



At our November meeting we were lucky to have as our guest speaker Terry Boedecker. Boedecker talked extensively about security and who and what corrupted the 2016 election.

Our next meeting is Monday, December 4 at 7 pm at the Puyallup Public Library. What important things should the 25th LDD focus on during 2018? Consider what our top three objectives should be for next year. What can we do to reach these objectives? A discussion of your ideas will be the main topic at December's meeting.

# Chairs Comment

Ed Herde

## **25<sup>th</sup> LDD Officer Elections**

I want to thank our treasurer Bill Havens for all his work keeping our books accurate the last couple years. Bill will be retiring from his position this Monday. Bill has kept our books and our Public Disclosure Commission reporting flawlessly over his tenure. Thank you Bill!

At our Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting we will hold an election for a new treasurer. Our Assistant Treasurer Bob Koreis has been working with Bill on our bookkeeping and Bob will be running for treasurer. Any paid member of the 25<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats is eligible to run for treasurer or any other board position. In addition to the treasurer position we will have elections for Sergeant at Arms to replace Dylan Kessler who resigned due to a change in his work schedule, and for our PCO Chair position which was recently changed from an appointed to an elected office with the approval of our revised bylaws at our November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 General Membership meeting. You can read the details on the duties of these officer positions by going to [25dems.org](http://25dems.org) and clicking on [25th LDD By-Laws, Rev 11/2017](#) in the left hand column. All members and PCO's should *be at our December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to vote.*

## **January Dinner/Desert Auction**

Please see the notice elsewhere in this Focus for all the details about our Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> Dinner/Dessert Auction. *It's always a fun night – Purchase your tickets soon.*

## **Washington State Health Benefit Exchange (Affordable Care Act/Obama Care) Deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>**

If you or someone you know needs to enroll in an ACA health plan you must do it by December 15<sup>th</sup> to get coverage for 2018. The Trump syndicate has cut in half the amount of time that Americans can register for health insurance through the ACA. There is likely to be crashing websites when we get close to December 15<sup>th</sup> so do it now to avoid being without coverage in 2018. *Let your friends know.*

## **Close Elections --- You do make the difference!**

Don't ever think you can't make a difference in the electoral process. In the November 2017 election in a race which had 2,470 votes cast the incumbent Puyallup City Council member Heather Shadko lost by 13 votes. We never know how close a race will be before the vote. In a two hour volunteer shift of talking to voters any single volunteer could visit with 15 to 30 undecided voters and make the difference in an election. In this election a single volunteer shift probably won the election for the new council member, and the lack of a single volunteer shift lost the election for the incumbent. *Remember this in 2018.*

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## ***LD Democrats Annual January Dinner is Friday January 12th***

Mark your calendar for the evening of Friday January 12th for the 25th LD Democrats Annual Dinner/Desert Auction. It's always a good time visiting with fellow Democrats whether they are old friends or new people you meet that night. Doors open at 6:00 pm for a social hour and we sit down for dinner at 7:00. The program starts about 7:45 with an award presentation, the results of our dessert auction, and our guest speaker.

**Location** - Puyallup Elks Club at 314 27th Street NE, Puyallup, WA 98372

**Cost** - \$20.00 per person if purchased by 11:59 pm Sunday January 7th  
\$25.00 per person starting January 8<sup>th</sup>

Tickets can be purchased at [25dems.org](http://25dems.org) or by mailing your payment to: 25th LD Democrats  
PO Box 73594  
Puyallup, WA 98373

\*If purchasing on the website look for the [Annual Dinner](#) payment button.

Come enjoy an evening with friends and help raise funds for the 25<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats' work to LD Democrats Annual January Dinner is Friday January 12th

## Minutes of the 25th Legislative District Democratic Organization Member Meeting, November, 6th, 2017, Held at Puyallup Public Library

Call to Order – 7:07pm

Roll Call of Officers – Total Attendees 28

Officers in attendance: Chair-Ed Herde, State Committeeman- Bob Klavano, Secretary-Denise Babineaux, Membership Officer-Joe Colombo, Parliamentarian and Webster-Cliff Allo, Assist. Treasurer-Bob Koreis, Newsletter Editor-Joan Cronk

Candidates and Campaign Updates

- Joan Cronk reported for Julie Door (running for Puyallup City Council, Dist. 3 Pos. 2) – Door knocking in full swing, recently door-belled in Manorwood neighborhood
- Brian Duthie will be running for State Representative against Joyce McDonald – as soon as our current election is over, he will begin officially campaigning.

Discussion

- Cliff opened discussion to the revisions that were introduced to the 25<sup>th</sup> Dem. Bylaws in September

Actions

- 7:22pm – Motion to approve 25<sup>th</sup> Democratic Bylaw revisions  
-Mover, Bob Klavano -Second, Bob Koreis
  - Passed unanimously by voting members in attendance, 15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

Discussion

- Eric spoke in regards to the improvements being posed to the 25<sup>th</sup> Dem. Nomination and Endorsement Procedures, he went through a high level overview on entire new procedure in order to familiarize everyone. We will be voting on the proposed improvements at our December meeting, [Improvements to the Nomination and Endorsement Procedure for the 25th Legislative District Democrats](#) Note: It was posed to take into consideration of members of the organization that do not have an email address, see section III. It was also noted that we will need to make an amendment to our Bylaws to allow full vote of the membership, once this procedure is passed.

