



25th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC FOCUS

Congressman Denny Heck was the guest speaker at our July 7 meeting held at the Puyallup Public Library. A good crowd enjoyed hearing about the last session and Heck's hopes and fears for the upcoming session. Heck is facing an election this November, as is State Representative Dawn Morrell, and he reminded the group how very important it is to encourage all Democrats to vote in the primary election.

A birthday celebration/kickoff for State Representative Dawn Morrell will be held on Wednesday, July 30 from 6-8 pm at the Puyallup Activity Center, 210 W. Pioneer in Puyallup. Let's have a great turnout!!

PLEASE NOTE: THE AUGUST 4 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT CANYON TERRACE ESTATES CLUBHOUSE, 9312 CANYON RD. Phone banking will begin at 4:30 pm and pizza will be provided.



Ken Peach, long time member of the 25th LDD and publisher of the focus for many years, is moving to Texas to be near his family. Ken worked tirelessly on the Focus and was an inspiration to us all. His hard work, cheerful attitude and delightful personality will be missed. Good luck Ken! Keep cooking chili and stay in touch!

Who are we? Who do we need?

The Pew Research Center, a non-partisan polling organization, has released results of a political identity survey and they discuss the impact of various groups on the 2014 election. It's interesting and it should be an election tool.

Start by taking the poll yourself, then get some objective labels for all those others we just don't understand. The best part is insight into who we need to target to add up enough votes for victory. They're not such strange bedfellows, but we can't expect agreement with every Democratic tradition.

<http://www.people-press.org/files/2014/06/6-26-14-Political-Typology-release1.pdf>

- from Eric Renz

At the Pierce County Democratic Party Central Committee Meeting on July 10, Cheryl Stumbo gave a passionate accounting of the Jewish Federation shooting on July 28, 2006 in which she was critically injured.

Now working on behalf of YES on I 594, Stumbo encouraged all members to support this important issue.

ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT TO TAKE PLACE

Jerry Beckendorf retired from his position as the AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison at United Way in June of 2002. At that time United Way CEO Rick Allen started a scholarship for graduating seniors from Union families who reside in Pierce County. About the same time the United Way of Pierce County was initiating a program of recognizing high school students by issuing a letter recognizing Community Service efforts. Last summer 481 Pierce County students received their Community Service letter at a ceremony held at the Showplex building at the Washington State Fair. A Rogers High School student, Allison Wusterbarth, was recognized as the Outstanding recipient. Allison also received the Jerry Beckendorf and Willie Stewart scholarships.

To raise funds for the Jerry Beckendorf Community Service Scholarship, the Pierce County Central Labor Council, in conjunction with the Pierce County Labor Agency, has held an annual bowling tournament. Since the scholarship's inception, 93 scholarships have been awarded for a total value of nearly \$60,000.

This year the 11th Annual Bowling Tournament will be held at Pacific Lanes in Tacoma on Sunday, September 26. Unions, businesses, union-endorsed candidates and others are encouraged to donate by sponsoring a lane, contributing raffle prizes or bowling themselves. For more information, please contact Nathe Lawver at (253) 973-3765. We also want to take the opportunity to thank Anne Jacobson for her enthusiastic past support.

Written by Jerry Beckendorf

25th Legislative District Democratic Organization
Member Meeting, July 7, 2014, Minutes
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, Vice Chair Laura Groves, Secretary Eric Renz, Parliamentarian Cliff Allo, Sgt-at-Arms Bryan Yambe, Membership Chair Blaine Pearman, PCO Chair Eric Herde, State Committeeman David Henry, State Committeewoman Ellen Zulauf, PC Dem Rep #1 Eric Herde, PC Dem Rep #3 Mervin Swanson, Focus Editor Joan Cronk
Approximate total **attendance:** 29

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

Elected Officials: Chairman Herde recognized Brian Yambe, Fife City Council; Julie Door, Puyallup City Council; US Representative Denny Heck. Door announced a vacancy on the Puyallup City Parks Board.

Congressman Denny Heck spoke about his work and House action.

The Good: the VA scandal resulted in the House and Senate increasing VA funding.

The Bad: the Supreme Court again personified corporations in the Hobby Lobby case.

The Ugly: Republican, Tea Bagger efforts to close the Import Export Bank, vital for foreign sales from large and small exporters.

The Heck re-election campaign will have a phone bank at the library, need volunteers.

Action Item: 25th Legislative District Democrats dues timing policy

It was approved that:

The regular dues for Rainier Membership on the 25th LDD are \$25.00 per year. Members must be current in their dues in order to vote on matters of regular

business like this motion, at endorsement meetings, and at the reorganization meeting in December of even numbered years. In order to build our dues base in this election year and have a maximal participation at our reorganization meeting, the 25th LDD, during the remainder of 2014, will accept \$35.00 as full payment of Rainier Membership for the remainder of 2014 and the entirety of 2015

Good of the Order:

FOCUS Editor Ken Peach is moving away. **We need a new editor/publisher.**

Jerry Beckendorf suggests **letters to the editor** supporting candidates.

Bill Hilton reported from Julie Door's successful campaign:

- campaign Manager identify voters' issues
- Address in Letters to Editor
- not long, 100 to 120 words
- an individual can write every 8 weeks, so rotate writing

WS Fair Plans: Blaine reported that 64 of 102 volunteer shifts were filled and other LD leaders were recruiting.

Eric Herde, PCO Chair: 25th LD has 85 precincts, each with 1,000 to 1,500 voters. Only 1/3 have PCOs. We need to find more through the election cycle.

Ed Herde suggested members read current *FOCUS* regarding Convention, Platform and Platform Preamble. <http://25dems.org/focus/2014%20June.pd>

Adjourned 8:26p

- respectfully submitted, Eric Renz, Secretary

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Ed Herde

25th Legislative District Democrats By-Laws

Section III. Purpose.

The purpose of the 25th LDD is to support the election of Democratic Candidates and to further the policies and principles of the Democratic Party.

This is the entire purpose of the 25th Legislative District Democrats according to our bylaws as published on our website 25dems.org. Through the candidates we help to elect we can work to achieve our Democratic principles in the form of legislation that will better the lives of the vast majority of our citizens.

I ask you this election season to reach out to the campaigns in our LD, especially those of Dawn Morrell and Eric Renz. We need to do Get-Out-The-Vote phone calls, deliver literature pieces, and put up signs. I ask everyone who doesn't want three Republicans representing them in the state legislature to give at least two hours per week the remainder of this election season to help elect representatives who will help you – not hurt you.

Dawn Morrell lost by just 29 votes in 2010. Twenty-nine votes is what one person could gain in just two hours of GOTV phone calling.

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I ask for two hours, which is 1.8% of your week after you deduct for your eight hours of sleep!

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E BOARD meets at
7pm at Fire Station 66
on July 28

August 4 - 25 LDD
meeting at Canyon
Terrace Estates
beginning at 4:30 pm
with phone banking and
pizza

**Focus Editor:
Joan Cronk**

**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: _____ EMAIL _____

Dues: Evergreen (includes Senior, outside district, etc.) \$10 per member. Rainier \$25.
Chair's Voice \$50. Senator's Club \$100 (can be paid in installments).
Please send dues to: 25th LDD, P. O. Box 73594, Puyallup, WA 98373 or pay by credit
card on
<https://secureform.cloud.clickandpledge.com/20184/1/>
(can be paid in installments)

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