



34TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATS

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Happiest of Holidays, Democrats!

I hope you are all enjoying the snow flurries and holiday cheer that pulses through the district. I attended the Junction Hometown Holidays this past weekend and it really put me in the mood. Because not everyone is able to enjoy the season, I hope you will consider participating in our annual Holiday Service Project. (Read more about it later in the newsletter.) For me it is a giving season and I take great pride in helping those who need a hand. We all deserve a little joy this holiday.

This weekend there is an important activity for elected PCOs (those who filed and were elected in May). Please make sure you plan to attend the King County Democrats reorganization on December 11th. See the newsletter article for details and links. It is the PCO's duty to participate in this election and we'll be voting on a brand-new leadership team in this election.

Speaking of reorganizations, ours will be held virtually on January 11th. This is when we will elect our new leadership who will take us forward into 2023 and then the 2024 Presidential cycle. I cannot find the words to fully state how important it is for us to have a solid, productive, organized leadership team to take us forward. Please reach out if you are interested in any of the roles. I have several meetings lined up this week already but there are still many slots to fill!

Even though the election is just a month behind us, I find myself already having conversations about next year. We will be seeing all 7 Seattle District City Councilmembers, 3 Burien City Councilmembers and 4 of the King County Council seats (McDermott, Balducci, Kohl-Welles and Zahilay) up for election. Where will you get involved??? Remember also that the presidential election jockeying will begin next year so that will be interesting to track.

Lastly, don't lose sight that there is also an election in February. Our very own Chris Porter will be running again for King Conservation District Supervisor and there will be a ballot initiative as well. Keep an eye out for our weekly emails for more information! As a Democrat there is ALWAYS something going on, right? I hope to see you all in the new year: involved, engaged, and advocating for Democracy. Join me and DO SOMETHING in 2023!

Have a wonderful holiday season and my wish for your health and happiness in 2023!

Carla Rogers

34th LD Chair -

chair@34dems.org - 206-432-1998

No Meeting in December, See you at the

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

34th District Reorganization Meeting

On Zoom - Click [HERE](#) to register

Consider being a leader in our organization.

Learn about positions on [Page 6](#)



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Attention Elected PCOs...

Attend the King County Reorganization Dec. 11



Like our Reorganization, King County Democrats (KCD) will reorganize at **12pm, Sunday, December 11th in a virtual meeting.** You must pre-register for Reorganization using the credential code provided via US mail. If you

are a newly elected (May 2022) PCO, you should have received a large envelope in the mail. If you haven't received it, please email credentials@kcdems.org. This packet contains the code you will need to register for the meeting.

Please also familiarize yourself with the rules, agenda, candidates and other materials ahead of the meeting. Registration and materials will be available here as they are finalized: <https://www.kcdems.org/reorganization/>.

Shasti Conrad is not running again for King County Chair. This opens the door for new leadership - come use your voice to vote in the next elected officers of KCDCC.

The 34th District got a bit larger in November. **Hannah Cameron**, PCO for SEA 34-1456 delivered a baby boy just before the election.

Bennett Luke Cameron will be able to cast his first vote in the Presidential Election of 2040...

...Here he is decked out in our favorite color...Blue!



34th Dems Pop Up Social -

Friday, December 9th

5:30 - 8pm

At **Can Bar**

9427 - 17th Ave SW, 98106

canbarseattle.com

Share Your Bounty...Help With the 34th Democrats December Service Project

In keeping with a new tradition of the 34th Dems, we are excited to share details about our 2022 Holiday Service Project. Our chosen partner organization for this year is **CoLEAD**. CoLEAD is a local, Seattle-based organization that works with those struggling with homelessness, mental health issues, and substance abuse.

Here is a link describing CoLEAD's Mission and Values Statement and some stats about their work in the community:

coleadteam.org/about/

We would love **YOU** to be part of our 2nd Annual 34th Dems December Community Service Project.

Help By Buying Winter Gear to Donate!

Members of the 34th Dems are purchasing winter gear (specifically warm coats, hats, scarves, socks, gloves, sweats) for the 120 clients that CoLEAD serves. [Click HERE to see the signup form for ideas!](#)

We will distribute the items directly to the clients, enjoy hot beverages & holiday treats, and spend some social time with the clients. This social event will take place on **December 17th, 3:00pm, at the Civic Hotel; 325 7th Avenue, Seattle**. The event will begin at **3pm**.

