



Winter 2012

THE VOICE OF INCLUSION*

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Let's Do Our Part In 2012 —Volunteer To Help

VERY Important Dates

- **Sat, March 17: St Patrick's Day Events:**
3-5p NCESD, Caucus Trng & Vote Builder Trng; all Chelan & Douglas Co Dem caucus workers & PCOs
5:30-8p: Applewood Grill, Wen, Local Dem FUN get-together
- **Wed, Mar 22 (NCESD)**
5:30-6:30p Beginning Vote Builder trng, Chelan & Douglas PCOs/helpers
6:30-7:30p PCO & Caucus trng
- **Sun, April 1: Chelan & Douglas Co Dem HQ Office OPENS!**
One South Wenatchee Ave, Wen
- **Wed, Apr 4: DoCoDem Gen Mtg, 7p**
DoCoFireDist #2 mtg rm, 377 Eastmont Ave, E Wen
- **Sun, Apr 15: Douglas Co Precinct Caucuses, 1-3p, various sites (see detail p 2)**
- **Sun, Apr 29: Douglas Co Democratic County Convention and 12th LD Sub-caucuses, 10a-noon, Eastmont HS Commons**
- **Sat, May 12: Annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner, Wenatchee Convention Ctr**
5:30p Social Hour; 6:30p Dinner/Program

These great leaders serve us with integrity and experience. They'll need our help in the months ahead!



Jay Inslee For Governor



US Senator Maria Cantwell



President Barack Obama

ARE YOU IN ?

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Douglas County Dems To Hold Precinct Caucuses

Grassroots Activism

There will be no Presidential Primary Election this year in Washington State. Instead, each major party (Dem & Rep) will proceed through a several-tiered process to determine its preference for a presidential nominee (Remember 2008; Clinton and Obama).

There are five tiers of participation in the Democratic Party caucus cycle: precinct, county convention/legislative district, congressional district, state, and national convention. At each successive level, the number of delegates who "caucus" is reduced. 1400 delegates and 700

alternates will be elected at Democratic precinct caucuses held throughout the state on April 15, but Washington State will ultimately send just 121 delegates (and 8 alternates) to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC, in Sept.

The purpose of the precinct caucuses is to elect delegates (and alternates) who will carry forward the presidential preference vote of the precincts. All Douglas County Democrats are invited to participate in precinct caucuses on Sunday, April 15. Precinct caucuses

will be held from 1-3 pm at four locations in the Douglas County (see list on p 2 for location of your precinct caucus).

Who is eligible?

Anyone may participate in their caucus, but **only registered voters who declare themselves to be a Democrat may vote** for their presidential preference during the caucus (our choice is easy this time!) and help elect delegates and alternates who will carry our votes to the next level. If you are not yet

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DEMS OPEN HQ

WHO: Democrats of Chelan and Douglas Counties

WHAT: Open and staff a Democratic Headquarters Office

WHERE: One South Wenatchee Avenue (SE corner of Palouse & Wenatchee Ave)

WHEN: on **April 1, 2012—thru November.** Days/hours will lengthen as we get nearer General Election (Nov 6).



WHY: To provide a visible Democratic presence in the community, to have a place where signs/campaign materials, JJDinner tickets, and other political information can be shared. To create a place for trainings and organizing volunteer activities.

* Newsletter

This newsletter represents a new beginning for DCDems ! WHAT SHOULD WE CALL OUR NEWSLETTER ? We plan to publish a quarterly newsletter, but will mail only the first one each year. Others will be sent via email and posted on our website. What information would you like to have included in future issues ? Email or send us suggestions! Help us make it useful for you.

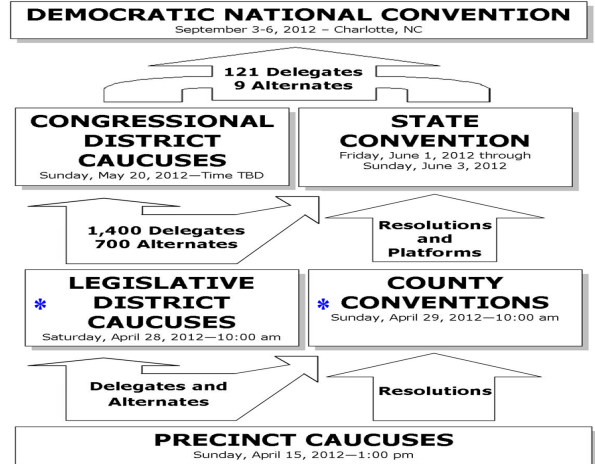
DCDems To Hold Caucuses *(cont. from p 1)*

registered, but you are a citizen who will be at least 18 years old by Nov 6, 2012 (General Election), you may register to vote at the caucus and you may vote your presidential preference.

