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From the Chair

No more hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer for us. The heat is up and there's more to do than ever. We had a nice reception for Governor Greigore and many thanks go out to those who helped. Thanks especially to Rusty Jasper who set up a terrific sound system on short notice.

As of this writing, we're planning on picketing Doc, staffing a booth for the 4th of July, participating in Franklin County's July 4th parade, and our July 20th meeting will be lively as well. Then there's PCO online voterfile training at the Richland public library on Saturday, July 23rd from 10 am—12 noon with Micheal Keane from WA State Dems.

Our speakers at the July 20th meeting will be Attorney, Jay Flynn, from the I-336 campaign & an opposing speaker from I-330 each talking about tort reform on July 20th. The meeting is open to the public. Though the Dayton St. library in Kennewick isn't large, please feel free to invite friends.

Our summer picnic is on Saturday, August 13th from noon 'til we stop. The fair runs August 23-27 this year with booth set-up on Sunday the 21st. Take a look at your calendar and sign up at our July meeting to help get the Democratic message out. All the time we put in this year will pay off in next year's election.

Do you know who your PCO is? Do you live in a precinct without a Democratic PCO? Not sure? Precinct Committee Officers are the backbone of our party. They work in their own neighborhoods to educate voters and get out the vote. The 2006 election may see

a County convention to nominate candidates instead of a primary. If we have a convention, only elected and appointed PCOs will be able to vote. Become a PCO and speak for your precinct. Call me and ask how.

The Republicans will be out in big numbers crying over Dino Rossi's loss and vowing to defeat Maria Cantwell. We need to be out in big numbers also to remind voters what Maria's done for veterans, high tech, Social Security, etc.

This brings us to elections this fall for city council, school board positions, etc. If you are willing or know someone who'll work hard for our area, has great ethics, and supports Democratic values, please call me. We have great Democrats living here. They'd do a great job.

Lastly, I've emailed Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell to ask them to sponsor a bill restricting any Secretary of State from being Chair of any state political party or head of any campaign to elect a partisan to office. When I read what went wrong in Florida in 2000 and in Ohio in 2004, the blame rests squarely on the shoulders of a partisan Secretary of State suppressing the opposition vote. Contrast that to the job that Sam Reed did in our gubernatorial race and one can see what needs to be done. Kudos to Mr. Reed for doing his job right. He took a lot of heat from far right Republicans, but didn't cave.

Mimi Latta, Chair

Upcoming Events

July BCDCC Meeting

The July BCDCC Meeting will be held Wednesday the 20th at the Dayton St. library, 7:00 pm. We will have two speakers. One will be from the I-330 campaign on medical tort reform and the other will be Jay Flynn, from the I-336 campaign which is the option backed by attorneys.

Grand Old Fourth

Please support Jim Dillman on the Ben-

ton/Franklin Democratic parade entry for the 4th of July "Grand Old 4th" parade in Pasco. Jim has requested people to walk or ride in the parade. To volunteer call Jim at 375-0322 to join in the effort.

We need to increase the local coverage the Democratic party gets and let people know we're here. We have a more visible DNC Chair in Howard Dean, we have a more credible vision for America as Democrats, and we need to let folks know about it.

Also, Roy Dehart, Chair of the 16th LD, has the information on the "Grand Old 4th" booth for Democrats out at TRAC on July 1-4 (Friday-Monday) from 10:00 am—10:00 pm. We don't have to staff the booth the entire time, but require someone to open each morning and close at night. We need to sign up new voters, sign up new Democrats for the newsletter, and put a local face on the Benton & Franklin, 8th & 16th LD Democrats. Phone a friend and work as a team! Please call Roy deHart at 547-4338 or Gabriel Portugal at 308-7071 to volunteer. They'll appreciate your helping hand.

Mimi Latta, BCDCC Chair

Newsletter Submission Policy

Everyone is invited to submit material to the newsletter. Personally written material should be kept to 125 words or less. Submissions of excessive length will be returned, and a shorter revision requested. Reference articles will be summarized, or edited to an appropriate length.

