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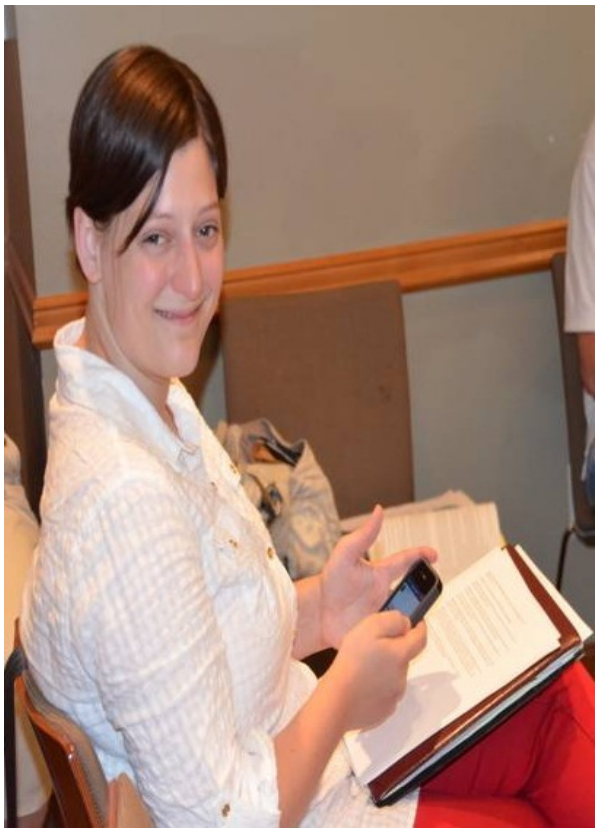

LINDA FOSTER,
CHAIR OF THE PIERCE COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS,
MADE A PRESENTION TO THE 25TH LDD MEMBERSHIP

Next General Membership Meeting is Monday 9th Sep (2 Sep Mon is LABOR DAY Holiday) at 7:00pm at the Puyallup Library.

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www.25dems.org

MEETINGS

CHANGE MEETING DATE TO 9 SEPT, MONDAY
25TH LDD MEETING AT PUYALLUP LIBRARY 7PM

(FIRST MONDAY
2 Sep Mon IS LABOR DAY)

14 Sep Sat DEADLINE FOR FOCUS articles, pictures, etc.

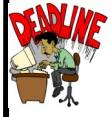
30 Sep Mon E-Board meets at 7 PM at Fire Station 66

7 Oct Mon 25 LDD meeting at 7 PM at Puyallup Library.

19 Oct Sat DEADLINE FOR FOCUS articles, pictures, etc.

28 Oct Mon E-Board meets at 7 PM at Fire Station 66.

NOTE LOCATION CHANGE
4 Nov Mon 25 LDD Meeting at 7PM at Canyon Terrace Estates Club House, 9314 Canyon Rd E. Puyallup.



16 Nov Sat DEADLINE FOR FOCUS articles, pictures, etc.

Chair's Comment

Ed Herde

Labor Day is upon us and it is time to remember all that organized labor has fought for, and has achieved for America and Americans. In the present times we see examples every day of how many of those in power will use whatever means possible to take advantage of the less powerful. We have to stay vigilant and speak out to make sure our less observant citizens see what we have gained and are aware of what the power class is attempting to take from us – the 40 hour work week, health and safety regulations, social safety net programs, and more.

These days some of the favorite take-away projects of the power class are: eliminating collective bargaining and voting rights, slashing food stamps, reducing Social Security, and demonizing the minimum wage. The minimum wage is a good concept, but it does not achieve the goal of enabling those who work a 40 hour week to live a life without the need for government assistance. I have heard even Democrats fall for the line that "the minimum wage was not meant to support an adult let alone an adult and a dependent; it is for entry level workers." To this I say what does it matter what the minimum wage was "meant" to do? What matters is the current reality. In todays United States there is a significant percentage of the workforce that is paid minimum wage or very close to minimum wage. Many of these low wage workers are receiving government assistance. Let's stop subsidizing big business, raise the minimum wage, and pay workers a wage that will allow us to reduce the food stamp program not because we are heartless, but because the demand for food stamps will be lower.

