1 using weighted ballots based on the Democratic votes cast in the 2004 presidential election. Kevin Ranker of San Juan County, became the party's official nominee on the 1st round of balloting. Thus, further balloting was not necessary.

The 40th LD held endorsement meetings on June 7, 8, 9 & 10. Initially, two candidates were to be endorsed. When it was determined that only one Republican is running & one "Salmon Yoga Party" candidate, the board decided to give all candidates the chance to receive endorsement evaluating that our chances were excellent to get at least one of our candidates to through the top-two primary, & perhaps two.

A combined total of 182 members (about 60%) showed up to vote at the endorsement meetings which were held in each county. Kevin Ranker received well in excess of the required 50% plus 1 vote, & received the endorsement of the 40th Legislative District. None of the other races which affect the 40th LD had the challenge of "too many solid Democratic candidates. Full results of the 40th LD Nomination & Endorsements follow:

Gov. Christine Gregoire – Endorsed
40th Rep. Dave Quall – Nominated & Endorsed
Justice Mary Fairhurst – Endorsed
U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen – Endorsed

40th Rep. Jeff Morris – Nominated & Endorsed
Kevin Ranker, State Senate Candidate – Nominated & Endorsed
Jim McIntyre, State Treasurer Candidate – Endorsed
Peter Goldmark, State Land Commissioner Candidate – Endorsed

For information regarding results or membership, go to <http://www.wa40dems.net/>

Mark Flanders, State House Position 1

40th Legislative District

Jeff Morris, (incumbent) State House Position 1

Dave Quall, (incumbent) State House Position 2

Statewide Candidates

Mike Kreidler, (incumbent) WA Insurance Commissioner

Peter Goldmark, WA Commissioner of Public Lands

Brian Sonntag, (incumbent) WA State Auditor

John Laddenburg, WA State Attorney General

Brad Owen, (incumbent) WA State Lieutenant Governor

Chris Gregoire, (incumbent) WA Governor

Congressional

Rick Larsen, (incumbent) US Representative, 2nd Cong. District

Presidential

Senator Barack Obama, US President

Unity Picnic in Broadway Park

Friday, July 4, 2008, 11:30am-4pm

Potluck will begin at 12:30pm

Celebrate our country's independence & our wonderful new Democratic nominee. We want to especially welcome & embrace Hillary supporters, Independents & friendly Republicans into the fold. After all, we are all united around Obama's fresh, progressive & principled vision for our country. Soak-up the fun, meet great people, & enjoy live music. Bring food, friends & a smile to share & a blanket & or folding chairs for your comfort. This is a family friendly event, please pick-up after your animals. **INFO:** Sue Ellen Lawton, 733.2269, Whatcom for Obama

Whatcom Democrats Executive Board

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42nd Legislative District Representative	Frances Badgett 527-1097
40th Legislative District Representative	Roni Beall 756-1405

Campaigning For Governor Gregoire

Team Gregoire is looking for volunteers for phone banking, door belling, staffing events, office supply donations, & any general office work. We're at 1220 Bay St from 9am to 9pm every weekday, just down the hall from the Whatcom Dems Office & share it with the Coordinated Campaign. We still need some general office supplies like pens, paper, pencils, trash bags, a recycling bin, & most important an answering machine. More importantly we need routine snack contributors for much needed campaign provisions such as: Cookies, brownies, chips, salsa, water, & some fruits.

Contacts: Gregoire Campaign Office in Bellingham, 676-7316
Zachary Shelton, Bellingham Field Organizer 259-0202
email: zshelton@chrisgregoire.com
Adam Day, Bellingham Deputy Field Organizer (206) 914-2170

40th LD Chili Cook-off Tickets Available July 1

The 40th LD is holding its 2nd annual chili cook-off on August 3 at the Pasma Quarter Horse Ranch in Bow, 30 minutes from Bellingham. Tickets are \$10, & this year there is no "tasting fee." Tickets available at brownpapertickets.com July 1 & at the Whatcom Dems Office & they will help you order your tickets. Get address & directions to the Double S Quarter Horse Ranch online when you order your tickets. This is a family-friendly event. Lawn chairs & "deserts to share" are welcome. Set up begins 10:30. Doors open at 11:30. Chili tasting begins at 12 noon. Judging is announced at 2 p.m. The 40th is entertaining chili entries from Democratic State Senate Candidates, 40th LD Whatcom, Skagit & San Juan County contingents; as well as chili entries from the 10th & 42nd Legislative Districts, & individuals.

Linville Campaign Kick-off

Please Join Representative Kelli Linville & celebrate the beginning of an exciting election year. The event will include a seafood buffet, wine, & live music. Whether it's *strong schools, access to affordable health care, living-wage jobs, or performance based budgets*, Kelli has spent fifteen years working for issues that are important to you & she needs your help to get re-elected.

