**Chair’s Report – September 22, 2022**

Thanks to Alice McCain, we have Heather Purser as our guest speaker for the September LD meeting. Heather is a member of the Suquamish Tribe and will enlighten us on issues/topics of interest/concern to the tribe.

Since the LD meeting my time has been spent doing tasks and attending meetings to work out the details including the schedule of events for the Salmon Dinner & Auction. Vice-Chair Shannon Turner served as emcee and kept the evening moving along. He introduced Suquamish Tribal Chairman Leonard Forsman who gave the welcome and shared a few thoughts on how the relationship with the 23rd LD has grown over the years and has benefitted both the tribe and us.

Then it was Congressman Kilmer’s turn as our guest speaker. He did a great job of summarizing all the good and important things the Democrats have done such as passing the COVID relief bill, actually funding infrastructure and allowing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices. It is clear we all have to do our part to make sure we keep the Democrats in power and the country going in the right direction.

The elected officials and candidates were recognized along with the folks who organized and led the work for the event. Many thanks go to: Ginny Bell, Jerry Hebert, Laurie Kadet, Doug MacKenzie, Erin Phillips, Halette Salazar, Ginger and Jim Sommerhauser, Colleen Taylor, Shannon Turner, Jeff Wiley and Carollynn Zimmers. The day of the auction a number of the 23rd LM members were there to assist as needed. These included Michael Achey, Kelly and Chris Cancialosi, Lillian Crawford, Ted Jones, Alice McCain, Evie Schwerin and Danielle Turner. If I omitted anyone, please LMK.

The event raised approximately $20,000 for the 23rd LD. There were several experiences that were popular such as the meals with our elected state and federal representatives, sports and ballet tickets and guided tours of the Japanese Exclusion Memorial and the Suquamish Museum.

I have also represented the 23rd in the KDADA fundraising group. I’ve provided feedback on the fundraising letter and participated in discussions about how to conduct the campaign.

I was unable to attend Rep Simmons’ fundraiser at Hersonwsood Garden in Kingston on September 1. However, our own Carollynn Zimmers, Candidate Recruitment & Support Committee Chair, received a Champions of Justice award!

The campaign season is in full swing and the pleas for volunteers and $$ continue to come in. Poulsbo City Councilman Ed Stern has endorsed Katie Walters for county commissioner. We are looking forward to helping get Katie Walsh elected for county commissioner along with returning Paul Andrews (auditor), Chad Enright (prosecuting attorney) John Gese (sheriff) and David Lewis (county clerk).

***Replace the Liars & Deniers – Vote Democrat!!!***