I am proud every time I hear that Washington has the highest minimum wage in the country. This says to me that we in Washington understand that a wage that more closely approaches a living wage makes for a better economy and less strain on government assistance programs. With two of my kids in college and many of their friends working to pay for some or all of their higher education, I appreciate a minimum wage that is two dollars above the national minimum wage. These young people are able to earn a significant amount more for their schooling than if their pay was two dollars less, and therefore can reduce the burden of student loans. Thank you unions and wise voters of Washington!

Upcoming Events

- The Washington State Fair, September 6th - 22nd. The Pierce County Democrats "Fair Democrats Committee" has been working to sign up volunteers and plan the booth. When you go to the fair please stop by booth 166 under the Grand Stand across from the main scone booth and support the Democrats. If you want to volunteer in the booth there are just a few time slots left. You can contact Blaine Pearman of the 25th LD to sign up - b.pearman@comcast.net

- Maggies Awards Dinner on Sunday, September 15th at the Washington State Convention Center with keynote speaker Ted Strickland, former governor and congressman from Ohio, and close friend and ally of Jay Inslee while in congress. Let me know if you are interested. If we have enough people we can get a 25th LD table. Check out http://www.wa-democrats.org/maggies

- Keep Pierce Blue Awards Dinner and Silent Auction, September 27th at the Pierce County Environmental Services Building at Chambers Bay with Denny Heck and Derek Kilmer. The cost is $50 per person with a discount for early payment. The 25th LD plans on having a table. Call me if you plan on attending. http://piercecountydems.org

- Each LD is expected to donate two baskets for the Keep Pierce Blue Auction. We need donations for our baskets and some volunteers to put together the baskets. Please contact me to help the cause and build our baskets. Some of the auction earnings come back to the LD who donated the basket.

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Minutes of 25th Legislative District Democratic Organization Member Meeting, August 5, 2013

Held at Puyallup Library

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Ed Herde. Ed Herde led the flag salute. Roll was called.
Officers present: Chair Ed Herde, Secretary Eric Renz, Parliamentarian Cliff Allo, Sgt-at-Arms Bryan Yambe, State Committeewoman Ellen Zulauf, PC Dem Rep #2 Eric Herde, PC Dem Rep #3 Mervin Swanson, Focus Editor Joan Cronk

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

No **elected officials** other than PCOs were present at 7:10pm.

Guest Linda Foster, Chair of the PC Young Democrats, presented a resolution addressing gender inequality in YD representation at the WA Democratic Central Committee (text attached). The resolution was passed unanimously

Elected Officials
State Representative Dawn Morrell gave a legislative session wrap-up report.
-WA supports Affordable Health Care Act (AHA).
- AHA application begins October 1 and coverage January 1.
- Mental Health Involuntary Treatment Act was passed.
- Adult Dental Care funds provided through community clinics.

FPSD Board Member Mary Sherman reported on the past school year and year-end events.

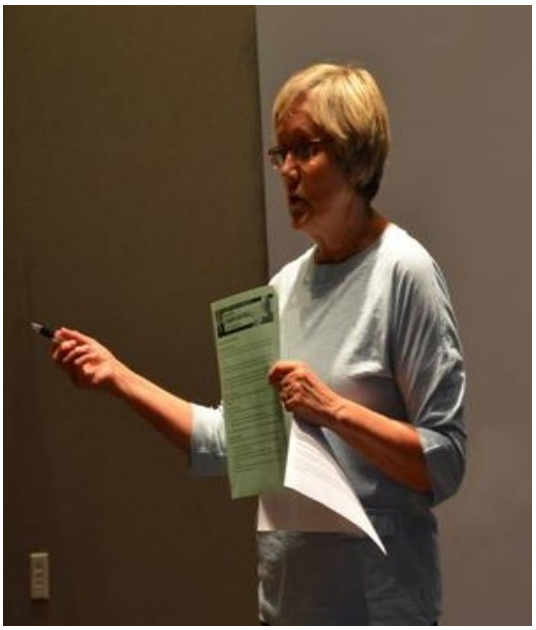
Candidates
Corry Glucoft updated us on her campaign for Puyallup City Council district 1.
Karen Edwards updated us on her campaign for Puyallup School Board.
Bryan Yambe updated us on his campaign for Fife City Council.

