



# OUR NEW OFFICE Home, Sweet Home



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*KC Hanson said of the new Mult Dems Office, "It looks a little rough now, but parking won't be a problem because of the high rate of vehicle theft in the area"*

In the event you haven't already heard the good news, we're moving into our new office in April 4! For everyone who's already offered to help with the move, we thank you and we'll be in touch as soon as we work out the schedule. If anybody wants to join in the joy of moving, please let us know!

Rather than bore you with details,

## NEWS ALERT...MULTNOMAH COUNTY OFFICERS RECEIVE HUGE RAISE!

It hardly seems appropriate for anyone to be receiving raises at this point in time, but it's happening right here, right now. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Communications Officer, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and even the Historian have voted themselves a %100 increase to their already generous compensation packages.

How much more deplorable will their conduct become? Well, hang on to

we've decided to include pictures to illustrate just how breathtaking our new digs really are. Can you hardly wait to come in for some coffee...or carpentry? Astonishing, don't you agree?

But don't be put off, we're pretty sure the roof will hold for a while and the fridge has been licked spotlessly clean.



*Comes with kitchenette (it was going to be a surprise)*

Can't wait to see y'all at our new home...the pride of the Multnomah Democrats!

your hats, everyone, because here comes the latest...RETENTION BONUSES!!

Yes, you heard it correctly. Not only will their paychecks become fatter but also they'll have their bonuses to look forward to. How much will that amount to, you ask? With a one hundred percent increase to their hefty salaries it will ultimately cost the Party a whopping \$0.00.

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## Prospective Precinctperson Biographies

Prospective PCPs are asked to provide a brief biographical description, describe any previous political work or experience with the Democratic Party, and to tell what they hope to accomplish as a PCP.

Here are the responses from recent applicants.

PCP BIO

Dr. Huma Nada-Qureshi-Pierce  
HD 38 Pct 1222

*Here's a little information about me:*

1991-1997 Served in Her Majesty's Royal Canadian Navy. Owner/Operator Chiropractic First LLC. Oregon Community Organizer, DNC At-Large Delegate

*Have you had any previous experience with the Democratic Party, or in political work?*

DNC Oregon delegate; Obama rally speaker @ Waterfront; naval attaché.

*I want to be a PCP because:*

I feel compelled to do more for Oregon; fiscally, politically and I want to continue cohesiveness in the Party as well as make sure health platform includes chiropractic.

### Remembering Bill Uebelacker

**Bill Uebelacker Memorial Mass  
Friday, April 3, 2009 12:00 Noon**

**St. John The Baptist Catholic Church 10955  
SE 25th Avenue  
Milwaukie, OR 97222  
503-654-5449**

**Buffet luncheon follows.**

**We will leave Milwaukie about 2:20 for  
Willamette National Cemetery where a 3 PM  
ceremony will include taps and rifle salute.**

**Willamette National Cemetery**

**11800 SE Mt. Scott Boulevard  
Portland, OR 97086-6937  
503-273-5250**

**Genie Uebelacker requests that donations in  
Bill's memory be made to area food banks.**

## DPO Chair Meredith Wood Smith Appointed to Change Commission

**Portland - Governor Tim Kaine, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, announced the 37 member Democratic Change Commission, which will recommend changes to the Democratic Party's rules for the 2012 presidential nominating and delegate selection process. Governor Kaine also announced that he has appointed Democratic Party of Oregon Chair, Meredith Wood Smith to serve on the commission.**

"I am excited to have the opportunity to serve on this important Change Commission that will improve our presidential nominating process and work to increase voter participation throughout the country." said Wood Smith.

Governor Kaine went on to say that he hopes to work with the Republican National Committee on a common approach that puts voters first.

President Obama first announced his intention to form the Democratic Change Commission in August 2008, during his presidential campaign. Delegates to the Democratic National Convention adopted President Obama's proposal on Monday, August 25, 2008.

The Democratic Change Commission will address three issues:

- 1) changing the window of time during which primaries and caucuses may be held
- 2) reducing the number of superdelegates and
- 3) improving the caucus system. A copy of the convention resolution establishing the Commission is below. The Commission must issue its report and recommendations to the DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee no later than January 1, 2010. The Commission is made up of 35 members and two co-chairs and represents a diverse mix of DNC members, elected officials, representatives of State Parties, academics, labor, business, grassrootsactivists and other Party leaders.

## Democratic Party of Oregon Officers Officers Re-Elected

Portland - The State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Oregon re-elected the officers of the DPO at its 1st Quarter Meeting in Ashland.