Anyone may submit a written resolution, which will be addressed at the county convention on 4/29.

Come talk politics with your Democratic friends and neighbors . Learn about all that is planned for the year ahead. Your participation is welcomed and **needed!**

WASHINGTON STATE CAUCUS AND CONVENTION CYCLE



* Douglas Co Dems will combine LD and County Convention on Sun, Apr 29. Check our [website](#) for details.

Where's My Precinct Caucus?

Precinct caucuses will convene Sunday, Apr 15, at 1:00 pm; Although recent redistricting may change some jurisdictional boundaries, [we will caucus in our old precincts.](#)

COMMIT TO CAUCUS

Be part of the movement that keeps a President Obama in the White House. Attend and participate in this essential

grass-roots civic opportunity.

Bridgeport High School Commons:

Precincts 303, 304, 305

Eastmont High School Commons Area:

Precincts 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 111, 112, 201, 202, 203, 204, 209, 210, 211, 215, 216, 218, 301, 302, 316, 317, 319

Mansfield Jr/Sr High School Multi-Purpose Rm:

Precincts 207, 214, 306, 307, 308, 310, 314,

Waterville High School Career Ctr:

Precincts 205, 206, 208, 212, 213, 309, 311, 312, 313,

Need to find your precinct?

<http://gis.douglascountywa.net/Map/default.aspx> or call DoCo Elections Spvsr 509-745-8527

What Do Democrats Believe? You Decide!

**Wednesday, April 4, 2012
General Mtg: 7:00 PM,
DoCoFireDistrict#2 Mtg
Rm, 377 Eastmont Ave—**
Grab your thinking caps, fellow Democrats, because it's time to prepare for our Douglas County Democratic County Convention on 4/29.

An important part of the caucus and convention cycle is to discuss and recommend updates for the **Douglas County Democrats' Platform**, identifying how the platform can best represent

our values. We will focus on this activity at our meeting on 4/4. All interested Democrats are welcome to participate. With very little turn-around time between the 4/4 mtg, the 4/15 Precinct Caucuses, and the 4/29 County Convention (where the platform will be formally adopted), we need to do our homework in advance. Beginning with work on 4/4, we will then use the caucuses as an opportunity for your input. The 2010 Platform is posted on our website.

For questions about the platform and the process for updating it, or to volunteer on the Platform Committee, please contact Platform Chair Norval Fliegel, 509-787-0230

Other 4/4 agenda items:

Redistricting update (Douglas County will soon have one new precinct), Statewide initiatives and referendums, April 17 Special Election. Refreshments and coffee will be available.

See you on 4/4/2012.

“Coming Out Of The (Political) Closet”

Democrats of Douglas and Chelan counties (and their friends) are invited to **St. Patrick’s Day FUN Gathering** for an evening of socializing and catching up on Democratic events. Drop in for a few minutes or for the entire evening. This get-together has become a favorite annual tradition. Appetizers are on us, then order something from the special menu.

WHERE: Applewood Grill (upstairs in the mezzanine), 29 N Columbia St, Wenatchee,

WHEN: Saturday, 3/17, from **5:30--8pm.** Some of us may go up the street at 7pm to cheer for the St Patrick’s Day Leprechaun’s as they parade down Orondo Street—honoring a great, departed Democrat, Jim Lynch! Grace Lynch may join us, too! State Vice-Chair Valerie Rongey may also join us! Come meet them.