Good of the Order
PC Dems Keep PC Blue Banquet, September 27th. Each LD has been asked for 2 auction baskets. Contact Ed Herde to help.
Eric Herde – as PCO Chair**:** want more action? Become a PCO. Help your PCO.
- as a PC Young Dem, Ice Cream Social, 8/24 at Titlow Beach Park
- as PLU Young Dem, need funds. Contact Eric

continued
Coal Trains, Cliff Allo reported EPA is nearing impact statement. Scoping for EPA involves only terminal and loading site. WA Dept of Ecology is considering impact on communities on route.

Adjourned at 8:52pm.

respectfully submitted by Eric Renz, Secretary



STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAWN MORRELL REPORTED ON AN UPDATE OF THE DIFFICULT SESSION IN OLYMPIA

NOTE

We have an opportunity to support one of our endorsed candidates, Karen Edwards, who is running for Puyallup School Board, on Thursday, September 12 at 6 pm at the Ram in Puyallup. **Please join us in our support.**

JOKES?

Common sense is, of all kinds, the most uncommon—except today it is unknown.

Everyone complains of his memory, and no one complains of his judgment.

An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less.
Nicholas Butler

Nothing is more significant of men's character than what they find laughable. Goethe

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.
Will Rogers

ACHIEVEMENTS OF ORGANIZED LABOR

End child labor
Establish the legal right of workers to form unions and collectively bargain for wages, benefits and working conditions
Establish the 8 hour work day and paid overtime
Win workers' comp benefits for workers injured on the job
Secure unemployment insurance for workers who lose their jobs
Secure a guaranteed minimum wage
Improve workplace safety and reduce on the job fatalities
Win pensions for workers
Win health care insurance for workers
Win paid sick leave, vacations, and holidays as standard benefits for most workers
Win the right for public sector workers to collectively bargain
Win passage of the Civil Right Acts and Title VII which outlaws job discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin
Win passage of the Occupational Safety and Health Act Win passage of the Family Medical Leave Act
List compiled by the Thom Hartmann radio program 2-17-2011

BEST LABOR UNION'S HISTORY MOVIES TO WATCH FOR LABOR DAY

Marilsa Sachteleben, Yahoo! Contributor Network. *The following article has been shortened for the purpose of fitting on the page. The movie descriptions and stars have been eliminated.*

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, was designated to celebrate the achievements of organized labor unions in protecting workers' rights. Labor Day is about more than just BBQs and the last summer holiday. Here are labor union movies to watch for on Labor Day. When labor wins a victory it helps everyone. We have organized labor unions to thank for better healthcare benefits, unemployment benefits, safer working conditions, women's rights, racial unity, overtime pay, paid holidays and sick days, child labor laws and many other benefits that workers now take for granted. Watch these movies to understand more about how labor unions have impacted our lives.
Matewan(1988)
Reds (1981)
F.I.S.T.(1978)
Norma Rae (1979)
North Country (2005)
Newsies (1992)
Hoffa (1992)
The Molly Maguires (1970)
The Grapes of Wrath (1940)

WHAT DIDN'T GET A VOTE

Lots of legislation affecting working families never gets a floor vote. Here are some of those bills and the legislators who sponsored them. (Democrats in bold.)

THE GOOD

* HB 1095 - Protects patient safety by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at hospitals.
SPONSOR: **Rep Tami Green** (D-28th)
CO-SPONSORS: **Eileen Cody, Dawn Morrell, Chris Reykdal, Sherry Appleton, Cindy Rys, John McCoy, Steve Bergquist, Gerry Pellet**

* HB 1313/SB 5594 - Establishing statewide minimum standards for Paid Sick and Safe Leave.
SPONSORS: **Rep Laurie Jinkins** (D-27th) and **Sen. Nick Harper** (D-38th)
CO-SPONSORS: **Reps Jessyn Farrell, Dawn Morrell, Tami Green, Hans Dunshee, Kristine Lytton, David Sawyer, Mike Sells, Joe Fitzgibbon, Marcos Riccelli, Jim Moeller, Sherry Appleton, Chris Reykdal, Mary Helen Roberts, Cindy Ryu Gerry Pollet, Luis Moscoso; Sens. Steve Conway, Karen Keiser, Sharon Nelson, Jeanne Kohi-Welles, Bob Hasegawa, Adam Kline, David Frockt, Paull Shin, Maralyn Chase.**

