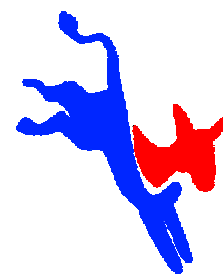


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It's Not Enough To Merely Win This Election, We've Got To Win Big. Vote the Entire Ticket

"But the fact is, big change—for better or worse—takes big majorities and big mandates. In fact, in the last century, there have been just a couple of truly transformative elections: 1964, when a Democratic landslide paved the way for Medicare, and 1932, when a Democratic landslide opened the door for the New Deal (and enraged generations of right-wingers by creating Social Security in the first place). That's what we need in 2008: Not just a majority, but a landslide." Al Franken

We are getting down to the wire now and everyone needs to help. Please take note of the volunteer Needs & Opportunities posted on the right side of the page.

We need you to vote, to knock on doors, and to make phone calls. And, right now, we need you to take out your credit card, your check book, call 360-647-7661 and donate some money.

This fall, the higher the stakes become, the nastier the Republicans are going to get—so we need the resources to fight back with the truth. The election is just a month away and there is a lot to do. Can we count on your help? **Thanks for all that you've done, and thanks for your hard-earned money.**

We Have a New Regional Field Director! SueEllen Lawton has taken the reins of the local efforts of Campaign for Change!

SueEllen is also our Campaign Chair. Contact information is on page 3. SueEllen campaigned with Obama for America in both Texas and North Carolina during the primaries. She was the leader of the efforts here at Western Washington University with the Vikings for Obama.

Even if you have limited time when you can help, every moment when you contribute to local efforts will work to ensure a national Democratic landslide victory. Our local candidates need each and every one of us to be willing to inform our friends, our neighbors, our families about the necessary changes that Democratic candidates will bring to government at every level from the State House to the White House.

Contact the Whatcom Democrats at 360-647-7661 to contribute, to volunteer, to get campaign materials or to find out other ways that you can help us to victory!

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Volunteer Needs & Opportunities:

For Obama, Gregoire & the Democratic Ticket

- **Phone banking, Daily 9 am - 8 pm.**
- **Doorbelling, training each Thursday, 6:30 pm, and Saturday, 10 am**
- **Literature Drop, Oct 18-19, in Bellingham pre-cincts**

Sign-up and get scheduled in at

my.barackobama.com/page/event/search_simple

or call 734-1739 or 647-7661

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Get Out and Vote Women!



This election year it is more important than ever that women vote! The next president will choose a Supreme Court Judge who may determine the fate of Roe v Wade. Many other issues of importance to women are crucial in this election.

Help support our efforts in turning out the women's vote in 2008. Join our host the Honorable 42nd Legislative Representative Kelli Linville at 3123 Eldridge Avenue, for an evening of appetizers, tabling by women's organizations, political soap box speeches, and a chance to see why it matters that women exercise their right to vote by watching the movie "Iron Jawed Angels," featuring our own local actor Hillary Swank. **The movie is limited to 30 people so come early!**

Donations to support Whatcom County Democratic Women and the 2008 Women's Vote Project will be requested. *The Women's Vote*

Project is a collaborative effort by Whatcom County Democratic Women and the Whatcom County Democrats. For more information contact:

whatcomcountymdemocraticwomen@gmail.com or Catherine Chambers at 647-3888.

Whatcom Democrats Endorsed Candidates For 2008

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

40th Senate

Kevin Ranker

Statewide Candidates

Mike Kreidler, (incumbent) WA Insurance Commissioner
Peter Goldmark, WA Commissioner of Public Lands
Brian Sonntag, (incumbent) WA State Auditor
Jim McIntyre, State Treasurer
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

U.S. Vice-President

Senator Joe Biden

Ballots are to be mailed to registered voters on October 15th.

Voting Recommendations for Ballot Measures

I-1000 Death With Dignity.....Yes
I-985 Transportation Issues.....No
Whatcom County Charter Amendment 1.....Yes
Bellingham Charter Amendment 1.....No

Voter Registration Deadlines

October 4th: Online at www.whatcomdemocrats.org or pick up forms at libraries and post offices. Make sure your mail-in registration is postmarked by Oct 4, or hand deliver it to the Auditor's Office 311 Grand Ave, in the County Courthouse. The Auditor will have special Saturday hours (9am-5pm) on Oct 4 to accept forms.

