



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus

Congratulations



**JULIE DOOR, DISTRICT 3, AND HEATHER SHADKO,
DISTRICT 2, PUYALLUP CITY COUNCIL
CELEBRATE THEIR WIN ON ELECTION NIGHT**

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our speaker for the 7:00pm December 2nd General Membership meeting at the Puyallup Library will be Willie Painter, Public Info Officer for Franklin Pierce School Dist. Mr Painter will speak about Feb Ballot issue.

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MEETINGS

2 Dec Mon 25 LDD Gen Meet
will be at the Puyallup Library
at 7 PM. Speaker will be Willie
Painter, Public Info Off for
Franklin Pierce School Dist.
Mr Painter will speak about Feb
Ballot measure.

 **14 Dec Sat DEADLINE**
for FOCUS articles, pic-
tures, etc.

**NOTE CHANGES
FOR JAN -**

30 Dec Mon E-Board voted **NO**
Meeting in Dec.

2014

No General Meeting in Jan
which will be replaced by Leg-
islative Send-Off Dinner on
Fri Jan 10th. See page 7 for
details.

 **Jan 18 Sat DEAD-**
LINE FOR FOCUS
articles, pictures, etc.

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

3 Feb Mon 25 LDD General
Meeting will be at the Puyallup
Library at 7PM

 **15 Feb Sat DEAD-**
LINE FOR FOCUS
articles, pictures, etc.

Chair's Comment

Ed Herde

I want to thank the brave souls who threw their hats in the ring and worked their tails off to run for office and represent us. Congratulations to our endorsed candidates Amy Pivetta Hoffman, Bryan Yambi, Julie Door, and Connie Bacon. I want to say I very much appreciate the efforts put in by Karen Edwards and Corry Glucoft who did the hard work, but did not receive the outcomes we had hoped for. Thank you also for those who helped with the campaigns, some of whom put in several days a month in their efforts.

I want to thank those who phone banked to get out the vote for the 25th LD Democrats' endorsed candidates the night before the election prior to our November General Membership meeting. Thank you to Eric Renz, Joan Cronk, Eric Herde, Julie Door, Karen Edwards, Blaine Pearman, Jerry Beckendorf, Betty Ogden, and Mark Goodwin for phoning, and Al Gray for cooking the pizza so we could maintain our energy.

The week the ballots were received in the mail we had people delivering our endorsed candidate cards to local Democrats. Thank you to Merv Swanson, Blaine Pearman, Corry Glucoft (and friend Stephanie), Eric Herde, Karen Herde, Nathan Herde, Eric Renz, David Henry, Joan Cronk, Allen Zulauf, Ellen Zulauf, and Jerry Beckendorf. We delivered to a majority of our target group, but not all because of a lack of people power. We will work on that next time.

My biggest disappointment of this election has to be not getting 26th LD Senator Nathan Schlicher re-elected to the State Senate. Senator Schlicher's vote percentage in this low turnout election was much better than in the primary, so I'm hoping he tries again and prevails in a congressional year election when the turnout is higher and therefore better for Democrats.

Everyone who cares about the future of civilization on this planet and the wellbeing of their children and grandchildren, or if you are not a sociopath and just care about mankind you must go to lasthours.org and watch the 10 minute video narrated by author Thom Hartman. The video informs about the rapid acceleration of global heating and climate change due to the release of trillions of tons of methane that has started to rise out of the ocean with the thawing of the ice caps.

One last thing, I am tired of hearing this line: "I don't want my union dues used for things I don't agree with." If your ears are witness to this old ignorant line ask that person this: "Do you like it when Billionaire business owners take profits from the products you've purchased and use the profits to fund think tank campaigns to work against your interests – to take away Social Security Insurance benefits, to destroy public confidence in healthcare reform, to spread junk science so they can pump more carbon into the air, to take away collective bargaining, to suppress wages, and to lower the taxes of the super-rich while the infrastructure and the intellectual-structure of this country deteriorates?" What's the difference? Who do you trust more – the super-rich or your union?



By Joan Cronk

At the 25th LDD meeting on November 4th, several volunteers arrived at our satellite location on Canyon Road, thanks to Betty Ogden and Al Gray for setting that up, at 4:30 to do phone banking for our endorsed candidates. Pizza was served and we all settled into our separate corners to work the phones.

At the meeting which began at 7 pm, we were treated to an informative explanation from Beth Wilson of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department who spoke on the Washington State Healthcare exchange.

Wilson was full of valuable information and insights into the plan, and many in attendance had their questions answered.

State Representative Dawn Morrell spoke on the expansion of Medicaid in Washington as well and said our system is working well. She said that an article in the Washington Post stated, "The other Washington got it right!"

REAL QUOTES

"I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he or she handles these three things:

a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas lights."

poet Maya Angelou

"It's not what's under the tree that matters, it's who's around it."

Susan Walbrecht

"If you think your best days are behind you, they are. If you think your best days are ahead of you, they are."