Please submit material for consideration by the date listed in the calendar for each month. Due to limited space, material received earliest will receive priority consideration. Reference articles without publication name, date, and author will not be considered. The Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions. Edited submissions will be returned for review.

Please send submissions to Matt Kizerian at editor@bencodems.org. E-mail text is preferred. To mail submissions, or for questions, please call Matt at 509-585-4900.

Summer Picnic

The picnic is not too far off. I hope you have been looking through those items you wish to donate to raise money for Benton County. If you have found something really nice that you would be willing to part with, please call me at 628-8246 after 6 pm, or leave a message and I will get back to you. Remember, it can be a service, like mowing the lawn, cleaning a room, cooking a dinner, taking someone to the mall, babysitting, etc.

I hope you have been looking through your recipes and are ready to cook up your favorite dish for the picnic. Remember, you are to bring what you want, making sure there is plenty for a lot of people. Benton County will supply the place (Keewaydin Park) in Kennewick, plates, utensils, condiments, burgers, hot dogs, buns, beverages, and lots of Democrats!

Eileen Macoll, Vice-Chair of the Washington State Democrat Party will be there to talk with you, listen to you, and let you know what the Party is doing. So, don't forget, August 13th, noon to dusk or whenever people are tired and ready to leave, at Keewaydin Park in Kennewick. Join in the fun, food, and most importantly the camaraderie of fellow Democrats getting together.

Sandy Gourley

Tri-City Democrats Meeting

The July meeting of the Tri-City Democrats will be held at the Labor Hall, 1305 Knight St. in Richland, on Friday, July 1. Potluck dinner at 6:00, meeting/program at 7:00 pm. Hosts for the evening will be Donna and Frank Ling. Our group has been informed that the Labor Hall is now charging for the use of the hall. Therefore action was taken and passed that we charge each person \$1.00.

Leona Hassing, President

Interfaith Peace Walk

The Interfaith Peace Walk is a 300-mile pilgrimage from the Hanford Nuclear site at Richland, Washington, to the Trident nuclear submarine base at Bangor, Washington. The Hanford segment will be a 13-mile walk (round trip) from Richland to the Hanford 300 Area gate the afternoon of Sunday, July 17th. The activities are open to all people of non-violence who share the desire to extinguish the violence of nuclear annihilation. All are welcome to join local segments of the Peace Walk and walk for any distance of their choosing.

The Interfaith Peace Walk, under the theme "Hiroshima-Nagasaki to Hope," is in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by atomic bombs. For more information regarding how you can contribute, visit <http://wcpeace.org/events.htm>

Submitted by Margaret Munro

Oh, Canada!

For those who want to save about 50% on prescriptions in Canada, call John David at 528-5280 for transportation to Osoyoos, BC Canada, on Tuesday, September 13th. He has room for six passengers. This is a one-day trip.

You need to bring prescriptions written by your local physicians, your passport or birth certificate, \$50 US cash for the Canadian doctor's consultation, and a list of the prescriptions you may need for the pharmacist. Prescriptions can go on your credit card. We will call the physician ahead of time to let him know the names of people coming, and an approximate time.

To make sure your necessary medications are in stock, you can call Don Millward, pharmacist, toll free 1-866-495-4911, or you can fax him toll free

with your list of medicines at 1-866-495-4912, Borders Pharmacy Services, LTD.

There are also a couple of great dress shops in downtown Osoyoos, but that will have to be negotiated with John David.

Laurel Piippo

Event Reports

Tri-City Democrats

At the June meeting, Kennewick City Councilman and former State Representative, Tom Moak, was our featured speaker. He stressed how important it is to find good candidates and use what we know about electing our candidates at the local, state and national level. At the close of his presentation the question was asked, "Where should the Carousel be located; in Columbia Park or at the Three Rivers Convention Center?" Diverse discussion followed.

