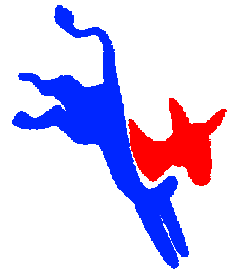


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RECRUITING NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS!

We now have a formal training program for Neighborhood Leaders, helping them build a team of volunteers to lighten the load of the campaign.

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD LEADER?

A Neighborhood Leader takes responsibility for their precinct and works with a team to reach specific voter registration, volunteer recruitment, voter contact and GOTV goals. Often, it is the PCO, but just as often it is a super volunteer.

A Neighborhood Leader commits to:

- before Oct. 4th: 2 voter registration shifts
- Sept: 1 canvass & 2 phone bank shifts in
- Oct: 2 canvass & 2 phone bank shifts
- Nov. 1st—3rd: 1 call or canvass shift/day

BUILDING A TEAM – Volunteer Recruitment

Ordinary people, working together, can accomplish extraordinary things.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT GOALS:

Help plan 1 volunteer recruitment event by Oct. 4th:

Recruit 5 – 10 volunteers

1 volunteer recruitment phone bank shift/month.

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

Whatcom Democrats Vote Rally & Picnic

Hosts: Lummi Nation & Nooksack Tribe

Dancing ■ Drumming ■ Blanket Ceremony ■ Story Telling

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

Sunday, September 14, 2008

PICNIC 11:00 am-1:00pm At the Lummi Stommish Grounds

or Wexliem across the street if it Rains

Bring a beverage/appetizers/salads or dessert - Lummi Nation & Nooksack Tribe will provide the main course and implements. Vegetarian food will be provided by the Sikh Community.

This is planned as an annual event, as it was over twenty years ago. The cooperation and camaraderie between the sponsors has been heartwarming and exciting in this important political year. Let's get this tradition back on its feet and leading us into a stronger & more prosperous future in our diverse Northwest community! Stommish Grounds maps will be posted at www.whatcomdemocrats.com. See you there!

Questions? Call Whatcom County Democrats at (360) 647-7661.

Have a Progressive Democratic Weekend

Show your support for Whatcom Democrat's November get-out-the-vote by participating in two important fundraisers, the weekend of September 13 and 14.

On Saturday, September 13, our 3rd Annual Whatcom Democrat's Yard Sale is being held from 9 a.m. till about 2 p.m. at the home of Gene and Eleanor Hogan, 1621 Eldridge Avenue in Bellingham. You can help by stopping by the Hogan's to shop starting at 9 A.M., or come by between 7 a.m. and 8:30 to drop off goods to donate. This year, we have great books, CDs, housewares, working electronics, clothing, and other things too numerous and amazing to mention. What I'm saying here is that we've gathered some very nice stuff this year, so come on by and take a look. Great on-street parking. Can we surpass last year's take which surpassed the prior year's take? Prices are very reasonable, and the funds are ear-marked for office technology upgrades! Candidates, this is also a place to have your signs and bumper stickers available. And, it is a good place for a voter registration table.

On Sunday, September 14, be part of the Lummi and Nooksack-hosted historic Whatcom Vote Rally & Picnic at the Lummi Stomish grounds (if it rains, we will be in the Wexliem Center. This is going to be an amazing event with live entertainment, great food, an amazing vote rally, and an honoring ceremony for Native American Democrats elected recently. The Lummi Nation and Nooksack Tribe are each contributing a main dish and starch to the event. It's our job to bring salads, sides, and desserts. The eating, visiting and entertainment will be from 11-1; the formal program will begin about 1 and last until about 2:30. This rally is about pulling together so we can all win in November!

The Picnic will feature 2 silent auctions. One primarily Native American and other cultural arts and crafts. The other is for goods and services donated by Whatcom Dems. This is your opportunity

to donate something you no longer use or need, or you can donate theater tickets, gardening or lawn services, Fall hauling, or a basket of fresh nuts or vegetables from your yard or farm. We're not looking high-end things for this particular silent auction, so please decide what you are ready to share! Call Roni Beall at 756-1405 and clearly leave your name, phone number, description of the item, and fair market value (value if sold).

Save The Planet, Save Gas, & Carpool To The Stomish Grounds

There are 3 carpool pick-up locations on September 14. Stop by and pick up riders, or look for a vehicle to ride in. Just be there at 10:30. Full cars will leave at 10:45. Locations: (1) Sunset Cost-cutter near Starbucks; Lakeway Fred Meyer near Hollywood Video; Sehome Village Haggan. Look for a balloon or a flag!

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: FROM THE NORTH:

- Heading either North or South on I-5
- Take the Slater Road Exit #260 - Follow the signs towards Lummi Island
- Turn Left onto Haxton Way, at stop light
- Once you reach the Ferry Terminal, continue for 1 mile
- The Stomish grounds will be on your right at the beach

Democratic Yard Sale Needs Your Help!

