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Tarleton to propose free air time for candidates



Bruce Chapman and Lem Howell pose with a copy of Mr. Chapman's new book, Politicians:
The Worst Kind of People to Run the Government,
Except for All the Others.



Representative Gael Tarleton

Chapman: Citizenship question no great risk

The United States Census Bureau cannot give personal information to ICE, Bruce Chapman told the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle at its September 12 meeting. He said he understands that some people are anxious about government having information about them, but sees no great risk to non-citizens from including a citizenship question on the upcoming census. The question has appeared previously; the last time in 1950. The Constitution names the Census Bureau, he pointed out, and states the count shall be of residents, not citizens.

Although a non-response can throw the census count off and subsequently affect local government funding, the bureau can adjust the count based on other accessible information, he explained. There is no incentive for organized protests urging people to not respond to census questions, he added.

To give some perspective on the number of non-citizens, Mr Chapman noted that the world population is 7.3 billion; China has a population of 1.4 billion and India's population is1.34 billion. The population of the US is 330 million, he said, and about 12 or 13 million are undocumented residents. About 55 percent of these are Mexican.

MDC completes 2018 endorsements

At its September 26 general endorsement proceedings, led by MDC Vice President Jack Whisner, the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle endorsed

Dr Kim Schrier for US Representative, 8th CD

Claire Wilson, senate, 30th LD

Shannon Braddock, senate, 34th LD

The MDC also endorsed the following positions on the following ballot measures:

Initiative 940 - YES

Initiative 1631 – YES

Initiative 1634 – NO

Initiative 1639 – YES

The Voter Guide enclosed in this newsletter lists all candidates and ballot measures endorsed by the MDC.

Mr Chapman served as director of the bureau 1981 - 1983. He was Washington secretary of state 1975 – 1981 and a member of the Seattle City Council 1975 – 1981.

TV advertising too expensive for most

Representative Gael Tarleton, in her 11th year representing the 36th legislative district, expects to introduce a bill in 2019 that will require public broadcasting companies to provide free air time to candidates for public office to promote their candidacies. Ms. Tarleton, a member of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, spoke at the September 26 meeting of the MDC.

She is still working on the details, she said, but will suggest that candidates should have up to three minutes of free air time no sooner than 30 days before the primary. Candidates who do not accept dark money from special interests are usually unable to afford the exorbitant cost of television advertising, she said. They need television time to get their messages across.

2020 will be chaotic, she observed, so she and other Democrats will be working hard to get legislation passed in 2019. In particular, she added, one bill that aims for a 100 percent clean grid, is already in the works.

Ms Tarleton declared that 2018 has been a tough year personally; several of her relatives and friends have died. She noted that many people in the state legislature have also experienced similar issues. This has made them more aware than ever of the need for advocates within the healthcare system, she explained, and has encouraged them to renew their commitment to Medicare and Medicaid. She called for all Democrats to help support and stabilize our healthcare systems.

"We need someone who is looking out for our best interests," she said, "If we are not healthy we have less time to solve our problems."

One of those problems is the ability to pass legislation, Ms Tarleton said, and what happens in the 2018 primary "will matter a lot."

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Chief Seattle and the Town That Took His Name

The Change of Worlds for the Native People and Settlers on Puget Sound

by David M Buerge Sasquatch Books, Seattle, 2017 Reviewed by Pete Francis

Relatively little has previously been told, or even known, about Seattle's early life and the life and rivalries of the tribes of the Puget Sound area. David Buerge has studied and written about the subject for many years and this book is the result of an incredible amount of excellent research, digging out more than most historians believed could be found.

When young, Seattle was a strong and bold war leader. Later he became the negotiator, diplomat, and promoter who persuaded so many of the founders of the city to settle on Elliot Bay. He envisioned a city where Indians and Whites ("Boston Men") would team up to create a strong economy, perhaps even becoming the dominant community in the area. It started that way. There was even a great deal of intermarriage. But of course the floods of newcomers soon vastly outnumbered the pioneers. Then they incorporated the city, and almost immediately ordered the Indians out of town!

