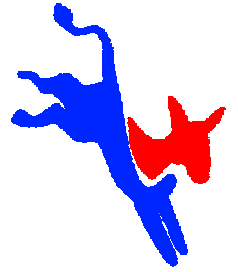


# GrassRoots



## The Fierce Urgency of Now: From White House to State House!

**White House** - Win back the executive branch of our national government. We have wanted this change for years - Let's do it! Elect Barack Obama!

**State House** - Let's keep our great Governor Chris Gregoire!

**Keep Your Eye On the Prize** - First the Washington Primary August 19, then the General Election in November! (See, *endorsements on page 2*)

"The Fierce Urgency of Now" is a phrase that Barack Obama has used in many of his major speeches to signify the importance in the historical timing of this election for our country and the opportunity it presents to embrace real change. Rarely has there been such disillusionment with current leaders as in recent years. People are more motivated to achieve change than in decades as a result. But no matter what the polls say, or how confident we are in Senator Obama, we cannot take for granted the election of our Democratic leaders at all levels of government this time around. It can't even be close; we need a decisive win at all levels of government.

### We Need a Decisive Win

Because this is "Bottom-up" Campaign, we can't do that unless we get really busy **right now**. This is the heart of "The Fierce Urgency of Now" locally! We need your smiling faces right now to secure the elections of Democratic candidates!

**Discover the energizing joy of volunteering!** We need volunteers to reach every voter in our county. Please, make time in your schedule to help us in any way you can, whether it means making phone calls from home or our offices, knocking on doors, data entry, distributing flyers or yard signs or tabling at events. Don't sit back on November 5<sup>th</sup> and wonder if you could have made a difference. Make a difference now! Join the movement and have some fun!

**\$\$\$\$** We need to raise thousands of dollars in the next three months. Mailings, phones, ads, signs, all require money, so please help. Make your donation payable to WCDCC, write "Victory 08" in the memo box and mail to P. O. Box 3095, Bellingham, WA 98227; **Online:** go to [www.whatcomdemocrats.com](http://www.whatcomdemocrats.com) and click on the "Donate" button; **By Phone:** just call 734-1739 and we'll take your credit card donation over the phone.

**Here's what else you can do:** Call 360-201-5816 or email Campaign Volunteer Coordinator, Corinne Gimbel-Levine, [gimbelarnp@gmail.com](mailto:gimbelarnp@gmail.com), or just stop by at 1220 Bay St, Bellingham, or visit [www.whatcomdemocrats.com](http://www.whatcomdemocrats.com).

### On-going Efforts

**Yard sign placement:** Pave the way to the Lynden Fair with Democratic yard signs! Let us not be shamed by the hordes of Republican signs! Post Obama, Gregoire, Flanders and Linville signs on major arterials throughout the county. Contact Zach Shelton at 676-7316 or [zshelton@chrisingregoire.com](mailto:zshelton@chrisingregoire.com)

**Office staffing:** Sign up for a regular shift on weekdays, evenings, or weekends. *Contact:* Rebekah Lee at 671-6851 or [rebekah@msrebekah.com](mailto:rebekah@msrebekah.com)

**Community Outreach:** At Festivals, Parades, Picnics or just anywhere that people gather, we'll be out talking up our candidates. Call 734-1739

**Regional Coordinators:** Much of the work listed above can & must be done out in the small cities & rural precincts. 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](mailto:vicechair@whatcomdemocrats.com) or call 671-6851 to volunteer.

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## Whatcom Democrat's 3rd annual yard sale

is September 13th at 9am! Still plenty of time to gather donations and help assure a successful fundraiser. We are pleased that this year's sale will be at Gene & Eleanor Hogan's home on Eldridge Avenue in Bellingham. Great location, and terrific hosts!

Our specific yard sale "Needs & Volunteer List" includes:

- Sorters & markers to help on September 11 and 12
- People with trucks or larger vehicles to take periodic loads to storage
- People w/trucks or larger vehicles to transport goods on September 13
- 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 & 11-2:00
- Bakers: What kind of goodies can you make for us to sell?

