

The Mason County Democrat

"Neighbors Working Together"

From the Fred Finn Campaign

Notes from the Chair

by Andrew Graham

This is the season when we work our donkeys off to elect our candidates. Mason County Democrats have been calling voters and knocking on doors to identify voters and persuade them to vote for our candidates. We've called over 8000 voters and visited over 2500 homes since the primary, but these next weeks are critical; our past work has been just the warm-up and we need you to help.

Tom Farmer came down to the office the other day to phone bank for the first time, and like most of us who take on a new task, he was a little hesitant. But after an hour on the phone he told me that after he made the first ten calls, the rest were easy and in fact fun. This is exactly how I felt when I first started phone banking and canvassing, and that's why I invite you to come down to our office and call from there, in the company of your compatriots. Greg Case, Casey Dreher, Tim Gowa, Jean Farmer, Marcia Hamilton, Linda Thomson, Becky Westby, Adrienne Amar and Barbara Wyatt have each called over one hundred voters; some have called over a thousand. You can too. Well, not everyone is up for making a thousand calls, but every PCO and every member of Mason County Democrats can make 100 calls or knock on twenty doors. This is how we win elections.

Several days Mason County Dems have made more calls than any Legislative District in the state. We need to do better than most, for in 2008 Mason County was the only county in Puget Sound that Dino Rossi won. Let's not repeat that ignominy; rather let's use that history to drive us to success in November.

So call Mason County Democrats at 360-427-2731 or email me at AndrewGraham@att.net. You can choose to work the phone banks or canvas, always with a fellow Democrat. We have lists, scripts, and the new Virtual Phone Bank that makes calling quick and easy.

At the October Central Committee meeting we will nominate new candidates for Assessor and County Commissioner. According to the State Party's "Rules for the Selection of Democratic Candidates and Nominees for Public Office," our Central Committee must appoint new nominees for these positions, because our nominees did not make it through the August primary. We do not need to reconvene the Nominating Convention, so we'll do this at the regular meeting. The purpose of these nominations is to preserve the party's role in filling a vacancy in elective office, and nominating our Endorsed Candidates is a matter of course.

The next Executive Committee meeting is October 5; call me for time and location. I'll see you all at the next Central Committee meeting, Wednesday October 13, 7pm, at the PUD 3 meeting room.

Andrew Graham
MCDCC Chair

The past month has seen our calendar packed with appointments and events.

On the first, there was a well-attended fundraiser at the beautiful home of Judy and Ron Mastick on Benson Lake. Good friends, good food, nice support.

There have been a number of endorsement interviews and good news of several new endorsements. This has been the time when candidate forums start again for the General Election, and we've been to as many as we could attend in the various counties of the 35th LD. Additionally, the Democrats have conducted some Meet & Greet events for our candidates, and those have been good, too.

Meanwhile, the campaign team has been working cooperatively with the Coordinated Campaign to make contact with voters via phone calls and canvassing. These actions benefit all of our D candidates, and thousands of contacts have been made now, with many more to go so as to make our future contacts more accurately targeted.

All the while, I have been doing legislative work as needed and taking care of my business obligations, as well as participating in community and charity events.

I thank the Mason County Democrats for their monetary contribution as well as their endorsement of my candidacy. It is good to know I have your support.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events

Wed, Oct 13, 7:00 pm—MCDCC Meeting at PUD3, Shelton.

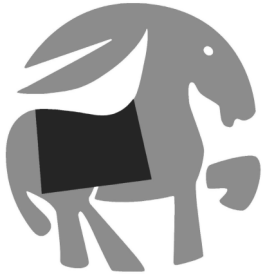
Mon, Oct 18th, 6:30 pm—DemoChat (No Host) at Grove Street Brewhouse (1st and Grove, Shelton) (Mason County Chapter of Drinking Liberally - NOT affiliated with MCDCC).

Wed, Oct 20th, 11:30 am—Mason County Democratic Women's Club at El Sarapé Restaurant in Gateway Center. No host lunch. Meeting begins at noon.

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Deadline for articles, news, letters and photos for the November 2010 issue of the MCDCC Newsletter is 5 p.m. Friday, October 22.

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tors do not necessarily represent the
views of Mason County Democrats
as a whole.

PSP and Watersheds

By Jane Roush

*This article is continued from last
month.*

Mason County is the lead for two
WRIA's (Watershed Resource Inven-
tory Areas), 14 and 16.

The Skokomish/Dosewallips
WRIA (#16) starts at the Rocky
Branch of the Dosewallips River and
comes down the Hood Canal. It in-
cludes the Duckabush River and Ful-
ton Creek in Jefferson County. Com-
ing south it includes the Hamma
Hamma River, Lake Cushman, the
north and south Fork of the Skoko-
mish River. The towns included are
Brinnon, Duckabush, Eldon, Lilli-
waup, Hoodport and the Skokomish
Tribe.

