



Self Advocates in Leadership

# SAIL UPDATE

May 2010



# The Celebration!

Everyone had a wonderful time celebrating the passage of HB 2490 our latest respectful language bill! George Adams gave Representative Angel a certificate of Appreciation for all of her leadership and work on getting the "R" word out of Washington state law! There was also a cake that had the bill signing photo on it so everyone had fun finding themselves on the cake. Thank you to the Grays Harbor group for helping out with the decorations and making the room look so festive and special!



## A Note from the Chair

May 2010

Hello!

Thank you for making the Bill Celebration a success! Representative Angel seemed to really enjoy it!



It is important for our values to be a part of each of the trainings being developed. At the next meeting we are going to have a discussion about what is most important to people with disabilities when we are being supported.

Please be ready to answer questions and make suggestions!

Sincerely,

Ken Larson, Chair

## What happened in Washington DC??

Long time SAIL members Shawn Latham and Mike Raymond recently had the opportunity to go to Washington DC to learn about what is happening nationally in terms of people with developmental disabilities. Shawn gave a really good report with details on how to get additional information. Emily will have copies of his report available at the next meeting if you are interested. (It is too long to include in the newsletter.) Michael got a good picture with US Senator Maria Cantwell and said that he enjoyed telling everyone to get the "R" word out!

**Thanks for keeping us informed!**



**Thanks for Coming Representative Angel!**



Soon after Representative Angel left the meeting the members signed a thank you note to send to her. Everyone did a great job introducing themselves and asking questions. Everyone was very thankful that she came and answered all of our questions! She also seemed very interested in working with us on the Joint Memorial next session. Well done everyone!

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