Please drop donations at the Whatcom Dem office on Bay Street, M-F, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., **Call Roni at 756-1405, or email to roni.beall@gmail.com, for large items requiring immediate storage, or to sign up to help with this event.**

*No large overstuffed furniture or computer monitors, and only fully functional electronics.*

## Whatcom Democrats Endorse Candidates For 2008

The Whatcom County Democrats, at their monthly meeting, July 9, added an additional endorsement for Superior Court Judicial Candidate, to the roster of candidates running for State & Federal offices that were endorsed June 11.

*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.

### Superior Court Judicial Candidate

Judge Chuck Snyder, (incumbent)

### 42nd Legislative District

Kelli Linville, (incumbent) State House Position 2

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

### U.S. Congress

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

### U.S. President

Senator Barack Obama, US President

## Campaign for Change Contacts: 1220 Bay St., Bellingham (360) 734-1739 or 676-7316

**Brooke Brod**, Regional Field Director, (646) 418-5092 or (646) 418-5092 brooke@wa-democrats.org

**Monica Gunderson**, Field Organizer for the 40th & 42nd LDs. monicag@wa-democrats.org.

**Chris Gregoire Campaign: Zachary Shelton**, Bellingham Field Organizer, 259-0202, zshelton@chrisgregoire.com

**Adam Day**, Bellingham Deputy Field Organizer, (206) 914-2170

## Mid-2008 Membership Review

Steve Schuck, 22 June 2008

A BIG Thank You to Membership Committee members Judy, Jerry, & Bob, who do a great job maintaining your membership records, AND to all the people who helped enter Caucus data earlier this year. Thanks primarily to the Caucus, membership in the Whatcom Democrats has roughly doubled during the past year & is now well over 1,500. Welcome, new members.

Your membership is for one year from the day that we record your payment. Membership renewal notices are sent out shortly before your membership expires, Reminders are sent periodically, starting in the month after your membership expires. Please promptly respond to your renewal notice to avoid these reminders.

We hope to see you at some of our many volunteer activities, as well as at our monthly membership meeting. What you think can influence one vote, what you do can influence a large number of votes. The coming elections are very important & your involvement will be greatly appreciated.



**2 of the Honored Democrats for 2008 pictured with Gov. Gregoire at the Eleanor Roosevelt Dinner May 31, 2008:** Lynn Evich (l) & Barney Goltz (r) Other Honored Democrats not pictured: Frank Brown & his wife, Gene Brown; Maggie Hanson

## Whatcom Democrats Executive Board

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State Committeeman	Hue Beattie 671-5597
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Young Democrats	Robin Ledbetter 440-1686
42nd Legislative District Representative	Frances Badgett 527-1097
40th Legislative District Representative	Roni Beall 756-1405

**Eye on the Prize! Vote Change!! Rock the Rez! Rock the County! Rock Washington State! Rock a Nation!**

### Whatcom Vote Rally & Picnic

**Host: Lummi Nation**

Sponsored by: Whatcom County Democrats, Whatcom Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 40<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District, Whatcom Sikh Community, Whatcom Democratic Women's Club, and Young Democrats

**Sunday, September 14, 2008 PICNIC 11:00 am 1:00pm  
At the Lummi Stommish Grounds/Wexliem**

Bring a beverage/appetizers/salads or dessert - Lummi Nation will provide the main course and implements.

Check the September Grass Roots for Updated Information Questions? Call Whatcom County Democrats at (360) 647-7661.

## 42nd Legislative District

### Vice-chair Elected

At the July meeting, Saturday, July 12, Richard May of Blaine was elected as the new Vice-chair, replacing Bob Hendricks, who recently resigned. Richard May has been very active statewide in supporting Barack Obama and was elected as an alternate national delegate at the 2nd Congressional District Caucus in May. 42nd LD Democrats Vice-chair **Contact:** Frances Badgett, Chair, 527-1097, frances@mac.com, or Steve Lydolph - Secretary, 384-5414, stevl@comcast.net.

### Profiles in Courage: SueEllen Lawton

Whatcom Democrats welcomes as our new campaign chair, SueEllen Lawton, who brings her recent invaluable experience working with the Obama campaign during the primary in both Texas & North Carolina. She also has taken the lead as the new Coordinator of Whatcom for Obama.

