



## 34<sup>th</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT NEWS LETTER

### August, 2015

This month's meeting is at our new home: American Legion Hall located in the West Seattle Triangle, **3618 S.W. Alaska St**, Seattle, WA 98126. 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.

Chairman Chuck has returned!! Blisters, a great sun tan and lots of stories to share of his 472 mile Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James) in Spain.

#### White Center Jubilee Days

Our booth for the 34th Legislative District at the White Center Jubilee Days was a big success. Thanks go to Molly Connelly, Kwan Lee, Steve Schmidt, and Courtney Lyle. Special thanks to JoAnne Butzerin for drawing our banner, John Denault and Scott Dolfay for setting up and taking down the booth. Special thanks to Craig Keller for chairing and organizing the event.

We conducted an informal poll of who is the cause of Global Warming:

The results: Sun: 38 Humans: 42



And Darla Green who brought the "hit" snow cone machine who attracted interested (and hot, thirsty) voters.

#### HELP WANTED Summer Picnic

The LD34 summer picnic is at Lincoln Park on Sunday August 23, 3PM at Shelter #2 John Denault needs help preparing for the event. Contact him at [johndenault@hotmail.com](mailto:johndenault@hotmail.com).

**MINUTES of JULY 2015 MEETING** Separate pdf attachment.

**AGENDA for AUGUST 2015** Separate pdf attachment.

### **CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?**

I and 24 million other viewers watched the first Republican debates. Both the 5PM one and the Top 10. I thought the 5PM debate was better if only because moderators gave all the candidates roughly equal time and all hard ball questions. The prime time debate seemed to give the top tier candidates more time. Some take-aways:

- A simple Yes or No is better than a long winded rambling reply.
- Humor and stories are often more succinct at expressing a view than boring wonkish data.
- Does Trump ever smile? Can Jeb or Scott or Chris ever answer a question without citing statistics?
- I am interested in policy, but more interested in their vision. Christie brought up the elephant in the room (Social Security and Medicare being 75% of the federal budget). Carson spoke of a return to foundational values.
- Few drew blood: Distinguishing the Republican Party from the Democrats. I don't recall anyone speaking of property rights, or the patent office as being essential to driving the economic engine. At least Carly called Hillary for what she is: An unaccomplished liar lacking any worthy achievements.
- Or where is the discussion on self initiative, self-reliance, and personal responsibility?
- I am getting tired of the discussion on immigration being limited to Pro Vs Con about the Wall. With e-Verify (campaign theme of our own Craig Keller), and eliminating all social programs for illegal immigrants (including free school education, representation in the criminal justice system, state paid emergency room care), illegal immigrants would self deport.

When I get into arguments with my D-friends, I ask "If the country was a blank slate and we could start over. What would you build the new foundation upon? For me it is family, care and nurturing the young, personal responsibility, equity in administration of the law, protection of borders, energy independence, assimilation to one culture, and understanding of our country's founding philosophy. To some extent these seem a little Paleo.

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Got a story? Interesting point of view? Item for the Schedule? Send them to me by the first week of the month for the next newsletter. c/o Steve Schmidt at [steven.alan.schmidt@comcast.net](mailto:steven.alan.schmidt@comcast.net)

### **LD34 CREED:**

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

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