



25th Legislative District Democratic Focus



**Paul Mahoney and Bud Metzger
were surprised and pleased to be
awarded the Mary Bryan-Ann
Jacobson Volunteer of the year
award**

Our February 6th meeting will be at the Puyallup Public Library at 7 pm. Our guest speaker will be Paula Anderson, Ex. Dir. of the New Hope Resource Center.

Join the Northwest Film Forum and the 25th LD Democrats on Wed. March 1 for a screening of the documentary “The Road to Nickelsville.” The film introduces the viewer to the people who call the camp home - and looks at the forces that pushed them there. The film’s maker Derek McNeill will be at the Puyallup Library to show the 47 minute film and discuss it with attendees afterward.



Lauren Adler, Deputy District Director for Congressman Denny Heck, and longtime 25th LDD member, cuts into a chocolate cake at the annual Jan. dinner. The dessert auction was a huge hit!

Attention Democrats!

The Washington State Democrats Annual Crab Feed & Grassroots Forum is moving to Lakewood.

If you've attended this event in the past, please note -- due to a change in catering policy at the usual venue, the event is moving to a **NEW LOCATION** on a **NEW DATE** this year:

Please join Democrats from around the state for the Annual Crab Feed at 5:00 PM on **Sunday, March 5th** at the **McGavick Conference Center at Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood, WA**.

Visit www.wa-democrats.org/crab for tickets and more information.

- **Adult admission: \$75 -- Early Bird discount price is \$60 if you purchase by February 8th!**
- **Children under 13: \$15**
- **Monthly contributors (DEM Club members): Adult admission discounted to \$40! (this applies to the contributor's ticket only)**

Year after year, Democratic legislators, leaders, and activists have gathered at the beginning of the new year to reconnect, re-energize, and organize. Some of our state's top Democratic representatives will join us for a delicious locally sourced seafood buffet and speaking program (Non-seafood, vegetarian option will be available. Salmon will be available in addition to crab and shellfish.

Last year there was over 900 attendees who heard from special guest speakers including Governor Jay Inslee, U.S. Representatives Denny Heck, Suzan DelBene, and Derek Kilmer, and State Senator (then) Pramila Jayapal..

The day traditionally begins with a **Grassroots Forum** -- a series of speakers, panels, or trainings designed for Party leaders and Activists -- prior to the evening's festivities. Details will be announced as soon as they are available.

Don't wait to get your ticket! There is an Early Bird discount available until February 8th -- [Buy now and save \\$15!](#)

Finally, please help spread the word! This is a great opportunity to get local members involved with the statewide Democratic community.

RSVP, invite your friends, and share our event on Facebook at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/462643000792068/>

Let's take advantage of this event moving to Pierce County and moving to the weekend. Let's get the 25th LD Democrats out in force!

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**25th LD Democrats Reorganization and Monthly Meeting
Puyallup Library
December 6, 2016**

Call to order at 7:10 pm

Flag salute led by Ed Herde

Roll was called - Officers present: Ed Herde, Chairman; Bill Havens, Treasurer; Cliff Allo, Parliamentarian & Webster; Blaine Pearman, Membersip Chair; Eric Herde, PCO Chair; Joan Cronk, Focus Editor; Ellen Zulauf, State Committeewoman; Jeremy Kamel, State Committeeman; Karl Mecklenburg, PC Rep. Pos. 1; Laura Groves, PC Rep. Pos. 2; Merv Swanson, PC Rep. Pos. 3

- Total attendees 41

Speaker 1 – Julian Wheeler, spoke in regard to his run for PC State Committeeman

Reorganization

- Temporary appointment of Chair
 - o Karl Mecklenburg
- Nomination for Chair
 - o Ed Herde nominated by Cliff Allo, seconded by Blaine Pearman
 - o Turan Kayaoglu self-nominated, seconded by Chris Chisholm
 - o Ed Herde spoke to nomination, Q&A – 1
 - o Turan Kayaoglu spoke to nomination, Q&A – 3
- Tally Committee chosen
 - o Anita Latch
 - o Gina Bua
 - o Marre Giller
 - o Blaine Pearman
- Ed Herde elected as Chair
 - o Vote: 16-Ed, 3-Turan
- Appointment of Parliamentarian
 - o Cliff Allo
- Point of Order requested, description of each position
- Nomination of Vice Chair
 - o Raechelle Baghirov nominated by Eric Herde, seconded by Denise Babineaux
 - o Moved to elect Rae without vote, rejected by Chair per by-laws
 - o Denise Babineaux read statement from Rae to speak to nomination
- Nomination for State Committeewoman
 - o Gina Bua nominated by Jeremy Kamel

