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mark your Calendar

July 25 – MDC meeting

Initiative 940 and Police Use of Deadly Force; the Inside Story of How Police and the Community Finally Came Together.

Representative Roger Goodman, chair of house committee on public safety and MDC member.

August 8 – to be determined

August 22 – MDC meeting

Housing in Seattle: Will the Grand Bargain Actually Produce More Affordable Housing?

Roger Valdez, director of Seattle For Growth, and Sarajane Siegfried, a 25-year low-income housing advocate and MDC member.

September 12 - MDC meeting:

On the Upcoming Census
Bruce Chapman, Seattle City Council (1971 – 75), Washington secretary of state (1975 – 81); director of US Census Bureau (1981 – 83), White House staff as deputy assistant to the president (1983 – 8), and founder of the Discovery Institute, a public policy think tank.

Sep 26 – MDC meeting

General endorsement proceedings led by MDC Vice President Jack Whisner.

October 10 - MDC meeting:

Healthcare for all; Challenges and Opportunities. Bob Crittenden, executive in residence at the Seattle innovation hub Cambia Grove, served as Governor Jay Inslee's special assistant for health reform and senior policy advisor on healthcare, 2013 -2018. He was founding executive director of the Herndon Alliance, a coalition of over 200 organizations nationally doing communications for passage and preservation of the Affordable Care Act.

October 24 - MDC meeting:

The Role of Politics in a Time of Transformation.
David Korten, former professor at Harvard Business School, is an author, activist, engaged citizen, critic of corporate globalization, and student of psychology and behavioral systems.

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



Rain can't dampen the spirit of A Chautauqua Afternoon

By Eleanor Munro



Seattle City Councilmember Deborah Juarez greets candidates and MDC members at A Chautauqua Afternoon.



Andrea Chin, candidate for Seattle Municipal Court, is shielded from the raindrops by MDC Board Member Dan Fievez.

Although rain was predicted, it promised to be a bright sunny day as the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle's fifth annual Chautauqua Afternoon got underway at noon, June 10. Shortly before the rain drops began pelting down, King County Executive Dow Constantine, accompanied by Sabrina, spoke briefly to those who gathered to hear candidates speak on behalf of their candidates. Mr Constantine, who was a sponsor of the event, is a member of the MDC.

Four out of five isn't bad. We had wonderful weather in 2014 for our first Chautauqua Afternoon at Kay Bullitt's. The sun was blazing for our second Chautauqua Afternoon at the Daybreak Star. And for the first two years we held our signature event at the home of Ann and Tony Martin we had sunshine all the way.

This year the rain gods blessed us. Our hosts, Ann and Tony Martin, had anticipated the change in weather and had their living room ready; when it began to pour down we quickly moved inside to hear the rest of the candidates' speeches.

Our keynote speaker, Brady Walkinshaw, who is the chief executive officer of Grist (an online environmental media organization), assured us that we need the rain. In his presentation, he said it's difficult to comprehend the enormity of our environmental problems, which makes it difficult for us to imagine how to solve them. He said we need to change the story of what's possible, by focusing on the process. He offered the image of an ellipse or continuum to help us understand the process. On one end is the "oho" stage, when the problem is recognized; on the other is the "aha" stage when a solution is recognized.

Event sponsor and MDC member Senator Bob Hasegawa spoke (although he is not a candidate this year) at the event; he put us on notice that he will be working on a state bank.

Representative Eileen Cody, another sponsor, also made an appearance as did sponsor and MDC member Seattle Port Commissioner Fred Felleman. King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski, another sponsor, was unable to attend.



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Current thoughts on globalization

By Allan Munro

The specter of discord between the US and the other G-7 countries makes clear that a trade war has started. President Donald Trump's protectionism is more than bluster; he is actually imposing severe trade barriers. Our allies are retaliating as this is written.

TAKE NOTE: other developed countries are levying tariffs on US-made – but not on each others' – products. This means globalization will continue but without the US. The intermediate term changes this will bring on are predictable:

1. US multinational corporations will gradually move their headquarters, technology centers and assembly plants offshore.
2. Non-US multinationals will phase out their US operations.
3. In turn, supply chains through the US to Canada and Mexico will be disrupted.

The result of all of the above will be unemployment and stagnation in the US. Canada and Mexico will also experience widespread dislocation. The US will be further behind than it would have without Trump's



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anti-trade and anti-immigration policies.