Speaker

- Terry Boedecker spoke in regard to Cybersecurity, who and what corrupted the 2016 election
  - Take aways
    - ♣ Legislature needs to hear from us on the need for cybersecurity to be included in our budget

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- ♣ Check out Alliance for Securing Democracy, [http://  
securingdemocracy.gmfus.org/](http://securingdemocracy.gmfus.org/)
- ♣ Review the newly introduced bill, The Securing America's Voting Equipment, or SAVE Act – encourage our US Senators to back the bill

#### Discussion

- Annual Dinner/Dessert Auction coming up – will be on January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Club again
  - Volunteers needed
    - ♣ Table decorations
    - ♣ Help with check-in, Joan stepped up for this
    - ♣ Organize dessert auction
    - ♣ People to bring dessert, the following people volunteered: Blaine, Dixie, Bob Klavano, Joan, Brian, Ellen, Ed and Gina (Bob nominated her)

#### Good of the Order

- Cliff was recently solicited by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee for donations, and he encouraged us if we receive this call to ask when we are going to get funds in the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Washington.
- Eric spoke in favor of voting no on Charter Amendment No. 46
- Dino Rossi will be at the Ram at 11:30 am on November 7, 2017, looking for people to go up there with signage to discourage him

Meeting Adjourned – 8:59pm

## Autopsy: The Democratic Party in Crisis

Report prepared by Karen Bernal, Pia Gallegos, Sam McCann, and Norman Solomon  
Excerpts compiled by Eric Herde

A group of Democratic activists compiled an autopsy report analyzing what went wrong in the 2016 elections. The full report can be read at [democraticautopsy.org](http://democraticautopsy.org). Below are excerpts that I found particularly salient.

"Aggregated data and analysis show that policies, operations and campaign priorities of the national Democratic Party undermined support and turnout from its base in the 2016 general election. Since then, the Democratic leadership has done little to indicate that it is heeding key lessons from the 2016 disaster."

"The Democratic Party's claims of fighting for 'working families' have been undermined by its refusal to directly challenge corporate power, enabling Trump to masquerade as a champion of the people. 'Democrats will not win if they continue to bring a wonk knife to a populist gunfight. Nor can Democratic leaders and operatives be seen as real allies of the working class if they're afraid to harm

future job or consulting prospects.'"

"What did happen -- and what ought to deeply worry Democrats moving forward -- is the massive swing of white working-class voters from Obama in 2012 to Trump in 2016 and the depressed turnout of black and Latino voters for Clinton relative to 2012 Obama."

"The Democratic Party, as pollster Stanley Greenberg emphasizes, doesn't have a "white working-class problem" -- it has a *working-class problem*."

"The party has attempted to convince working-class voters that it can advance the interests of the rich and working people with equal vigor. This sleight-of-hand was more feasible pre-2008 economic crash, but it has since lost credibility as inequality grows and entire communities are gutted by free market, anti-union, anti-worker ideology and policy. The champions of the growth-raises-all-boats mythology had their chance and they failed the vast bulk of working Americans."

"Steps like a carbon tax -- necessary, though insufficient -- are badly needed along with imposition of major regulatory measures to drastically reduce carbon emissions. While the short-term prospects for meaningful federal action on climate are exceedingly bleak,

state-level initiatives are important and attainable. Meanwhile, it's crucial that the Democratic Party stop confining its climate agenda to inadequate steps that are palatable to Big Oil and mega-players on Wall Street."

"Immediately after the 2016 election, several high status pro-Democrat pundits suggested Clinton's loss was a result of a backlash to "identity politics" -- thus blaming those most vulnerable to Trump for Trump. This posits a false dichotomy between discussing economic injustice and fighting for rights unique to certain communities. Indeed, women, trans people, Latinos, and African Americans disproportionately comprise the working class -- and issues that specifically target them are, by definition, "working class issues." Just the same, big tent goals such as higher minimum wage, single-payer health care and free public college -- issues that have huge appeal among poor whites -- will disproportionately benefit these communities."

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**Tune in or be tuned out!**

**The new year is arriving soon and your 2017 membership will expire on 12/31/17. To be a voting member of the 25th Legislative District Democrats you need to be up to date on your dues. When you are a member you have a vote on who will be the officers of your local Democratic organization, on endorsements, policy issues and other club business. Please renew your dues so the 25th LD Democrats can keep working to spread the message of democratic values and support good local candidates.**

The Annual Dues period runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Use this form to pay by check, or go to <http://25dems.org/Anedot/Dues.php> to pay by credit card.

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Dues: Evergreen (Includes Senior, Outside of district, Student) \$10 per member. Rainier \$25. Chair's Voice \$50. Senator's Club \$100 - Can be paid in installments. Mail this form and your dues check to: 25th LDD, P. O. Box 73594, Puyallup, WA 98374

*Please encourage friends to become a member of the 25<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats.*

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