- Marre Giller nominated by Denise Babineaux
- Ellen Zulauf nominated by Marre Giller
- Gina Bua accepted and spoke to nomination
- Marre Giller accepted and spoke to nomination
- Ellen accepted but declined to speak
- Raechelle Baghirov elected as Vice Chair – no opposition, vote unanimous (19)
- Temporary Tally Committee assigned for gathering and tally of votes for State Committeewoman
 - Eric Herde, John Adams and Anita Latch
- Nomination of State Committeeman
 - Jeremy Kamel nominated by Denise Babineaux, seconded by Karl Mecklenburg
 - Turan Kayaoglu self-nominated, seconded by Chris Chisholm
 - Jeremy Kamel spoke to nomination, Q&A-1
 - Turan Kayaoglu spoke to nomination
- Gina Bua elected as State Committeewoman
 - Vote: 15-Gina, 3-Marre, 2-Ellen
- Nomination of PCDCC Pos 1
 - Turan Kayoglu nominated by Eric Herde
- Jeremy Kamel elected as State Committeeman
 - Vote: 17-Jeremy, 3-Turan
- Turan Kayaoglu elected as PCDCC Pos. 1 – no opposition, thus vote unanimous
- Nomination of PDCC Pos. 2
 - Shaun Williams nominated by Eric Herde
 - Karl Mecklenburg nominated by Gina Bua
 - Karl spoke to nomination
 - Eric spoke to his nomination for Shaun

Break while tally of vote for PDCC Pos. 2

Speaker 2 – Jerry Beckendorf, regarding letter to editor

Reorganization commence

- Karl Mecklenburg elected as PCDCC Pos. 2
 - Vote: 16-Karl, 4-Shaun
- Nomination of PDCC Pos. 3
 - Shaun Williams nominated by Chris Oliver
 - Ashley Witzens nominated by Eric Herde
 - Ashley spoke to her nomination
- Nomination of Treasurer
 - Bill Havens nominated by Jeremy Kamel
 - Bill spoke to nomination
- Ashley Witzens elected as PCDCC Pos. 3

- Vote: 13-Ashley, 7-Shaun
- Nomination of Secretary
 - Denise Babineaux nominated by Eric Herde
 - Denise spoke to nomination
- Bill Havens elected as Treasurer – no opposition, thus vote unanimous
- Nomination of Membership Officer
 - Joe Colombo nominated by Jeremy Kamel
 - Blaine Pearman nominated by Ed Herde
 - Joe spoke to nomination
 - Blaine spoke to nomination
- Denise Babineaux elected as Secretary – no opposition, thus vote unanimous
- Nomination of Sargent at Arms
 - Chris Oliver nominated by Denise Babineaux, Chris spoke to nomination
 - Dylan Kesler nominated by Jeremy Kamel, Dylan spoke to nomination
 - Joe Columbo nominated by Cliff Allo, declined
- Joe Columbo elected as Membership Officer
 - Vote: 24-Joe, 4-Blaine
- Appointment by Chair of other offices
 - *Bob Korus as Assistant Treasurer*
 - *Joan Cronk as Focus Editor*
 - *Cliff Allo as Webmaster*
- Dylan Kesler elected as Sgt. at Arms
 - Vote: 24-Dyan, 1-Chris

End of Reorganization

Speaker 3 – Anita Latch, spoke in regard to her run as PC State Committeewoman; Q&A-1

Speaker 4 – Eric Herde, spoke in regard to his run as PC State Committeeman; Q&A-1

Speaker 5 – Gina Bua, spoke in regard to her run as PC Chair; Q&A-1

Speaker 6 – Laura Groves, spoke in regard to her run as PC State Committeeman

Reminder of January Fundraiser which will be held January 6 at the Puyallup Elks Club at 7pm, details on the 25dems page

Brief summary of 2016 election

- Many races lost by less than 2%
- Michelle Chatterton spoke to this, as well as Karl Mecklenburg

Good of the Order

- Discussion surrounding how the past election cycle went and what we can do about it moving forward, like – assessment, organized opposition research, etc.

