

DEMOGRAM

General Meeting**Thursday, January 21st****Sign-in:****7:00pm****Meeting:****7:30pm**

◀ From the Chair ▶



NEW LOCATION THIS MONTH:

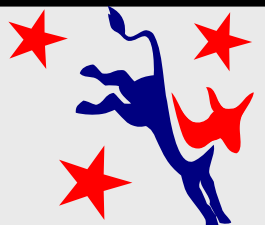
Seattle Mennonite Church - 3120 NE 125th St, Seattle, WA 98125

The start of a new year brings many other new things. We've got a new location this month. Unfortunately we aren't able to continue at George Center for Community (we're not a non-profit) so we had to find a new space rather suddenly. But we've found another great-looking space in Seattle Mennonite Church (3120 NE 125th St NE) which we'll be trying out for January. I'm most excited about the fact that it used to be an old movie theater, though quite a bit before my time. You can find more details on that here: <http://goo.gl/nHQ61N>

We're also going to have a new website soon. We're still putting the finishing touches on it but I'm hoping it will go live this month. The URL will be the same so you'll still find us at <http://46dems.org> but it will be an entirely new everything else. It should be very obvious once the change takes place. We're using NationBuilder for the site, our database, our email blasts, and donations. After all the problems we had with our previous host, I'm very excited about this too.

Beyond that we've got a very busy few months ahead of us as we get ready for the caucuses, schedule some exciting programs, and work hard on membership, outreach, and engagement.

Phillip Duggan
chair@46dems.org



**46th District
DEMOCRATS**

**General Meeting
Thursday, January 21st**

Sign in start at 7:00**Call to order 7:30**

**Seattle Mennonite Church
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Agenda for January 21st, 2016

Membership Meeting - 7:30PM

Sign in / Meet & Greet - 7:00

- ♦ Call to order
- ♦ Flag Salute
- ♦ Approval of agenda
- ♦ Chair's Report
 - ♦ New Location
 - ♦ New Website
 - ♦ Cole Committee Organizer
- ♦ PCO Appointments
- ♦ Program
 - ♦ School Funding and February Levy Votes
- ♦ Committee reports
 - ♦ Membership
 - ♦ Finance
 - ♦ Treasurer's Report
 - ♦ State Committee
 - ♦ KCDCC
- ♦ Old Business
- ♦ New Business
- ♦ Good of the order
- ♦ Adjourn

January Program—School Funding and February Levy Votes

Public School funding is of special scrutiny this month, as Seattle voters head to the polls on February 9th to vote on two levies proposed by the Seattle Public Schools.

Our panel speakers will address the impact of the State Supreme Court McCleary decision and the current impasse with the state legislature on school district growth and funding, as well as teacher compensation and special educational services for students and families.

Our panel members are Joanna Cullen, an education chair for the League of Women Voters; Melissa Westbrook, writer/moderator for the Seattle Schools Community Forum; David Spring, teacher; Sue Peters, Vice President of the Seattle School Board; Jill Geary, new member of the Seattle School Board; and Alex Bond the spokesman for the School Bond Levies.

Seeking Policy Wonks for Fun Times

The 46th Legislative District is one of the few LDs that adopts its own platform every two years. If you like policy issues, we are eager to meet you!

You can be involved with the 46th LD Platform in two ways:

- 1) Read the 2014 Platform (<http://goo.gl/HgPtBo>) or just the part you are most interested in (Environment? Education? Economic Justice?) (Seattle? Lake forest Park? Kenmore?) and email me your suggested language under the section heading
- 2) Join the Platform Committee. We will meet seven Monday's January 25th - March 7th at my home in Lake City. I believe you will find this short-term commitment interesting and satisfying.

Each committee member will take the lead on one or two platform sections. Our goal is to publish our draft in time for the March 26th Precinct Caucuses. Our 46th Platform will be debated and adopted at our LD caucus Sunday, April 17th, but no additions--only deletions--will be allowed from the floor. So join the committee or make your comments now!.

Our platform sets the pattern for the King County and the State Platform Committees. Your involvement will have impact! Please contact Sarajane Siegfriedt to volunteer or get more info:

Sarajane3h@comcast.net or [206-440-5829](tel:206-440-5829).

46th DISTRICT DEMOCRATS (acting) Treasurer's Report December 29, 2015

46TH DISTRICT OPERATIONAL FUND

Balance as of December 29, 2015 – \$7,501.83

\$6,195.83	balance in the bank (BECU) as of Nov 10, 2015
\$25.00	checks written to 46 th LD (pending deposit)*
\$429.00	cash to be deposited Thursday 12/31
\$300.00	<i>deposit to be returned to us by Lake City Community Center</i>
\$675.00	<i>check returned – in contact with the issuer – expect to be replaced.</i>

\$7,624.83 **operating funds**

\$102.00 outstanding check to vendor – USPS Annual Box Fee

\$21.00 postage due fees – member paid for now

\$7,501.83 total operating fund 12/29/2015

PETTY CASH (cash box change)

\$50.00 cash box change rolls over each month. This is a district asset.

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– Savings \$ 537.01

(Aug 1, 2015: \$536.78)

– Certificates of Deposit (5) \$53,699.70

(Aug 1, 2015: \$53,492.65)

TOTAL: \$54,236.71

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Respectfully Submitted by
Julie Anne Kempf
(acting) Treasurer

Are You an Aspiring Journalistic Editor?

