

The Mason County Democrat

"Neighbors Working Together"

Notes from the Chair

by John Piety

I want to thank all Democrats who helped make our Holiday Party a successful intimate event. Especially Marilyn and Doug Sayan, Laurie and Larry King, and a number of others. We had a short business meeting approving the date and place for the Kennedy Dinner.

One interesting item I had reinforced during dinner conversation was we may not be doing as good a job communicating with members as we should. To help correct this I will be calling all PCO's to get their input and I and others will be working through the list we have of Democrats asking for your ideas about the party and what we all can do to get good people elected next year. Please help us with this survey, also I would be very pleased to receive any comments, by snail mail or otherwise.

I have worked with the auditor's office to determine the exact new precinct boundaries in which each of our current PCOs resides. The state party is working hard to have these offices electable along with other offices. Unfortunately, there are still a number of questions yet to be defined concerning these considerations.

Current communications will be conducted out of our new office. We are asking for help staffing the office by as many of you as we can convince to be helpful. Please accept my invitation to drop by and make suggestions on how best to

elect all our Democrats in 2012. I believe we will need all the help possible this year and the sooner we start the better. Larry has a long list of specific ways anyone can help.

As mentioned, to reinforce the need for help, we have a long list of tasks we need help completing, you will not be wasting your time if you want to help work for our party. Please stop by and select the task you can help with the best, we are keeping our plans to ourselves so they will not be listed in this public document.

As mentioned many times before, if you have any interest in learning more about what is going on in Mason County you are missing out if you do not attend our discussion groups that start at 6pm just before the regular meeting. The next meeting on the 11th of January will feature Billie Howard, speaking about the Museum. See page 4 for more information.

I assume most readers are keeping up with the slow process of redistricting. It is our hope that this process will be over prior to the precinct caucus on April 15, 2012.

One of our goals for the new year,

that we will need help with, is to have a very successful Kennedy Dinner. There have been a number of suggestions for the program for this event. Last meeting when I asked for help to set up the committee, the response was not what I had anticipated; perhaps this plea will work better. Please let me know as soon as you can if you are available to help with any aspect of the dinner. We particularly need suggestions for our program speaker.

Another request was for individuals to help prepare for the fast approaching caucus. I am still looking for help to run this event at each school. A PCO is the best point person for this as each PCO will be responsible for their precinct. We have made arrangements to reserve a school to house this event. It is just a matter of selecting the best locations and then getting PCOs trained for running each caucus event.

We are now asking members to pay dues for 2012. They are still \$25 for the year and are due by the end of February. It was recommended at the last meeting that we might bill for dues. Since 2012 has begun, I would like to poll you readers for your comments on this subject of how we can get everyone to contribute to the party by paying their dues.



Upcoming Events

Wed, Jan 11, 6:00 pm—MCDCC regular meeting at Shelton's PUD3. Preceded by an open discussion at 6:00 pm.

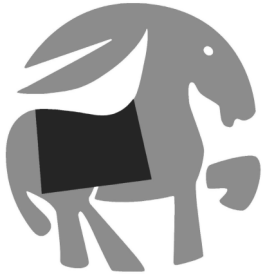
Mon, Jan 16, 6:30 pm—DemoChat at MCDCC's new office at 7th and Franklin in Shelton. (Mason County Chapter of Drinking Liberally - NOT affiliated with MCDCC).

Wed, Jan 18, 11:30 am—Mason County Democratic Women's Club at El Sarape Restaurant in Shelton.



Deadline for articles, news, letters and photos for the February 2012 issue of the MCDCC Newsletter is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan 25.





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OFA wants YOU!

Monthly Update by Marcia Hamilton

OFA Mason County Team
Wednesday January 11
5:00 MCDCC HQ



Over the past few months our team has been working to help strengthen OFA teams in Kitsap and Clark County through phone bank blitzes and 1 on 1s. Now it is time we focus on getting Mason County ready for our important County, State and National elections by recruiting more volunteers in our area. This means calling supporters, setting up 1 on 1s and expanding our Mason County team. We will discuss how and set up some phone bank schedules at our monthly OFA meeting (which is moving from the Grove Street Brewery to the Mason County Democratic HQ in Shelton) at 5:00, right before the Dem Central Committee meeting on January 11. By staffing phone banks and holding 1 on 1s we will also help cover the office and expand our team at the same time. See you at 5:00 on the 11th. GOBAMA!

Obama for America Kick Off

You are Invited to the MMM (Martin Luther King, Michelle Obama & Marcia Hamilton) OFA Campaign Kick Off and Birthday Party Sunday January 15, 2012 at 4:00 pm at the Hamilton House.

