



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus



**DENNY HECK
SPEAKER AT 25TH LDD
AT FEBRUARY MEETING
WHO IS RUNNING FOR
10TH DISTRICT POSITION**

**READ ALL ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING , WHAT DID HAPPEN, MINUTES
PLUS UPCOMINGS ON PAGE 2
AND - - - - DUES CAN BE PAID NOW FOR 2012!**

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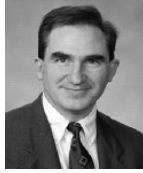
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www.25dems.org

MEETINGS

27 Feb Mon E-Board meets at
7PM at Fire Station 66


5 Mar Mon 6 PM Legislative
Action Committee will meet.

7 PM 25 LDD monthly
general meeting at the Library
in Puyallup. Main speakers will
be Pat McCarthy, Pierce County
Executive and Michael Jones
(25LDD Member), Carpenter's
Union member.

 **17 Mar Sat DEAD-**
LINE for FOCUS ar-
ticles, pictures, etc.

26 Mar Mon E-Board meets
at 7PM at Fire Station 66.

2 Apr Mon 7 PM 25 LDD
monthly general meeting at the
Puyallup Library.

 **14 Apr Sat DEAD-**
LINE for FOCUS arti-
cles, pictures, etc.

30 Apr Mon E-Board meets at
7PM at Fire Station 66.

7 May Mon 7 PM 25 LDD
monthly general meeting at the
Puyallup Library.



**.WRAP UP OF NOVEMBER
25th LDD MEETING FEB 6TH**
By Joan Cronk

Our speaker at the February 13 meeting of the 25th LDD was Denny Heck, candidate for the new 10th Congressional seat.

He spoke passionately about why he was running, saying he was born and raised in Vancouver, Washington and has been married for 36 years. He served in the State House of Representative for the 17th District beginning in 1976 for five terms and his passion was education policy. He was the majority leader and then moved on to serve as Chief of Staff for Gov. Booth Gardner.

Heck worked very successfully in the private sector for years and said he is running now so the middle class can work, own a home and raise a family.

He has four things he wants to accomplish as the new Congressman for the 10th District:

1. Build 21st Century infrastructure. "The rest of the world," he said, "is leaving us in the dust."
2. Make things in America again.
3. Get serious about energy independence. "It is time for us to develop home grown clean energy" said Heck.
4. Need to help military personnel transfer to the private sector. "It is time to get ready for military folks to get into the private sector."

Heck is clearly excited about the race and said, "We have a good shot to do this!"

Heck will participate in a forum at the Library on 2/29 and there will be a fundraiser on April 12 at Mark and JoAnn Gaspard's house, time to be announced.

The 25th LDD has a chance to take back the State House of Representatives with two candidates running for those two seats.

Bill Hilton has announced he has filed to run the House of Representatives Position 2 seat and Dawn Morrell is running for Position 1. These two candidates will need all of the support in the form of money, time and energy to win these two important seats. The months between now and November will be filled with many opportunities to help these two credible candidates.

VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER! VOLUNTEER!

WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATIC
CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
January 27-28, 2012

The first of my weekend meetings of the Resolutions Committee began at 6 pm Friday evening at Little Creek Casino near Shelton, Washington. After several hours work we adjourned until morning. The evening ended with visits to some of the hospitality rooms honoring candidates for state and national offices.

Early Saturday morning the Resolutions Committee met again to deal with the remaining resolutions to be presented at the afternoon meeting of the Central Committee. (The resolutions can be found at this website: wa-democrats.org. The route is "Contact Us, Party Resources, Party Documents, Resolutions"). During our meeting Laura Ruderman, a candidate for the open First Congressional seat introduced herself. We also heard from Rich Cowan who is running in the Fifth Congressional District against Kathy McMorris Rogers, and Elizabeth Olmen whose opponent is Jamie Herrera in the Third Congressional District. We also heard from Mark Miloscia who is seeking the position of State Auditor, an open seat with the coming retirement of Brian Sonntag.

Our very interesting speaker at lunch was Jake Faleschini, principal at Sound Policy Consulting. He showed a video and discussed the 99% movement, wealth concentration, and economic inequality.

The afternoon Central Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Dwight Pelz shortly after 1:30 pm.

In his Chair's Report he criticized Congress for giving tax exemptions to the "job creators" because they haven't created any. He reported that Rob McKenna had been ahead in the Governor' race by 7 % but now he was down to only 3 percentage points ahead of our endorsed candidate, Jay Inslee. Dwight acknowledged that as Washington voters watch the Republican debates they are beginning to understand that the middle class is under attack. Dwight has been actively involved with the State Legislature seeking to keep the Precinct Officer positions elective offices.

