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July 13, noon – 1:30 pm

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Program: To be determined.

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July 6, 6 – 7:30 pm

Fundraiser for Congresswoman Kim Schrier. See page 3.

July 27, noon – 1:30 pm

Meeting ID: 823 6984 4380
Passcode: 888278

Program: Larry Brown, president of the Washington State Labor Council.

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August 10, noon – 1:30 pm

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August 24, noon – 1:30 pm

Meeting ID: 870 9350 1833
Passcode: 906392

Program to be determined.

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MDC announces primary endorsements

At its primary endorsement proceedings June 22, the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle endorsed the following:

US Congress

Senator Patty Murray

Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, 1st CD

Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, 7th CD.

Congressman Adam Smith, 9th CD.

Washington state

Secretary of State Steve Hobbs

Representative Davina Duerr, 1st LD, Pos 1

Representative Shelley Kloba, 1st LD, Pos 2

Representative Bill Ramos, 5th LD, Pos 1

Representative Lisa Callan, 5th LD, Pos 2

Representative David Hackney, 11th LD, Pos 1

Representative Steve Berquist, 11th LD, Pos 2

Beth Doglio, 22nd LD, Rep Pos 1

Senator Claire Wilson, 30th LD

Representative Jamila Taylor, 30th LD, Pos 1

Kristine Reeves, 30th LD Pos 2

Holly Stanton, 31st LD Pos 1

Senator Jesse Salomon, 32nd LD

Representative Cindy Ryu, 32nd LD, Pos 1

Representative Lauren Davis, 32nd LD, Pos 2

Senator Karen Keiser, 33rd LD

Representative Tina Orwall, 33rd LD, Pos 1

Representative Mia Gregerson, 33rd LD, Pos 2

Senator Joe Nguyen, 34th LD

Representative Joe Fitzgibbon, 34th LD, Pos 2

Noel Frame, 36th LD, senate

Representative Liz Berry, 36th LD, Pos 2

Senator Rebecca Saldana, 37th LD

Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, 37th

LD, Pos 1

Representative Tana Senn, 41st LD, Pos 1

Representative My-Linh Thai, 41st LD, Pos 2

Senator Jamie Pedersen, 43rd LD

Representative Nicole Macri, 43rd LD Pos 1

Representative Frank Chopp, 43rd LD, Pos 2

Senator Manka Dhingra, 45th LD

Representative Larry Springer, 45th LD Pos 2

Javier Valdez, 46th LD, senate

Representative Gerry Pollet, 46th LD, Pos 1

Representative Debra Entenman, 47th, Pos 1

Senator Patty Kuderer, 48th LD

Representative Vandana Slatter, 48th LD, Pos 1

Representative Amy Walen, 48th LD, Pos 2

Early endorsements

Earlier in the year the MDC endorsed Congresswoman Kim Schrier (7th CD) and Representative Roger Goodman (45th LD) for reelection.

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opinion

Looking down the road: Ukraine

By Allan Munro

As the Russian-Ukraine war settles down to a pattern of artillery exchanges and limited sieges of eastern Ukrainian cities, it becomes important to visualize the probable outcome.

Given that Russia is a nuclear power with ample delivery capability, we are not going to “win” this war in the traditional sense. The best we can expect is to stop Russia by making the conquest of territory too costly to undertake. At the same time we are degrading Russia military capacity to at least some degree. It is my understanding we are doing that now with our current arms aid. But we cannot defeat a Russian army that can retreat past the Ukraine/Russia border, re-group, and attack again. We must keep these background facts in mind, as we look for a negotiated settlement. The prospects for such a settlement are not good.

Volodymyr Zelenski cannot agree to give up any territory to Putin. In fact he has unequivocally stated he wants the Crimean Peninsula and the two breakaway states returned to Ukraine.

Vladimir Putin desperately needs a hunk of Ukraine territory to justify his disastrous invasion. He will also demand withdrawal of NATO from areas contiguous to Russia and a limit on arms deployed near Russia’s border. Putin will also demand international recognition of its new borders. We are not about to agree to that.

Therefore, stalemate on negotiations. What’s left?

A Korean-style truce with each power armed and facing each other across a no man’s land, but no shooting; de facto containment of Russia.

A de facto containment, thought to be

temporary, but going on indefinitely will be hard to sell to the American people. It will be harder to keep the support of the NATO allies. But it is better than the alternative of a continuing low-grade war characterized by long-distance artillery shelling, sieges of civilians in metropolitan areas, and localized hand-to-hand combat. Such a situation, while attractive because it would be relatively low-cost to us, while Russia continues to bleed, means all of Ukraine remains a combat zone. This is a horrifying prospect for the Ukrainian people.

So let’s get on with an intelligent policy of

- Initiating negotiations beginning with cease fire
- All forces to remain in place
- Early resumption of Ukraine economic activity
- Mutual commitments to observe the cease fire while negotiations continue.

