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Winter Holiday Party – food, fun and a few words



Left, members and friends of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle listen as MDC President Eleanor Munro invites elected officials to say a few words. Right, Maryanne Tagney, left, welcomes the MDC on her way to put some bread on the table. Ms Munro, right, said this is the fourth time Ms Tagney and David Jones have opened their home to the MDC for its Winter Holiday Party.

Operating plan focuses on moral crises

by Eleanor Munro

Those who attended the November 19 annual retreat to develop an operating plan for 2017 agreed that this new year the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle should focus on acting decisively to mitigate the damage the Republicans will surely attempt on a variety of issues including health care and climate change.

Although progressives are not happy with the results of the 2016 general election, we agreed, we must seize the opportunities that now abound to draw in others who understand that we are facing a great moral crisis and who want to get up off their apathy and “do something.”

We should all recall these words of Dante Aligieri, “The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in times of great moral crisis, maintain their neutrality.”

Our operating plan is meant to be anything but neutral. Its recommendations may not seem forward-moving on the surface, but we have breathed into them a desire to move forward in these ways:

- Incorporate
- Improve governance
- Promote outreach
- Further define our particular political identity
- Grow our membership
- Support our task forces

Most of these goals will require committee work to develop plans for achieving each of them. This work will begin immediately by filling positions on the executive committee and defining duties and responsibilities.

Every MDC operating plan includes a list of topics for programs for the coming year. A survey is conducted to prioritize them. This year the results are as follows:

- Legislature follow-up
- Climate change
- Party organizational leadership
- Taxes
- McCleary

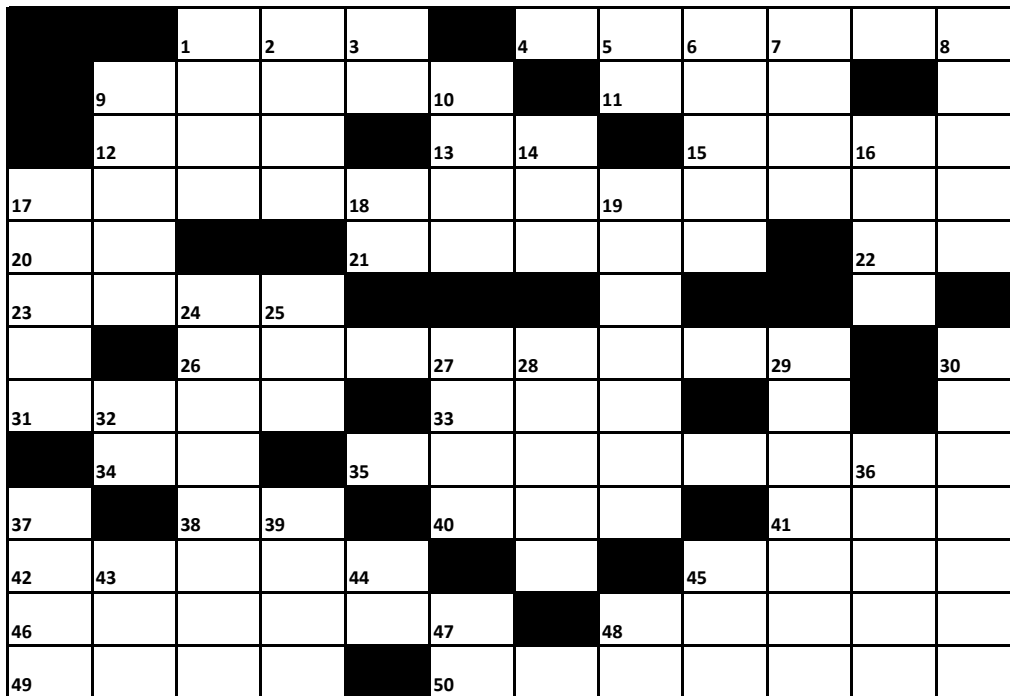
Members and friends of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle were joined by elected officials for the MDC’s annual Winter Holiday Party December 11 at the home of Maryanne Tagney and David Jones.

President Eleanor Munro invited officeholders and others to say a few words. Speakers included: Fred Felleman,* Seattle Port Commission; David Ginsburg,* Lisa Paglisotti, King County District Court; John McHale, King County Superior Court; Senator Karen Fraser,* LD 22; Carin Chase,* Edmonds School Board; Senator Maralyn Chase,* LD 32; Representative Mike Pellicciotti, LD 30; Representative Roger Goodman,* LD 45, Kyoko Wright,* Mountlake Terrace City Council; and Andrew Villeneuve, founder and executive director of Northwest Progressive Institute.

