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Metrodems calendar 2023

All regular in-person meetings take place noon – 1:30 pm at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 911 Stewart St, Seattle.

January 25, noon – 1:30 pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 894 0361 5529
Passcode: 887125

Judi Gibbs has arranged for us to see “The Big Scary ‘S’ Word.”

See Upcoming Programs.

Join Zoom Meeting

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February 8, noon – 1:30 pm, in person

Seattle City Councilmember Alex Pedersen will talk about comprehensive planning and the Alternative 6 and Alternative L options.

February 22, noon – 1:30 pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 821 9814 3277
Passcode: 984440

Dr David Bachman of the Henry M Jackson School of International Studies will talk about protecting Taiwan. See Upcoming Programs.

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Program to be determined.

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upcoming programs

1st quarter programs address national, international issues

Programs for the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle’s first quarter 2023 feature a film and speakers from nonprofit agencies, city government and academia. The first meetings of each month will take place in person at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 911 Stewart St, Seattle. Upcoming programs are itemized below:

January 22 – Zoom meeting The Big Scary “S” Word

Judi Gibbs has arranged for us to see the film “The Big Scary “S” Word.” The film is described as an exploration of where American socialism has been, why it was suppressed, and what a renewed American socialism might look like. It delves into the history of the movement and the people striving to build a socialist future today and includes interviews with Bernie Sanders, Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, Cornel West, and others.

February 8 – in-person meeting Alternatives 6 and L

Seattle City Councilmember Alex Pedersen, a member of the city council’s land use committee, will talk to us about comprehensive planning and Alternatives 6 and L. Throughout his career in both public service and the private sector, he has worked on community development, affordable housing, and fiscal accountability issues. Mr Pedersen, who represents District 4, has recently announced that he will not run for reelection.

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MDC dues are due

Last year members of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle voted to raise dues and to make them payable in January of each year, starting in 2022.

Membership dues for January 2023 are now due.

Categories are

Sponsoring membership, \$500

Sustaining membership, \$250

Family membership, \$150

Regular membership, \$100

Living lightly, \$35

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Jonis Davis

May 26, 1939 – November 9, 2022



Jonis Davis

Jonis Davis, a member of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, died November 9, 2022. She and her husband, Charles Davis, joined the MDC in 2009. Mr Davis has provided the following information:

Ms Davis was born in Providence RI, where she attended public schools and Brown University from which she graduated Magna Cum Laude in American Civilization. She started studying French literature at the University of Wisconsin, but left after one semester to return to Rhode Island to marry Mr Davis, who was stationed there in the Navy.

She taught English as a second language at Seattle Community College and at Portland State College. She also taught at Bush School and worked at American Friends Service Committee, first as a program manager and then as a fundraiser, a position she kept for about 30 years.

Ms Davis was active in two book clubs and various community and political activities. An activist, she

and Mr Davis were members of the Washington Democratic Council and later became members of the 37th District Democrats. They were both active in issues relating to Middle East peace. She was a founder of the Seattle Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Peace.

A shiva was held for Ms Davis November 13 at the Davis home.

MDC meeting notes

January 11

Access to meeting room The MDC resumed meeting at Gethsemane Lutheran Church for its first meeting of the year. As the church is locked at all times, it was agreed that we post someone at the door until 12:15 pm to let people into the community room; latecomers should call 206 370 1374 to gain entry.

A Chautauqua Afternoon Members agreed to proceed with planning for the MDC's tenth Chautauqua Afternoon, the organization's annual outdoor event to which candidates are invited to make short presentations prior to the MDC's endorsement proceedings. For the last two years this event was conducted on paper. This year the organization will resume meeting in person. As in previous years, the event will take place at the home of Ann and Tony Martin in West Seattle. Members discussed the possibility of a less structured format that would allow for more interaction among members, guests and candidates.

Socializing Members discussed the possibility of scheduling some no-host evening gatherings at local pubs.

Forums It was informally decided to hold a candidate forum after the primary and possibly a forum or two on local critical issues, such as transportation or housing.

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March 22, noon – 1:30 pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 830 9613 6723
Passcode: 436467

Attorneys Erin Dougherty Lynch and Beth Margaret Wright of the Native American Relief Fund will talk about US Supreme Court case *Haaland v. Brackeen*. See Upcoming Programs.

Join Zoom Meeting

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April 12, noon – 1:30 pm, in person

Dr Courtney Thatcher of the University of Puget Sound will talk to us about using spatial models to evaluate electoral districts. See Upcoming Programs.

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February 22 – Zoom meeting
Protecting Taiwan

Dr David Bachman, Henry M Jackson professor of international studies at the University of Washington Jackson School of International Studies, will talk about how the US can help protect the independence of Taiwan and avoid a combat confrontation with China. Dr Bachman has published widely on Chinese domestic and foreign policy, including two books, entitled *Bureaucracy, Economy, and Leadership in China – The Institutional Origins of the Great Leap Forward* and *Chen Yun and the Chinese Political System*.

March 8 – program to be determined

March 22 – Zoom meeting
Haaland v. Brackeen, Indian Child Welfare Act

Haaland v. Brackeen is the lawsuit brought by Texas and others, who allege that the Indian Child Welfare Act is unconstitutional because it violates equal protection. Oral arguments were heard by the US Supreme Court in November 2022. A decision is expected in the first half 2023. Our speakers are from the Native American Relief Fund, which has filed many amicus briefs on behalf of the defendants of the ICWA. Erin Dougherty Lynch is the managing attorney of NARF's Anchorage AK office and leads the organization's Indian child welfare work. She is counsel of record on

the tribal amicus brief representing numerous recognized tribes and Indian organizations. Attorney Beth Margaret Wright, who works in the Boulder CO office of NARF, also focuses on Indian child welfare issues including Indian boarding school healing.