Jon Gordon



**JULIE DOOR AND BRYAN YAMBE BOTH WON
THEIR SEATS ON THE PUYALLUP CITY COUNCIL
AND THE FIFE CITY COUNCIL**

PUYALLUP TO VOTE ON BIGGER BUDGET

Summary of The News Tribune story by Kari Plog

A proposed boost in funds for street and utility work and a slight increase in staff would lift Puyallup's budget in 2014, following several years of cutbacks in Pierce County's third-largest city.

Finance Director Cliff Craig said Puyallup would have about \$16 million more for capital spending next year compared to 2013. The city also plans to add 2.2 staff positions in the municipal court - jobs that City Manager Bill McDonald says will generate revenue.

Staff is making final adjustments to \$123.2 million proposal, which is set for a final City Council vote Tuesday. Of the total, the general fund accounts for \$37.1 million - \$1.5 million higher than last year.

In a first reading of the preliminary budget Nov 12 council members supported fixing aging roads and utilities but expressed concern about a staff-recommended increase in property taxes.

McDonald has advised the council to raise the property tax rate, now set at \$1.86 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, but it won't make or break the budget.

It's not going to have a huge impact, he told the News Tribune.

Robert Reich: What Tuesday's Election Results Really Mean – OpEd

By Robert Reich -- (November 6, 2013)

Pundits who are already describing the victories of Terry McAuliffe in Virginia and Chris Christie in New Jersey as a “return to the center” of American politics are confusing the “center” with big business and Wall Street.

A few decades ago McAuliffe would be viewed as a right-wing Democrat and Christie as a right-wing Republican. Both garnered their major support from corporate America, and both will reliably govern as fiscal conservatives who won't raise taxes on the wealthy.

Both look moderate only by contrast with the Tea Partiers to their extreme right.

The biggest game-changer, though, is Bill de Blasio, the mayor-elect of New York City, who campaigned against the corporatist legacy of Michael Bloomberg — promising to raise taxes on the wealthy and use the revenues for pre-school and after-school programs for the children of New York's burdened middle class and poor.

Those who dismiss his victory as an aberration confined to New York are overlooking three big new things:

First, the new demographic reality of America gives every swing state at least one large city whose inhabitants resemble those of New York.

Second, de Blasio won notwithstanding New York's position as the epicenter of big business and Wall Street, whose money couldn't stop him.

Third, Americans are catching on to the scourge of the nation's raging inequality, and its baleful consequences for our economy and democracy.

About Robert Reich



Robert Reich is Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy at the University of California at Berkeley. He has served in three national administrations, most recently as Secretary of Labor under President Bill Clinton. He has written thirteen books, including *The Work of Nations*, *Locked in the Cabinet*, *Supercapitalism*, and his most recent book, *Aftershock*. His "Marketplace" commentaries can be found on publicradio.com and iTunes. He is also Common Cause's board chairman. His website is: <http://robertreich.org>

QUOTEABLE QUOTE

"Science may have found a cure for most evils; but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all - the apathy of human beings."

Helen Keller

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Members of the 25th LD Democrats are encouraged to bring unwrapped toys, gifts, Fred Meyer gift cards or donated cash to the Pierce County Labor Agency for the holiday program. The Labor Agency is a 501(c)(3) non-profit which serves the labor Community in time of need. Local unions identify needy families which are targeted to receive gifts for the kids and Fred Meyer gift cards to purchase turkeys or other items for their holiday meal. The items can be brought to the December 2d meeting. Jerry will transport the donations to the Labor Council. If you miss the deadline, the donations can be dropped off at the IBEW 76 building at 3049 S. 36th in Tacoma during working hours up to December 11th. The Labor Agency will make sure the donations go to the neediest of the Union members during this Holiday Season and we thank you in advance for caring.

Jerry Beckendorf



**January 25th LDD General Meeting will be replaced by the Legislative
Send-Off Dinner Friday, January 10th**

**Elks Club, 314 27th St. NE, Puyallup
Social 6—7 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Tickets will be available for purchase soon.**

MORE DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE !

**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 SHOULD BE PAID NOW FOR 2014!

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

Name: _____ Address: _____
City/ _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ 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, PO Box 73594, Puyallup, WA 98373 or

Pay by credit card: click on <https://secureform.cloud.clickandpledge.com/20184/1/>



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NOT A 25TH LD MEMBER? YOU ARE NEEDED

Dear Democrat,

I am writing to ask you as a past member of the 25th Legislative District Democrats organization to consider renewing your membership for 2014. In the present political climate with organized attacks on voting rights, a vibrant media, the environment, labor laws, worker safety, Social Security, Medicare and more it is important that we have funds available to help candidates and issues even at a local level. The right wing and corporate interests that are now trying to take away the advances that have kept many Americans out of poverty over the past six decades are attacking us on a state and local level because it is easier to sneak past the people with our weak local media, than it is to change national policy.

Please join or renew your membership with the 25th Legislative Democrats to help stem the tide of attacks on democratic principles. It is more important than ever to become more involved.

Sincerely,

Ed Herde, District Chair