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Left: Michelle Marx, a Seattle Department of Transportation planner working on amendments to the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan, makes a point about safety and accessibility. Not shown are the other members of the panel: David Goldberg, former president of the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board and Lisa Quinn, executive director of Feet First. Right: Lisa Herbold, Seattle City Councilmember for District 1, talks about her committee assignments.

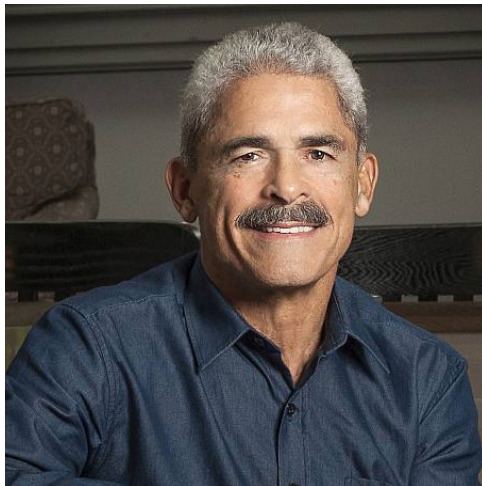


How do you like your new job?

Lisa Herbold, Seattle City Councilmember for District 1 was the first speaker in a series of presentations by newly elected officials scheduled to tell members of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle about their new jobs. Vice President Jack Whisner says the club will hear from as many who wish to speak for 10 minutes or so at the beginning of our meetings. He will schedule one for each meeting over the first months of 2016.

MDC meetings take place on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month unless otherwise noted, except for November and December, when meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each of those two months.

Carver Gayton, below, will address the members and guests of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle at its next meeting, noon – 1:30 pm, March 9, at the Plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St. He will be talking about his book *When Owing a Shilling Costs a Dollar; The Saga of Lewis G. Clarke, Born a "White" Slave*. All are welcome to attend.



New members

The MDC welcomes new members Sam Sperry, author of 1125 Harvard East; Kay Bullitt's Gathering Place, and Sameer Ranade, candidate for state representative in the 43rd LD.

Pedestrian planning experts step right up

Seattle is updating all points of its pedestrian master plan of 2009 David Goldberg informed members and guests of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle at its February 10 meeting. Mr Goldberg is former president of the Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board and leader in Transportation for America.

Another member of the panel on pedestrian issues was Lisa Quinn, executive director of Feet First, an organization that promotes walkable communities. The other member of the panel was Michelle Marx, a Seattle Department of Transportation planner working on amendments to the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan.

Members of the panel said they will be recommending design changes that ensure safety, accessibility, equity, vibrancy and health. It is the goal of the updating project to make Seattle the most walkable city in the US.

They also described a process for identifying hazardous or inequitable locations for pedestrians. The recommendations will include improvements to crosswalks and sidewalks, and to connecting people to school and transportation.

See www.feetfirst.org for more information on promoting walking.

Ms Herbold described the way in which committee assignments are arrived at through negotiations. She chairs the Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development and Arts Committee. She is vice chair of the Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods and Finance Committee, a member of the Planning, Land Use and Zoning Committee, and an alternate of the Sustainability and Transportation Committee. Assignments under these committees include dealing with worker's and worker's rights and labor standards, she said, topics she has been particularly interested in.

As vice chair of the committee that deals with housing, she commented on the situation with the Jungle. It is a special situation she said, a place of last resort when there is nowhere else to turn for shelter. Ms Herbold doesn't want to close it down, but wants the City to meet the needs of the people who are there, especially those related to garbage and sanitation services. These, she said, need to be met in the informal camps, such as the Jungle, as well as in the three supervised encampments in the city.

As there was no program planned for February 24, President Eleanor Munro invited some guests to introduce themselves and say a word or two about their

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HELP! All hands on deck for big events

Several months will have passed before we celebrate our Diamond Jubilee September 18. Chas Redmond, our director of information technology and chair of the Jubilee committee has volunteers working on pinning down a venue and a keynote speaker, planning the auction, and assembling mailing lists, to name a few of the tasks that are before us.