Yes, it's my ACTUAL birthday! I couldn't be more proud than to share it with Martin Luther King and Michelle Obama. (The first lady's is the 17th!) P L E A S E R S V P o n www.Mybarackobama.com (look for EVENTS) because now MYBO links to Votebuilder! It's wonderful! Feel free to bring friends you think would be interested in working on the campaign and staffing ongoing phone banks at the Mason County HQ in Shelton. And yes, there will be cake and ice cream too! And a presentation about our strategy for 2012!

Here is the [link](#) to RSVP and for a map to our house. If you've never been here before, come a little before 4:00 pm while it's still daylight and you can see the blue school bus shelter at the end of our road. And please feel free to call for directions 360-275-6701.

Calendar

January 11: Monthly OFA meeting at the Mason County Democratic HQ in Shelton at 5:00, right before the Dem Central Committee meeting.

January 15: OFA Campaign Kick Off MMM (Martin Luther King, Michelle Obama and MOI) Birthday Party on Sunday January 15, 2012 at 4:00 pm at the Hamiltons! 360-275-6701

You're Invited! Denny Hamilton's Campaign Kick Off

Sunday, January 29, 2012
 3 pm-5pm
 Fiesta Restaurant
 Log Cabin Plaza
 237 SR 3
 Belfair, 98528
 Please RSVP
 360-649-

Around the Sound

By Jane Roush

REDISTRICTING

Local: Karen Herr, Mason County Auditor, in early spring, at the request of the Mason County Commissioners, put together a group of local residents to work on the county's redistricting problems. The group proposed the following changes to the area represented by the commissioners: Shelton and the surrounding area, eastern/northern Mason County and western/southern Mason County (the trees in the Olympic National Park and Forest are not counted). The county commissioners accepted the recommendations and local redistricting was completed. The new boundaries will take effect in January 2013. The local group also reduced the number of precincts from 57 to 37. Job well done.

Congressional: Late Thursday afternoon, December 29th, the WA State Redistricting Commission released their final maps on the new Congressional District #10. Surprise, Shelton and the Squaxin Island Tribe area are included in it. The area extends into Thurston County including Olympia, north into Pierce County including Fort Lewis, Lakewood, and Puyallup and south to include Rochester, Tenino and Yelm. This district will have a new congressional representative. The remainder of the county will stay in the 6th CD with Rep. Norm Dicks.

Legislative: This is the hardest one to understand. All of Mason County is still in the 35th LD. That is the good news. The most recent map released by the commission shows about the same boundaries for the district that currently exists. However the Redistricting Commission is working over the New Year weekend and final maps will not be out until after the New Year. In simple words, we simply are not sure at this time what other area is included in the 35th.

Water, water, everywhere

The Mason County Democratic Central Committee (MCDCC) has in its platform a statement in support of the environment and the need of governments to help fund projects to protect and save natural resources for future generations. At the same time MCDCC recognizes the need to support our

economic resources, which include the fishing and shellfish industry.

On December 11, 2011, the WA Salmon Recovery Funding Board announced awards totaling \$1,624,289 in 2012 from federal and state money to "repair damaged rivers and streams and protect the most pristine areas" in Mason County. It is hard to determine sometimes what they fund and what they don't.

Grant: \$450,000 **To:** The Capitol Land Trust **Purpose:** to purchase 185 acres of wetland and shorelines on the upper Goldsborough Creek area, east of Shelton. The acreage is in three parcels and is next to two other parcels the trust already owns. The Creek is used by Coho, winter steelhead and cut-throat trout.

Grant: \$325,139 **To:** Skokomish Tribe **Purpose:** to help remove barriers for juvenile fish migrating to the water in the area of the great bend of the Hood Canal. This is the 3rd year of this project and the Skokomish Tribe will contribute \$605,688 from other federal and state grants to this project. The summer chum and coastal bull trout are the main fish to benefit from this project.

Grant: \$300,000 **To:** Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group **Purpose:** to enable the group to breach 2 dikes at the Union river estuary. It will allow water to flood 32 acres to create a salt marsh. The summer chum, Coho and cut-throat trout will benefit from this project. The enhancement group will contribute a \$1.5M grant from a federal award to this project.

Grant: \$203,591 **To:** The Mason Conservation District and Skokomish Tribe **Purpose:** to purchase and restore land in the Skokomish River floodplain. The conservation district and tribe will donate \$77,500 to this project, which will include removing buildings and installing new plantings.

Grant: \$135,591 **To:** Long Live the Kings **Purpose:** to complete the design for restoring the Lilliwaup Creek Restoration project. In 2007 thousands of yards of gravel filled in the creek now partially blocking the flow of the river. Summer chum have normally used this creek.

