



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus



AUGUST



REPRESENTATIVE DAWN MORRELL KICKED OFF HER ELECTION CAMPAIGN WITH AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT BRADLEY PARK IN PUYALLUP

MEETINGS

NOTICE: SEE PAGE 2 FOR ALL THE UPCOMING MEETINGS.



Check out our web site, <http://25thdemocrats.org> built and hosted by Lauren Adler. You will find news and meetings and pictures. For newsletter send all articles, pictures, committee report to Editor Joan Cronk 845-5389 or email: JoanCronk@comcast.net

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31 Jul Mon E-Board Meets
7:00PM at Firestation 66,
9813 128th St. E., Puyallup

3 Aug NOTE: Change of
meeting place for 25th LDD
will meet in the **Korum**
YMCA, 302 43rd Ave., S.E.,
Puyallup. Program: Voting
on endorsements for candi-
dates. Issues.

19 Aug Sat Deadline for
FOCUS items, articles and
pictures.

4 Sep Mon E-Board Meets
7:00PM at Firestation 66,
9813 128th St. E., Puyallup

7 Sep Thu 25th LDD meets
(?) To be determined later.

16 Sep Sat Deadline for
FOCUS items, articles and
pictures.

28 Sep Thu, Chili Contest.
Let Ken Peach know if you
are interested in competing.
So far **NO ONE** has told Ken
they want to compete in a chili
contest.

You are invited to submit your
meetings/events to be included in
the Upcoming Events.

DAWN MORRELL CAMPAIGN

Thursday the 22th of Jun at Bradley Park in Puyallup was a perfect day for the Dawn Morrell campaign to start off with a bang up ice cream social and about 50 to 60 people in attendance. Campaign Manager Lauren Adler said everyone was having fun and they collected some money for the campaign. Lauren had literature and signs for all to take home and help re-elect Dawn..



**DAWN MORRELL SERVES UP AN
ICECREAM CONE TO JOHN THOMPSON**



The campaign season is definitely underway, and now is the time to step up and help make sure that Representative Dawn Morrell is re-elected to her position this November! Currently we have a few hundred signs that are just waiting to be hammered into supporters' yards to show support throughout the district. We also have literature pieces and remit envelopes that can be distributed to friends and family in this district who believe in Dawn and believe in what she can do for this district. We would love to see every member of the 25th LDD put up a sign in their yard, window, or even place on/in your vehicle. It is extremely important to show your support for Dawn from now until November.

If you are willing to display one of Dawn's re-election signs, or would like to pick up some campaign literature along with remit envelopes, please contact the campaign to get yours as soon as possible. Contact Campaign Manager Lauren Adler at (253) 845-6767 or (253) 820-8843 or email her with your address at AdlerLN@comcast.net.

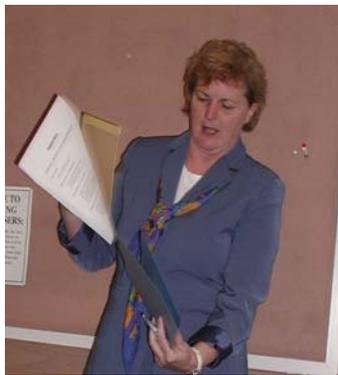
We look forward to working with all of you on a very successful re-election campaign.

POLITICIANS REQUEST ENDORSEMENTS

By Joan Cronk

The July 6 meeting of the 25th District Democrats was held at Summit Library. Several Judges appeared and made brief statements regarding their campaigns. In attendance were Judges Maggie Ross, Karla Butteroff, Sue Serko, Jack Niven, John Hickman, Frank Dacca, Susan Owens, Judy Jasprica and a representative for Tom Chambers. After the judges made their statements, the group was allowed to have a question and answer period. Judge Susan Owens has opposition from a group called BIAW, which stands for Building Industry of Washington, a non-union conservative group of contractors who are attempting to attack liberals and are targeting judges. The BIAW group is very dangerous.