LOCATION: Blue Horse Gallery, 301 W. Holly, Bellingham.
INFO: linvillecampaign@live.com **Date:** July 7, 2008, 5-7 pm

42nd Legislative District

New Vice-chair Needed

42nd LD Democrats Vice-chair Bob Hendricks recently resigned & so we will be electing a new Vice-chair at the July meeting, Saturday, July 12 10 am at the Machinist Hall, 2064 Vista Dr. Ferndale.

Anyone interested in running for Vice-chair is encouraged to attend the July meeting. Richard May & Satpal Sidhu have already voiced an interest in being Vice-chair.

Contact: Frances Badgett, Chair, 527-1097, frances@mac.com, or Steve Lydolph - Secretary, 384-5414, stevl@comcast.net.

Please Join Us for 113th Annual Oldsettlers Picnic & Grand Parade

We need some help in setting up our booth at Oldsettlers on July 24-27, 2008 at Pioneer Park, Ferndale. We'll need help setting up the booth & we'll need volunteers to staff the booth as well.

Contact: Peggy Borgens 384-0861, jpeg47@comcast.net, or Steve Lydolph 384-5414, stevl@comcast.net.

YOU Are Invited! Whatcom Young Democrats

For Democrats between the ages of 16 & 36. Young. Fun. Getting things done.

LOCATION: Rudy's Pizzeria, 1232 N. State, Bellingham

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month **TIME:** 8-10 pm

INFO: whatcomyoungdems.org

Candidate Contact Information

40th Senate :

Hue Beattie, (360) 739-6602, www.huebeattie.com
Ken Henderson, (360) 739-6751, www.kenhendersonforsenate.com
Paul Gonzales, (360) 202-0404, www.electpaulgonzales.com
Kevin Ranker, (360) 472-1850, www.kevinranker.com
40th LD Representatives
Jeff Morris, (206) 428-6075, www.morriscampaign.com

Dave Quall, (360) 299-1301

42nd LD Representative
Kelli Linville, (360)671-2619
Mark Flanders, www.markflanders.us

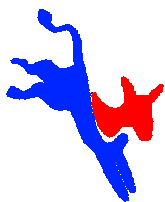
Superior Court Judicial Candidates
Doug Shepherd www.electdougshpherd.com
Judge Chuck Snyder (360)647-1202, www.chucksnyderforjudge.com

Pride Festival Voter Registration & GOTV

Mark your calendar to attend Sunday, 13th of July Noon to 8 pm

The Whatcom Democrats will have a booth & are looking for folks to help staff it for our Get Out The Vote campaign! Come on down, it is a fun event & you can meet some wonderful people too. All Democratic candidates & their campaigns should plan to attend to meet & greet your voters!

Depot Market Square, 1300 Commercial Street, Bellingham
Contact Michele Kämmerer 360.393.2121



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ON 7/8 ELEANOR ROOSEVELT DINNER WRAP UP & PICTURES AT: www.whatcomdemocrats.com

July Membership Meeting

Wednesday, July 9th

Location: Garden Street Family Center, Holly Street First Floor Conference Room, corner of Garden & Holly, Bellingham

7 - 9 PM Membership Meeting (ALL DEMOCRATS WELCOME)

• How Democrats in Congress are Taking On the Energy Issue

Hear representatives of Congressman Rick Larsen discuss current bills & policy initiatives being pursued by Democrats in Washington to assure a sustainable energy future for Americans. This issue takes on even greater meaning as the Presidential campaign sharpens differences between Democrats & Republicans, who continue pushing George Bush's failed agenda.

• Judicial Candidates

Doug Shepherd
 Superior Court Judge Chuck Snyder

Questions? Contact Tim Douglas 676-8530, Issues/Resolutions.

Mark Flanders for the 42nd LD Kickoff

Meet the Democratic Challenger "Common Sense for a New Direction" July 8th, 5:30-7:30pm
Blue Horse Gallery, 301 W. Holly St., Bellingham

Meeting Locations:

- 1 See page 2 & 3**
- 2 See notice above**
- 3 Ferndale Machinists' Hall, 2065 Vista Drive, Ferndale**
- 4 WCD 215 W. Holly St., B'ham**

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		01 8pm Young Democrats Meeting 1	02 5pm 42nd LD Dems E-Board Mtg 3 7pm Meet Doug Shepherd, Judge Candidate, Bloedel Donovan Multi-purpose Room	03	04 11:30am-4pm Unity Picnic in Broadway Park 1	05
06	07 5pm Linville Campaign Kick-off 1	08 5:30pm Flanders for 42nd Kickoff 2	09 7pm Central Committee Meeting 2	10	11	12 10am 42nd LD Dems Membership Meeting 1
13	14 7pm Finance Committee Meeting 4	15 8pm Young Democrats Meeting 1	16	17	18	19
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