October 20th New Voters Only: Register in person at the Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham

Local Candidate Contacts

40th Senate:

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

Dave Quall, (360) 299-1301

42nd LD Representative

Kelli Linville, (360)671-2619

Mark Flanders,

www.markflanders.us

40th LD Representatives

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

United for National Healthcare Meeting

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a meeting about solving our national health care crisis and electing new Board members. There will be a short educational program. 714-8999.

Laborers Hall, downstairs, 1700 N. State St., Bellingham

Thursday, October 23, 2008 Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Mark Flanders: Free Lead Testing of Toys

The 42nd Legislative District candidate Mark Flanders will provide toy testing Saturday, October 18th 1pm-4pm at

Lynden Senior Center, 420 Grover Street, Lynden

5pm-8pm in Bellingham contact for location or other information email: jeffreypwaters@hotmail.com

Election Observer Training

LOCATION: Whatcom County Courthouse, Council.

October 05, 2008

Time: 5:30pm

To Volunteer as a vote count observer, please contact Jim Fox, 647-7039. This training is required for all Political Party Observers observing the 2008 General Election. **RSVP required.**

For more information on what an election Observer does, see the Primary Election reports on our website at ELECTIONS/NEWS & UPDATES.

At this training, observers will also see the training that is given to the Auditor's opening board and duplication board workers. We hope this will better prepare party observers to understand what work is being performed by the opening boards.

Debate Watch Parties!

BELLINGHAM: Quarterback Pub & Eatery, Sehome Village, 356 36th St, Bellingham. **FERNDALE:** Frank 'n Steins, 2030 Main Street, Ferndale. **Both are No-host events.**

Find more events and other events hosted by individuals at: http://my.barackobama.com/page/event/search_simple

Whatcom Democrats Vote Rally & Picnic

September 14th, on a gorgeous sunny Sunday, at the awe-inspiring Lummi Tribe's Wex' Liem Community Center, the Whatcom County Democrats and members of the Lummi Nation and the Nooksack Tribe gathered for a voter rally and picnic. It was a celebration of both tribal culture and Democratic politics that included traditional Lummi dances by members of the Lummi Nation, a stirring rendition of *America the Beautiful* by Lummi tribal elder, Alice Solomon, and a Blanket Honoring Ceremony. Honored were Native American political leaders: County Council Member Bob Kelly, County Treasurer Steve Oliver, Representative John McCoy of the 38th LD, and Bernie Thomas, of the Ferndale School Board. The rally was a reinstitution of similar rallies that last occurred about 20 years ago.

Candidates made speeches, prizes were given and auction items were sold. The committee producing the event was: John McGarity, Roni Beall, Manuel Reta, Vernell Lane, Candy Solomon, Beth Brownfield, Fred Lane, and Henry Cagey. There were also lots of Lummi Vote Rally volunteers on the day of the event from the tribes and the local Democrats setting up, taking down, and providing the sound system were Bert Monroe and Charlie Dyer. Thank you so much each and every one of you who brought food, sold tickets, held down the tables selling signs and bumper stickers. Approximately \$3,000 was raised to support Democratic candidates and about 300 people attended the rally and shared a delicious meal provided by the Lummi Nation and great cooking volunteers.

Whatcom Democrats Executive Board

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40th Legislative District Representative	Roni Beall 756-1405

42nd Legislative District Update

- **October 11th 10-am—12pm Membership Meeting**
- **October 3rd 5pm 42nd LD Democrats E-Board**

Ferndale Machinists' Hall, 2065 Vista Drive, Ferndale

It's time for the Big Push just before ballots begin arriving in voters' mailboxes. Our candidates for the State Legislature, Mark Flanders and Kelli Linville, will be at the regular meeting of the 42nd LD Democrats on October 11th at 10AM to help fire us up! All are welcome and encouraged to attend! Refreshments provided!