WRIA 16 is charging forward.
The planning group approved the
watershed plan in May 2006 and the
Mason and Jefferson County Boards
of Commissioners adopted the plan
in July 2006. The planning group
received a grant in July 2007 and
they completed their detailed imple-
mentation plan in June 2008. **They
are now working with the Puget
Sound Partnership to develop an
agenda for the Hood Canal.**

Recently a program called Leg-
acy Roads and Trails Remediation
awarded \$2.7 million to this water-
shed for repair and restoration of old
logging trails. The project will im-
prove water quality in this WRIA and
enhance salmon runs. Another pri-
mary benefit is to stop the annual
flooding downstream.

WRIA 14 is commonly referred
to as the Kennedy/ Goldsborough
WRIA but actually includes part of
Thurston County along 101 to Mud
Bay. To the north WRIA 14 includes
Union and the canal up to where
Hwy 3 and Hwy 106 come together.
It then come down the Puget Sound
water passed Harstene Island and
then cuts over toward Mud Bay. On
the East side it includes Dayton,
Matlock and the areas of Skookum
Creek, Gosnell Creek, Kennedy
Creek and Perry Creek, and Summit
Lake although this county is
Thurston County. This was the origi-
nal setup of WRIA 14.

In 2002 WRIA 14 issued a re-

port, which identified and detailed what
is known about water issues in the
WRIA. The main finding was that wa-
ter resources were in short supply in
the summertime although only 1% of
the water available is used. Grants
were received for further study and
outlining a final plan. In May 2006 the
draft watershed plan was completed
but the Squaxin Island Tribe voted
against the approval of plan.

In 2008 the Washington State Leg-
islature passed a bill splitting WRIA 14
into two parts. The portion of the Ken-
nedey/ Goldsborough WRIA (14(b)) that
drains into the lower Hood Canal is
now included in with Skokomish/
Dosewallips WRIA (16).

Apparently WRIA 14 has done no
further planning at this point from 2006.

Next month I will try to discuss the
differences in the proposed Puget
Sound Partnership water quality and
the WRIA's water quality programs, if
there is a difference. I will also try to
sort out the funding of various pro-
grams.

Sources: DOE web pages at
www.ecy.wa.gov; Mason County Planning
Advisory Commission Minutes May 8,2006;
Associated Press Story, Seattle Times,
8/25/10, "Repairing aging roads to aid for-
est restoration"; Washington News Service,
Chris Thomas, 8/24/10, "Skokomish Water-
shed Cleanup Puts Locals to Work".

35th LD Quarterly Meeting Scheduled

The quarterly meeting for the 35th LD
will be held on Saturday, October 9,
1:00 p.m. at Mason County Democrats
headquarters, 218 West Cota Street,
Shelton.

**Patty Murray signs are now
available at Mason County
Democrats Headquarters.
Come and get 'em!**

A Day in the Life of a Political Staffer

By Greg Case

The first thing you have to understand about working in politics is that you have to fit multiple work days into one "day." For me, my day usually starts around 7 a.m. I will not bore you with my morning routines, except the one that I look forward to the most. I make a point to look in the bathroom mirror and repeat to myself multiple times how many days I have left before Election Day. Today that number is 37. I am not the only one, ask any campaign staffer, and before you finish the question, they can answer it. I then continue my day, by letting Herman (my basset hound) out. He is often, like me, unsatisfied with the number of hours he has had to sleep. Often I must shake the crate to get him to vacate.

We continue our morning by doing his "routine." I then will come inside, and wager to myself as to how many unread messages I have, somehow though I never come out as a winner in that wager. After I have adequately answered priority emails, I pack up to head for the office. I fill Herman's hub cap (he is much too low key for a real dog food dish) with kibble put him in the back of the car, and we are on our way to Shelton. After an hour long drive with multiple periods of open windows as Herman's kibble digests, and our daily stop at the espresso place, where I order my daily 16 oz hot Vanilla Mocha with 2 straws and Herman gets a cookie, we arrive at the office, usually around 9:30a.m.-10 a.m. Herman immediately jumps on the futon, and catches up on his daily need of 12-15 hours of uninterrupted sleep.

I try to have volunteers in the office every day doing voter ID calls; we have made nearly 8,000 calls from this office alone since the Primary. I too jump on the phone. I shoot for 150 calls in one sitting. Many not homes, a few refusals, a few expletives, the occasional wrong number that instead was a rectal examination doctor (if you don't believe me, I would be more than happy to put you on the phone down here), but many, many Democratic Supporters for Patty, Norm, Fred, Kathy. In the afternoon more volunteers come in. We will make more calls, or pack literature for doorbelling, and put up signs. In the evening, our evening

callers come in. These are the people who say, "No sir, we Democrats don't eat dinner, but if you tell us who you're supporting, we won't call again...this week." The cut-off time for calling is around 8:30pm, I get a little on edge after 8pm, but continue to call on pins and needles until 8:30. The volunteers often head home around this time.