4. Soon China, in cooperation with the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) and perhaps with our NATO allies, will be making the international rules for trade, currency, etc. This will almost certainly cause the dollar to lose its status as the world's reserve currency (a hidden benefit for the US population).

5. With the US having withdrawn from the international economy, it will lose its ability to persuade other nations to adopt the humanizing changes to globalization that are recommended by economists like Joseph Stiglitz (See Globalization and its Discontents Revisited reviewed by me in the May issue of The MDC News).

Seattle is fortunate in having more than one avant-garde multinational (Microsoft, Boeing, Amazon, Starbucks, etc). Relocation of one of these multinationals would be painful, but not fatal. The Seattle area would have ample time, post Trump, to adjust to US withdrawal from world economic rule making before it became a one-horse town.

Local policies funding education, K-12, higher education and infrastructure are the best guarantee of keeping our multinationals operating locally as well as fostering new ones. This can't be repeated too often.

PS If you own large-cap US-based companies, don't sell any shares based upon the analysis and predictions set forth above. These companies are best positioned to ride out the volatility. ◆◆◆

obituary

Randy Revelle

1941 - 2018

Former King County Executive (1981 – 1985) Randy Revelle died June 3, 2018. He was among the many elected officials who were members of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle.

He suffered from bipolar disorder, about which he was outspoken, and is credited with leading the effort to remove the stigma around mental illness, for which he received national recognition.

He later served as leader of the Washington State Hospital Association and upon retir-

ing from that position continued to work on issues of mental illness and healthcare for all.

Mr Revelle served two terms on the Seattle City Council, having been elected in 1973 and again in 1977. He graduated from Princeton University and Harvard Law School, and served in the military during the Vietnam War, working in the Pentagon as an editor.

A memorial service for Mr Revelle will be held at 2 pm, Sunday, July 8 at St Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle. His family asks that remembrances take the form of donations to St Mark's or to Navos, a Seattle-based mental health organization. ◆◆◆

Five Re-elected to the board of directors

Joanna Cullen, Dan Fievez, Judi Gibbs, Jayson Morris and Allan Munro were re-elected to the board of directors of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle. Their names appeared on a separate part of the ballot used for primary endorsement proceedings. ◆◆◆



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Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle

Results of the 2018 primary endorsement proceedings

Following are listed the names of those endorsed during the primary endorsement proceedings of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle at its June 27 meeting. Also listed are those positions for which the vote was a “no endorsement.” For your information, no candidate was endorsed in the 8th CD, nor was there a majority vote for “no endorsement” in that race. In the race for senate in the 34th, the count for candidate Shannon Braddock tied with the total of all the votes for the other candidates plus no endorsement. In each case the name(s) of the candidate(s) to achieve top-two status in the primary will appear on our general endorsement ballot.