You do not have to purchase 120 items (but you may if you want to!), however every item you purchase will help make a special holiday experience for folks who are in need. For more info about this Service Project, keep your eyes on the emails from Carla (What's Happening in the 34th), the 34th Dems' Slack channel, and the 34th Facebook page!

Please direct any and all questions you have to Rachel Glass - vicechair1@34dems.org.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for our Service Project and get involved--your participation is key to making this event a SUCCESS!

Help By Making Treats!

34th Members will also have the additional option to bake some homemade holiday treats (store bought is fine too) to be delivered and served to the clients on the day of the event, December 17th. PLEASE NOTE: Due to various dental difficulties many of the clients are living with, we ask that you purchase or prepare soft treats that are easy to chew (i.e. fudge, lemon bars, pound cake, brownies, short bread, cupcakes).

Help By Writing Holiday Cards!

We will be distributing a holiday card to each of the 120 clients along with the winter gear, and I could really use some help in filling out the cards with some short uplifting (non-denominational) messages to add that extra degree of cheer for the clients. Please join me for a Holiday Card-writing party to help prepare part of this community service project! You would not have to address the cards to any specific folks and the



messages can be very short. I will provide all the 120 cards & envelopes, colored markers/pens, stickers, etc! I will also provide a script for what to write! I just need hands to help me write them! I figure if we have 7-8 people working on 120 cards we can get them done in 1-2 hours tops, depending on how many folks show up! **The Card-Writing Party will take place at C&P Coffee next Saturday December 10th at 12pm**. It will be a fun time to share an hour or two with friends, get into the holiday spirit, and help out for a great cause!!

If you want to join the Card-Writing Party, contact Rachel Glass - vicechair1@34dems.org

Help Us Distribute the Items!

Join us on December 17th and spend a couple of hours distributing winter gear to the clients and providing some social holiday cheer, please indicate this when you fill out the Google form [HERE](#)

****All winter gear will need to be delivered no later than Friday December 16th** to one of the designated Drop Off sites below. You will need to coordinate a drop-off time with the with these volunteers to schedule a mutually agreeable time to drop off your items.

****Baked goods (perishables) will need to be delivered on the 16th to maintain freshness of the food.**

- 1623 44th Ave. SW (Admiral) - Ted & Heather Barker 206-954-7755
- 11000 35th Ave. SW (Arbor Heights) - Carla Rogers 206-432-1998
- 9056 11th Ave SW (White Center) - Leah Griffin 360-708-4750
- 5623 17th Ave SW (Puget Ridge) - Rachel Glass 206-763-8249
- 21307 Tramp Harbor Rd SW (Vashon) - Nick Bonazza 206-259-0820

[Sign Up today!](#)

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Letters and Submitted Articles

We are Democrats, and like most Democrats we have strong opinions and like to express them. We welcome letters and articles.

All submissions are subject to editing. If submissions need to be shortened, you will be given the option of editing your own work.

Photos and notices of upcoming events are always welcome.

The deadline for the January 2023 newsletter will be Thursday, December 29.

Mail to Steve Butts,
10254 36th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98146
or email to newsletter@34dems.org

November Meeting Recap

Our November meeting was a combination affair, part panel discussion, part retirement party, recognition of outstanding members...and a post-election celebration. All this was squeezed into just our second in-person meeting of the year. We enjoyed all of the potluck items we brought to share, as well as savored the incoming news of the Red Tide that wasn't!



Jen Nye and Karin Engstrom

After a social time of reconnecting with each other, we settled down with our drinks and plates of goodies to hear a pre-legislative session "Q and A" from our Olympia delegation. Sen. **Joe Nguyen**, Rep. **Joe Fitzgibbon**, and newly elected Rep. **Emily Alvarado**

answered questions submitted by leaders of a several of the 34th Membership Policy Caucuses: **Jen Nye** represented the Healthcare Caucus; **Graham Murphy**, Law, Justice & Civil Rights; **Karin Engstrom**, Education; **Annie Phillips** and **Randy Litzenberger** from the Environment, Energy & Land Use Caucus.



Our Olympia Delegation for 2023/2024 - Reps. Joe Fitzgibbon and Emily Alvarado, and Senator Joe Nguyen.