Earlier in the day, anyone interested in being trained as a caucus worker or wanting to learn more about being a PCO

is welcome to attend a **special training session.**

WHERE: North Central ESD computer room, 430 Olds Station, Wenatchee

WHEN: 3—5pm

A **second training** opportunity will be offered —

WHEN: Thurs 3/22, NCESD,

•5:30: Beginning Vote Builder trng for PCOs

•6:30: PCO & Caucus trng

INFO: (509) 884-7488

PLEASE REMEMBER TO

VOTE

SPECIAL ELECTION

APRIL 17 BALLOT

PUBLIC FACILITIES

DISTRICT VOTE

Jefferson Jackson Dinner—May 12

Democrats of Chelan and Douglas Counties have held an annual “fun” raising JJ Dinner for many years. In 2008, more than 500 Democrats attended! We hope you will attend this year.

The Jefferson Jackson Dinner always offers great food (prepared by union staff in a union shop), thought-provoking speeches, opportunities to meet and hear from candidates, an array of auction items, and great company—all at a price set to include everyone who

may wish to attend.

WHEN: Saturday, May 12

5:30 Social Hour

6:30 Dinner/Program

WHERE: Wenatchee Convention Center, Wenatchee

TICKETS: \$50/Adults, \$35/Students

Our local combo, The Saddle Rockers (*aka The Vote Rockers*), will be with us to share their great music. We’ve moved the JJ Dinner date to the springtime this year to kick up our enthusiasm for the work ahead. Profits we gain from

this year’s event will all be dedicated to helping fund our HQ Office. Please buy your tickets early and consider inviting a new friend to attend with you! Support our local Democratic efforts in 2012.



The Vote Rockert—10/2009

JJ Dinner Keynote Speaker—Frank Schaeffer

FRANK SCHAEFFER, New York Times best selling author and sought-after political commentator, will share both wit and wisdom as keynote speaker at this year’s JJ Dinner. Many are familiar with his books, *Crazy For God* and *Sex, Lies, and God*, but all will be spellbound by his first-hand account of how the “righteous right” was formed and how it

has cast a strangle-hold over the Republican party. How the Radical Right and big money and politics have become strange partners—and what he believes we must do about it. We hope you’ll find that his speech alone is worth the price of your ticket! “Informed.” “Motivating.” “Powerful.”

A must-hear presentation!



New York Times bestselling author, **Frank Schaeffer**

Helpful Web Links

As your inbox begins to fill with email/spam from “family and friends,” during this election cycle, send them “just the facts.”

- barackobama.com/
 - obamaachievements.org/list (a crowd-sourced compilation)
 - OPENSECRETS.ORG
 - factcheck.org
 - Sunlight Foundation
 - MoneyInStatePolitics
 - Project On Government Oversight
 - Influence Explorer
 - GovTrack.us
 - ThatsMyCongress.com (Progressive)
 - PoliticalGuide.com (Conservative/Anti-abortion)
 - ontheissues.org/House/Doc_Hastings.htm
 - US Congress Votes Database: The Washington Post projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/112/
 - OpenCongress.org
 - americansworking.com/fabric.html Find products made in America, useful site with information about how to make choices
 - madeinusaforever.com/
- Share your favorite sites with us!

Signs, signs

Douglas Co. Democrats are always looking for good locations to post large signs during the campaign season. Perhaps you have seen the "Save Medicare--Fire Doc Hastings" signs? If you have a home or business that would get a lot of drive-by visibility and you would be willing to display a sign, please contact Donna Wendt (884-3899) or Luther Beaty (884-1282).

If you would like to join Luther and Donna delivering and/or helping to erect those signs, please contact one of them.

JAY CLOUGH UPDATE

Jay announced in early February that he would withdraw his candidacy to run in the 4th CD. He is, instead, running to represent the Tri-Cities in Washington's 8th Legislative District. Wish offer continued support and best wishes!

MARCH 3, 2012 RESULTS DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN CAUCUSES

Name	# Votes	% Won	
Santorum	121	34.2	✓
Romney	87	24.6	
Paul	67	18.9	
Gingrich	66	18.6	
Others	13	3.7	

100.0% of precincts reporting

SEE WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST ?

COMMIT TO CAUCUS ON APRIL 15, 2012 !

- 476 PEOPLE ATTENDED DOUGLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CAUCUSES IN 2008

Notes From The Chair

We celebrate this mailing of our "first in a long-time" newsletter. It's being mailed to nearly 1000 households -- 970 in Douglas County! If you are on this mailing list, it is because you've distinguished yourself as someone who cares strongly about Democratic principles. We hope that each of you finds information of value in this issue.

