Joe Columbo, Membership Chair and leader of the Puyallup Indivisibles group, did a wonderful job of organizing and getting us all together for a successful March For Truth on South Hill on Saturday!! Great turnout too!

At 6:00 pm on Monday June 5th at the Puyallup Library we will have our first Candidate Forum and Endorsement Meeting of 2017. Following the Candidate Forum at 7:30 pm will be our June General Membership Meeting.
Chairs Comment
Ed Herde

The weather has turned and it is time to get out and talk to voters in the 25th District. In March and May small groups of 25th LD Democrats hit the streets to talk to voters in Puyallup. We need many more people to help in this effort. Now the Washington State Democratic Party is kicking off the Summer of Canvas. This is a big push to make contact with voters – voters that are likely confused Trump voters, voters that are Democratic voters, and voters for which we have no information. With every voter we talk with we will gain important information about the issues they are concerned with and will increase the chances of putting candidates into office that will work to help us, the 99%, instead of letting the corporately controlled party remain in office and block progress.

The Washington State Democrats started a Resistance fund this year. Sustaining monthly donations to The Resistance pay for field and community organizers to work with volunteers in districts across the state. You can donate as little as $3 per month. To join go to https://wadems.ngpvanhost.com/resist

As important as it is to donate to The Resistance it is equally important to get out and volunteer to work with the organizers in this Summer of Canvas. There is too much at stake with national government and much of our local government controlled by the party of the Billionaires. We must build a base of voters that will vote for candidates who will fight for us. We cannot watch while the super-rich command their party of puppets to complete the work of destroying a society that once cared about people. They want to take away the security of healthcare that Medicare provides our seniors; the insurance against homelessness and hunger that Social Security Disability and Retirement provides; jobs that can keep us housed, feed, clothed, educated, and healthy that living-wage minimum wage laws and the existence of unions provide; and they want to take away our liberty to exist without the heavy hand of big government controlling our personal decisions.

Now is not the time to let someone else take care of the important work. We need an army of messengers to listen to the concerns of the voters and also to let the uninformed know there is another way and we need them to be active and vote in a way that will help them, not hurt them.

Please see the following message from Washington State Democrats party chair Tina Podlodowski and see how to join the Summer of Canvas. It has never been more important.
This is a message from Washington State Democratic Party Chair Tina Podlodowski:

Hey Democrats -

In advance of signing up for Summer of Canvass, here is research based on face-to-face conversations with 976 white working-class swing voters in Ohio - half of Trump swing voters differ with him on one or more issues and it shows the importance of direct outreach and person to person conversations. It also shows the importance of turning OUR people out - as Trump voters are hard to move…but aggressive action can make a difference.

Please do sign up for Summer of Canvass! Here's the link!

http://www.wa-democrats.org/summer-of-canvass-volunteer?ms=tellafriend_fb&snw=1&ref=ccc9a277-3de5-4925-ac93-56f278a4d7c6#

And take a look! It means building relationships and doing the work folks!

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Research Overview

Working America canvassers recently conducted in-depth interviews with 976 working-class swing voters in central Ohio. We talked face to face with both Clinton and Trump voters about their attitudes toward the president and his policies to gauge how they were feeling. But we wanted to do more than just survey their opinions. We also wanted to see if working-class Trump voters could be reached with a progressive message.

After almost 100 days in office, President Donald Trump has failed to consolidate the support of working-class swing voters. The swing voters who backed Hillary Clinton staunchly oppose him, and his support is softening among the swing voters who chose him. Trump’s failure to lock down these voters offers a major opportunity to progressives. But moving Trump swing voters — who tend to rely on conservative news sources — requires aggressive outreach and a strong progressive message. To win in 2018 and beyond, we need to reach out now to these persuadable swing voters.

Here are our key findings:

• Roughly half of Trump’s working-class swing voters are “Searchers” who can be moved in a progressive direction when offered new information about his policies. Many Trump swing voters were desperately searching for change in 2016. Our conversations suggest they may continue to search after hearing about his policies: 33 percent of Trump voters disapproved of his plan to cut taxes for the rich; 53 percent disliked his position on at least one issue.

• Trump’s working-class support may be softening, but it is by no means inevitable that his swing voters will turn against him. A solid 56 percent of Trump swing voters said that they get information about politics from cable TV, mostly Fox News. As a result, they hear little criticism of him. Turning them against Trump will require breaking through the Fox News din with direct outreach from trusted messengers with new information.

