



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus



ROB STEVENS, MARY SHERMAN (DAWN MORRELL'S EXEC LEGISLATIVE ASST), REP DAWN MORRELL, AND FORMER LEGISLATIVE ASST TO DAWN, NANCY PARSONS ALL AT THE FIFE COMMUNITY CENTER FEBRUARY 22 FOR A COMMUNITY MEETING.

**NEXT 25TH LDD GENERAL MEETING NOTE
WE WILL BE BACK AT THE PUYALLUP LIBRARY
AT 7 PM 7 APRIL 2014
DAWN MORRELL WILL BE OUR SPEAKER**

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MEETINGS

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

7 Apr Mon 25 LDD General
Meeting will be at the Puyallup
Library at 7 PM.



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

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

5 May Mon 25 LDD General
Meeting will be at the Puyallup
Library at 7PM.



**17 May Sat DEAD-
LINE** for FOCUS arti-
cles, pictures, etc.

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

2 Jun Mon 25 LDD General
Meeting will be at the Puyallup
Library at 7PM.



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

Chair's Message

Ed Herde

Thank you to all who attended the 25th Legislative District Caucus on March 9th. We had 20 people present and eligible to vote at the caucus. Even though there was a low turnout we were able to fill our allotment of delegates to the state convention in June. We had 10 attendees who ran to be a delegate to the convention. Our allotment of seven delegates and three alternates was filled by 2 women and 8 men. The goal of the Washington State Democratic Party is to get gender parity in representation. We did not achieve this goal since we had only 2 women who ran to be delegates.

I regret to announce that our Vice Chair, Rebecca Gallogly found it necessary to resign her position to focus on the health of a family member. Rebecca also resigned the positions of Pierce County Executive Board Member Representative Position 2 from the 25th LD, and PCO for precinct 25-253. At our Monday April 7th General Membership meeting we will be voting for a new Vice Chair and Pierce County E-Board Representative. Thank you Rebecca for all your contributions, good luck with your family, and I hope to see you involved with the 25th Democrats again soon.

Back in March I attended the town hall meeting held by Senator Bruce Dammeier in Fife. I asked him if he believed that humans had any influence on climate change. He said something to the affect that we hear reports on scientific findings for what is unhealthy for our bodies and then a year later we hear that the same thing is healthy for our body, so we just can't figure out what science to believe. Apparently the data on increased carbon in the atmosphere is not conclusive for Bruce Dammeier. I told him I did believe that humans are having an extremely adverse effect on the world's climate and I followed up with this: If we follow my thinking and we do what is needed to reduce carbon in the atmosphere, and I am wrong, we are left with cleaner air, non-acidified oceans, and millions of new clean energy jobs. If we follow Bruce Dammeier's thinking and we do nothing to reduce the use of carbon based fuels and he is wrong, we get run away melting of the polar ice caps, oceans that cannot sustain marine life, droughts, wild fires, and within a century a planet that cannot support the lives of the vast majority of its humans, including Bruce Dammeier's grandchildren.

**Meeting Minutes of 25th Legislative District
Democratic Organization
Member Meeting, March 3, 2014
Held at Puyallup Library**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair Ed Herde.
Ed Herde led the flag salute.

Roll was called.
Officers present: Chair Ed Herde,
Treasurer Luanne Green,
Secretary Eric Renz,
Parliamentarian and Webster Cliff Allo
State Committeeman David Henry,
State Committeewoman Ellen Zulauf,
PC Dem Rep #1 Eric Herde,
PC Dem Rep #3 Mervin Swanson,
Focus Editor Joan Cronk.

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

There were **no elected officials** except PCOs present.

PROGRAM:

Dave Heinemann, Pierce County Auditor's Office, Election Tech, regarding voter registration.

PUYALLUP CITY COUNCIL

Joan Cronk, Focus Editor and PCO, reported regarding Puyallup mayor John Knutson's interruption of Ms. Cronk's plea regarding a Planning Commission Appointment.

I-1329 was introduced by Don Rahm.

GOOD OF THE ORDER items were called for.

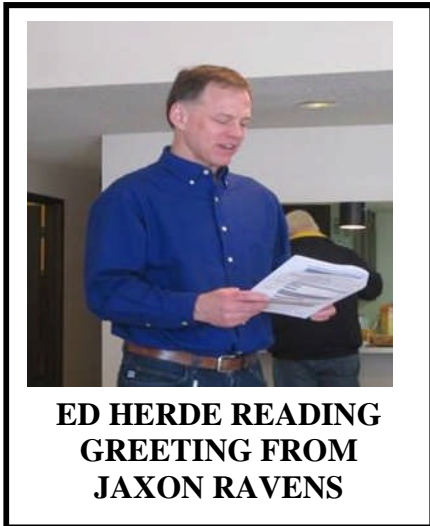
ADJOURNED at 8:27pm

FUN FACTS

Tall candidates with short names get elected twice as often as
short candidates with long names.

It takes three days to get a cold, three days to have a cold,
and three days to get over a cold.

Years ago kids were always served health food.
If you knew what was good for your health, you ate the food.



