



25th Legislative District

Democratic Focus



Justice Steven Gonzalez of the Washington State Supreme Court spoke about his re-election campaign at the 25th LD Democrats April 2nd General Membership Meeting. Justice Gonzales has served on the state's highest court since 2012.

Our May 7th meeting will be at 7:00 pm at the Puyallup Library at 324 South Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371. We will have ratification votes on Nominated Precinct Committee Officers, Kara Lanning will speak on How to Talk Science to Elected Officials, and Eric Herde will give an outline of the Democratic Party Structure in Washington State and How Allied Organizations Work with the Party. All Precinct Committee Officers and all members of the 25th LD Democrats that have paid dues for 2018 at least 30 days prior to the meeting are eligible to vote.

Wanted: Focus Content

Members are welcome and encouraged to contribute content to the 25th LD Democrats Newsletter. Original writings, photos, interesting articles, cartoons, or trivia are all fair game. Please help make our newsletter a more interesting and enjoyable read, while also helping to better inform our membership. Email your contribution to the Focus Newsletter Editor or the Chair whose names and email addresses are on the Officer Contact page of this newsletter.

25th Legislative Democrats

Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the 25th Legislative District Democrats was called to order at 7:22PM on April 2, 2018 in the Puyallup Public Library by Ed Herde.

Present

Officers: Chair-Ed Herde; Vice-Chair Raechelle Baghirov; Treasurer-Bob Koreis; Secretary-Karri Wicka; State Committeeman-Bob Klavano; State Committeewoman-Gina Bua; Membership Officer-Joe Colombo; Sgt. At Arms-Blaine Pearman; Parliamentarian and Webster-Cliff Allo; Newsletter Editor-Joan Cronk; PCO Chair-Eric Herde; PCDCC Executive Board – Position 1 – Turan Kayaoglu; Position 2- Karl Mecklenburg; 60 total attendees.

Updates from elected officials: Robin Farris – Puyallup City Council, District 1.

Two Candidates were introduced also – Steve Gonzalez – Supreme Court Judge, and Jefferson Campbell spoke for Dr. Kim Schrier 8th Congressional District.

Candidates requesting endorsement from the 25thLD spoke for 5 min. each with 5 min. for questions;
Julie Door – State House, 25th LD, Position 1
Jamie Smith – State House, 25th LD, Position 1
Brian Duthie – State House, 25th LD, Position 2

Action Items

Nomination / Endorsement of State Legislative Candidates to serve as the Democratic Party
Nominees for the 25th LD: Julie Door received 7 votes, Jamie Smith was nominated with 36 votes, and Brian Duthie was nominated with 43 votes.

Nomination of Precinct Committee Officers: 25-281 Ashland Thornton
25-243 Karl Mecklenburg
25-247 Peter Mohr

Joe Colombo spoke about campaign canvassing while votes were being counted.

Eric Herde spoke of the Deep Listening Doorbell Event on Saturday April 21st at 10:00am.

For the good of the order: Jerry Beckendorf spoke about the Peanut Butter Drive and reminded us to bring peanut butter to the next meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm by Ed Herde. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on May 7, 2018, at the Puyallup Library.

Minutes submitted by: Karri Wicka
Chairs Comment

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Ed Herde

We have entered the campaign season for the November 2018 election. Candidate Filing Week is May 14th – 18th. Those wishing to run for office must register with the Pierce County Auditor during filing week. This includes filing to be a Precinct Committee Officer. There is no fee to file for the office of PCO. If you have questions about being a PCO, or if you want to know if another candidate will be running for PCO in a certain precinct contact Eric Herde, the 25th LD Democrats PCO Chair. Eric's contact info is on the Officer Contact page in this newsletter.

Now is the time to contact a candidate and get involved with their campaign. You can spread your time between different campaigns or you can select a campaign/candidate that you feel strongly about. You can do what you can to strengthen your candidate's campaign and get their message to the voters by talking with voters, placing campaign signs in the community, putting your social media skills to work, running errands for the campaign, or working in a campaign office and taking care of whatever needs to be done to keep the operation moving forward. Whichever way you help you can be sure that it will be greatly appreciated by the candidate and the candidate's other supporters. Every hour you spend helping a campaign makes a difference. In the 25th LD we have had a Legislative race decided by 29 votes, and last year a Puyallup City Council race was decided by just 13 votes. You never know until election night how close a particular race will be. You could be the straw that breaks the camel's back and help win a very close election with your time as a campaign volunteer. Just think how you would feel if you didn't help your favorite candidate and that person ended up losing by a handful of votes.