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

WHATCOM DEMOCRATS CONTACT: Phone: 360-647-7661 E-mail: vicechair@whatcomdemocrats.com

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

SueEllen Lawton, Regional Field Director, 733-2269, SueEllenLawton@mac.com

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

40th LD Update

The 40th LD held its quarterly meeting September 20 at the Mt. Vernon PUD to consider further endorsements highlight the 2009-2010 LD Reorganization Meeting and schedule a Fall social event.

The 40th LD membership heard from issue representatives to the extent they were available, and made the following endorsements and recommendations:

- I-1000 Death with Dignity..... VOTE YES
- I-985 Transportation Measure..... VOTE NO
- I-1029 Certification of Long-Term Care Workers.....NO POSITION

The 40th LD also added the endorsement of Jim McIntire for State

Treasurer to our endorsements. The 40th LD's other endorsees include Kevin Ranker for State Senate, Dave Quall for Representative Position 1, Jeff Morris for Representative Position 2, Peter Goldmark for Commissioner of Public Lands, and Chris Gregoire for Governor. It is our policy to only endorse initiatives and candidates who directly legislate or which directly impact the 40th Legislative District.

40th LD Fall "Pre-Reorg" Social is scheduled for Saturday, November 15, 1 to 3 PM at the El Cazador Restaurant in Burlington. All members of the 40th LD are invited. This is an opportunity for those interested in running for board positions to meet casually with others who live in the 40th LD. Cost is about \$15.

40th LD Reorganization Meeting: Saturday, January 10, 2009 in Anacortes. Details in future updates.

Mid-2008 Membership Review

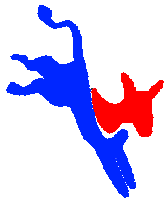
A BIG Thank You to Membership Committee members Judy, Jerry, and Bob, who do a great job maintaining your membership records, AND to all the people who helped enter Caucus data earlier this year. Thanks primarily to the Caucus, membership in the Whatcom Democrats has roughly doubled during the past year and 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 (second Wednesdays).

What you think can influence one vote, what you do can influence a large number of votes. The coming elections are very important and your involvement will be greatly appreciated.

Steve Schuck, Membership Chair



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UPDATED INFORMATION AT:
www.whatcomdemocrats.com

Northwest Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce sponsors

Q & A with Senator Margarita Prentice

Chair, Washington State Senate Ways & Means Committee
Bring your questions regarding health and education issues.

October 1st at 5 pm
Tillicum House next to Pioneer Park, Ferndale
Info: 360-255-1874 Manuel Reta

October Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 8th, 2008

Location Changed!

NEW LOCATION: Shuksan Middle School, 2713 Alderwood Avenue, Bellingham (on Northwest Ave, half-mile south of I-5 exit)

7 - 9 PM Membership Meeting (ALL DEMOCRATS WELCOME)

The Final Push!

Come and find out what we need to do in the last few weeks before the election. You can be the difference between winning by a landslide and spotty results. Don't miss this program!
Questions? Contact Tim Douglas 676-8530, Issues/Resolutions.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			01 Gregoire-Rossi Debate 5pm Senator Margarita Prentice ②	02 5pm Debate Watch Parties—① 6pm Vice-Presidential Debate ①	03 5pm 42nd LD Democrats E-Board Meeting ③	04 Voter Registration Deadline 5pm Women's Vote Movie Night, p. 1
05	06 5:30pm Election Tally Observer Training ④	07 5pm Debate Watch Parties ① 6pm Presidential Debate ① 8pm Young Democrats ①	08 7pm Central Committee Meeting ②	09 Gregoire-Rossi Debate	10	11 10am 42nd LD Democrats Membership Mtg ③
12	13 7pm Finance Cmte Meeting ④	14	15 5pm Gregoire-Rossi Debate Watch Parties ①	16	17	18
19	20 Last day for NEW voter registrations	21 8pm Young Democrats Meeting ①	22	23 7pm United for National Healthcare ①	24	25
26	27	28	29 7pm E-Board Meeting ④	30	31	