**ED HERDE READING
GREETING FROM
JAXON RAVENS**



**LAURA AND ERIC AT THE
REGISTRATION AT CAUCUS
MEETING**



WAITING TO REGISTER AT CAUCUS MEETING

25th LDD Hold Caucus

Delegates to State Convention Chosen

To fulfill its duty in the delegate selection process for the 2014 Washington State Democratic Convention in June, the 25th Legislative Democrats held their Legislative District Caucus at Canyon Terrace Sunday, March 9.

Any person resident in the 25th District and eligible to be registered for the November general election could participate in the caucus so long as the person was willing to be known publicly as a Democrat. Twenty residents—all currently registered voters—attended the caucus.

Based upon the turnout for Obama-Biden in 2012, the state party allocated the 25th seven delegates and three alternates for the state convention in Spokane. These are lower allocations than in recent years because the entire convention will be smaller. The Caucus elected Karen Herde, Laura Groves, Bryan Yambe, Eric Renz, Jerry Beckendorf, Merv Swanson, and Eric Herde as Delegates and Bill Havens, Ned Witting, and Mark Goodwin as alternates.



Need health care? HURRY – time is running out!

Residents Enrolling in Private Health Plans Must Enroll by March 31, 2014

I wanted to keep you informed on the latest news from our Washington Health Benefit Exchange. Please send this to anyone you know who needs to sign up for health care.

The last day for people to get private health coverage through Washington Healthplanfinder is March 31—just 11 days away.

OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS MARCH 31, 2014!

The next deadline to apply, select and pay for a Qualified Health Plan is **March 23 at 5 p.m.** for coverage effective April 1, 2014. Health plans purchased by **11:59 p.m. on March 31** will be effective May 1, 2014. The next Open Enrollment period will be November 15, 2014 to February 15, 2015.

To learn more about the health plans or to see if you are eligible for free coverage or a subsidy, visit their website at www.wahealthplanfinder.org or call 1-855-WAFINDER

Nearly 470,000 Washingtonians Enroll through Washington Healthplanfinder

Washington Healthplanfinder announced on March 18, 2014, that 469,606 Washingtonians have now accessed free or low-cost coverage options since Oct. 1. More than 112,000 residents have enrolled in private health plans and that number is expected to increase ahead of the March 31 deadline.

More than 370,000 individuals who have been previously covered through Apple Health have renewed their coverage through wahealthplanfinder.org for a total of more than 840,000 residents.

Residents still seeking coverage through a private health plan should enroll by March 31 at www.wahealthplanfinder.org. Washington Apple (Medicaid) enrollment continues throughout the entire year.

Help to enroll is available through the toll-free Customer Support Center at 1-855-WAFINDER or through in-person help that may be located through the Customer Support link on the homepage.

Again, please share this with anyone you know who still needs health care.

Dawn

25th Legislative District Democrats Caucus
Canyon Terrace Estates, 9312 Canyon Rd E, Puyallup, WA 98371
Sunday, March 9, 2014

Minutes

The caucus was called to order at 1:47pm, 3.9.2014.

Ed Herde, as Chair of the 25th LDO, acted as Temporary Chair of the Caucus, and he led the pledge to the flag.

Chair Herde read the introductory letter from WA Dem Chairman Jaxon Ravens.

Eric Renz was appointed Temporary Secretary. Cliff Allo was appointed Temporary Credentials Clerk with Kathryn Wright as a Credentials Committee member.

Chair Herde explained the eligibility to vote in the caucus and to be elected as a delegate as per the WA Dems script.

Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor, visited the Caucus meeting briefly.

Registration was closed at 1:53pm with the announced proviso for late arrivals (there was one late arrival).

Cliff Allo presented the credentials report. 19 eligible Democrats had registered, making a quorum 6 and a majority 10.

Cliff Allo reported for the Rules Committee, presenting the WA Dems rules for this caucus. The rules were approved by voice vote.

The caucus elected Ed Herde as Permanent Chair of the caucus. Chair Herde appointed permanent caucus offices:

Eric Renz, Secretary

Cliff Allo, Credentials Chair and Rules Chair.

Merv Swanson, Timekeeper.

Chair Herde presented the Delegate Action Plan and nominations rules as per WA Dems guidance.

Self nominations were declared.

Nominees spoke to their nomination. Candidates for delegate were: Karen Herde, Laura Groves, Bryan Yambe, Eric Renz, Jerry Beckendorf, Merv Swanson, Eric Herde, Ned Witting, Mark Goodwin, Bill Havens.

Credentials Committee provided prepared ballots to all eligible attendees. Mark Goodwin was added to the ballot.

Votes were made on prepared ballots. Cliff Allo and Luanne Green counted ballot results.

RESULTS: Elected delegates were: Karen Herde, Laura Groves, Bryan Yambe, Eric Renz, Jerry Beckendorf, Merv Swanson, Eric Herde.

Alternates elected were Ned Witting, Mark Goodwin, Bill Havens.

Chair Herde presented details of WA Dem State Convention: Spokane, June 20-21.

Elected Delegates were asked to complete their Convention Registration and payment before leaving Caucus site or online at the Washington State Democrats Website.

An opportunity was offered for Good of the Order announcements.

The Caucus was adjourned at 2:42pm.

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