Your local Democratic Party all-volunteer organization welcomes anyone who considers him/herself a Democrat (or democrat). We welcome all who are politically independent or curious, apolitical, or just plain frustrated. We are the party of INCLUSION, wishing to hear all voices, working for the common good.

We invite you to become a member of the Douglas County Democrats by paying dues, per our bylaws. Although we have

not actively collected dues for several years, we will need your support to accomplish goals and plans outlined here.

Your annual membership dues and other contributions (in any amount) are used right here in Douglas County to help:

- Promote Democratic candidates;
- Fund newsletters, event notices, and other important mailings to keep voters informed;
- Hold rallies and events critical to spreading the Democratic message in our community;
- Host booths and information tables at community events throughout Douglas County;
- Fund community service projects;
- Pay rent, phone, and other



2010 DCDem Platform Cmte

costs for a local Democratic headquarters office during national election campaigns; and

- Cover operating expenses so volunteers can continue their good work on your behalf.

Join with us to become better informed, to develop our voice, and to share it in the spirit of building a better future for ourselves and the generations to come. Karen Keleman

PS PayPal option coming soon to our website!

...and one more thing

Many opportunities for action and information sharing arise quickly. One of the most efficient and cost-effective ways to stay in touch nowadays is by email (it costs ~\$1 to print/mail this newsletter). If you

have been receiving regular meeting notices from us over the past several years, we have your email address. If you haven't received those emails, please ask to be added to our email list. We will be

respectful of your privacy. We are learning to use our website and Facebook pages and we'll post communication there for you to review. Check the calendar frequently and "like" us on Facebook !

Obama Admin Accomplishments

From Obama For America web:

CHANGE IS:

- Equal Pay for Equal Work
- Improving Women's Health
- Protecting Women's Right to Choose
- Ending Insurance Company Abuses
- Keeping Premiums Low
- Expanding Access to Care

- Closing the Medicare Rx "Donut Hole"
- Job Creation
- Saving the auto industry from collapse
- Supporting the private sector in creating ~3 million jobs
- Goals to out-educate and out-innovate the rest of the World
- Wall St reform, end unfair

- lending practices
- Closing tax loopholes
- Commitment to Iraq security
- Refocus on Al-Qaeda
- Honoring the service of veterans and their families

I'm practicing my 30-second "elevator speech." How about you?

2012 MEMBERSHIP

JOIN US!

Become a member of the Douglas County Democratic Party! Join our general membership and help with our efforts to support local Democratic campaigns, as well as fund and promote Democratic activities.

About Annual Membership Dues:

Suggested annual membership dues are \$20 per person, but please feel free to contribute more if you can. Our membership year is Jan 1—Dec 31, although we happily accept memberships and donations throughout the year.

Instructions:

Make check or money order payable to Douglas County Democrats, and mail it with this completed form to:

Douglas County Democrats
PO BOX 7074
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Please complete the following required information:

Name (Please list all names covered by this membership)

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

E-mail address

Amount Enclosed: _____

☐ Please send me a receipt and/or membership card.

(If contributing \$100 or more, state and federal disclosure laws require information about your occupation and employer.)

Occupation

Employer

Employer's Address

☐ I confirm that the following statements are true and accurate:

I am a United States citizen or a legal permanent resident.

The funds I am donating are not being provided to me by another person or entity for the purpose of making this contribution.

I am at least 18 years old, or the funds I am donating are my own personal funds and I am donating these funds knowingly and voluntarily.

Signature

Date

Contributions are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes.

VOLUNTEER DEMOCRATIC !

Sign me up to volunteer!

Name _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Because...