This book is so well written that to read it is to take a trip in time, back to this part of the world as it was in the 1830s, 1840s, and 1850s. You will learn more than you already know about the lives and adventures of members of several tribes of the Northwest. These are people worth learning about, and especially Seattle himself.

that once spread from Syria throughout the Middle East until it ended in 1924 with the fall of the Ottoman Empire.





Pete Francis



Get this on your calendar now!

Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle



5:30 -7:30 pm

Sunday, December 9

at the historic Colman mansion, home of Maryanne Tagney and David Jones 9343 Fauntleroy Way SW







MDC people

Lem Howell was among 16 individuals honored in an exhibition in Olympia that celebrated "1968: The Year That Rocked Washington." The exhibit opened September 13. Mr Howell has been a member of the Metropolitan Democratic Club since 1967. Also honored were former members of the MDC, Mayor Wes Uhlman, King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, and Senator Karen Fraser.

Nick Licata, former president of the MDC, was keynote speaker at RealChange's 24th annual breakfast, September 18.

Meeting notes

September 12

Fundraiser

The membership voted to be a sponsor for a fundraiser for Senator Maralyn Chase, October 3. See details, "Calendar" and "Election 2018."

Sponsorship of "The Reluctant Radical"

The membership voted to be a sponsor for a screening of "The Reluctant Radical," October 25. See below.

September 26

Endorsements

See page 1.

Sponsorship of "The Reluctant Radical"

The University Unitarian Church declined to accept the MDC's offer to help sponsor the screening of the film, "The Reluctant Radical," because of the ways the "MDC explicitly endorse candidates and the ways we need to be very cautious around maintaining our non-profit status by not endorsing candidates." The screening takes place 7 pm, October 25 at the Lake City Mennonite Church, 3120 NE 125th St. Admission is free.



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.

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Please join hosts Lem Howell, Ashley O'Connor, Jack Connelly, Mark Kamitomo and Allan & Eleanor Munro

For a fundraising reception for Lisa Brown for Congress, 5th CD







Monday, October 15 5 – 6~pm The Magnolia Room, 76th floor of the Columbia Tower

Cash bar & appetizers

Suggested donations:

\$100 guest, \$250 friend, \$500 sponsor, \$1000 host

RSVP emily@lisabrownforcongress.com or 206.682.7328

mark your Calendar

October 10 - MDC meeting:

Healthcare for all; Challenges 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 15 -fundraiser for Lisa Brown for Congress, 5th CD

Join the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle at a fundraiser reception for Lisa Brown for Congress, 5 - 6 pm, in the Magnolia Room on the 76th Floor of the Columbia Tower. Appetizers, cash bar. See ad on page 3.

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.

November 14 – MDC meeting

Update on Seattle Public Schools

Election 2018

Upcoming campaign events

Sunday, October 14

Win With Women fundraiser, 11 am - 1:30pm, at the home of Maryanne Tagney and David Jones, 9343 Fauntleroy Way SW. Join Senator Patty Murray and help more strong empowered women find success in the general election. RSVP marcie. maxwell@live.com.

Monday, October 15 – an MDC event

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Seattle School Board member Jill Geary

December 9 - annual Winter Holiday **Party**

5:30 - 7:30 at the home of Maryanne Tagney Jones and David Jones. All are welcome.

December 12 – MDC meeting

Planning for 2018.

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.

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All events take place in Seattle unless otherwise noted.

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



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Based on primary results, she said, it may be possible to flip the 42nd and the 26th legislative districts. All Republicans in those districts lost in the primary, she added, noting that this obviously has serious implications for future legislation on healthcare, clean air and water, and other environmental issues.



Bert Wyman requests your presence at a celebration of his 48th birthday 5-8 pmSaturday, October 20 Great Room (2nd Fl) 3040 17th Ave W no gifts potluck

RSVP bertwyman1023@gmail.com



Membership renewal date appears on above label

October 2018

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