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Ferguson, Pellicciotti attend MDC holiday party



Bob Ferguson



Mike Pellicciotti

The Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle's winter holiday party was celebrated December 13 by Zoom. Special guests were Attorney General Bob Ferguson and Treasurer-elect Mike Pellicciotti. Also attending was Port Commissioner Peter Steinbrueck, a long-time member of the MDC.

Mr Ferguson, Washington state's 18th attorney general said that since 2017 his office has filed 35 lawsuits against the federal government, 22 of which have resulted in legal victories.

He said he is planning to sue the federal government for its decision to close the Federal Archives and Records Center in Seattle.

"It's not a sure thing that we will prevail," he noted. He suggested that MDC members write to their senators and members of Congress about it.

It is very discouraging, he responded, when asked about his view of attorneys general filing to overturn election results.

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MDC members sponsor 2020 winter holiday party

For the past five years the winter holiday party of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle has been held at the West Seattle home of Mary Anne Tagney and David Jones. Last year they informed us that they would be gone in December of 2020 and would be unable to host the annual event of the organization.

Finding another venue turned out to be unnecessary as the virus prevented us from meeting in person; instead the event was held by Zoom. Nevertheless we asked for sponsorships of \$125 as usual. The MDC thanks the sponsors of the 2020 event:

- Joanna Cullen
- Lem Howell
- Mark Marshall
- Peggy Maze
- Eleanor Munro
- The Simmons
- Peter Steinbrueck

New members

The Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle welcomes new members James F Williams, managing partner of the Perkins Coie law firm, and Seattle Port Commissioner Ryan Calkins.



mark your Zoom calendar

January 13, noon

Speaker: Heather Marx, director, West Seattle Bridge and Downtown Mobility.

Topic: West Seattle Bridge

Meeting ID: 875 7249 2672
Passcode: 780861

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/Jan13meet>

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Tarleton: Hold electeds accountable, fight voter suppression, write letters

“We turned out the vote,” Representative Gael Tarleton told members of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle at its December 16 Zoom meeting. Although she lost her bid for secretary of state, she said she knew the stakes going in and has no regrets about her campaign, which she ran from her home in Ballard. She took no corporate money, raised over \$1M and turned out a record number of voters for the office, she added.

Ms Tarleton has represented the 36th LD since 2013. Before that she served as a Port of Seattle commissioner. She is a former senior defense analyst for the Pentagon and worked at the University of Washington for eight years before joining the Washington state legislature. She has been a member of the MDC since 2007 and served on the board of the organization for several years.

Ms Tarleton said she ran for secretary of state because she believes our “democracy is at risk” and our “voter rights are under attack.” She expressed concern that one million people in the state who were eligible, did not register to vote in this election; although that figure now has been reduced to 700,000.

Everything she feared about voting security – disruption, disinformation, deception, foreign interference – all has come to pass, she noted. We need to fight back, she said, because “the fight is never over, the work is never done.”

Ms Tarleton listed three things that we must tell our elected officials:

- 1) For the safety of everyone, make sure the virus vaccine is available to everyone and not exclude anyone; don't let those who are afraid of the vaccine take a pass.
- 2) Emphasize that the funds approved by Congress are not stimulus money, but crisis support money to protect people at a time when they cannot protect themselves



Gael Tarleton

and their families. It is survival money and it is needed.

3) The Republican party does not exist as a party anymore, but a cult. This is dangerous; we need an opposition party. This is about the legitimacy of the party in our state and country.

Above all, we need to hold our elected representatives accountable to all of us; we need to make sure they are upholding their oaths of office, she emphasized. When asked what the best way to do that is, she replied that writing letters is the most effective method.



From the editor

Please send notices of upcoming events, letters, articles, and book reviews to Editor Eleanor Munro at walkere1@msn.com or 1925 41st Ave SW, Seattle WA 98116 no later than the fourth Wednesday of the month. All contributions are subject to editing. For more information call 206-370-1374.