April 12 – in person
Evaluating electoral districts

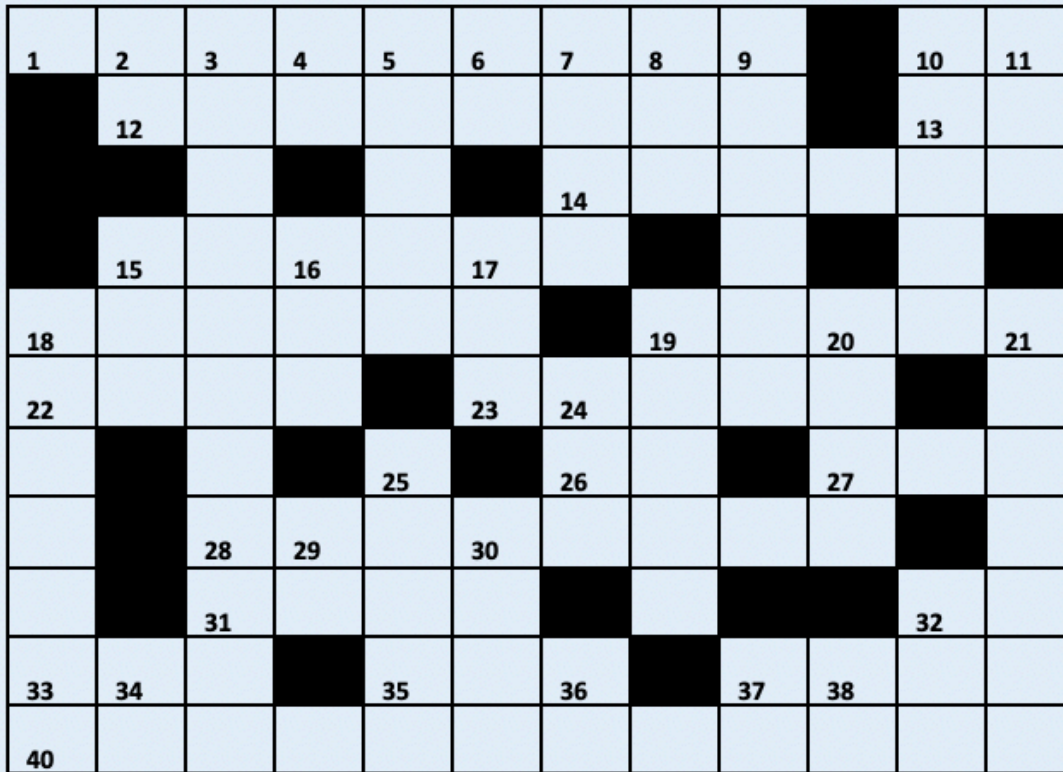
Dr Courtney Thatcher, associate professor of mathematics and computer science and the University of Puget Sound, will explain the results of a four -year interdisciplinary research program in which students from across the country built spatial models to evaluate electoral district maps. The study was conducted under a grant from the National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates. Dr Thatcher is hopeful that this research may help reduce gerrymandering and produce fairer election districts.

MDC resumes in-person meetings

The Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle resumed in-person meetings January 11 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 911 Stewart St, Seattle. These will continue to take place on the second Wednesday of each month, noon – 1:30 pm. On the fourth Wednesday of each month the MDC will meet by Zoom. This allows the group to hear from speakers unable to attend in person.

(Note: The MDC will have access to the community room on the main floor of the church. I have a key that is programmed to allow us to open the door at 11:30 am on meeting days. – Eleanor Munro.)

Jack Whisner's Happy New Year Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. Good work posture
10. City with NBA Spurs
12. 34th House, housing expert
13. Sixty mins.
14. 37th House, Microsoft
15. 30th House, returning after Congress run
18. Actor Keaton
19. Dandelion seed carrier
22. 36th House, Obama staffer

Down

2. Egyptian god
3. Congress 3rd, with 23 Across, Reed
4. Egg (variant)
5. Wet behind the ears
6. Outdoor gear on 1st Ave. S.
7. In physics equation
8. Mil. reservist called up
9. Corgi-Beagle mix
10. May be continental or book
11. Part of 33 across
15. Regret
16. Due to leave, in brief
17. One for RTP was chaired by Aubrey Davis

Across

23. See 3 Down
26. City with WNBA Sparks
27. Dory thruster
28. 47th Senate, returning lawyer
31. Unit in Spike Lee firm name
32. ETB, BEB, Leaf, Volt, or Tesla
33. Entity with sculpture park
35. BNSF and UP
37. Wine valley
40. My greeting to you

Down

18. Popular baking show nationality
19. 36th Senate, tax reform chops
20. Kamchatka volcanic caldera
21. 46th House, disability rights advocate
24. Santa helper
25. Dell, Stephen, and Seth
29. Oakland CA transit agency
30. Rainforest frond plant
32. Clean air org.
34. 12-step org.
36. Seattle part with rts. 7, 36, 106, 107
37. State with AOC
38. Pittsburg PA clothing line