...**Electing the right leaders** at local, state and national levels comes down to local campaign organizing and action, **I want to help** with:

- Local Office Staffing/Assistance
 - Election Organizing
 - Doorbelling
 - Phone Banking
 - Voter Registration
 - Yard Signs
 - Endorsements
 - Letter-writing Campaigns

...**Helping grow and direct local party resources** to what's most important to local Democrats is vital to shaping the future of Douglas County Democrats, **I want to help** with:

- Precinct Committee Officers (PCO)
- Party Officer Positions
- Fundraising
- Outreach and Membership

...**Keeping in touch** about issues, candidates, elections and activities can help Democrats in Douglas County know how make a difference, **I want to help** with:

- Communication
- Marketing
- Newsletter
- Website
- Technology Assistance

...**Working together and being involved with others** who share similar values and beliefs can benefit me as well as support a strong local Democratic Party, **I want to help** with events and activities such as:

- Jefferson-Jackson Dinner
- St. Patrick's Day Event
- Summer Picnic
- NCW District Fair Booth
- Holiday Party

**YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
DOUGLAS COUNTY**

What DC Dems did in 2011...

General Mtgs: 10
E-Bd Planning Mtgs: 13
Committee Mtgs: 24
Wa State Dem Mtgs: 3
Info Events: 14

Labor Issues Forum
Citizen's United/Riki Ott
Immigration Forum
Family Wage Rally
Healthcare Forum
Others

Joint Chelan Dems: 25
St Patty's Day
WSDCC Spring Mtg
PCO/Vote Builder Trng
Emerging Ldrs Dinner
Jefferson Jackson Dinner
General Election Gathering

Office Needs

**Local Democrat HQ Open
April—Nov: Can you help?**

NEEDED (on loan)

OFFICE FURNITURE: desks, bookcases, tables, chairs, lamps, file/storage cabinets, carpets

OFFICE EQUIPMENT: printer/scanner/copiers, phone/answer machine, computer/monitor(s), shredder, small refrigerator, staplers, hole punches, clipboards

NEEDED (by donation)

CONSUMABLES: copy paper, pens/pencils/markers, folders, other office supplies

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: your donations, large and small!

STAFFING: commit to schedule a few hours of your time :-)

DOUGLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

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Karen Keleman, Chair
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Sandy Weaver, Secretary
Carol Oliver, Treasurer

Norval Fliegel, State Committee Man
Connie Fliegel, State Committee Woman
Jeanne Irland, Past Chair

DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Precinct	PCO Name	Phone No.	Precinct	PCO Name	Phone No.
101	Sandra M. Weaver	(509) 884-6080	213	Vacant	
102	Donna R. Wendt	(509) 884-3899	214	Vacant	
103	Cora A. Clark	(509) 886-7273	215	Vacant	
104	Vacant		216	Eleanor A. Clark	(509) 884-4224
105	Paul Parmley	(509) 860-8926	218	Lana J. Salvino	(509) 884-3103
106	Vacant		301	Vacant	
107	Vacant		302	Carol Oliver	(509) 884-1867
108	Karen L. Keleman	(509) 884-7488	303	Vacant	
109	Vacant		304	Vacant	
111	Vacant		305	Lynn Davis	(509) 686-7122
112	Chris Stark	(509) 669-9146	306	Vacant	
201	Vacant		307	Vacant	
202	Jeanne Irland	(509) 884-9300	308	Vacant	
203	Vacant		309	Kathy Humphrey	(509) 683-1949
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205	Vacant		311	Vacant	
206	Vacant		312	Vacant	
207	Vacant		313	Vacant	
208	Vacant		314	Carol J. Netzel	(509) 633-1235
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210	Vacant		317	Jan Davis-Morgan	(509) 884-5680
211	Vacant		319	Robert A. Jackson	(509) 886-4286
212	Vacant				

We are so thankful to our PCOs for stepping up to make our communities better places. Picture **your** name on this **BLUE** list... consider joining with us for this important work.



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Washington State Democrats

wa-democrats.org

Democratic National Cmte

democrats.org

GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY



SAVE THE DATE

**Chelan & Douglas County
Democrats**

Annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner

Saturday, May 12, 2012

Wenatchee Convention Center—Grand Apple Ballroom

5:30 pm Social Hour—6:30 pm Dinner/Program

Adult \$50.00 / Student \$35.00

Your additional donation will help fund our local 2012 Democratic HQ Office.

DINNER CHOICES: BEEF VEGETARIAN CHICKEN

Please make checks payable to: JJ DINNER ACCOUNT

For tickets, call your PCO or 884-7488 or 663-1950.