US Congress

US Senate

Maria Cantwell

US Representative 1st CD

Suzan DelBene

US Representative 5th CD

Lisa Brown

US Representative 7th CD

Pramila Jayapal

US Representative 9th CD

Adam Smith

Washington state

Legislative District 1

Representative Position 1

Derek Stanford

Representative Position 2

Shelley Kloba

Legislative District 5

Representative Position 1

Bill Ramos

Representative Position 2

Lisa Callan

Legislative District 11

Representative Position 1

Zack Hudgins

Representative Position 2

Steve Berquist

Legislative District 30

Senator

Tirzah Idahosa

Representative Position 1

Mike Pellicotti

Representative Position 2

Kristine Reeves

Legislative District 31

Senator

Immaculate Ferrara

Representative Position 1

Victoria Mena

Representative Position 2

Mark Boswell

Legislative District 32

Senator

Maralyn Chase

Representative Position 1

Cindy Ryu

Representative Position 2

Christopher Roberts

Legislative District 33

Senator

Karen Keiser

Representative Position 1

Tina Orwall

Representative Position 2

Mia Gregerson

Legislative District 34

Representative Position 1

Eileen Cody

Representative Position 2

Joe Fitzgibbon

Legislative District 36

Senator

Reuven Carlyle

Representative Position 1

Noel Frame

Representative Position 2

Gael Tarleton

Legislative District 37

Senator

Rebecca Saldana

Representative Position 1

Sharon Tomiko Santos

Representative Position 2

Eric Pettigrew

Legislative District 39

Senator

No endorsement

Representative Position 1

Ivan Lewis

Representative Position 2

Eric Halvorson

Legislative District 41

Representative Position 1

Tana Senn

Representative Position 2

My-Linh Thai

Legislative District 43

Senator

Jamie Pedersen

Representative Position 1

Nicole Macri

Representative Position 2

Frank Chopp

Legislative District 45

Senator

Manka Dhingra

Representative Position 1

Roger Goodman

Representative Position 2

Larry Springer

Legislative District 46

Senator

David Frockt

Representative Position 1

Gerry Pollet

Representative Position 2

Javier Valdez

Legislative District 47

Senator

Mona Das

Representative Position 1

Debra Entenman

Representative Position 2

Pat Sullivan

Legislative District 48

Senator

Patty Kuderer

Representative Position 1

Vandana Slatter

Representative Position 2

No endorsement

King County Prosecutor

Daron Morris

Judicial

Supreme Court Justice 8

Stephen Gonzalez

Supreme Court Justice 9

Sheryl McCloud

King Co Dist Ct W1

Lisa Paglisotti

King Co Dist Ct W5

Anne Harper

King Co Dist Ct SE6

Rhonda Laumann

King Co Dist Ct Shoreline

Joe Campagna

King Co Dist Ct Shoreline

Marcine Anderson

Seattle Muni Court

Andrea Chin



Candidates and others speak at A Chautauqua Afternoon. Clockwise from upper left: Dr Shannon Hader for US Representative , 8th CD; Joshua Shaer for King County District Court; Joe Campagna for King County District Court; Judge Lisa Paglisotti for King County District Court; King County Executive Dow Constantine, Sabrina Constantine and MDC President Eleanor Munro; Joseph-Than Nguyen for senate, 34th LD; Judge Marcine Anderson for King County Superior Court; Lisa Devereaux for senate, 34th LD; Representative Joe Fitzgibbon, 34th LD; Senator Bob Hasegawa; keynote speaker Brady Walkinshaw; Shannon Braddock for senate, 34th LD; and Sofia Aragon for senate, 34th LD.

book review**Russian Roulette: The Inside Story of Putin's War on America and the Election of DONALD TRUMP**

by Michael Isikoff and David Corn
Hachette Book Group, New York, 2018

Reviewed by Nelson Dahl

Lately, there have been more news items about Russia's alleged involvement in the United States' 2016 elections. This book is an exhaustive study by two investigative journalists seeking to uncover, in great detail, the extent of Russian influence in America's internal affairs and the question of whether there was collusion with either political party.

According to the authors, as Vladimir Putin has moved to reassert Russian strength on the global stage, nearly two decades after the Cold War officially ended, the US and Russia are engaged in a rivalry to be most powerful, influential nation, and the war is being waged through the internet. In general, the Kremlin was planning a wide-ranging, multifaceted campaign to undermine Western democracies. Putin's strategy was to destroy NATO, destroy the European Union, and seriously harm the United States.

It was apparent that Putin held the Obama administration in utter contempt, regarding them as weak and indecisive, but that he feared Hillary Clinton would be tougher on Russia. Moscow had trained its best hackers on US political targets with the aim of affecting the 2016 presidential election. Specifically, they initiated a propaganda campaign on social media to persuade US voters to elect a president who would adopt a softer approach toward Russia. It appears they got their wish.

As early as June, 2015, the Democratic National Committee was aware that Russia had hacked their computer systems. Malware had also invaded computers throughout the State Department and eventually the White House. Messages had been uncovered from Russians to Donald Trump, Junior, offering to provide "dirt" on Clinton. The FBI had a lot of information on Russia's involvement,



Nelson Dahl

but was reluctant to issue a statement close to the election. It appeared that Obama was also hesitant to speak out on the issue for fear of appearing to influence the election.

There is also evidence that Russia has a tape showing Trump engaging in sordid behavior with

prostitutes in a Moscow hotel room at an earlier time, which might be used to blackmail him. If this is true, one wonders to what extent Russia is able to exercise control over the sitting US president.

In my opinion, with the current technology, we now face problems unprecedented in American history. To insure the integrity of future elections, we must find a way to put a halt to interference from foreign powers. It may also require fundamental changes in the way political campaigns are conducted and in our local balloting processes. We can only hope that the Mueller investigation will get to the bottom of these problems, expose all the culprits, and awaken the American people to demand that Congress take appropriate action.