The DPO's Re-Elected Officers are:

Chair - Meredith Wood Smith

1st Vice-Chair - Frank Dixon

2nd Vice-Chair - Jill Thorn

Secretary - Rebecca Gladstone

### The Multnomah Democratic Party has a new home!

We are ecstatic to announce that we've signed the lease to our new office, and the Multnomah Dems will now have a public, visible presence in the Democratic heart of Portland. Just south of 67th and Sandy, 3127 NE 67th, our new digs will be a welcoming place for Dems, and a great operational center for the Party.

We are thrilled with the progress we made in 2008. Our County is now represented by a completely blue legislative Caucus in Salem, and Multnomah Democrats played significant roles in assuring a Democratic sweep, as well as defeat of every initiative proposed by the rightwing regulars. But maintaining our edge will be

serious, hard work, and that is why the Party is expanding, growing, and building for the future. We want you to be a part of that growth.

As a current or former Precinct Committee Person, please consider becoming a "Pillar of the Party," a sustaining monthly contributor, or enhancing the contribution you already make. For as little as \$10 a month, you can play a significant role in assuring Democratic success for Multnomah County and Oregon well into the future. Our goal is to gain 100 new sustaining Pillars at this level.

### Church, State and Civil Rites Symposium to be held April 19

Americans United for the Separation of Church and State (Columbia and Clark County Chapters) will present a special public symposium at 2pm on Sunday April 19: "Civil Rites – Same Sex Marriage and the First Amendment, a Symposium on Marriage Equality.

Panelists will address the Constitutional ramifications of marriage discrimination, the involvement of diverse faith communities, and the resulting impacts on LGBT couples and families.

The free event is open to the public and will be held at Hoffman Hall on the PSU Campus. The event is co-sponsored by the PSU Women's Studies Department, Basic Rights Oregon, and Love Makes a Family.

Panelists include Tamara Metz, Professor of Political Science, Reed College; Beth Allen of Allen Law, LLC; Reverend Tara Wilkins, Executive Director, Community of Welcoming Congregations; and Rabbi Daniel Isaak of Congregation Neveh Shalom.

Steven K. Green, Director of the Center for the Study of Religion, Law & Democracy at Willamette University School of Law School will moderate the discussion.

Bonnie Tinker of Love Makes a Family, notes: "It has just never made ANY sense to me why the Federal Government or States can "ban" same sex marriages if some religious faiths believe they can, and should, be performed.

It is clearly allowing government interference into religious practices."

The issue of separation of church and state and its impact on the GLBT community is particularly significant at this moment as the life or death of California's Proposition 8 is being deliberated by the California Supreme Court.

The Court heard oral arguments on March 5th and is expected to issue its decision in a few months. In limbo are 18,000 same sex couples wedded between June 14 and Nov.4, 2008.

If the Court chooses to uphold Prop 8, it must either decide to recognize those unions, and create 2 different classes within the GLBT community, or it could decide to strip the couples' of their married status. Court observers have noted that they expect the Court to uphold Prop 8, yet not invalidate those marriages.

Notably, the majority of the funding for Prop 8 proponents was from church related sources. Prop8 organizers credited LDS (Mormon) church members with half of all funding, and 45% of out-of-state funding came from Utah.

Mormon leadership insisted the money was actually from church members and not from the church itself, but the LDS ran a well organized informational campaign which also set goals for individual financial contributions.

For more information on the April 19th Symposium, go to:

<http://www.keepthemseparate.org>

### MultDems Voice Support for Law Enforcement, Responsible Gun Ownership and Privacy



*Zak Johnson, PCP HD 42*

Privacy and gun ownership are both core Constitutional rights voters believe in preserving. As the Internet continues to change our culture by allowing anyone with access to a computer to find and disseminate information, it is important that government and citizens remain active in preserving these

rights. It is equally important that gun owners are proactive in protecting the public safety by taking reasonable means to keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

Recent bills introduced in the Oregon legislature to keep concealed handgun license (CHL) records private do all these things. CHL license records should not be allowed to serve as roadmaps to criminals trying to find guns to steal, to stalkers seeking to discover whether their victims are likely to be capable of resistance, or to employers desiring to weed out potential job applicants based on personal politics.

### Oregon State Representative Tobias Read Named New Democrat of the Week



*Representative Tobias Read*

With soaring unemployment rates, legislators across the country are looking for ways to create job opportunities fast. Last month, Oregon State Representative and Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) Fellow Tobias Read, along with a bipartisan group of legislators, introduced The Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Technology Act of 2009 (EEAST), aimed at

creating jobs, saving homeowners money, and countering global warming.

For making this initiative a top priority, the Democratic Leadership Council has named Oregon State Rep. Tobias Read the DLC New Democrat of the Week.