Following the panel member and veteran **Preston Anderson** gave a Veterans Day presentation. Part of his talk was of the newly dedicated memorial in Lynnwood to Gold Star Families – families who have lost a loved one in the military service of their country. He showed a video clip [from that ceremony held on November 2nd](#) in Lynnwood’s Veteran’s Park.

Awards to outstanding members has been an annual tradition at our year-end parties for over a decade, and this year was no exception. **Bunny Hatcher** began by giving **Ann Martin** a special “MVP Award”, for helping with editing resolutions and for her mentoring.

See [Page 7](#) for the 2022 award winners.



Ann Martin



Awards Committee Lead Chris Porter

Following the presentations, we held a toast to her years of service through her representation of our district in the state legislature, where she led the House on healthcare issues. Members, former Chairs, as well as current and former elected officials spoke about her accomplishments and shared anecdotes and personal interactions with her. We lifted a glass of champagne in her honor. Those who rose to speak were: **Joe Fitzgibbon, Ivan Weiss, Katherine Minsch, Dow Constantine, Maria Ramirez, Joe McDermott, Ann Martin** and former Senator **Sharon Nelson**



Rep. Eileen Cody



Member Maria Ramirez



Former Chair Katherine Minsch



Former Senator Sharon Nelson

34th District Democrats Reorganization - January 11, 2023

Learn about Executive Board Roles

Being a leader in our organization is an honor. The entire executive board serves the membership and community. We are responsible to the State Party as we represent the local party organization. Every two years (odd years) in January the organization does a 'Reorganization'. Essentially this is when new leaders are elected by our PCOs and in some cases, our members. Below are the roles which are elected:

- Chair
- First Vice Chair
- Second Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- State Party Delegates (2 of male, female, non-binary)
- King County Democrats Central Committee (2 of male, female, non-binary)



All other positions on the executive board are appointed by the Chair and confirmed by the membership. Without leaders, there is no way for our organization to move forward.

This is the time to consider stepping up and playing a key role in our organization. To help you determine where you might fit in, we have a [roles description document available](#). . .Review our [Reorganization Rules](#) (to be adopted at the January Reorganization Meeting) and our [Bylaws](#) for more information on the district structure.

The “Joes” take on new assignments in the 2023 Session

Joe Fitzgibbon has been chosen as the new Majority Leader of the Washington State House of Representatives. He will replace Pat Sullivan from the 47th LD who retired from the House this year. Laurie Jenkins will remain Speaker.



See other House Leaders [HERE](#).

Over in the Senate, Joe Nguyen will become Senate Vice Floor Leader, and will serve with Floor Leader Sen. Jamie Pedersen. (Floor leaders guide floor debates and speak with the Lieutenant Governor, who presides over the Senate) Andy Billig remains Majority Leader.



The rest of the Senate leadership is [HERE](#).



Rep. Kim Schrier with Carla Rogers.

Dr. Kim Schrier will return to the US Congress after fending off a challenge from right-winger Matt Larkin...and we helped!

34thers went out into WA-08 to doorbell in the Covington area just about every weekend, starting in September. Thanks to all of our members who took part in that effort to keep the 8th Blue!

34th District Democrats Stars of 2022 - Congratulations to Those Recognized

We honored our outstanding members and leaders at the November 9th membership meeting. Thank you to **Chris Porter** and his committee including **Bunny Hatcher**, **Julie Whitaker**, **Preston Anderson** and **Ann Martin**.

- Elected Official of the Year - Representative **Eileen Cody**
- Cherisse Luxa Award for Lifetime Achievement -
Bunny Hatcher
- Jackie Dupras Member of the Year - **Carla Rogers**
- Executive Board Member of the Year - **Julie Whitaker**
- PCO of the Year - **Steve Rubicz**
- Rising Star of the Year - **Preston Anderson**
- Committee or Caucus of the Year - **Environment, Energy & Land Use Caucus (co-led by Randy Litzenberger)**



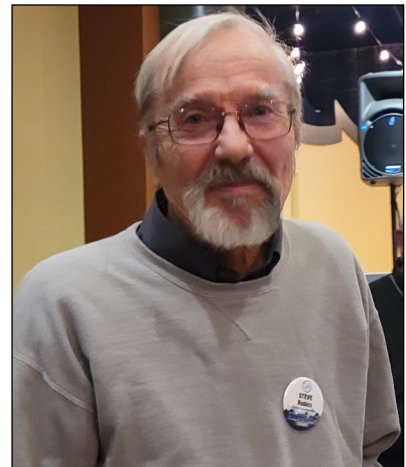
All of our winners can be [found on our website](#).