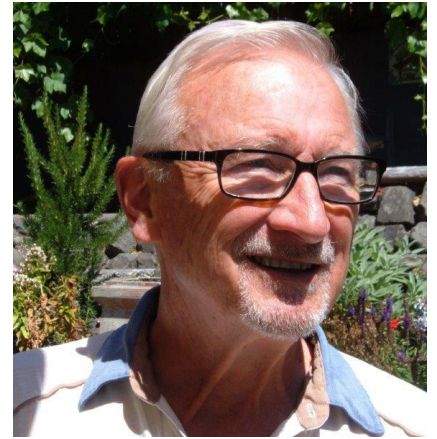
**Notice of vote**

Votes will be taken at the next meeting of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle or by email on motions to endorse Joshua Schaer, candidate for King County District Court, and Carolyn Long, candidate for US Representative in the 3rd CD. Mr Schaer spoke at A Chautauqua Afternoon, but had signed up too late to get on the ballot.

book review**The Nine
Inside the Secret World
of the Supreme Court**

by Jeffery Toobin

Reviewed by Pete Francis



Senator Pete Francis

This book about the Supreme Court was written in 2007 and updated in 2008. This is amazingly relevant today, despite major changes in the makeup of the court in the past decade. It reads better than most novels; it's truly a page turner.

Toobin provides insights into the thought processes, emotions, and politics of each of the players on this important stage, as well as the politics behind their decisions. We find out how Sandra Day O'Connor was really the most powerful member of the court during most of the years of Rehnquist as Chief Justice. And how David Souter almost resigned after experiencing the total lack of any reasonable rationale for the totally unjustifiable decision in *Bush v. Gore*, which inflicted the George W. Bush administration on America and the world. We find out that the evangelicals have been controlling the appointments to the Supreme Court by Republican presidents for a long time.

Earlier books which are enjoyable reads are *In His Own Image* (1973) by James Simon, and *The Brethren* (1979) by Bob Woodward and Scott Armstrong. Still juicy after forty years, each provides unique insights into the politics and workings of the court and of the decisions that still affect our lives every day.



May, June

meeting notes

May 9

A Chautauqua Afternoon

Seattle City councilmember Debora Juarez and David Ginsberg, chair of the 34th District Democrats organization) will serve as masters of ceremonies at the MDC's fifth annual Chautauqua Afternoon.

Election 2018 upcoming campaign events

Wednesday, July 11

Former Governor Chris Gregoire invites us to a joint fundraising reception for State Representatives Zack Hudgins, Jeff Morris, Shelley Kloba, Gael Tarleton, and Vandana Slatter, 5:30 – 7 pm, The Vine, 6th Floor Community Room, 2607 Western Ave, Seattle. RSVP to Liz Hall at 206.682.7328 or liz@bluewavepolitics.com. Suggested donations, \$250, \$500, \$1000.

Tuesday, July 17

Representative Gael Tarleton's annual Maritime Barbeque, 4:30 – 7 pm, Pacific Fishermen's Shipyard in Ballard, Shishole Ave NW at 24th Ave NW.

Please send information about 2018 campaign events to Eleanor Munro at walkere1@msn.com.

Resolution 1-1600

Instead of voting on the template resolution proposed by Whole Washington regarding healthcare for all (it had not been revised and tailored as agreed), the membership voted to consider at the next meeting three positions: support, oppose, neutral.

May 23

I-1600

Following discussion of the healthcare for all initiative the membership voted to support I-1600. This serves as an early endorsement, in the event Whole Washington gathers enough signatures to get the initiative on the general election ballot.

June 13

Discussion

Our scheduled speaker did not make an appearance. Members engaged in enthusiastic discussion of the head tax and other current issues.

June 27

A Chautauqua Afternoon,

President Eleanor Munro announced that the expense (\$2,224.19) for this year's Chautauqua Afternoon was about \$200 more than the income (2,021.56).

Motions to endorse

A motion was made to endorse Joshua Schaer for King County District Court NE 6, Position 6. Mr Schaer spoke at A Chautauqua Afternoon, but had signed up too late to get on the ballot. Also a motion was made to endorse Carolyn Long, candidate for US Representative in the 3rd CD. The membership will be informed that the vote to endorse will be taken at the July 11 meeting or by email.

Primary endorsements

See page 3.



Hats ON

From left, MDC members Senator Pete Francis, Ann Martin and Dean Fournier sport new hats that bear the motto "Democrats Put People First," gifts to the MDC from MDC member Representative Roger Goodman. His condition of ownership: wear the hats, don't leave them in the closet.



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