



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus



LORI PROVINCE, FIELD DIRECTOR, WA STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO WITH ERIC HERDE AT MEETING

Next General Membership Meeting is Monday June 3rd at 7:00pm at the Puyallup Library. Our guest speaker will be Dwight Pelz, chair of the Washington State Democratic Party.

Chairman Pelz will be speaking on Wealth Distribution in America

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MEETINGS

**3 Jun Mon 25 LDD meeting at
7 PM at Puyallup Library.**

**Speaker: Dwight Pelz,
State Democratic Chair—**

**Subject:
Distribution of Wealth In
America**



**15 Jun Sat DEADLINE
FOR FOCUS articles,
pictures, etc.**

**24 Jun Mon E-Board meets at
7 PM at Fire Station 66**

**1 Jul Mon 25 LDD Meeting at
7 PM at Puyallup Library.**

**Subject: Candidate Endorse-
ments for Local Elec-
tions.**



**20 Jul Sat DEAD-
LINE FOR FOCUS
articles, pictures, etc.**

**29 Jul Mon E-Board meets at
7 PM at Fire Station 66**



**5 Aug Mon 25 LDD
meeting at
7 PM at Puyallup Li-
brary.**

**17 Aug Sat DEADLINE FOR
FOCUS articles, pictures, etc.**

Chair's Comment

Ed Herde

The 25th Legislative District's representative to the state senate has aligned himself with the Senate's Majority Coalition Caucus. This may be a surprise to some that have kept up with the Senate's proposed budget. Senator Bruce Dammeier has always prided himself on being the education candidate. Bruce Dammeier was endorsed by the Washington Education Association in his run for the state senate in 2012. He now supports SB5242, SB5905, and SB5901. These Senate Bills are opposed by the WEA and are described as follows by the political action committee of the WEA on its website:

SB5242 --- "attacks due process, collective bargaining and basic fairness. The bill would essentially allow principals or school administrators to transfer and then fire teachers for any reason, regardless of their job performance or qualifications. Instead of an objective, fair process determined locally, SB 5242 would force all districts in the state to follow the same staffing rules."

SB5905 --- "SB 5905 could eliminate employer-provided health care for educators who work between 20 and 30 hours a week and force them into a state-run system"

SB5901 --- "SB 5901 would freeze locally bargained TRI pay, establish yet another compensation study (without education professionals represented), set up an A-F grading system for schools and link pay to school grades."

Please contact Senator Dammeier's Olympia office at 360-786-7648 or via the legislative hotline at 800-562-6000 and let him know you do not support keeping corporate tax loopholes in place and making sweeping cuts to social services. Tell him you support funding education and you want him to vote to support funding education.

Talk to teachers you know that work in the 25th LD – teachers from Fife, Franklin Pierce, Bethel, and especially Puyallup who make up the Summit UniServe Council and promoted the endorsement of Bruce Dammeier to the WEA. Members of the Summit UniServe Council distributed campaign materials for him along with materials for Democratic candidates during the 2012 election. Tell these educators to contact Senator Dammeier as a member of the body that endorsed him. The teachers who promoted the endorsement of and campaigned for Bruce Dammeier need to ask themselves if they should in the future support a Republican with a good education story, or if they should admit to themselves the truth – that 21st century Republicans once elected will always obey their corporate masters, not their constituents.

**MINUTES OF THE 25TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC
ORGANIZATION MEMBER MEETING**

May 6, 2013

Held at Puyallup Library

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Ed Herde. Ed Herde led the flag salute. Roll was called.

Officers present: Chair Ed Herde, Vice Chair Rebecca Gallogly, Treasurer Luanne Green, Secretary Eric Renz, Sgt-at-Arms Brian Yambe, State Committeeman David Henry, State Committeewoman Ellen Zulauf, PC Dem Rep #1 Eric Herde, PC Dem Rep #2 Rebecca Gallogly, PC Dem Rep #3 Mervin Swanson. **Officers not present:** Assistant Treasurer Kathryn Wright, Parliamentarian and Webster Cliff Allo, Membership Chair Ray Green.

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

Speakers

Lori Provens, WA State Labor Council (also a PCO in the 42nd LD) briefed the LDO regarding the state of organizing in WA, especially Labor/Neighbor campaign. Politically, they will address fiscal issues, not social issues.

Lori asked for::

- Support getting Sen. Nathan Schlicher elected for the 26th LD.
- Monitoring efforts in Olympia to redo Workers Compensation.
- Support for SEIU organizing second tier faculty at PLU.