In Oregon, the creation of green-collar jobs has become an important part of the state's recovery effort. As the chair of the House Sustainability and Economic De-

velopment Committee, and one of the bill's chief sponsors. "We're all looking for ways to put people back to work," Read said. "This does that. It's a win-win-win situation."

The members of the Gun Owners Caucus of the Democratic Party of Oregon have strongly expressed their support for our Democratic legislators--Jeff Barker, Jefferson Smith, Greg Matthews, Nick Kahl, Jules Bailey, Mike Schaufler and many others--trying to close the loopholes which subject citizens who follow the law to greater scrutiny than those who decide to flout the law by carrying concealed weapons without a permit.

This opinion is also shared by the Oregon State Sheriff's Association, whose CEO, Raul Ramirez, has endorsed keeping the CHL records out of the public domain as a matter of public safety--we shouldn't be telling criminals where to look for guns.

Last month, the Multnomah County Democratic Party overwhelmingly endorsed a resolution (No. 2009-15) also supporting the efforts of our legislators to protect gun owners' right and the public safety by removing CHL license records from prying eyes.

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EEAST would also expand Oregon's existing Small Scale Energy Loan Program (SELP), which provides small-business loans for efficiency projects.

The bill's sponsors say that property owners would see an almost immediate decrease in their utility bill, even with the addition of the loan payment. "As homeowners across the state struggle to pay their heating bills and unemployment rises, we must use the tools we have to help," said Rep. Jules Bailey, a chief sponsor of the bill.

The bill has already gained support from members of both chambers and both sides of the aisle, as well as U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer.

"This is exactly the kind of bold measure we need to put into place if we are going to reduce carbon emissions to levels that scientists tell us we must to avoid catastrophe," said Congressman Blumenauer.

### Rep. Blumenauer Hails Final Passage of Mt. Hood Wilderness Omnibus Public Lands Bill to be signed into law by President Obama



Reps Earl Blumenauer (3rd CD) and Peter Defazio (4th CD)

Washington, DC – The House of Representatives voted in favor of final passage of H.R. 146, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009. This bill, which passed the Senate in March, contains numerous public lands provisions for Oregon. Included in the bill is the Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act introduced by

Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.), which would protect almost 127,000 acres around Mount Hood and add almost 80 miles of nine free-flowing stretches of rivers to the National Wild and Scenic River System.

In 2003, Blumenauer convened the first of a series of Mt. Hood Summits. In 2006, he partnered with the Oregon House delegation members to pass the Mt. Hood Stewardship Legacy Act. Today's passage of this bill marks the first new major expansion of Oregon wilderness to pass through Congress in over 20 years.

Other Oregon wilderness areas included in the legislation are the 13,700 acre area known as Copper Salmon; 30,000 acres for Oregon's Badlands; 23,000 acres in Soda Mountain; and 8,600 acres at Spring Basin.

Rep. Blumenauer's statement on today's passage is below:

"Today's passage marks the culmination of seven years of work that I've been involved with to preserve some of our nation's most treasured places, including those on Mt. Hood.

It is a great day for the state of Oregon. Oregonians have been waiting a long time for the passage of new wilderness and I am overjoyed that today we will finally send this measure to the President's desk. Our state boasts some of the nations most beautiful natural wonders and Oregonians should not have to wait another 20 years to protect its natural beauty and our children's environmental legacy."

"The trail was long and the battle hard, but today, by working together across the aisle we have preserved an important piece of Oregon's natural history for generations to come. I am grateful to my colleagues in Oregon's congressional delegation and the hundreds of constituents, numerous organizations and agencies, local governments and Tribal leaders who have all worked tirelessly to pass these wilderness provisions. I look forward to celebrating with all Oregonians the signing into law of new Oregon wilderness by President Obama."



Ramona Falls, Mt Hood

# Mult Dems Monthly Calendar

See [www.multdems.org](http://www.multdems.org) for ongoing updates

## Mult Dems MOVING DAY!

April 4 -

email [move@multdems.org](mailto:move@multdems.org) for more details

## Town Hall with Representative Larry Galizio and Senator Ginny Burdick

April 4th, Tigard City Hall, 13125 SW Hall Blvd

Rep. Larry Galizio (D-Tigard) and Sen. Ginny Burdick (D-Portland) will hold a Town Hall Meeting to update constituents on the 2009 Legislative Session.

## Town Hall with Senator Ron Wyden

April 5, 2009. 1 p.m., Gresham Library, 385 NW Miller Avenue

Residents of Multnomah County are invited to attend the open forum to ask questions and voice their concerns. Senator Wyden has been holding town halls in each Oregon county every year since 1996. The event in Gresham is town hall number 508.