Leona Hassing, President Tri-City Democrats

Local News

Transportation Resolution

Proposed Resolution for BCDCC Meeting July 20th:

Whereas the bipartisan transportation plan approved by the 2005 State Legislature is an investment in our state's transportation system and our economy; and *Whereas* the bipartisan transportation plan will fund more than 270 projects to make roads and bridges safer and ease traffic congestion in every part of the state; and

Whereas the Initiative Measure No. 912 (I-912) would repeal the funding for the bipartisan transportation plan and result in the loss of jobs and lives; therefore *Be it resolved*, that the BCDCC supports the bipartisan transportation plan ap-



Web Resources

★ www.democraticwoman.org Website of the Woman's National Democratic Club, which was founded in 1922 as the first organization for Democratic women in Washington, DC.

★ www.walmartmovie.com Website about Robert Greenwald's new documentary concerning the world's wealthiest company.

★ www.redwhiteandfeelingblue.com Commercial site selling T-shirts and other products with a unique Democratic logo. 20% of profits go to an organization of your choosing, such as DFA, moveon.org, etc.



Book List

★ *The Plot Against Social Security* by Michael A. Hiltzik

★ *Kremlin Rising: Vladimir Putin's Russia and the End of Revolution* by Peter Baker and Susan Glasser

★ *Franklin Delano Roosevelt: Champion of Freedom* by Conrad Black

★ *Lincoln and Whitman: Parallel Lives in Civil War Washington* by Daniel Mark Epstein

★ *Reading Lolita in Tebran* by Azar Nafisi

proved by the 2005 State Legislature; and *Be it resolved* that the BCDCC opposes I-912 and recommends that the public decline to sign the I-912 petition.

Submitted by: Bob Anderson

Endorsed by: Mimi Latta, Anne Kizerian, Dann Lewis, Charlotte Lewis, and John David.

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

The following proposed changes to the 2005–2006 Bylaws have been offered by Charlotte Lewis for consideration by the BCDCC:

• *Article V: Officers and their Duties*

1. The Chair

k. (*Should read*) Shall call an organization meeting of the Central Committee in December of even-numbered years, or in the January following, and notify the elected PCOs of the proposed rules and dates for the meeting at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

• *Article V: Officers and their Duties*

2. The Secretary

c. (*Should read*) Shall maintain a current membership list of the Central Committee and the Executive Committee and have it available at each meeting.

• *Article VIII: Standing Committees*

(*Should read*) All Committee Chairs serve at the will of the Chair and Executive Committee.

• *Article IX: Special Committees*

(*Should read*) All Committee Chairs serve at the will of the Chair and Executive Committee.

• *Article IX: Special Committees*

Delete: “The Chair, with confirmation of the Executive Committee, may appoint other Special Committees as deemed necessary.

(*This is a duplicate of Article V-g.*)

• *Article XI: Central Committee Meetings*

7. *Delete:* “The Central Committee shall adopt policies and consider for adoption resolutions presented in the newsletter. Resolutions that have not been presented in the newsletter shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote in order to be brought to the floor for consideration.” (*Should read*): “Central Committee shall adopt a budget, but shall make no financial commitment binding the organization beyond the next general election in any even-numbered year. Resolutions shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote in order to be brought to the floor for

consideration.”

These proposed changes will be voted on by the Central Committee at the regular BCDCC meeting on July 13th, providing there is a quorum of voting members. To view the current Bylaws, visit www.bencodems.org and click on the link at the bottom of the page marked “Record Archive”. You will need a password; if you do not yet have one, please send an e-mail requesting one to webmaster@bencodems.org.

New Rules for State Democratic Candidate Nominations

At the WSDCC meeting in Pasco on April 2, 2005 the WSDCC approved a modification of our rules on the selection of candidates and nominees for public office in connection with the alternative nomination procedures to be used if the State does not hold a complying nominating primary. Nominees for county partisan office shall be chosen at a county nominating convention with ballots cast by elected and appointed PCOs. Each PCO voting at the convention shall be apportioned the number of votes equal to the number of precinct-level delegates his or her precinct was allotted during the 2004 National Delegate Selection process. PCOs can vote for no more than one candidate for each office for which nominations are sought.

Eastern WA Field Manager

The Washington State Democratic Party is pleased to announce that Autumn Sample has joined the WSDCC staff as the Eastern Washington Field Manager. Autumn was selected from a large field of qualified candidates.

