



34th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT NEWS LETTER - June, 2015

We moved our meeting location!

Our first meeting at our new home (American Legion Hall located in the West Seattle Triangle, **3618 S.W. Alaska St**, Seattle, WA 98126) was a success. We had more West Seattle based PCOs attend. And the Burien faithful was in full force. There were 22 in attendance. This is a new monthly high.

As a reminder, this is a For Rental Hall. The rate is \$50 per hour for 2 hours of use. To cover the cost, we are **asking for \$5.00 per attendee**. In addition, the tables and chairs need to be set up and taken down. So assistance is appreciated.

Our June meeting will focus on the King County Assessor position. The incumbent (Lloyd Hara) will be our speaker in June. Last month John Wilson, the challenger, spoke. Hara's web site states that he has led assessors across the state (and around the world) to new ways of doing business, and that he has great ideas in the pipeline for years to come. He says that soon friendlier design versions for users on tablets and smartphones will be available. You can follow official Dept. of Assessments news and events via their office's very popular (4 million page views per month) KingCounty.gov website, Facebook profile, and newsletter.

Chairman Chuck has donated a bottle of wine for drawings at the end of evening.

We are planning Candidates Night for future events. We'll discuss the issue of whether LD34 should endorse and financially support candidates. The Burien City Council races are a prime example of putting Republican principles to work. One candidate choice supports Safe Neighborhoods. Other candidates are pushing a socialist agenda. They want homeless tent cities, with access to the library's sink for sponge baths and non-enforcement of sanitation laws.

South King County PCO Training

Circle June 20 (10:30AM to 12:30PM) and attend PCO training. Notify Ashley Burman ashley@kcgop.org that you plan on being there. Every PCO that RSVPs to attend will receive a PDF walk list of their precinct, a social media toolkit and a canvassing toolkit. Training locations below.

Federal Way Public Library
34200 1st Way S | Federal Way, WA 98003

There is also Seattle training on June 27th as well at the Northgate Library, 10548 5th Ave NE | Seattle, WA 98125

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN's MUSING

I have left for Spain. My wife and I will be the 472-mile Camino de Santiago - The Way of St. James (are we out of our minds or what!) It is and was an important Christian pilgrimage. Legend holds that St. James's remains were carried by boat from Jerusalem to northern Spain where he was buried on what is now the city of Santiago de Compostela. Hopefully we have a better time than the Middle Age pilgrims who encountered the Black Death, the Protestant Reformation and political unrest that lead to the decline of Spain.

HELP WANTED

During our first meeting, we did a Strategic Planning session. As a group, we identified that to be a committed PCO, we'd be willing to volunteer (2) hours a month toward LD34 activities and causes. We have 3 events where we need your help. While I am away, the Burien Strawberry Festival occurs on June 20th and 21st, and the White Center Jubilee Days on July 18th and 19th. Becky Nicholas needs all volunteers to assist with the booths. Shifts are in 2-4 hours duration. Ten folks for each weekend are needed to cover the event. It is a way to meet your community neighbors, hand out treats for the kids and show that Republicans are not the Big Bad Wolf portrayed in the media. If you can help (PLEEEASE!), contact her at ran.nwr@gmail.com. Show your red-white-and-blue colors!

Summer Picnic

More details to come, but we are having a Lincoln Park Picnic on Sunday August 23. John Denault needs help preparing for and planning the event. Contact him at johndenault@hotmail.com

MINUTES of MAY 2015 MEETING Separate pdf attachment

AGENDA for JUNE 2015 Separate pdf attachment

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

I love Mike Rowe (Dirty Jobs, Mike Rowe WORKS). A liberal wrote on his website:

"Your constant harping on "work ethic" is growing tiresome. Just because someone's poor doesn't mean they're lazy. The unemployed want to work! And many of those who can't find work today, didn't have the benefit of growing up with parents like yours."

To which Mike replied (Condensed version) -

I'm afraid you've overestimated the reach of my ability to motivate people I've never met. For the record, I don't believe all poor people are lazy, any more than I believe all rich people are greedy. But I can understand why so many do.

Everyday on the news, liberal pundits and politicians portray the wealthy as greedy, while conservative pundits and politicians portray the poor as lazy. Democrats have become so good at denouncing greed, Republicans now defend it. And Republicans are so good at condemning laziness, Democrats are now denying it even exists. It's a never ending dance that gets more contorted by the day.

But through all the howling and shrieking, no one said a word about the millions of jobs that American companies are struggling to fill right now. No one talked the fact that most of those jobs don't require an expensive four-year degree. And no one mentioned the 1.2 trillion dollars of

outstanding student loans, or the madness of lending money we don't have to kids who can't pay it back, educating them for jobs that no longer exist.

I started mikeroweWORKS to talk about these issues, and shine a light on a few million good jobs that no one seems excited about. But mostly, I wanted to remind people that real opportunity still exists for those individuals who are willing to work hard, learn a skill, and make a persuasive case for themselves.

You wrote that, "people want to work." In my travels, I've met a lot of hard-working individuals, and I've been singing their praises for the last 12 years. But I've seen nothing that would lead me to agree with your generalization. From what I've seen of the species, and what I know of myself, most people – given the choice – would prefer NOT to work. In fact, on Dirty Jobs, I saw Help Wanted signs in every state, even at the height of the recession.

The biggest under reported challenge in finding good help, is an overwhelming lack of "soft skills." That's a polite way of saying that many applicants don't tuck their shirts in, or pull their pants up, or look you in the eye, or say things like "please" and "thank you." We're churning out a generation of poorly educated people with no skill, no ambition, no guidance, and no realistic expectations of what it means to go to work.

My goals are modest, and they'll remain that way. I don't focus on groups. I focus on individuals who are eager to do whatever it takes to get started. People willing to retool, retrain, and relocate. That doesn't mean I have no empathy for those less motivated. It just means I'm more inclined to subsidize the cost of training for those who are.

Mike Rowe

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All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Edmund Burke, Irish orator, philosopher, & politician (1729 - 1797)