Meeting notes December 16

Business at the December 16 meeting of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle included:

Members suggested that we write to minority leaders in the state legislature and ask them to attempt working and collaborating with the Democrats so we can start moving forward. No motion to that effect was made, but Peggy Maze offered to prepare a draft and send it to Eleanor Munro for editing.

Some members also suggested that the MDC collaborate with other like-minded organizations to develop programs, forums, events, etc., as a way to increase our visibility.

Eleanor Munro made several announcements and requests:

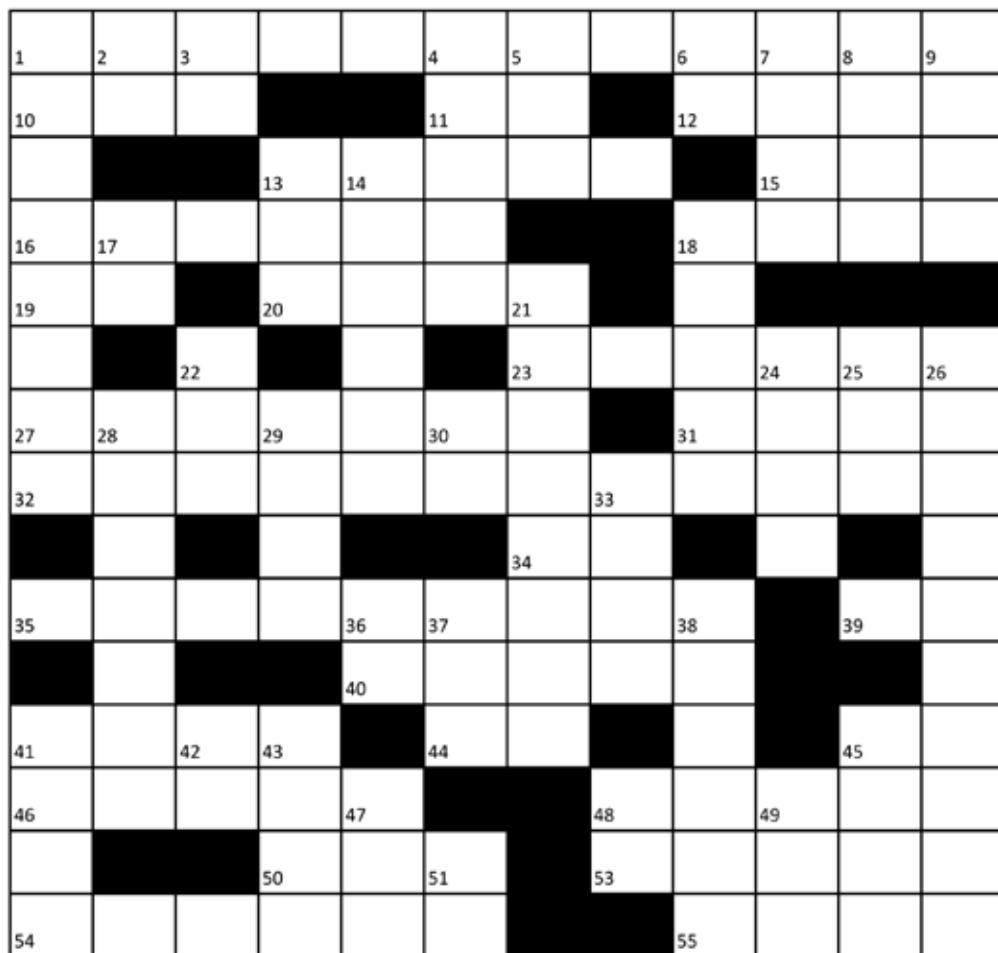
- 1) If you would like her to add someone's name to our MDC friends list, send her their contact information. The people on this list receive email notices of our meetings and events.
- 2) She is beginning to gather information about candidates for office in 2021; if you hear that someone has declared their candidacy or that an elected officer plans to run again, please let her know and provide as much information as possible.
- 3) She encouraged those who haven't already done so to pay their dues. (There are 13 members whose dues are payable January 1, 2021 and 14 who have not paid their dues in 2020.) The first line on the label on your newsletter shows the date your dues are due.
- 4) She suggested that we follow up on the suggestion by Peter Steinbrueck made at our winter holiday party December 13. That is, that we develop a set of criteria for choosing a mayoral candidate to support.
- 5) She offered to chair a committee to develop ways to grow the organization. Send information to her at walkere1@msn.com.