Please call or email Roni Beall to sign up to help with this year's Democratic Yard Sale. We need set-up people, people to work during the sale, cashier's and tear-down people. We also still need a few people to help sort and mark goods September 11 and 12 (hours flexible). And if you've got a larger vehicle to help transport goods pre and post sale, **WE NEED YOU**. Contact Roni at 756-1405 or roni.beall@gmail.com. NOTE: You can also drop off goods the morning of the sale. We will start setting canopies and tables at 7 AM.

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VOTEBUILDER & NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR

a brief introduction
Votebuilder is an online database that allows us to create spe-

cially targeted lists of voters and then contact them through online phone banking. To use Votebuilder you'll need to have your Field Organizer set up an account. Neighbor-to-Neighbor is an online tool on www.mybarackobama.com that gives you a list of undecided voters who live near you and helps you contact them through canvassing. You can set-up your own account on <http://my.barackobama.com/votercontact>.

WON'T YOU BE A NEIGHBORHOOD LEADER?

If you are already an active PCO or would like to be a Neighborhood Leader, we ask that you sign-up for a Specialized training session ASAP. To sign-up for a training class, please contact Carole Jacobsen at 734-5019 or carolejacobsen@comcast.net.

CAMPAIGN STRATEGY OVERVIEW

- Phase 1 - Primary Election GOTV (Get Out The Vote) COMPLETE!
- Phase 2 - Persuasion & Registration
- Now – Oct.4th - Registration
- Now - Oct. - Outreach - Youth, Faith, etc...
- Aug. 20th – Oct.– Persuasion
- Phase 3 - General Election GOTV
- Oct. & Nov.- General Election GOTV

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40th Legislative District Representative	Roni Beall 756-1405

42nd Legislative District

- September 13th 10-am—12pm Membership Meeting
- September 5th 5pm 42nd LD Democrats E-Board

Ferndale Machinists' Hall, 2065 Vista Drive, Ferndale

Contact: Frances Badgett, Chair, 527-1097, frances@mac.com, or Steve Lydolph - Secretary, 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

Local Candidate Contacts

40th Senate:

Kevin Ranker, (360) 472-1850, www.kevinranker.com

40th LD Representatives

Jeff Morris, (206) 428-6075, www.morriscampaign.com

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42nd LD Representative

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

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

The Whatcom County Democratic Women's Club will meet again on September 8th. This first meeting of the new year will be held at Espinoza's Mexican Restaurant in the meeting room beginning at 11:30 a.m. We will be discussing the primary election and further endorsements for the general election and our GOTV efforts for turning out the women's vote. For those of you who did not get to attend the Eleanor Roosevelt Dinner; Catherine will present the Eleanor Roosevelt slide show. All are welcome to attend. For further information or questions please contact Catherine at 647-3888.

Support Democratic Candidate for Commissioner of Public Lands, Peter Goldmark

Tuesday, September 9, 2008 Refreshments and live music. Suggested donation: \$50-500 Boundary Bay Brewery, 1107 Railroad Ave, Bellingham

SPONSOR: Mt Baker Group, Sierra Club. CONTACT: Llyn Doremus, 360-296-8084

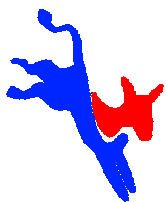
Donations should be made to Goldmark for Public Lands Commissioner, PO Box 12917, Seattle, WA 98111, or www.votepergoldmark.com

40th LD Update

The 40th LD chili cook-off went off without a hitch. Jeff Morris' chili won the candidate chili competition. The Whatcom Democrats chili won the competition between the three counties which comprise the Legislative District.

40th LD State Senate Race

As this goes to print, it is all but certain that Kevin Ranker will be the Democratic candidate to go up against Steve Van Luven in the November general election. Ken Henderson also received a significant number of votes, and ran a strong campaign, but neither Ken or Kevin were able to capture the top vote-getting slot which went to Van Luven which makes sense given that there were five Democratic Candidates on the ballot, and just one Republican.



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September Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th

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

The Sprint Is On!

Welcome back Whatcom County's delegates to the Democratic National Convention. Fresh from Denver, they'll have a complete account of the highlights and behind-the-scenes action. We'll also hear tips on how we can focus our energy to make sure the next occupant of the White House is Barack Obama—not a four year stand-in for G.W.! Yes, the 2008 Campaign's home stretch is here. Don't miss this program!

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

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

September 2008

Community Calendar – Submit your local event by calling the Natalie at 671-6851 with the details!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	01	02 8pm Young Democrats Meeting ❶	03	04	05 5pm 42nd LD Democrats E-Board	06
07	08 11am Whatcom Co. Democratic Women's Club ❶ 7pm Finance Committee	09 5pm Peter Goldmark fundraiser ❶	10 7pm Central Committee Meeting ❷	11	12 WA State Democrats Meeting	13 WA State Democrats Meeting. 9am Garage Sale 10am 42nd LD Democrats Membership Meeting ❶
14 11am Whatcom Vote Rally & Picnic—See page 1	15	16 8pm Young Democrats Meeting ❶	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 7pm E-Board Meeting ❹	25	26 6pm Presidential Debate-Oxford, MS	27
28	29	30				