• Trump voters can be moved on some issues, but they are not concerned about alleged Russia ties, his cabinet appointees or possible business conflicts. Only 5 percent of Trump voters said they worried about ties to Russia; 10 percent expressed concern about his business interests; and 12 percent were critical of any administration official.

• The gap in intensity between Trump’s working-class supporters and his opponents is striking. While 37 percent of Trump voters strongly approved of his performance as president, 67 percent of Clinton voters strongly disapproved — a 30-point intensity gap. We also found large intensity gaps in support for Trump’s policies on health care (29 points) and immigration (23 points).

These findings are based on “front porch focus groups” — interviews held in person at voters’ front doors. Working America canvassers conducted the interviews from March 6 to April 5 in working-class neighborhoods in Columbus, Delaware, Lancaster and other central Ohio communities.

Among the swing voters we talked with, 43 percent voted for Trump, 38 percent for Clinton, 6 percent for another candidate, 8 percent wouldn’t share their vote, and 6 percent didn’t vote in November. Our sample included people who lived in households with annual incomes of $75,000 or less and voted in at least one non-presidential election since 2013, which suggests they are likely to vote in 2018.

Volunteer | http://www.wa-democrats.org/volunteer

To watch a 2 minute message from Tina and sign up to work on the Summer of Canvas click this link:

http://www.wa-democrats.org/summer-of-canvass?ms=tellafriend_fb&snw=1&ref=ccc9a277-3de5-4925-ac93-56f278a4d7c6#

June, 2017
Minutes of the 25th Legislative District Democratic Organization Member Meeting, May 1, 2017 Held at Puyallup Public Library

Call to Order – 7:07pm

Roll Call of Officers – Total Attendees 31
Officers in attendance: Chair-Ed Herde, State Committeewoman-Gina Bua, State Committeeman-Jeremy Kamel, Treasurer-Bill Havens, Secretary-Denise Babineaux, Membership Officer-Joe Colombo, Sergeant at Arms-Dylan Kesler, Assist. Treasurer-Bob Koreis, Newsletter Editor-Joan Cronk

Items/Discussion
- The many levels of government and how you can affect policy, by Eric Herde
  - Vacancies of city level and county level positions on various board committees were provided
- Report of the Washington State Democrats April 22, 2017 meeting in Walla Walla; provided by Ed Herde, Jeremy Kamel, Gina Bua and Eric Herde
  - New Environmental Caucus was formed
  - 25th LD’s Single Payer Resolution was passed

No Actions

Meeting adjourned – 9:02pm
Where does inequality come from?

June 1, 2017

The vast inequality that’s rending our society is not a natural, inevitable, or accidental phenomenon – it’s caused intentionally by policy-decisions that corporate and political officials make.

Every now and then, we commoners even get a glimpse of inequality-in-the-making, as we did recently when the GOP Boss of the House, Rep. Paul Ryan, rammed the awful Trumpcare bill through that chamber. Without allowing any public testimony or even getting an analysis of its cost, Ryan browbeat and cajoled the Republican majority to hold their noses and pass this gob of plutocratic wretchedness. Their bill was so bad that a mere 17 percent of Americans support it.

Trumpcare certainly deserves the public’s disgust, for it’s a monstrous inequality machine: It strips health coverage from at least 23 million Americans; it lets insurance corporations either refuse to cover people with pre-existing conditions or to gouge them with extreme price increases; and it lets states eliminate the requirement that insurance policies must at least cover such essential health needs as cancer treatment and maternity care.

And, in a flagrant example of directly widening inequality in America, the Republicans’ bill slashes $880 billion out of the Medicaid budget, which provides health care for the poor, the elderly, and the disabled. That’s not just a cut in dollars, but in people – 14 million needy families would lose their access to healthcare.

But that’s only the half of it. Ryan’s Trumpcare nastiness also gives a massive new tax cut to health care corporations and wealthy investors. How massive is the cut? Precisely $880 billion.

By taking from the needy and giving to the rich, this one deliberate act by Congress would further widen economic disparity in our country by nearly $1.8 trillion. That is how inequality happens.


By Jim Hightower 6-1-17
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June, 2017
Well you should be if you want the truth about politics by Frank Blair and Traci Kelly
Fridays at 12:00 to 1:00 PM on KLAY 1180AM!
And if for some reason or other you miss it then go to equaltimeradio.net.

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:_______________________________________________________
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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 25th LD Democrats.