Julie Whitaker



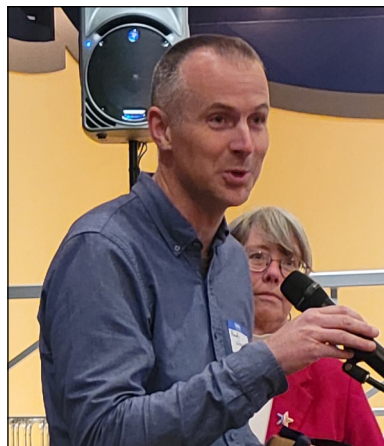
Preston Anderson



Steve Rubicz



Bunny Hatcher



Randy Litzenberger



Carla Rogers

Field Notes from the 2022 Campaign Trail...by Colleen Hinton

Editor's Note: Colleen spent several weeks in the Southeastern U.S. campaigning for candidates in North and South Carolina...she was similarly in action in North Carolina prior to the 2020 Election.

In this detailed email back to us in the Seattle area, she describes the activities she took part in. This is a report as it was happening by a dedicated Democratic campaigner – it's an amazing testament to GOTV dedication as she shares her experiences as they happened. Colleen was redistricted out of the 34th this year...it is our loss, but a great gain for our friends in the 33rd LD.

“Many of you have asked how things are going, and all I can say is that my days (pounding the pavement) and evenings (dinners, debriefs) are so full I don't have much time or energy to keep in touch! Here's an account of what I've been up to. Also, several of you have very kindly asked where you can donate to support the work I'm doing these 3 pre-election weeks. Info about that below, but this is really mainly just a report on how things have been going – so please don't feel any pressure to donate. And feel free to forward this to any friends I left out.

I'm working with a Seattle-based org called [Common Power](#), which is sending teams of volunteers into swing states to help get out the Democratic vote. We did 6 days of work in North Carolina – 3 days getting out the vote for Cheri Beasley, the US Senate candidate. She is a former state supreme court justice, an amazing black woman. This is the seat being vacated by longtime Republican Senator Richard Burr who declined to run again. Along with Beasley we campaigned for other Democrats on the Democratic Coordinated Campaign ticket. Duties included door knocking and passing out sample ballots showing Dem voters who to vote for. We were in Charlotte. Even the upper middle-class neighborhoods are surprisingly diverse, which is really nice to see. We were knocking on Dems' doors at this late stage – it's all about getting Democrats off their duffs to go and vote – rather than persuading Independents. People were certainly supportive of Cheri, but I feel like nationally the Dems aren't even talking about NC as a swing state anymore, and it seems that Ted Budd (a big time MAGA guy) will likely win – UGH.

Our next 3 days were spent working with our partner org, You Can Vote – a nonpartisan group dedicated to turning more citizens into voters with lots of great voter education. And even though they are nonpartisan they target young and BIPOC folks, which increases the

likelihood of growing the Democratic turnout. My favorite shifts by far were on UNC's Charlotte campus, where we were pulling lots of students into the rather poorly designated Early Voting location on campus. At other early voting locations, we were asking voters leaving the polls to text 3 friends with a prewritten text (acquired via a QR code) asking them to vote. I have to say that felt a little less successful – many of the early voters were older and not super psyched to text. In which case I would just ask them to “talk to” their friends and family.

After wrapping up our NC work last Wednesday, one of my NC coworkers and I took a leisurely “scenic route” drive from Charlotte to Charleston, SC for a 3-day GOTV in Charleston County. SC does not have any big national races but lots of important state (including the Governor) and local ones, and Common Power wants to build a presence here and work on the “long game”, as Common Power Associate Director and U of WA Professor David Domke refers to it. The Democrat going for a US Senate Seat (Tim Scott's, ugh) doesn't have a hope in hell. But Jim Clyburn is a shoo-in for getting re-elected to his House Seat, hooray. We're crossing fingers for the state and local races, but early voting numbers were really pathetic as of last week! It's disheartening. But hopefully more people got out to early voting over the weekend. I definitely noticed many more folks on my target list had an “already voted” alert by their name. We have to keep reminding ourselves that the Democrats (and Common Power) are trying to be much more focused on the long game and developing a deep bench of candidates. Speaking of which, the Charleston Dems have a fantastic thirty-something Chair who is planning to run for North Charleston City Council next year – the Mayor and City Councilmen (yes practically all men) have been in their positions for decades and things have gotten very corrupt. So, we are hatching plans to help with his campaign.