Democrat/Labor partnership? Unions use dues for constituent education, and they can't be used for candidate support. So collaboration on initiatives and issues but not candidates.

Linda Frank, Israel-Palestine, Israel has instituted apartheid. The world needs to respond.

Recommended reading:

Overthrow, Kinzer

Shock Doctrine, Klein

Alex Epstein, FUSE: Get after WA legislature to close loopholes to raise new revenue. Especially storm Dammeier with requests and saturate district with signs.

Good of the Order

PCO training May 24, 6-8pm, Longshoremen's Hall in Fife.

School Board all male? Support Karen Edwards.

Adjourned 8:34pm

**WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATS QUARTERLY MEETING –
APRIL 26 and 27 2013**

On April 26 and 27, 2013, I had the privilege of serving as Ellen Zulauf's (the 25th's State Committee Women) proxy at the Washington State Democrat's Quarterly meeting. The meeting was held at Campbell's Resort on beautiful Lake Chelan...tough duty, huh

The speaker for the Saturday Luncheon was Mike Gempler, Executive Director for the Washington Growers League. His topic was immigration. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the luncheon to hear Mr. Gempler's address.

I attended the Chair's Organization meeting. The primary order of business was electing some of the unfilled officer positions. Jay Clough is the Chair of the organization, Karol Brown is Vice-Chair, John David is Secretary and I will be serving as treasurer.

I also attended the Elections Committee meeting on Ellen's behalf. The meeting served as an opportunity for members to share ideas about how to and what their local organization is doing to attract winnable candidates for the upcoming local and state races. It was an active and interesting discussion.

Saturday afternoon was filled with the usual WSDCC business. The Treasurers report by State Treasurer, Habib Habib, was delivered with his usual professional proficiency. The only downside to the report was that as expected after a presidential election year, the revenues for the organization are down. In expectation of that situation the staff of the WSD office had been down-sized.

A number of resolutions were presented. Following is a list of the resolutions that were passed at the April meeting.

Recent Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed at the April 2013 Washington State Democratic Central Committee meeting, held on April 27, 2013 in Chelan.

- WSDCCRES - 588 - 130427 - PASS - FOR - Trans-Pacific Partnership**
- WSDCCRES - 606 - 130427 - PASS - ECON - Capital Gains Tax**
- WSDCCRES - 609 - 130427 - PASS - ENV - Hanford Cleanup**
- WSDCCRES - 611 - 130427 - PASS - HEA - Religion in Health Care**
- WSDCCRES - 612 - 130427 - PASS - HUM - Cuts to Social Security**
- WSDCCRES - 613 - 130427 - PASS - HUM - Preserving Medicare**
- WSDCCRES - 614 - 130427 - PASS - HUM - Chained CPI**
- WSDCCRES - 616 - 130427 - PASS - IMM - Agricultural Labor**
- WSDCCRES - 620 - 130427 - PASS - PAR - Democratic Voter Databases**
- WSDCCRES - 623 - 130427 - PASS - TRAN - Transit Funding**
- WSDCCRES - 624 - 130427 - PASS - TRIB - Support Indian Tribes**

I want to give a personal word of thanks to Ellen Zulauf for giving me the opportunity to fill-in for her. I enjoyed the experience.

Liberal Speaking,

Rebecca Gallogly

NALC FOOD DRIVE

I want to thank Delegates for bringing JIF Peanut Butter to the 25th LD Democratic meetings. We collected nearly 2.5 X as much as last year for a total of 5021 jars. That works out to nearly 4 TONS of peanut butter! Four different unions contributed over 4400 jars with the Machinists District Lodge 751 collecting 1690 jars. This peanut butter collection was added to the Letter Carrier Food Drive, which took place on Saturday, May 11.

Totals for the Letter Carrier Food Drive topped 321,000 pounds including the peanut butter. If you donated last Saturday, you get a second thank you. That collected food goes to numerous Pierce County Food Banks and feeding sites. The peanut butter will be distributed to food banks after school lets out to supplement families with children. Hopefully everyone received a reminder post card and or a plastic bag to put out to your Letter Carrier.

The NALC Food Drive is the largest one-day food drive in the world and is held in virtually every community in the United States. In addition to the NALC, the Food Drive is sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service, the United Way of America and local United Ways and the AFL-CIO along with local Central Labor Councils. There are also numerous local sponsors depending on the area. This is the 21st year of the drive and has collected billions of pounds of food. I was proud to work with Emergency Food Network Director, David Ottey to help start the Pierce County version of the NALC Food Drive in 1991. Since then several millions pounds of food have been collected.