Meanwhile we have another major event to plan – our Chautauqua Afternoon. Connie Voget and Peggy Maze Johnson have agreed to co-chair this event, which will take place 1 – 5 pm, July 17, at the home of Ann and Tony Martin, 3618 SW Orchard.

Even if you are not on the committees you can participate in the preparations and help out at the events. Here are some suggestions for helping out with the Jubilee:

- Become a sponsor. Sponsorships start at \$250. A sponsorship of \$250 or more includes one admission. The names of sponsors are listed in the event program.

- Solicit other sponsorships.

- Donate an auction item. Provide the name and description of the item, its value, and what you think should be the starting bid. Some suggestions:

a. Theme baskets are always popular. Example, a bath-oriented basket with soap, bubble bath, lotions, etc. Or how about an alcohol basket with liquor, glasses, cocktail napkins and other related items. Maybe a basket with exotic olive oil and balsamic vinegar, salad servers, and a gift certificate to the Metropolitan Market. A bread basket filled with baked goods. I'm sure you'll have other ideas for theme baskets.

b. Gift certificates to restaurants, museums,

c. Artwork – paintings, sculpture, pottery.

d. Dedicated time – this is a favorite of elected officials, who offer to take the highest bidder to lunch, or meet for coffee or a drink, or a walk on the beach.

- Solicit auction items from vendors and individuals (I'll provide you with the paperwork you will need.) Kathleen Flynn is coordinating the auction. Lem Howell and Peggy Maze Johnson have volunteered to seek auction items.

- Sell ads for the event program and newsletter.

- Help assemble addresses. Make a list of your friends or acquaintances who might like to receive an invitation and give it to me. Provide mail and email addresses.

- Offer to help set up and clean up.

- Publicize the event in your legislative district.

- Volunteer to pick up auction items and take them to Kathleen.

- Volunteer to work with Kathleen, monitoring the auction activity and making sure no one makes a bid after the close of the silent auction. Then collecting the bid sheets and packaging the auction item.

- Work the entry table; sign people in, give them the envelope with the event program and name tag inside.

- Put event programs and name tags in envelopes, write bid number, name of guest, and table number on outside.

- Troubleshoot.

There are many other ways you can help. Talk to Mr Redmond at credmond@mac.com or 202-316-3574.

You can help out at the Chautauqua by volunteering to serve food and beverages, setup and cleanup, helping schedule the speakers, troubleshooting and more. To volunteer contact Connie Voget at cvoget@w-link.net or 206-632-8953 or contact Peggy Maze Johnson at pmjconsults@gmail.com or 702-907-1884.



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Bradburd, Stanton elected to MDC board of directors

Bill Bradburd and Elizabeth Stanton were elected to the board of directors of the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle at the club's February 24 meeting. They will stand for election in the 2016 board of directors' annual election in June if they wish to retain their positions. If re-elected they will serve a two-year term and may serve as long as they continue to be elected every two years. They will also be eligible to stand for election to the executive committee as one of the officers of the organization.

Mr Bradburd joined the MDC last year when he was running for Seattle City Council. As an experienced neighborhood activist he ran on a platform that advocated low-cost housing, robust neighborhood planning, and other issues related to improving neighborhoods.

Elizabeth Stanton joined the MDC in February 2012 and has organized several programs for the organization since then.



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campaigns. They included Jeff Sprung for state auditor, John McHale for King County Superior Court and Chris Roberts, mayor of Shoreline. Mr Roberts joined the MDC last July.

Ms Munro emphasized that the MDC would not be hearing campaign speeches during their regular meeting time, but that the club's Chautauqua Afternoon, July 17, has been organized for members and guests to get acquainted. However, candidates may drop in to any of the club's meetings and introduce themselves.



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.

What's happening

March 6 - May 1 Community outreach presentation regarding Initiative 123, Alaskan Way Elevated Park. For more information contact campaign director Kate Martin, 206-579-3703 or katemartin@initiative123.org. Times and places listed below:

March 6 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Ballard Library.