Grant: \$58,227 **To:** Mason Conservation District **Purpose:** to put old logs and tree roots in the lowest part of Cranberry Creek to slow down the flow of water. The district will plant trees also to help cool the water for juvenile salmon. The district will provide \$10,276 from a local grant to help this project.

Grant: \$78,981 **To:** Mason County Parks and Trails **Purpose:** to purchase 36.5 acres alongside the shoreline of Oakland Bay. It will be used as a day park for public use. It is the 3rd of 4 acquisitions of Oakland Bay to conserve land for wildlife and residents. Many organizations including Taylor Shellfish, Squaxin Island Tribe, Capitol Land Trust and others are supporting this effort. Mason County will contribute \$400,000 from a private grant for this project.

Grant: \$28,760 **To:** Mason County **Purpose:** to purchase 50 acres of tidelands, salt marsh and forest in the Coulter Creek estuary. Mason County will give \$884,240 from a state grant to the project. It will remain undeveloped acreage and remain a forest.

The source of information for the news stories was news release by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office, Salmon Recovery Funding Board, dated December 11, 2011.

Water, water, everywhere and more information

A news announcement by the WA State Departments of Commerce and Ecology and Puget Sound Partnership said that approximately \$6.3 M from the EPA, as federal grants, will be used to protect and restore Puget Sound. Included in the list of projects was "retrofitting storm water infrastructure throughout the Hood Canal watershed to better manage surface water runoff, reduce pollution and boost rainwater infiltration".

Whenever I go to the web site listed for information on the grants, it only shows the 2011 information, so that is what I will report to you.

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Mason County Democratic Women's Club Update

by Marilyn Sayan

Democratic Women's Club President / PCO 122 Miller

The next meeting of the Democratic Women's Club is set for Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at El Sarape Restaurant. We'll hear from Terri Shaw of our local Mason County Senior Activities Center about the Center's current activities and the organization's capital campaign for a new facility at the old PUD complex. Lunch begins at 11:30 am with the program following a short business meeting at noon.

We didn't meet last month but rather joined with the Central Committee for our Democrats' annual holiday party. Although the attendance was disappointingly below that of previous years, those present had plenty to eat and enjoyed some newly created holiday carols sung by a never before heard from choir. . . and perhaps never to be heard from again! Sorry if you missed it!

I hope your holidays were full of fun

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• The Hood Canal Coordinating Council received two grants, totaling \$550,000. The first project was for \$300,000 to complete a watershed management plan. The other project was to identify, prioritize and plan for retrofits of storm water infrastructure in the most important areas of the Hood Canal to protect the watershed. The grant was for \$250,000. The Member organizations are Jefferson, Mason, Kitsap counties and Port Gamble and S'Klallam, and Skokomish Tribes. *The source of information for the news stories was a news release by the Puget Sound Partnership, dated December 22, 2011.*

and excitement and wish you blessings and cheer for the new year. See you on January 18th!



Peace,
Marilyn

MCDCC Speaker Steeped in Mason County History

Our speaker for the January MCDCC regular meeting is Billie Howard. She has recently retired from the leadership of the Mason Co. Historical Society where she has been director for the last twenty years. She became interested in local history in 1989 and it has been a continually growing passion in her life. Many things are happening in 2012 in the museum and she will be talking to us about those changes. There are also many services available to the people of the county at the museum and Billie will describe what is available. She's an interesting person who has been active in the county in many ways. She was part of the team that founded the Saints Shelton Food Bank. She has served as chairman of their board and is currently still active in the organization.

Come to the meeting on January 11 at the PUD #3 meeting room. Billie will speak at 6 PM and there will be time for questions.

You are invited to Shelton for a Meet & Greet & Fundraiser for

~ Jeff Davis ~

Candidate for State Representative
35th LD, Position 2

Friday, January 13, 2012

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Grove Street Brewhouse

233 S. 1st Street, Shelton
(Appetizers, political talk and maybe some music!)

Suggested donation \$25

You are encouraged to invite others!

RSVP: Linda@electjeffdavis.com or
[360-801-0139](tel:360-801-0139)

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Jeff Davis Fundraisers

There are two Meet-and-Greet Fundraisers for the Jeff Davis campaign in January.

BREMERTON EVENT: Tuesday, January 10, from 5-7 pm, at the Boat Shed Restaurant, 101 Shore Dr., Bremerton (near the Manette Bridge).

SHELTON EVENT: Friday, January 13, from 7-9 pm, at the Grove Street Brewhouse, 233 S. 1st St., Shelton.