Congratulations to Jamie Smith and Brian Duthie who were nominated at the April 2nd General Membership meeting to be the 25th LD Democrats Nominated/Endorsed Democratic candidates for 25th LD Legislative seats 1 and 2 respectively.

At our Monday June 4th General Membership Meeting at the Puyallup Library we will have a candidate forum and votes for endorsement of candidates who have filed for office in May. We will consider for endorsement candidates who are running for an office whose boundary lies partially in the 25th Legislative District. General members who have paid the current year's membership dues at least 30 days prior to the vote and all PCO's are eligible to vote. Candidate questionnaires for candidates requesting nomination can be viewed at 25dems.org.

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EUROPE'S NEW PRIVACY LAW WILL CHANGE THE WEB, AND MORE

Sha Tiku

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CONSUMERS HAVE LONG wondered just what Google and Facebook know about them, and who else can [access their personal data](#). But internet giants have little incentive to give straight answers — even to [simple questions](#) like, “Why am I being shown this ad?”

On May 25, however, the power balance will shift towards consumers, thanks to a European privacy law that restricts how personal data is collected and handled. The rule, called [General Data Protection Regulation](#) or GDPR, focuses on ensuring that users know, understand, and consent to the data collected about them. Under GDPR, pages of fine print won't suffice. Neither will forcing users to click yes in order to sign up.

Instead, companies must be clear and concise about their collection and use of personal data like full name, home address, location data, IP address, or the identifier that tracks web and app use on smartphones. Companies have to spell out why the data is being collected and whether it will be used to create profiles of people's actions and habits. Moreover, consumers will gain the right to access data companies store about them, the right to correct inaccurate information, and the right to limit the use of decisions made by algorithms, among others.

The law protects [individuals](#) in the [28 member countries](#) of the European Union, even if the data is processed elsewhere. That means GDPR will apply to publishers like WIRED; banks; universities; much of the Fortune 500; the [alphabet soup](#) of ad-tech companies that track you across the web, devices, and apps; and Silicon Valley tech giants.

As an example of the law's reach, the European Commission, the EU's legislative arm, says on its website that a social network will have to comply with a user request to delete photos the user posted as a minor — and inform search engines and other websites that used the photos that the images should be removed. The commission also says a [car-sharing service](#) may request a user's name, address, credit card number, and potentially whether the person has a disability, but can't require a user to share their race. (Under GDPR, [stricter conditions](#) apply to collecting “[sensitive data](#),” such as race, religion, political affiliation, and sexual orientation.)

GDPR has already spurred, or contributed to, changes in data-collection and -handling practices. In June, Google announced that it would stop mining emails in Gmail to personalize ads. (The company says that was unrelated to GDPR and [done](#) in order to

harmonize the consumer and business versions of Gmail.) In [September](#), Google revamped its privacy dashboard, first launched in 2009, to be more user-friendly. In January, Facebook announced its own privacy dashboard, which has yet to launch. Though the law applies only in Europe, the companies are making changes globally, because it's simpler than creating different systems.

The law's impact will extend well past the web giants. In March, [Drawbridge](#), an ad-tech company that tracks users across devices, said it would wind down its advertising business in the EU because it's unclear how the digital ad industry would ensure consumer consent. Acxiom, a data broker that provides information on more than [700 million](#) people culled from voter records, purchasing behavior, vehicle registration, and other sources, is revising its online portals in the US and Europe where consumers can see what information Acxiom has about them. GDPR "will set the tone for data protection around the world for the next 10 years," says Sheila Colclasure, Acxiom's chief data ethics officer.

Beyond such moves, the law's emphasis on consent, control, and clear explanations could prompt users to better understand and reconsider the ways they are surveilled online. Meanwhile, privacy activists plan to use GDPR as a weapon to force changes in corporate data-handling practices.

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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 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.

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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.