## MCDCC Monthly Meeting

April 9, - 6:00pm social, 7:00pm business meeting

Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th, Portland

Meet some of your School Board Candidates.

Democrats who are running in the non-partisan races throughout the Metro area

## Town Hall with Representatives Carolyn Tomei and Tina Kotek

April 11, 10 AM – Noon,

SMILE Station, 8210 SE 13th Ave., Portland

As we look to prioritize services, we need input from citizens.

There is always lively discussion at the SMILE Station.

Please add your voice.

## Mult Dems New Office Grand Opening

A Saturday in MAY - TBA, 3127 NE 67th, Portland

## MCDCC Monthly Meeting

May 14, - 6:00pm social, 7:00pm business meeting

Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th, Portland

## Election Day

Tuesday May 19

## Future MCDCC Monthly Meetings

June 11, - Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th, Portland

July 9, Red Sunset Park, Gresham

## Baseball Night at PGE Park

July 17 - 7:00pm

PGE Park, 1844 SW Morrison Portland, OR

Join your fellow Multnomah County Dems, along with the Washington County and Clackamas County Democrats, to cheer on the Beavers as they take on the Salt Lake Bees.

Tickets now available - contact [chair@multdems.org](mailto:chair@multdems.org)

# DPO Community Contacts

See <http://www.oregondemocrats.org/communities>

## African American Caucus

Welcome to the African American Community's page!

Want to join or need more information?

Go here: <http://www.oregondemocrats.org/node/1524> to to join the group or to just sign up for informational emails from us. Contact: Reginald Hendrix Portland, Oregon, USA 503-351-8298,

Email: [http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Black\\_Caucus](http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Black_Caucus)

## Election Integrity Caucus

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## Faith in Action

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## GLBT Caucus: Oregon's Stonewall Democrats

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus  
Oregon's Stonewall Democrats

Oregon's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Community is represented within the Democratic Party of Oregon (DPO) by the GLBT Caucus. The caucus also serves as Oregon's Chapter of National Stonewall Democrats. To join us as a contributing member, please visit our secure address: <https://secure.dpo.org/dpo/glbt>

## Gun Owners Caucus

Democrats don't want to take your guns—we've already got our own.

Contact Information: Chair, Zak Johnson, 232 NE 9th Ave.

Portland, OR 97232

Email: <http://www.oregondemocrats.org/node/1529>

## Health Care Caucus

For more information please contact: DPO Health Care Caucus  
[health\\_caucus@dpo.org](mailto:health_caucus@dpo.org), Susan Silodor, Chair, (503) 310-5253

## Latinos Caucus

Want to join or need more information? If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information please contact: Moses Ross, (503)309-7985,

Email: [http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Latino\\_Caucus](http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Latino_Caucus)

## Motorcyclists Caucus

Contact: Chair, Brian Stovall

Email: [http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Motorcycle\\_Caucus](http://www.oregondemocrats.org/contact/Motorcycle_Caucus)

## Peace Caucus

The Campaign to Keep Oregon's National Guard Home from Iraq and Afghanistan (2008-2009) is to keep 3500 more Oregonians from the National Guard from being deployed. Petition signatures due Dec. 15! For more information visit [www.PDXPeace.org](http://www.PDXPeace.org)

## Rural Democrats

Contact Information: Rural Caucus Chair, Jack Lorts  
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### **MCDCC General Meeting**

Thursday, April 9th  
Social Hr: 6 pm  
Guest Speakers: 7 pm  
Party Business: 8 pm  
All MultDems welcome

Multnomah County Dems meet monthly  
on second Thursdays.

1820 NE 40th Ave., Portland 97212,  
just north of Sandy Blvd.

Meet some of your School Board Candidates.  
Democrats who are running in the non  
partisan races throughout the Metro area

**Multnomah County Dems leadership came under intense scrutiny as members of the Central Committee balked at a plan to use a portion of the Celsi proceeds for a hot tub and outdoor spa. Vice Chair Susan Silodor defended the leaders’ proposal, noting that it would draw volunteers to canvassing operations if volunteers were offered an after-the-canvass soak.**

**Communications Officer Sue Hagmeier said that the press had blown the issue out of proportion and Central Committee members were not hearing both sides of the issue. Hagmeier observed that Party administrators have been transparent with their budget, and were taking heat because of it. She also noted that they could get a really good deal at Tubs-R-Us.**

**When questioned about propriety of spending a large portion of the budget on a luxury item, Chair KC Hanson replied that the hot tub was a valuable investment. Said Hanson: “We have to take every precaution with the health of our volunteers. The rigors of canvassing are demanding, and post-canvass spa therapy could help avoid massive health care cost overruns.”**

**In related news, Party leaders announced the acquisition of a massage chair.**