Thanks again, Jerry Beckendorf

Student Support for Faculty Union

By Eric Herde

On Wednesday May 1st, about 100 students of Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland rallied and marched around campus in celebration of International Workers Day. This demonstration was organized by a new campus club called Students of the Left, and several members of PLU Young Democrats participated in the event.

The original intent of the organizers was to provide a forum for discussion of the connections among individual issues that we are all working on separately. Many of us, while are working for justice for workers, justice for the environment, justice for women, or justice for minorities, do not consciously realize that all of these issues are connected. In my opinion, this message of connectedness was still present in the demonstration, despite our choice to focus primarily on a single issue.

The term 'contingent faculty' refers to any member of the faculty of the university who does not have tenure and is not on tenure track. Some members of the contingent faculty at PLU want a collective bargaining agreement and have filed with the National Labor Relations Board for an election on whether the contingent faculty at PLU will be represented by SEIU 925. The school's administration then filed objections to this request, attempting to prevent even a vote on whether the contingent faculty will unionize. The primary objections are that the NLRB does not have jurisdiction over religious institutions such as PLU, and that there is no community of interest among the contingent faculty.

This unionization issue became the focus of the student demonstration on May 1st, as we urged the school administration to allow a vote on unionization, and many of us are still working on the issue. Before the demonstration, there was no communication on this issue between the administration and the students. Shortly after the march, an email was sent from the Provost's office to the student body explaining the administration's position.

On May 14th, a group of students, along with Mary Nguyen of SEIU 925 and Brian Manning, PLU alum and Pierce County Young Democrats member, delivered a petition signed by over 350 students to the office of the University President. Many of us are continuing to push this issue, and will continue to do so in the coming school year.



By Joan Cronk

Lori Province, Field Director, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO was the guest speaker at the May meeting.

She said the group decided twelve years ago that they needed more dialogue with union members. The Labor to Neighbor program is one way to do that.

“We talk to folks about social issues and we are pretty effective,” she said.

Nathan Schlicher is the Democrat who filled the seat vacated when Derek Kilmer won the 6th Congressional seat. He is running for the 26th Legislative seat in November and Province said this is an important election for the Democrats.

She encouraged all of the 25th LDD members to call our representatives and keep the pressure up on Worker’s Compensation issues. “Benefits should go to workers, not employers,” she said.

Eric Herde joined Province at the podium and reported on the May Day rally at PLU supporting the faculty trying to unionize.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PIERCE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC BOOTH
SEP 6 TO SEP 22 2013 WASHINGTON STATE FAIR IN PUYALLUP**

If you wish to volunteer you should notify Blaine Pearman as soon as possible to get the times you desire. Use email and contact him at: b.pearman@comcast.net
The Democratic Fair Booth cannot operate with only a few volunteers—now is the time to let Blaine know when you want to be there to volunteer.

The Washington State Fair Committee
Fair Chair is Ed Herde, Fundraising is Jeannie Mitchell, Business Manager is Carolyn Merri-
val, Volunteer Recruiting and Scheduling is Blaine Pearman, Booth Operations Manager is
Eric Renz, Fair Booth Treasurer position is yet to be filled and Candidate and Issues Coordi-
nator is Linda Isenson.

**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 2013!

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.)

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Where, Oh Where Have All The 25th Democrats Gone?

Democrats were in abundance at the 2008 Presidential caucuses. They overwhelmingly filled six sites in the early precinct caucuses and jammed the Puyallup High School auditorium for the district caucus. Where are they now? Eric Herde presented statistics on the past General election. One greatly disturbing analysis was that the average Democratic precinct vote in all of the 25th LD races in the General election were at the 45% level.

Democrats can't win many elections with a 45% Democratic turnout.

An examination of six races in the 25th District illustrates a big problem for Democrats.

Cantwell	56.7%	+ 7,890	Inslee	45%	- 6,115
Obama	52 %	+ 2,378	Hilton	43%	- 7,685
Morrell	52 %	+ 3,041	Herde	38%	- 13,198

What has happened to party loyalty? **Voters who split their vote between the parties just don't understand the importance of having a tamper-free majority.**

If you believe in the issues that Democrats stand for, it just doesn't make good sense to vote for any Republicans. The importance in having a majority is blatantly evident this year both at the state level and in Congress. The result is havoc. Voters need to "get smart" and stop splitting their votes!

Will we recover from the current mess? Let's hope so. If you are one of the 2008 Democrats, you are needed now. Pay your 2013 dues and plan to attend the 25th District meetings. Pay your dues by credit card: <https://secureform.cloud.clickandpledge.com/20184/1/>