

Washington Public Campaigns announces recipients for 2009 Annual Awards

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At the **Awards Banquet June 13th**, we will celebrate our WashClean progress in the past year, and recognize individuals and groups who have contributed mightily to our work.

Here is information about this year's award recipients:

Public Leadership Award

Marko Liias – state representative for the 21st Legislative District – was a tireless sponsor of the legislative bill for public financing of judicial campaigns. Last year, he was an articulate spokesman on the House floor for the Local Option bill. This year, he lobbied his colleagues to get 32 co-sponsors for the judicial bill, and this head start may propel us to victory on the judicial bill next year if the state's revenue picture improves.

Organization of the Year Award

Common Cause has been a powerful voice for democracy and good government since its founding as a national organization in 1970. For many years there was a state organization in Washington, helping to set the stage for Seattle's first public financing program for city campaigns in 1978. Common Cause organizers have been instrumental in bringing Clean Elections to Maine, to other states, and most recently to Connecticut – and the organization is a key partner in the coalition to achieve the Fair Elections Now Act in Congress. We invite members of Common Cause to join with us in renewing a presence in Washington, and working toward a citizen initiative, as may be necessary, to achieve Clean Elections in our state.

Volunteer of the Year

Betty Ogden - volunteer leader of WPC's Tacoma-Pierce County chapter – began volunteering with Washington Public Campaigns over five years ago, and still contributes in so many unseen ways to grease the grassroots wheels of our movement. She enters names in our database; she sends out thank you letters to contributors. She tirelessly prepares for monthly meetings of the WPC Pierce County Chapter – gently prodding and reminding other participants of their volunteer promises. She networks with other organizations, including the League of Women Voters, whose local council board she recently joined. Her always-sunny and low-key disposition keeps others involved – who figure, "If Betty can keep at it, so can I!"

So, plan for a good time and a memorable evening –

WPC Third Annual Awards Banquet , Saturday, June 13th

Consider sponsoring a table of friends, or arranging an organizational contribution to our Awards Banquet Ad Book.

For sponsorship information:

washclean.org/Library/ab09-sponsorship.pdf

To help as a Banquet Table Captain, or more info, contact us!

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