- Chris Chisholm announced he is planning a meeting on January 22nd to discuss strategy for next election; de-briefing, etc.
- Bud Metzger encouraged the reading of “The Best Democracy Money Can Buy”

Meeting adjourned 9:28PM

What’s being taught at Koch Kollege?

November 10, 2016
hightowerlowdown.org

Breaking news: An amazing new school for political activists is training thousands of people to be community organizers, using Saul Alinsky’s classic manual, “Rules for Radicals.”

Called the Grassroots Leadership Academy, the school gives how-to lessons in everything from mounting successful protest actions to recruiting middle-of-the-road voters. Progressives need this... but, wait – who’s that hiding behind Saul Alinsky? Good grief, it’s the Koch brothers!

Yes, this “grassroots” outfit has been set up by the gabillionaire Koch boys to train cadres of right-wing corporatists to spread their ideological laissez-fairydust across the land. The academy is run through Americans for Prosperity, Charlie and David’s political wing, which put up \$3 million to get it going. About 10,000 people have gone through some of the training sessions in three dozen states. The brothers’ grandiose scheme is to take over the Republican Party and use it as their tool to rebuild America itself into a Kochlandia, ruled by the superrich.

Even their money, however, can’t overcome one huge barrier: Their message. The academy’s curriculum, for example, is loaded with such corporate nonsense as a course titled “The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels.” Attendees are indoctrinated with two overarching lessons: (1) freewheeling corporate power – unrestrained by labor, environmental or other public protections – GOOD; (2) Social Security, unemployment benefits, and other social programs – BAAAAAAD!

Koch Kollege for right-wing social engineers is peddling a status quo agenda of corporate elitism and trickle-down ideology, which the vast majority of Americans are now openly rebelling against. It’s like trying to sell chicken salad made out of chicken manure – there’s not enough sugar in the world to make people swallow that.

“[Koch Brothers Move to Shape A New G.O.P.](#)” *The New York Times*, September 6, 2016.

Chairs Comment

Ed Herde

Thank you to all who attended the 25th Legislative District Democrat's Annual Fundraising Dinner on January 6th. Everyone had a good time. I didn't see a single frowning face in the room. For those of you who couldn't attend or forgot about it (including some who purchased tickets), put it on your calendar for next January. County Councilman Rick Talbert gave an entertaining and interesting presentation as the guest speaker for the night. Bud Metzger and Paul Mahoney jointly received the Mary Bryan-Anne Jacobson Volunteer of the Year Award for their tireless campaign work, especially the work they did with candidate signage again this year. And thank you to those that helped organize and run the event. Thank you to Bill Havens, Michelle Chatterton, Gina Bua, Joan Cronk, and Jeremy Kamel. Also big thanks to everyone who brought a dessert for the dessert auction. The dessert auction brought in over half of the evenings earnings.

Nothing in this world happens in a vacuum. When dealing with public policy nothing happens without some kind of reaction. Even when there looks to be overwhelming odds some people fight against power. On January 21st we witnessed and many of us took part in an amazing show of defense of the Constitution. Not just some, but millions of people showed up to defend their country. In a show of solidarity at least 1/3 of the participants were wearing the pink pussy hats that had been knitted and crocheted by the millions in just a few weeks. The new illegitimate occupant of the White House has caused a very large number of people to become activists.

In case you have not heard of it or gone to the website to read it, print it, and keep it for reference, I want you to go to IndivisibleGuide.com. This is a guide for resisting the Trump-Bannon agenda and protecting the Constitution. The guide was written by former congressional staffers who witnessed the Tea Party beat back President Obama's agenda. The following is from page 3 of the document. This paragraph explains the purpose of the Indivisible Guide:

To this end, the following chapters offer a step-by-step guide for individuals, groups, and organizations looking to replicate the Tea Party's success in getting Congress to listen to a small, vocal, dedicated group of constituents. The guide is intended to be equally useful for stiffening Democratic spines and weakening pro-Trump Republican resolve.

Please check out IndividualGuide.com and go to the website regularly to see updates and calls to action.

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Tune in or be tuned out!

It's 2017 and time to pay your membership dues

To be a voting member of the 25th Legislative District Democrats you need to be up to date on your dues. To help your local Democrats spread our message you need to pay your dues. To fight for the 99% you need to pay your dues. To elect good candidates you need to pay your dues. Your dues could be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL _____

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 25th LD Democrats.