Our work in Charleston County involved dropping off sample ballots to Democratic voters who voted in 2020 but did NOT vote in 2018 – this is reportedly a pattern in SC – big turnout for presidential elections but people stay home for the midterms. It felt weird not to be knocking on doors and trying to connect with voters – but the Chair explained that due to the spread-out rural area we were covering, it's not walkable, and they just don't have the resources to spend for more time-consuming connecting with voters. Instead, they wanted to take full advantage of this injection of out-of-state volunteers, to cover as much ground as possible with a "light touch" (I'm learning the fascinating lingo of voter mobilization work!). The door hanger we were leaving was super informative, letting people know all the early voting sites they could go to, with hours and dates, and their polling station for their precinct if they plan to wait till election day – as well as info about all the candidates the Dems would like them to vote for – Good design, quality material – must have cost a fortune. The work itself was very tedious – driving around in teams of 3 or 4 - trying to find sometimes very obscure addresses, lots of "private property/no trespassing" signs – someone jumps out the car to go place a doorhanger on a door – often a long driveway away – Whoever said being a foot soldier for democracy was a glamorous job??! Oh, and did I mention that we managed to bring misty, heavily overcast Seattle weather with us?!

Most of the SC team departed this past Monday, but a couple of us stayed on and spent the day exploring downtown Charleston, which is a really cool, totally walkable downtown. The one sight I didn't make it to see was the house Steven Colbert grew up in – darn! On Tuesday, I rented a bike and biked over to Sullivans Island and the Isle of Palms, just north of Charleston – very pretty, and I was excited to see a dolphin when I biked over one of the bridges! I was supposed to have 2 more days off before heading to Georgia on Friday, but my anxiety about how little time we have left to get out the vote wouldn't let up, so yesterday I knocked off a couple more turfs on Johns Island, delivering doorhangers to Dems, but this time by bike, which was infinitely more rewarding! And I was mighty pleased I rented a hybrid/cruiser type bike to deal with the dirt roads and some bushwhacking to get to these more remote addresses. Johns Island is classic "lowcountry" scenery, so different from out neck of the US. SO grateful

I'm not here in summer. And I got to see the famous Angel Oak tree here on the Island – a 300–400-year-old tree that has been preserved – absolutely spectacular.

Today I'll do more deliveries-by-bike, then this evening I take the train to Savannah, where I'll be scooped up by some SC coworkers who are also going to Georgia for the final push there, through Election Day. I'm hoping we'll be invited to join Warnock's election night watch party! I fly back to Seattle early next morning.

Thank you all for your support and encouragement from afar. As I said to a coworker's husband recently (who was along for checking out Charleston, but definitely not for GOTV!) – we definitely aren't doing this work for FUN! The work is mostly fairly tedious, with a few gems of connecting with voters in between. My fellow volunteers are absolutely wonderful though, and that makes it not only bearable but keeps me hopeful.

I know that you have all probably donated every last dime you can at this point, but if you have a wee bit more to spare, in support of my work and the work of so many dedicated volunteers, it can still be put to good use in these last GOTV days, and here are my suggestions.

You can of course donate to the org I am working with – [Common Power](#) Dollars will be well spent on supporting volunteers and educating Gen Z's on how to be activists and foot soldiers for democracy. Common Power does have some big donors, so if you prefer to give to grassroots orgs, see below.

My pet org, [Feel Good Action](#) – I love how they are capitalizing on social media influencers to send out positive messages about voting – and love that they are meticulously tracking their outcomes, which so far have been much better (at least with youth and BIPOCs) than the usual strategies such as canvassing.

[Movement Voter Project](#) – Your money will go to grassroots orgs getting out the vote; their partner orgs are very carefully selected.

[Voters of Tomorrow](#) – I love that this org is youth inspired and youth led. Haven't really checked into their credentials to be honest – but I like their goals and target market – check them out.



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