WARNING TO DEMOCRATS: This will not be an easy sell in 2024.

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Kay Bullitt memorial

A picnic in memory of Kay Bullitt will be held at 1125 Harvard Ave E, Seattle, 6:30 – 9 pm, July 20. Ms Bullitt died August 22, 2021. She was a lifetime honored member of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle.

A memorial program will take place 7:30 – 8:15 pm. Guests are asked to bring their own picnic supper and chairs or blankets.

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September 28, noon – 1:30 pm

Meeting ID: 899 8444 9271
Passcode: 183205

Business: general endorsements proceedings

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Correction

Under “MDC meeting notes” in the April 2022 edition of The MDC News, I wrote that at the organization’s February 9 meeting “Judi Gibbs showed a film based on Labor Wars, a book by David Jepson” The correct title of the book is Contested Boundaries; A New Pacific Northwest History. The film, based on the book, is entitled *Labor Wars of the Northwest*.

– Eleanor Munro, editor.



Please join the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle
and hosts Bill & Sylvia Bailey, Brian Bartlett & Laurie Shiratori,
Fred Diamondstone, Charles & Jonis Davis, Todd Gardner, Lem Howell,
Faith Ireland, Mark Kamitomo, Nate Miles, Allan & Eleanor Munro,
Ashley O'Connor, Becky Roe, Jimmy Rogers, Craig Sims, and Jane Sisk

for a reception supporting the re-election of

Dr. Kim Schrier for Congress Of Washington's 8th Congressional District

Wednesday, July 6th | 6:00-7:30pm

Central Area Senior Center

500 30th Ave S

Seattle, WA 98144

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MDC meeting notes

A summary of programs and business conducted at Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle meetings for April, May and June.

April 13

Program: Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos spoke on education legislation in the 2022 legislative session.

Business: MDC members voted early endorsements for the reelection of representative Roger Goodman and Senator Bob Hasegawa, both MDC members. They also voted to sponsor the Spring Gala of the Northwest Progressive Institute in the amount of \$250. Following a discussion of how to conduct A Chautauqua Afternoon this year, it was decided to vote at the April 27 meeting whether to hold a Zoom event or conduct the event by paper as we have the last two years, or both. [Followup: Representative Hasegawa is not up for reelection this year.]

April 27

Program: Gael Tarleton, director of Seattle's Office of Intergovernmental Relations explained the duties of her new job and the various roles of the department.

Business: MDC members voted to hold a fundraiser for Dr Kim Schrier for reelection to Congress, 8th CD. They also voted to conduct the Chautauqua Afternoon on paper as we have in the past two years and to hold a special Zoom meeting to which we will

invite candidates to say a few words. [Followup: A Chautauqua Afternoon was cancelled due to lack of response from candidates. Those candidates who did respond were invited to attend MDC's June 22 endorsement meeting.]

May 11

Program: Dr Sarah Binder spoke on the history and future of the filibuster. Dr Binder is a senior fellow in governance studies at the Brookings Institution and professor of political science at George Washington University, specializing in Congress and legislative politics. She has published widely on legislative issues, including the filibuster.

May 25

Program: Troy Davis, Logan Bowers and Zachary Collins of the Seattle Approves campaign spoke about Initiative 34 which, if passed, would change the way Seattle votes for mayor, city attorney and city council members. Voters would be able to choose multiple candidates in the primary. The two candidates with the most votes would advance to the general. [Followup: the campaign has secured enough qualifying signatures so the initiative will appear on the November ballot.]

June 8

Program: Andrew Lewis, Seattle City Councilmember for District 7, spoke about safety in downtown Seattle, including issues related to the hiring and retention of police officers.

June 22

Business: Primary endorsement proceedings. Please see endorsements, page 1. Directors Joanna Cullen, Judi Gibbs and Allan Munro were reelected to the Board of Directors and will serve for the 2022-2024 term.

Notice of vote on dual endorsements

Votes on two motions for dual endorsement of candidates will be taken at the July 13 meeting of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle. The motions are:

To endorse Emily Alvarado and Leah Griffin for Representative Position 1 in the 34th LD, YES or NO.

To endorse Nicole Gomez and Jeff Manson for Representative Position 1 in the 36th LD, YES or NO.

There was no simple majority in either race. The named candidates received the highest number of votes. According to the bylaws of the MDC,

“Section 6.4 Dual Endorsements, If no candidate in a particular race receives a simple majority, a motion may be made to endorse the two candidates who receive the most votes. No other motion concerning that race shall be considered. A dual endorsement requires that a two-thirds majority of those voting approve the action.”

Members who are unable to attend and wish to participate may send their votes to Eleanor Munro at eleanor.munro21@gmail.com, no later than July 12.

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