She and her husband moved here in October 2006 and she is pursuing an MBA in Nonprofit Management at WWU. She says: "I feel the 'Fierce Urgency of Now' in every bone of my body. There is just too much at stake."

### 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 Candidate

Judge Chuck Snyder, (360)647-1202,

www.chucksnyderforjudge.com

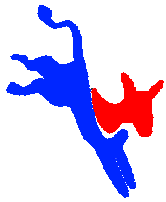
## THANKS Stephanie!

Stephanie Kountouros dedicated countless hours to leading the Whatcom for Obama grassroots organization and volunteering for the Whatcom Democrats over the last year, while finishing her Masters in Social Work and running for office.

Stephanie is now working for Planned Parenthood where she was recruited into an ideal role, lobbying for reproductive rights. She is right back in the political arena where she has become so effective. We wish Stephanie the very best in her new career. The Whatcom Democrats would like to thank Stephanie for her dedication and hard work fighting for our democratic ideals. It is only through the efforts of people like Stephanie that real change can be achieved.

## Help Choose the 40<sup>th</sup> LD's Best Chili for 2008

40th LD Chili Cook-off Tickets, still available. **The cook-off is** Sunday, August 3, 11:30 to 3:30 at the Double S Quarter Horse Ranch in Bow, a beautiful 30 minutes ride from Bellingham. Regular tickets are \$5 and \$10; Sponsor tickets are \$20. Order your tickets at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) (search political events), or call Roni Beall at 756-1405. You will get address & directions when you order your tickets. This is a family-friendly event. Bring a side, salad, or desert to share, and folding chairs. Doors open at 11:30. Chili tasting begins at noon. The 40th is soliciting chili entries from Democratic 40<sup>th</sup> LD Senate Candidates, Whatcom, Skagit and San Juan Counties. Come help keep the 40th a deep true blue!



**Newsletter of the Whatcom County Democratic Central Committee**

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UPDATED INFORMATION AT:  
[www.whatcomdemocrats.com](http://www.whatcomdemocrats.com)

**August Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 13th**  
**Location: Garden Street Family Center, Holly Street 1st Fl. Conference Room, Garden & Holly, B'ham**  
**7 - 9 PM Membership Meeting (ALL DEMOCRATS WELCOME)**

**The Primary Home Stretch**

August 19 is the final date to submit 2008 Primary Election ballots & help assure that Chris Gregoire continues as our Governor. The GOTV drive will be in its final push. The General Membership meeting's program will focus on just that:

- How many of the voters we have targeted have yet to return their ballots?
- Exactly what can you do in 2 hours to directly affect the outcome?
- How can we fuel the momentum that will bring Democratic victory in November?

Don't miss your chance to make a difference!

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

**Canvass this weekend!**

**Help re-elect Gov. Chris Gregoire**  
**Meet at 9:30am Saturday, August 2nd.** Join Gov. Gregoire on a state-wide conference call at 10am! Be inspired and proactive. Help us re-elect Gov. Chris Gregoire! Act Now!

**Campaign for Change,** 1220 Bay Street, Bellingham (360) 734-1739

**Meeting Locations:**

- ❶ See page 2 & 3
- ❷ See notice above
- ❸ Ferndale Machinists' Hall, 2065 Vista Drive, Ferndale
- ❹ WCD 215 W. Holly St., B'ham

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**August 2008**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Every day through the 19th there will be Get-Out-The-Vote phone calling and canvassing. Call the Dems to volunteer 647-7661</b>						01 5pm 42nd LD Dems E-Board Meeting ❸
03 11:30am 40th LD Dem Chili Cook-off ❶	04	05 8pm Young Democrats Meeting ❶	06	07	08	09 10am 42nd LD Dems Membership Meeting ❸
10	11 7pm Finance Committee Meeting ❹	12	13 7pm Central Committee Meeting ❷	14	15	16
<b>NW Washington Fair—Volunteer Opportunities. Call the Dems 647-7661</b>						
17	18	19 Primary Election 8pm Young Democrats Meeting ❶	20	21	22	23
24	25 Dem National Convention	26 Dem National Convention	27 Dem National Convention 7pm E-Board Meeting ❹	28 Dem National Convention	29	30
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