

Notes from the Chair

By Lauren Adler

The campaign season is just about to heat up along with the temperatures as we head into the summer months! We're half way through 2008, but there is still a lot of work to be done to make sure that Democrats are victorious in November. What I would like to share with you this month are some ways that you can get involved with our organization and to help make sure that we get fantastic Democrats elected to public office all the way down the ticket this year – from President of the United States and all the way down to your local Precinct Committee Officer.

I am pleased to announce that the 25th Legislative District Democrats will have a booth at the City of Puyallup's Meeker Day's street-fair. It's been two years since our last appearance at Meeker Days, but we're back – and our presence is more important than ever!

Did you know that it will be my fourth anniversary being involved with the 25th Legislative District Democrats at this year's Meeker Days? That's right – I was recruited back in 2004 by Ivan Weiss who was working his shift at the Democratic booth. Little did I know when I registered my then 25 year old sister to vote at the Democratic booth at Meeker Days in June 2004, that I would become the Chair of the organization just a few short years later. . . We need to make sure that we take advantage of this excellent opportunity to encourage our neighbors to get involved with this organization. Who knows? Maybe our future State Senator or State Representative could be upon us at the 2008 Meeker Days! *If you are interested in volunteering in the Meeker Days booth (June 20th – 22nd at Puyallup's Pioneer Park/ Pavilion), please contact Meeker Days Booth Chair Jerry Beckendorf at 253.845.7702.* I look forward to seeing you there!

Many of you have been asking for a long time, 'when will the Democrats get a full sized booth at the Puyallup Fair like the Republicans?!' Well friends, I am very excited to announce that for the first time in recent years, the Washington State Democrats, the Pierce County Democrats, and the 25th Legislative District Democrats will have a FULL SIZED (just as big as the Republicans) booth at the 2008 Puyallup Fair (September 5th-21st)!! September is still a ways off, but it's never too early to start planning and getting excited to connect with voters. *If you have ideas, suggestions, etc. regarding the Puyallup Fair booth please contact Puyallup Fair Booth Co-Chair Charley Stokes at 253.861.8744.* Let's 'Do the Puyallup'!

Throughout the summer, you will start to receive many different requests from all of the different candidates running for office throughout the state. I highly encourage you to take these requests seriously, and try to personally support at least one local candidate this summer – whether it's by sign waving in the morning, writing a check for \$25.00, hosting a campaign sign in your yard, doorbelling your precinct, or simply wearing a button, please make it a point to connect with one of our local candidates. Remember, all of our State Legislators are up for re-election this year and it is EXTREMELY important that we continue to send them to Olympia to work for our common goals. Senator Kastama and Representative Morrell work really hard for us at the Capitol, and it's time we work hard for them this summer! Don't forget our new candidate, Rob Cerqui (a current Fife City Council member and farmer), who is running for State Representative, Pos. 1 – the open seat that was vacated by Republican Joyce McDonald. Please take a moment to get to know Rob and find out ways that you can become active in his campaign. Finally, remember that we are ALL Democrats and we ALL have the same goals. No matter what the outcome is, and who our Presidential Nominee

is; we need to make sure that we support our candidate 150 percent! This country cannot afford four more years of George W. Bush politics, nor can we ignore the problems this country faces any longer. I know it's been said over and over, but the differences between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are pale in comparison compared to John McCain! This is the year that WE, TOGETHER can make a difference in this country, state, county, and neighborhood.

As always, thanks for your continued support.

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