* HB 1440/SB 5526 - Addressing wage theft & employee misclassification in the underground economy.
SPONSORS: **Rep John McCoy** (D-38th) and **Sen. Steve Conway** (D-29th)
CO-SPONSORS: **Reps. Pat Sullivan, Cindy Ryu, Mike Sells, Tami Green, Eileen Cody, Luis Moscoso, Roger Goodman, Steve Bergquist, Marcus Riccelli, Sam Hunt, Joe Fitzgibbon, Gerry Pollet, Larry Seaqquist, Mary Helen Roberts, Timm Ormsby, Monica Stonier, Eric Pettigrew, Kevin Van De Wege, Zack Hudgins, Chris Reykdal, Brian Blake, Roger Freeman, Jim Moeller, Laurie Jinkins, Sherry Appleton, Ruth Kagi, and Sens. Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Karen Keiser, Bob Hasegawa, Kevin Ranker, Karren Fraser, Sharon Nelson, Nick Harper, Christine Rolfes, Brian Hatfield, Steve Hobbs, Paull Shin, Adam Kline.**

* HB 1490/SB 5387 - Providing interest arbitration for Department of Corrections employees.
SPONSORS: **Rep. Mike Sells** (D-38th) and Sen. Kirk Pearson (R-39th)
CO-SPONSORS: **Chris Reykdal, Steve Tharinger, Gerry Pollet**, Maureen Walsh, **Tami Green, Joe Fitzgibbon, Roger Goodman**, Mike Hope, **Luis Moscoso, Roger Freeman, Kristine Lytton, Timm Ormsby, Derek Stanford, Cindy Ryu, Marko Liias, Jake Fey, Steve Bergquist, and Sens. Steve Conway, Bob Hasegawa**, Pam Roach.

* HB 1953/SB 5773 - Allowing local transportation districts the option of raising their own revenue.
SPONSORS: **Rep Marko Liias** (D-21st) and **Sen. Nick Harper** (D-38th)
CO-SPONSORS: **Reps. Luis Moscoso, Derek Stanford, Mary Helen Roberts, Hans Dunshee, Mike Sells, John McCoy, Cindy Ryu, Jake Fey; and Sens. Tracey Eide, Paull Shim, Rosemary McAuliffe, Sharon Nelson, David Freckt, Adam Kline.**

THE BAD

* SB 5275/HB 1150 - Creating a sub-minimum wage for new employees.
SPONSORS: Sen Janea Helmquist Newbry (R-13th) and Rep. Cary Condotta (R-12th)
CO-SPONSORS: Sens. John Braun, Randi Becker, Tim Sheldon, Mark Schoesler, John Smith, Jim Honeyford, and Reps. Matt Manweller, Jeff Holy, Shelly Short, Liz Pike, Chad Magendanz, Kevin Parker.

* SB 5728 - Banning cities and counties from enacting Paid Sick and Safe Leave ordinances.
SPONSOR: Sen John Braun (R-20th)
CO-SPONSORS: Mike Padden, Rodney Tom, Mark Schoesler, Barbara Bailey, Don Benton

THE UGLY

* SB 5935 - Making Washington a so-called "right-to-work" (for less) state.

SPONSOR: Sen. Michael Baumgartner (R-6th)
CO-SPONSORS: None

Senator Dammeier is no friend of working people.
Many people who voted for Sen Dammeier think he is such a nice young man that deserves to be a state senator, but does he? His recent voting record on labor issues makes one wonder what constituency he is representing.
The Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO in their WSLC Legislative Report for 2013 summarized the votes taken on legislation affecting working families. Senator Dammeier has a 100% non-labor record by voting a straight Republican line.

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.)

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/

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.

Puyallup Grad Heads UW Alumni Association

Mike Egan, a Puyallup High graduate ('85) who has been a speaker at our dinner and regular meetings, has been elected to serve as president of the 50,000 member-plus UW Alumni association. In his senior year ('90) he was president of the UW Associated Student Body. His leadership potential was obvious in Edgemont Junior High where he was elected class president and student body president.

After working in DC for 10 years he has worked the last 14 years at Microsoft and now is Director of Corporate Affairs. He and Karen have two children, Mabel , 6, and Jack, 2.