Raised on the Palouse, Autumn was the southeastern field organizer based in Walla Walla for the Washington State Coordinated Campaign in 2004. Autumn is best known in Washington for her swimming talent. She was a multiple WIAA Eastern Washington District record holder and 5 time runner-up at the WIAA State Championships. After graduating from Pullman High School, Autumn attended Purdue University where she attained a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in political science and public relations.

Autumn recently completed an in-

ternship with the California Commission on the Status of Women. She is eager to help with party building activities and we believe her knowledge of the people, issues, and terrain east of the Cascades will greatly enhance the effectiveness of our “Years of the Grassroots” mission.

Many thanks to the selection committee which put a lot of time and effort into this process. The committee members included 9th District Chair Gene Siple, Chelan County Chair Pat Notter, , 4th Congressional District Chair Keith Gourley, Lincoln County Chair Gordon Ellis, Franklin County Chair Gabriel Portugal, and Spokane County Chair Katie Kirking

Autumn will be working out of the Seattle office for the next couple of days and can be reached at Autumn@wa-democrats.org or (206) 583-0664.

Jaxon Ravens
WA State Dems

Letters to the Editor

Violence Against Women Act

Senator Cantwell is pushing for the renewal of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) (S. 1197) which is to expire at the end of the year.

Washington State VAWA programs served 25,031 adults and children in 2001; 32,957 Washingtonians were turned down services in that same year, because there were not enough resources to help them. Many thousands of those turned away were children. Many women who have no job or car feel trapped. If the programs were funded properly, how many more women and children could be helped.

In 2003, Washington State had 51,589 domestic violence related arrests. The statistics above are mind boggling. Have you ever asked yourself “How could someone physically hurt their spouse or children?” How many of you know someone in this situation and haven’t done anything to help? It has to stop. It starts with you. Write to Congress urging passage of this bill.

Sandy Gourley
WSPC, Eastern Washington Vice Chair

Letters to the editor may be submitted concerning local, national, or international issues, or as a forum for commentary on the newsletter.

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Events

July

- 1 Tri-City Democrats Meeting, Richland Labor Hall, 6:00 pm potluck, 7:00 pm program
- 1-4 Grand Old Fourth, 4th of July Celebration, Pasco TRAC (www.grandold4th.com)
- 4 4th of July Parade, Begin in front of Pasco Court House, 8:00 am
- 6 Democracy for America, Mid-Columbia Library in Kennewick (on Union St.), 7:00 pm
- 7 Potluck with Patty Murray, see www.pattymurray.com/house_party.php for more information
- 12 July Exec Committee Meeting, Dayton St. Library, Kennewick, 7:00 pm
- 17 Interfaith Peace Walk
- 20 July BCDCC Meeting, Kennewick Dayton St. Library, 7:00 pm
- 22 Last day to submit material for the August newsletter
- 30 Rossellini Dinner, Tacoma, with New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson

August

- 5 Tri-City Democrats Meeting, Latta's Home
- 6 4th CD Meeting, Moses Lake, 10:00 am.
- 13 Benton County Summer Picnic, Keewaydin Park, Kennewick, Noon to dusk
- 16 Annual Magnuson Awards, Seattle
- 17 August Exec Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 20 Benton-Franklin County Fair Parade
- 21 Assemble Fair Booth, Fairgrounds, Building 2, 8:30 am
- 23-27 Benton-Franklin County Fair and Rodeo (Fair Booth)
- 26 Last day to submit material for the September newsletter

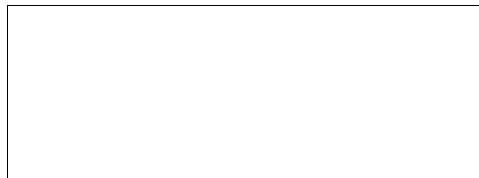
September

- 13 September Exec Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 16-17 State Committee Meeting, Everett, Quality Inn/Comfort Inn
- 21 September BCDCC Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 23 Last day to submit material for the October newsletter

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October

- 7 Annual Rossellini Dinner
- 11 October Exec Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 15 Eastern Washington Conference, Moses Lake, ATEC Center
- 19 October BCDCC Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 28 Last day to submit material for the November newsletter



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