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Harrell to appear at MDC holiday event

Seattle Mayor-elect Bruce Harrell will be the special guest at the 2021 winter holiday party of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle. The event takes place by Zoom December 12, 5 – 7 pm. See Zoom information above.

The organization honors elected officials at this event and thanks them for their service. They are invited to comment briefly on their hopes and expectations for the coming year this event.



mark your MDC calendar

December 12, 5 - 7 pm

Winter Holiday Party

Our special guest this year is Seattle Mayor-elect Bruce Harrell. He will stop by around 5:30 pm.

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December 15, noon

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Meeting Notes

October 13

La Rond Baker, special counsel for affirmative litigation and policy for the King County Department of Public Defense, explained the recent changes to King County inquest procedures. She argued the Supreme Court case that overruled a lower court that found King County Executive Dow Constantine had overstepped his authority in making changes to the inquest process. Most of those changes were reinstated along with others, including one that requires an inquest jury to determine whether a death was caused by criminal means.

October 27

Former Seattle City Councilmember Nick Licata offered his views on the general election results. Mr Licata is a former president of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle and one of its lifetime honored members.

MDC member Joan Burton talked about her new book, *Footprints on Snow: Seven Brave Women Who Shaped the History of the Northwest Mountains*. The book “tells the stories of seven Northwest women who have braved social mores, political winds, and mountain summits to enjoy and preserve the wilderness experience. Her vignettes celebrate a century of women’s mountaineering for a young audience,” said Judy Bentley, author of *Hiking Washington’s History*. The book is available at most book stores.

November 17

Members discussed the future of the organization. Eleanor Munro presented a proposal which is included in this newsletter as an insert. A decision was made to issue a second call for candidates for office. Board member Anquida Adams was nominated for president. Election of officers will take place at the December 15 meeting.

Obituaries

Richard Kelley 1950-2021

Dick Kelley, a former member of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, died October 4 of a cardiac arrest.

He will be remembered for his service as deputy mayor under Charlie Royer, as regional director for Health and Human Services, Region X, as a member of the Seattle Civil Service Commission and chair of the Pollution Control and Shorelines Hearings Board, and other positions throughout his political career. He also managed several campaigns and ran for office himself.

Mr Kelley graduated from Seattle Prep at the age of 16 and graduated Harvard with honors. He earned his PhD at the University of Washington and taught at St Mary's College in California.

In 2013 the MDC invited Mr Kelley and Dick Falkenbury to speak about their recently published books at a program entitled "Two Seattle Murder Mysteries." Mr Falkenbury's book, Rise Above it All, is about the death of the monorail project. Mr Kelley's book, A Name to Die For, is about human trafficking. Mr Kelley has written three more murder mysteries since then.

There will be an Irish wake sometime in the near future, according to the published obituary.

Patricia Thibaudeau 1932-2021

Pat Thibaudeau, a former member of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, died October 28. She served as state representative for the 43rd legislative district from 1992 until 1995, when she was appointed to the senate. She remained in that position until 2007.

Ms Thibaudeau volunteered as a lobbyist for mental health issues and was a strong advocate of health care for all. She was a graduate of Whitman College and earned a master's degree in social work at Smith College.

No public services are planned. For those who wish to honor her memory, the family suggests gifts to Medic One Foundation or Planned Parenthood.

Sponsorships

Sponsor this year's MDC winter holiday party.

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Hi MDC friends ... I enjoyed catching up with our fellow MDC member and friend Lem Howell at Saturday's Husky game. Sharing a few pics. Lem is a treasure and honor to know. As you can see, he has some opinions! - King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski.

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