One of our main purposes at Saturday's meeting was the election of four members to the Democratic National Committee. Nominations were made with only one person for each seat, all of them being the currently serving members of the DNC. With a single voice vote, David McDonald, Ed Cote, Sharon Mast, and Lona Wilbur will each serve another term.

The various committee reports were the next item on the agenda. Following those there was a short recess to elect a congressional representative to the Executive Board for each of our new ten Congressional Districts. The meeting adjourned about 3:40, making it the shortest in my memory.

Ellen Zulauf, 25th District State Committeewoman.

HAVE YOU MET ALEC?

Our Supreme Court tells us that ALEC is a person, but in reality ALEC is a huge conservative super PAC called American Legislative Exchange Council. It is funded by corporate power barons like Kraft Foods, Mc Donalds, Pfizer and the Koch brothers.

There is nothing illegal or unethical about ALECs work except that it further demonstrates the pervasive influence of corporate money and right wing groups on the state legislative process. Their efforts have backed and in some cases orchestrated the destructive actions in so many state legislatures: making it harder for minorities and other groups that support Democrats to vote, obstructing health care reform, weakening environmental regulations and breaking the spines of public and private- sector unions.

In Washington the ALEC state chairs reportedly are Rep. Jan Angel (R-Bremerton) and Sen. Don Benton (R-Vancouver); Daniel Mead Smith, President of the Washington Policy Center, and John Schlatter, Government Affairs Manager of Takeda. Other Washington State legislators reportedly having ALEC ties are: Reps. Shea (R-4), Alexander (R-20), Kelley (D-28), Ross (R-14), Bailey (R-10), Schmick (R-9), VanDe Wege (D-24), Parker (R-6), Armstrong (R-12), and Hinkle (R-13) and Sens. Stevens (R-39), Parlette (R-12), Zarelli (R-18), Carrell (R-28), Roach (R-31), Erickson (R-42), Holmquist (R-13), Hatfield (D-119), Becker (R-2), Hewitt (R-16) and Delvin (R-28). (See NY Times editorial--[The big money behind state laws](#))

REDISTRICTING UPDATE

It appears the state is imposing the new legislative district boundaries on the precinct caucuses.

Their listing deletes many of our precincts.

At a glance, it appears that the state is ratifying our neighbors' annexations, but the state has not yet forcibly reassigned any new precincts to us.

I'm going to wait a bit and monitor their site.

The worst impact I currently foresee, is that Chair Tibbs will have two assignments on April 15: area coordinator for us at the Elks and leading his precinct at the 31st party at Bonney Lake HS.

If our new precincts are assigned to us, we have space to accommodate them.

http://www.wa-democrats.info/cjc120209b.php?cj=PI25#PI25_Boilers

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**25th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
FINANCIAL REPORT
WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE EACH MONTH UPON REQUEST BY
A MEMBER INSTEAD OF BEING ON THE WEBSITE.**

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES ?

DUES CAN BE PAID NOW FOR 2012!

Use this form to recruit friends and neighbors to join you
in helping our Democratic party.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Zip: _____ City/ _____

Precinct: _____

Email: _____

Dues: Evergreen (includes Senior, outside district, etc) \$10 per member; Rainier \$25; Chair's Voice \$50; Senators Club \$100 (can be paid in installments.)

Please send dues to: 25th LDD, POBox 73594, Puyallup, WA 98373



**Well, you should be if you want the truth about politics
by Frank Blair and Traci Kelly on their radio show
Fridays at 1200 to 1 PM on KLAY 1180 AM!**

**And if for some reason or other you miss it then go to equaltimeradio.net.
Tune in or be tuned out.**

Heck is working hard. Over the past eight months Denny has heard from families throughout the South Sound about the need for policies that will empower the American middle class. Denny is continuing the Give Congress Heck Listening Tour this Wednesday in Puyallup so he can hear from even more South Sounders about the local and federal issues that matter to Puyallup!

Puyallup Gives Congress Heck, February 29th at 7:00 PM until 8 PM at the South Hill Library. Hosted by State Representative Dawn Morrell. The South Hill Library is located at 15420 Meridian E. in South Hill.

We need you. We must increase our membership so that we have more funds to use to assist our candidates. I am urging everyone who receives our Focus to become paid up members of our organization. The membership dues are on a sliding scale, depending on ability to pay. Join today.

Ray Green, Membership Chair

For more information about our House candidate go to the link below:

<http://blog.thenewstribune.com/politics/2012/02/23/retired-state-patrolman-bill-hilton-will-run-for-hans-zeigers-seat/#more-30571>