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Jack Whisner's Happy New Year Crossword Puzzle



Down

1. Greek philosopher
2. Some MIT grads
3. NBA Clipper city
4. Nautical map
5. Pro opposite
6. Mystical syllable
7. Car for hire
8. Russian ruler pre 1917
9. Cold brew coffee, usually
13. St. of Bush v. Gore
14. Old phone or traffic circle
17. Mariner grp.
18. New Representative, 36th
21. Mule, pump, sneaker...
22. Theater on August Wilson Wy.
24. Partner of rod
25. End of two Southeast state names
26. New member of Congress
28. New Representative, 11th
29. Domain name firm
30. Not out
33. Laundry step
36. Gear firm on 1st Ave. S.
37. Calendar pgs.
38. With 54 across, 37th Representative

Across

1. Treasurer-elect
10. Meadow
11. Santa syllable
12. Traits from 51 down, in brief
13. Epic Lands Commissioner
15. An honor society
16. New Representative, 30th
18. Four-time pro hoops champ
19. Gore of climate books
20. Bar members with JDs
23. Vice President-elect
27. British greeting or cereal
31. Lease payment
32. My greeting to you
34. NBA Laker city
35. King County SR-2 town
39. Workplace of 23, 53 across and 26 down
40. Persian name
41. TVW founder with new job
44. Link govt.
45. Capp in comics
46. Chair thief and I-976 author
48. Seen in theater
50. Actor Harrison
53. President-elect
54. See 38 down
55. Found in hourglass

Answers in the next edition of **The MDC News.**

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Happy New Year!

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Near the end of his presentation Mr Ferguson said, "You heard it here first, I predict Loren Culp will challenge Cathy McMorris Rodgers (in the next election for the US House of Representatives in the 5th congressional district)." Mr Culp was the Republican candidate for governor in this year's elections.

As for future elections, he added, we shouldn't wait to see who runs, but recruit those who represent the kind of leadership we need.

Mr Ferguson suggested that the MDC donate funds to the Spokane County Democrats, to rebuild their offices, which were bombed December 9.

Treasurer-elect Mike Pellicciotti thanked the MDC for its support and endorsement. He said he has never accepted campaign donations from corporations and wants to get corporate money out of politics.

One member noted that Mr Pellicciotti's votes came mainly from the Puget Sound area and asked what his message should be to the rural communities that for the most part did not vote for him.

"Get out and connect with folks," he responded, adding that he started campaigning early for the office of treasurer and visited nearly every county in the state before COVID. The Democrats sometimes don't do very well with poverty issues, he continued, but it's important to 1) listen and 2) to show up.

Mr Pellicciotti has served as representative of the 30th LD since 2017.

spotlight on volunteers

Jayson Morris

By Eleanor Munro

Please join me in thanking Jayson Morris for his work on behalf of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle. He has been an active volunteer since he joined the MDC in 2016. Currently he manages our website, posting newsletters, meeting notices, updates and other information.

Jayson volunteers for other organizations as well. He is an active member and volunteer at the 36th LD and sits on the King County Board for Developmental Disabilities, the King County Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee, the DNC Disability Council and the Seattle Commission for People with Disabilities.

As a member of the disabled community, he is an advocate for people with disabilities and is passionate about disability rights, diversity and inclusivity.

Jayson holds a BSEE and an MBA and



Jayson Morris

is working on his doctorate in business administration. He is a veteran of the US Navy, having served on the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln. He also spent 10 years working as a systems and mechanical engineer.



The discussion prior to the introduction of the guest speakers turned to the question of who should be our next mayor. Mr Steinbrueck, former president of the Seattle City Council, said he is not interested in running and is happy with his job as port commissioner. He emphasized that rather than debating who would be the best mayor, it would be better to develop criteria for the kind of mayor we want and then to find the individual(s) that meet those criteria.



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