To get away from the computer, I voluntarily sweep the floor, throw away garbage, and restock needed literature on the front table. This takes longer than it should. I will sit back down in front of the computer and do a solid two hours of data entry on Votebuilder. This is an important task, but a time consuming one. I aim to finish this by 11 p.m., but rarely achieve that feat. Every night around 11:30 p.m.-12 a.m., I get a call from the field director from the Coordinated Campaign where we spend a good 20 minutes trying to encourage one another to keep plugging along another day. Ultimately those you work with become a de facto family, and serve as a major support base. Since June, I have spent more hours in one week with this "de facto family" than I have with my actual family in 4 months. It's all part of it.

It's around midnight when I realize I have not eaten in a great while. I can't tell you the last time I had an actual home cooked meal. I can tell you some great places all across the Peninsula you should try though, along with some you should avoid. Four of us staffers actually committed ourselves to clearing our schedule this coming Saturday evening, and sharing an actual home cooked meal. I don't think there has been so much excitement at the office since Election Night 2008.

For a while, I was eating two molasses cookies and drinking a 7-Up for dinner. Last night I realized they were all gone, so I killed two birds with one stone, and had two Excedrin and a can of coke for dinner. I was nutritionally satisfied, and suppressed my headache for a day longer. After whatever busy work I try finishing before leaving, I will vacate the office around 1:30.-2:30 a.m. Our Chair Andrew Graham bet that he could last longer at the office than I could. He lost.

Funny part about all this is, this isn't even my job. I'm actually the Campaign Manager for Fred Finn, and most assuredly will benefit him. But where some people get a thrill jumping out of a plane, or driving fast cars, I/we campaign staffers get thrills off voter ID numbers, and number of calls made in one day. In the end, we can only hope for the best of outcomes. The more time put into this job does not ensure victory, but sitting by the sidelines almost always ensures defeat. If you would like to help us out, please call the office at 360-427-2731, or my cell at 360-801-1372.

From Pat Swartos, Candidate for County Clerk

Hello Fellow Democrats.

We are on the last stretch of the race. Everyone has been working really hard on their campaigns . . . candidate forums, special events, community organization meetings. It's been a busy time, and I hope all my fellow Democrats will end up on top Election Night.

I would like to thank everyone for the support and encouragement. It has been different campaigning this time—many years later. Not any easier, but just different.

Thank you so much to the Central Committee for the generous donation. I really appreciate the help.

So.....Good luck to everyone.....see You at the next functions, & especially in celebrating all of the victories November 2nd.

Mason County Democrat Solidarity Statement

In a lifetime of association with Democrats and the Democratic Party, I have always known Democrat Primary Election candidates to view the Primary Election as a time when we express our differences, and the General Election as the time for all Democrats (candidates and non-candidates) to support our Primary Election winners. This basic principle of solidarity is a hallmark of Democratic candidacy—whether one is new to the Party or a wizened campaigner.

... Doug Sayan

Mason County Democratic Women's Club Update

by Marilyn Sayan

Democratic Women's Club President / PCO 122 Miller

The Democratic Women's Club will meet at El Sarape in Gateway Center on Wednesday, October 20, 2010. A no host lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. Following a short business meeting at noon, Monty Cobb will talk about his campaign for Mason County Prosecutor and share his views on issues facing that office.

In August, Teresa Jacobson spoke about her campaign for PUD 3 Commissioner. She spoke of her opposition to the new Headquarters facility under construction on Johns Prairie Road and her support of the need for a new Shops facility. She expressed her concern with the performance of PUD management with regard to customer service, stating that as a PUD Commissioner, it would be her intent to reduce operating costs and improve customer relations.

During the business portion of the meeting, the membership voted unanimously to give \$900 to the Mason County De-

mocratic Central Committee for its distribution to local county candidates.

Hope to see you at the October 20th meeting which is happening just less than 2 weeks before the General Election! Come and hear what Monty has to say, plus get an update on the other candidates' races.



Peace,
Marilyn Sayan

Make Your Vote Count!

I am one of the official election observers for MCDCC in Mason County. One of the duties of that position is observing the process involved in referring disputed ballots to the Canvassing Board. In the most recent primary election I watched as a stack of ballots possibly two to three inches thick went uncounted because the postmarks on the envelopes were after the deadline. I want to urge everyone who mails their ballot via the post office to get that ballot in the mail before the stated deadline. In the upcoming General Election the deadline in November 2nd. I would urge people to get their ballots in the mail no later than November 1st.

And to those among us who use the ballot drop boxes, get those ballots into the box before 8 PM November 2nd. Just because you can drop your ballot in the next morning does not mean it will be counted. The drop boxes are locked at 8:01 P.M. on election night and the ballots are picked up.

Adrienne Amar

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Wednesday, Oct.
13th at 7:00 p.m.