March 13 1:30 – 2:30 pm, Greenwood Library.

March 20 3:00 – 4:30 pm, Northgate Library.

April 3 3 – 4:30, Northeast Library.

April 10 3 – 4:30, Douglass Truth Library.

April 17 3 – 4:30, Montlake Library

April 24 3 – 4:30 pm, West Seattle Library

May 1 3- 4:30 pm, Columbia City library

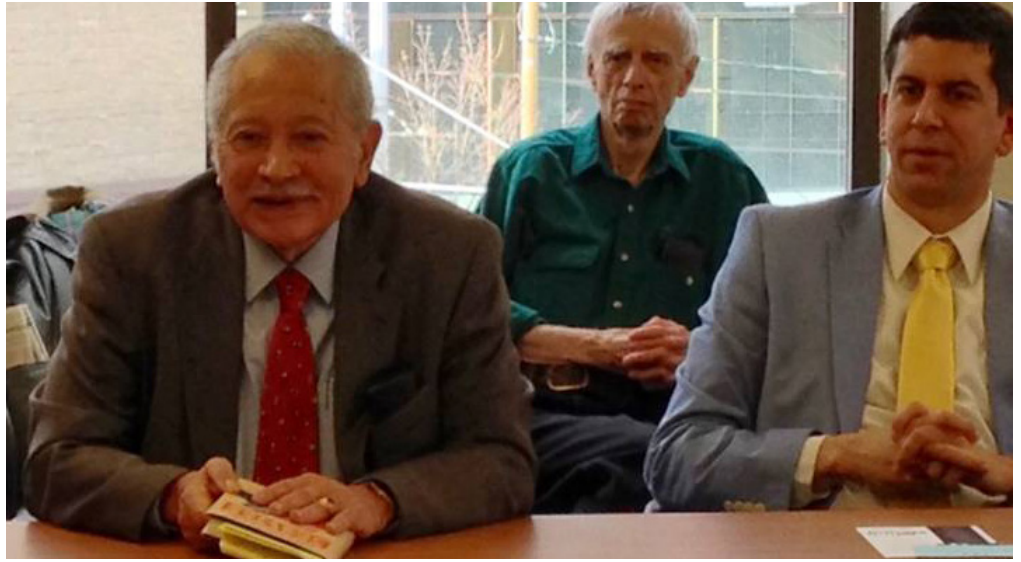
March 22 Fundraiser for King County Councilmember Joe McDermott for Congress, 5:30 – 7 pm, at the home of Clayton Lewis and former Seattle City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, 3822 Boyd Pl SW, Seattle. Suggested donations start at \$100. RSVP to Tessa, 206-328-2969 or events@joemcdermott.org.

March 23 Campaign kickoff breakfast for Judge Charlie Wiggins for reelection to Washington State Supreme Court, 7:30 am at the Westin Hotel. Registration starts at 7 pm. For more information, info@justicecharliewiggins.com or 206.486.5913.

April 2 Northwest Progressive Institute's annual spring fundraising gala, 6:15 pm, Mercer Island Community Center on Mercer Island.

MDC People

MDC member Lloyd Hara announced February 29 that he and his family have established the Lloyd F Hara Endowed Graduate Student Support Fund at the University of Washington Evans School of Public Policy and Governance. The occasion of the announcement was an event at the Nagomi Tea House hosted by Ambassador Gary Locke, Representative Bob Hasegawa, Assunta Ng and others to thank Mr Hara for his many years of public service. He said the fund was in support of future generations of leaders. Gifts in support of this fund can be made at evans.uw.edu/about/giving/make-gift.



MDC member Lem Howell, left, and Chris Roberts, mayor of Shoreline, listen to candidates visiting the MDC February 24 meeting. In the background is Al Rasmussen. All are members of the MDC.