*MDC member



Jack Whisner's annual crossword puzzle



Here are the crossword clues

Across

1. Prefix for cycle or Met
4. Re-elected Governor from Ingraham High
9. New Land Commissioner from Futurewise
11. Bovine home
12. Part of basket or pie pan
13. Where Dorothy wore ruby slippers
15. Medicinal plant
17. My greeting to you
20. Hrs. before noon
21. McCarthy and Wilder
22. Seahawks Gillam and Sowell
23. Superlative
26. Re-elected Insurance Commissioner
31. Colored navigational aide
33. Seattle Councilmember Burgess
34. GHC employee with TLC
35. New State Auditor
38. State with NCAA Hilltoppers
40. Rooster mate
41. Sm. batteries

42. Optimal

45. With restaurant tab, did you leave ___?
46. Patty with tennis shoes
48. Now retired Metro Italian bus
49. Maritime NCO Instruction

Down

1. May be taken via bus, bicycle, or acid
2. Sound Move built several providing center access
3. Opposite of out
5. Dominant direction of travel of RR lines A, C, D, and E
6. Support for masts or corsets
7. Raspy singer once married to Julia
8. 18-time grand slam champion
9. Chaired 2016 State Democratic Convention
10. Sometimes used in hoops defense or transit fare

MDC people

MDC member Dr Carol Simmons was presented with a Phenomenal People Award by the Central Area Chamber of Commerce on December 17. The award honors "outstanding people who have helped others rise to their full potential.



Dr Carol Simmons.

Other recipients of the award included Mary Davis, Dr Carver Gayton, Regina Glenn, SPD Captain John Hayes, Verlene Jones, Dr Maxine Mimms, Seattle School Board President Betty Patu, and the late Washington Supreme Court Justice Charles Z. Smith.



14. Inner calm from China
16. Dory thrusters
17. New Lieutenant Governor and lawyer
18. Opp. of old
19. New 41st District Senator
24. Black and white Ty Beanie toys
25. Attempt a free throw
27. Irritation that 15 across may treat
28. Onion under chef's knife
29. Turned on an axis
30. New 7th District Representative
32. State of NBA Trailblazers
36. Natives of north Salish Sea
37. Arm, leg, or branch
39. Tale
43. May be dynamic
44. City with NBA Lakers and Clippers
45. Noah vessel
47. Twelve mos.
48. Preposition, near or via

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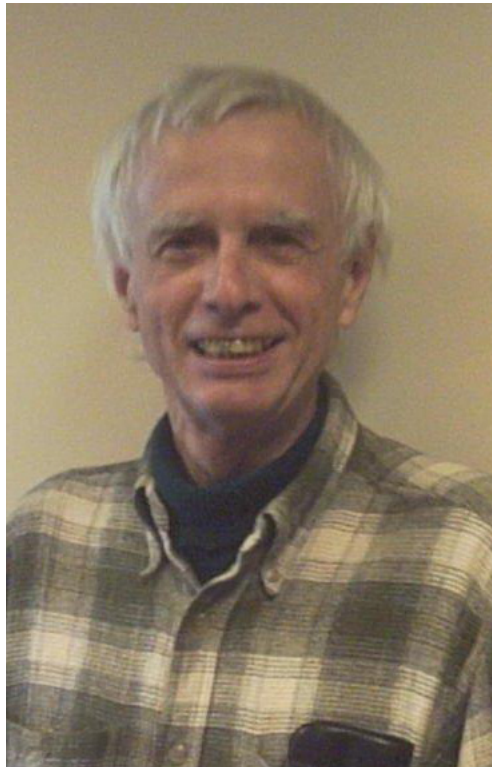
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Whose votes count?

The effect of the Nader candidacy in 2000 in Washington State was that it sank Slade Gorton and gave Maria Cantwell her seat in the US Senate. She beat him 1,199,437 to 1,197,208, a difference of only 229, which was small compared with the 103,002 votes Nader got in Washington. The Green Party in Washington was very pro-Nader and considered Gorton to be public enemy number one, so it is likely Cantwell would have enjoyed a large share of the Naderite vote had he not been on the ballot. A Cantwell-Gorton advantage of only a third of one percent of the Nader vote was needed; that is, 229 out of 103,002.