We're looking for someone to take over editing the Demogram. If you have an interest, please contact me at chair@46dems.org or 206-973-7237.

Important Dates

Thursday, January 21st, 7:30 pm
46th District General Meeting

Sunday, February 18th, 7:30 pm
46th District General Meeting

Saturday, March 26th, 10am,
Precinct Caucuses,

Sunday April 17th, 1pm.
46th Legislative District Caucus

2016 Membership Renewal

In just a few months, we will hold our caucuses for the 2016 Presidential election. **We invite you to renew your membership in the 46th Legislative District Democrats** so you can stay in close touch with all the plans for this important year.

All those who renew or join now will be members in good standing through all of 2016.

Here is are some key dates over the next few months:

- **Thursday, January 21st, 7:30 pm, 46th District General Meeting** - Program on Education Funding
- **Sunday, February 18th, 7:30 pm, 46th District General Meeting** - Program and Dialogue on Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, and Seattle City Council Issues
- **Saturday, March 26th, 10am, Precinct Caucuses,**
- **Sunday April 17th, 1pm 46th Legislative District Caucus**

The 46th District represents a key block of Democratic voters who can ensure success for our Governor and the election of our 2016 Democratic Presidential nominee - and we want YOU to be a part of it!

Please renew your membership today! You can go to our website 46dems.org and click on the Donate and Join button to pay your dues on-line by credit card. If you would prefer to pay by check, please see the form on the back page.

We encourage you to be involved in 2016 - a presidential election year that promises to be truly momentous for our nation!

Sincerely,
Phillip Duggan, Chair, 46th District Democrats
Phillippa Kassover, Vice-chair, 46th District Democrats

Patricia Harison Emerson

Pat Emerson served as state committee woman for the 46th for many years and on the executive committee for even more. She was very active in helping out newbies and young activists and others. There are a lot of personal stories out there with our members and we've included her obituary from the Seattle Times below.

Patricia Harison Emerson died peacefully on December 2, 2015 in Seattle, Washington. She had just celebrated her 90th birthday. Pat was born in Rawlins, Wyoming on November 17, 1925 to Richard Harison and Mary Hays Harison. She spent her childhood summers on her family's homestead in Savery just north of the Colorado border, riding horses and helping with the ranch. She graduated from the University of Wyoming with a B.A. in Political Science and Language. Although she had dreams of joining the Foreign Service, she pursued a career as a teacher and taught in Wyoming and Ohio.

In 1949, Pat married Dick Emerson who had served in the Tenth Mountain Division in World War II. Dick was a mountaineer and sociologist, and together Dick and Pat built a life of outdoor adventure and intellectual pursuits. Dick worked as a seasonal climbing ranger in Teton National Park, so each summer the family moved into a cabin in the Park near Jenny Lake. Pat loved this annual return to her beloved home state. Those summers were full of excitement for Pat as she often was chasing black bears out of their cabin and taking her children-Leslie born in 1950 and Marc born in 1954-on walks in the Tetons.

In 1963, Dick was a member of the first American expedition to Mt. Everest. Not to be left behind, Pat took her young children to Europe. The family spent six months traveling all over in their Volkswagen bus, receiving periodic telegrams from the Everest expedition. In 1965, Dick and Pat moved to Seattle when Dick joined the University of Washington (UW) faculty. Pat seized the opportunity to pursue a graduate degree in South Asian studies while serving as the outreach coordinator for the same program. This began her years of research and teaching in Pakistan. Dick and Pat would spend a year trekking in Pakistan and later organized climbing expeditions in the Himalaya. Pat was very involved in local affairs and was passionate about politics. She was proud to have voted for a Democrat in every presidential election since Harry S. Truman in 1948.

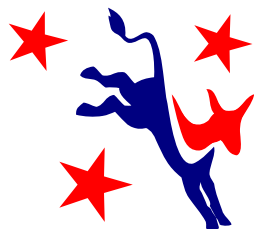
She served as chair of the Metropolitan Democratic Club for seven years and also served as president of the Seattle League of Women Voters in the 1970s. For the League, she moderated panel discussions on public affairs and local issues for a weekly show on Channel 9. She also served as the director of the King County Association of Community Councils and chair of the City Environmental Council. She was an active member of the "Chowder Society," an unofficial group of "movers and shakers."

After her husband's death in 1982, Pat continued her life of adventure. She worked for the University of California-Berkeley managing the Urdu Language Program in Pakistan. During that time, she spent a number of years living and working in Pakistan by herself. Her latest trip was in 1991 where she worked with USAID developing literacy programs for girls. Returning to Seattle, she remained actively involved with UW and delivered talks on women and Islam. She served on the King County Assessor's Office Board of Appeals for many years before finally retiring at age 84.

Pat was a voracious reader and devoured book after book from her favorite authors, including Louis L'Amour and Dick Francis. She loved red wine, crossword puzzles, blackberries from her backyard bushes, and enjoying a good paperback in the bathtub. She was a devotee of ballet. Her friends and family will remember her as being incredibly sharp, curious, stubborn, brave, and active. In many ways, she was born long before her time.

As a true reflection of her zest for life, Pat wanted her obituary to be accompanied by a photograph of her riding an elephant. At the time of publication, her family had yet to unearth that image.

See more at: <http://goo.gl/v8tIld>



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