MDC members listen to panel on pedestrian issues in Seattle. From left, Bert Wyman, Lem Howell, Peter LeSourd and Senator Pete Francis. In the background is Kathleen Flynn. All are members of the MDC except for Mr LeSourd, a former member who attends meetings whenever he is in Seattle on business.

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MDC Calendar

March - April 2016

All regular meetings occur on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, noon – 1:30 pm at the Plaza 600 Building #205, 600 Stewart St, Seattle, unless otherwise noted. The MDC welcomes guests at all of its noon meetings and special events. Members are welcome at all MDC committee meetings.

Look here for notices of Diamond Jubilee, program, and other committee meetings. They will be listed here in the Calendar column of *The MDC News* and the bimonthly meeting notes. All members are welcome to attend any MDC meeting or committee meeting.

Programs and events

• **March 9** Dr Carver Gayton will speak about his book *When Owing a Shilling Costs a Dollar; The Saga of Lewis G. Clarke, Born a "White" Slave*. The subject of the book is Dr Gayton's great-grandfather, who was born into slavery, escaped, and helped others escape. Later he became a spokesman for the abolitionists during the 1840s and 1850s. Dr

Please see the date on the address label affixed to this newsletter. That is when your dues are due. If your membership has expired, you will not be able to vote until 30 days after you have renewed. Renew online at metrodemns.org. Or pick up a form at any MDC event or meeting. Fill it out and send it along with your check to Treasurer Kate Martin, 412 NW 73rd, Seattle WA 98117.

Dues are due

Membership renewal date appears on above label

Gayton will bring some of his books to sell.

• March 23

Program: A proxy debate between the Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

Speakers: Allan Munro as Hillary Clinton and Lem Howell as Bernie Sanders. Moderator will be Senator Pete Francis. This debate has not been authorized by either campaign as it is a private event. Neither does the MDC presume to speak on behalf of the Democratic Party. The MDC is not part of the Democratic Party although it shares the Party's values.

• April 13

Program: Former Seattle City Councilmember Sally Clark will speak about some of her projects in her new job at the University of Washington.

• **April 20** Meeting of the MDC board of directors, 6:30 pm at the home of Harriet Wasserman 1247 20th Ave E, Seattle. Potluck. Part business, part fun and food. RSVP Eleanor Munro, walkere1@msn.com.

• April 27

Program: Health Care for All

Speakers: Charlton Price, chair of the MDC Health Care for All task force, and others noted for their advocacy of health care for all.

Committee meetings

• March 9, 23

Diamond Jubilee committee, 11 am – noon, Barnes & Noble coffee shop at Pacific Place.

Health Care for All Task Force, 11:30 am – noon, Plaza 600 Building #205.

Executive committee, 1:30 – 2 pm, Plaza 600 Building #205.

SAVE THE DATES

• **July 17:** Third annual **Chautauqua Afternoon** at the home of MDC member Ann Martin and Tony Martin, 3618 SW Orchard, Seattle. Candidates will have the opportunity to connect with MDC members and guests. Other progressive organizations are invited to set up tables and tents to display their literature and solicit funds. The annual MDC raffle opens. Picnic food and beverages provided. Sponsorships start at \$100. Suggested donation \$25.

• **September 18:** MDC's **Diamond Jubilee - 60 years of promoting progressive values.**

We celebrate our 60th anniversary. Event features auction, retrospectives and what they mean for our future, and a little bit of folly. Sponsorships start at \$250. All sponsorships of \$250 or more include one admission. Advertise in the Jubilee event program and/or *The MDC News*. We'll let you know as soon as we've confirmed a keynote speaker. See logo on page three.

• **December 11: Winter Holiday Party and Raffle**, a potluck at the Colman Mansion – the home of Marianne Tagney and David Jones. We honor our elected officials and draw the winning tickets for the raffle. Sponsorships start at \$100. Suggested donation \$35.

For more information on any of these events, their dates, times, advertising and sponsoring opportunities, refer to this monthly publication, to metrodemns.org. or contact MDC President Eleanor Munro at 206-370-1374 or walkere1@msn.com.

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