Whereas the Florida vote is widely regarded as the decisive event distorted by the Nader candidacy giving the election to Bush-Lieberman, results in another state had the same effect. Nationally, Gore beat Bush 50,999,897 to 50,456,002, but that 543,895 difference was insufficient to reverse that in the electoral college, which Bush won 271 to 266. In Florida, Bush beat Gore 2,912,790 to 2,912,523, and this 267 vote difference gave Bush all of its 25 electoral votes. The 97,488 votes for Nader are believed to have hurt Gore more than Bush and are blamed for causing Gore's defeat in Florida. Also blamed was the perfidy of the US Supreme Court, which interfered with the recount underway there in November 2000 and gave the election to Bush.

Little noted, however, was the situation in New Hampshire, which was parallel to that in Washington. There Bush beat Gore 273,559 to 266,348 and won all three



Al Rasmussen

electoral votes. Nader got 22,198 votes there, which was much larger than that 7,211 difference. If the Nader voters, had he not been on the ballot, would have gone, say, 50 percent for Gore, 10 percent for Bush, and 40 percent elsewhere including some not voting at all, Gore would have won 277,447 to 275,779. New Hampshire's three electoral votes would have tipped the electoral college margin from 271 to 266 for Bush to 269 to 268 for Gore.

Al Rasmussen, December 2016



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- Restorative justice
- Foreclosure, bank and Wall Street reform
- School to prison pipeline
- Consumer protection
- HALA
- Jobs creation
- Veteran healthcare
- 31st and 45th LD races
- Discrimination in the military
- Drug court

Members who took the survey suggested several other topics that may be of interest to other members and friends.

Members who are interested in organizing a program on any of these topics (or others), should prepare a brief proposal that includes the names and contact information of the speaker(s), the title of the presentation, and the preferred date and an alternate preference. The proposal should be sent to Vice President Jack Whisner and President Eleanor Munro. Once the proposal has been approved, the organizer(s) proceed to invite the speakers, and the program is listed on our calendar.

The deadline for providing information for the newsletter is the second Wednesday of each month. For example, if you are organizing a program for May 24, you need to send your information to Ms Munro no later than April 26, but preferably a month earlier so we can publicize adequately.



Did you know these officeholders are members of the MDC?

Over the years dozens of elected officials have been members of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, starting in 1956 with the first president of the MDC, Brock Adams. Many of our members and friends may not know who they are. Here is a list of officeholders who are currently members of the MDC:

Sally Bagshaw, Seattle City Council
 Steve Berquist, representative 11th LD
 Tim Burgess, Seattle City Council
 Carin Chase, Edmonds School Board
 Maralyn Chase, senator 32nd LD
 Dow Constantine, King County Executive
 Rod Dembowski, King County Council
 Fred Felleman, Seattle Port Commission
 Karen Fraser, senator 22nd LD
 Roger Goodman, representative 45th LD
 Leslie Harris, Seattle School Board
 Bob Hasegawa, senator 11th LD
 Pete Holmes, Seattle city attorney
 Jeanne Kohl-Welles, King County Council

Chris Roberts, Mayor of Shoreline
 Gael Tarleton, representative 36th LD
 John Wilson, King County Assessor
 Kyoko Wright, Mountlake Terrace City Council

Current members of the MDC who are former elected officials are:

Seth Armstrong
 Pete Francis
 Jean Godden
 Lloyd Hara
 Ed Heavey
 Nick Licata
 Mike Lowry
 Eugene Lux
 Kay Smith-Blum
 Sally Soriano

A full list of officeholders (soon to be updated) who are or have been members of the MDC appears on the MDC website, metrodem.org.

MDC calendar

MDC meetings take place noon – 1:30 pm, the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month (unless otherwise noted) at the Plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St.

Please note:

Tuesday, January 10

The first meeting of the year features Director of Information Technology Jayson Morris (also serving as interim treasurer), who will present the draft operating budget for 2017 for discussion and approval.

Wednesday, January 25

“Washington’s Paramount Duty” presented by co-founder Summer Stinson, a full-time public service lawyer. Programs for further meetings are to be determined.

Please note:

The second meeting in March will be held Tuesday, March 21, instead of Wednesday, March 22.



New members

The MDC welcomes new members

- Ginamarie Emanuel
- David Ginsberg
- Nicole Gomez
- Mark Flora
- Ted Willhite
- Peggy Willis

Kyoko Wright, Mountlake Terrace City Council

2017 MDC RAFFLE

YOU CAN WIN **\$1,000**



Tickets are sold in books of 10 for \$50. Buy them at any MDC meeting or event. Or order online at metrodeems.org and the tickets will be sent to you.

Drawing takes place at the MDC's fifth annual Chautauqua Afternoon. Sunday, June 11, 2017. You need not be present to win.

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