Some of the problems the judges raised were overcrowding of courts, low pay for jurors and the meth problem.



**JUDGE MAGGIE ROSS
DISTRICT COURT**



**JUDGE KARLA BUTTORFF
DISTRICT COURT**



**JUDGE SUSAN SERKO
SUPERIOR COURT**



**JUDGE JACK NEVIN
DISTRICT COURT**



**JUDGE JOHN HICKMAN
SUPERIOR COURT**



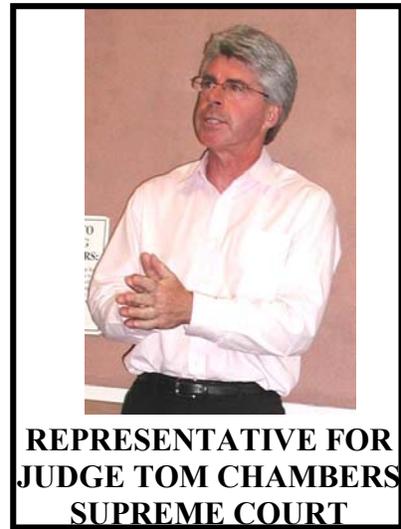
**JUDGE JUDY JASPRICA
DISTRICT COURT**



**JUDGE FRANK DACCA
DISTRICT COURT**



**JUDGE SUSAN OWENS
SUPREME COURT**



**REPRESENTATIVE FOR
JUDGE TOM CHAMBERS
SUPREME COURT**

COURTS, COURTS, COURTS

Why are there so many courts? What do they all do? At the last 25th LDD meeting that question was asked of the eight judges who were there, hoping for an endorsement. They answered a lot of questions, but I wanted more so searched the internet. Here are the answers I got from the internet and a Washington State Informational book. The multilevel judicial system in Washington State includes the local courts, state courts, federal courts and tribal courts.

Local courts, or courts of limited jurisdiction, are located in counties and cities. They include district courts, municipal courts, and justice of the peace courts. District court judges are elected to four-year terms on nonpartisan ballots. The district and municipal courts hear civil cases, criminal cases within certain liability limits and violations of municipal ordinances. The majority of these cases are for traffic violations.

State courts. The state is divided into 30 judicial districts, each district having one or more superior court judges assigned to it. Superior court judges are elected for four years. They hear civil matters, property and tax cases, probate, and domestic matters. They also hear criminal cases which are beyond those tried by lower courts of limited jurisdiction. They also hear appeals from those lower courts.

The Appeals Court reviews lower court decisions. The judges are elected for six year terms.

The Supreme Court is the head of the judicial branch of state government and the court of last resort for the state. Nine judges serve on the Supreme Court and they are elected to six year terms.

The Federal Court system in Washington includes the US District Court, the US Court of Appeals and US Bankruptcy Court. Most federal cases in this area are usually tried in the US District courts. Judges are generally appointed.

The Tribal Courts have jurisdiction on Indian reservations. Each tribe has its own laws and the tribal courts handle civil and criminal cases.

The above explanation of the court system is in as concise version as we could since we do not have sufficient space to explain everything about them. However, if you want to know more you can always contact the local courts or go on the internet like I did at www.courts.wa.gov/index.cfm That site told me just about everything I wanted to know about the court system including types of courts, judges (and sometimes bio's) and their contact info, dates of trials, how to act, what to expect and much, much more. Hopefully this will help you to begin to understand our court system more and vote at the meeting next month on the endorsements of the candidates.

SUMMARY OF 25TH LDD MINUTES

6 July 2006, Summit Library

By Charley Stokes

Meeting was called to order by Audrey Chase, Chairperson at the Jul meeting held at the Summit Public Library. There were about 40 people in attendance. The minutes from previous meeting and Treasurer's report were approved.

Elected Officials & Committee Chairs Representative Dawn Morrell offered her thanks to the membership for their strong support for her campaign kick-off; over \$4600.00 was raised! Dawn spoke to the audience about the Bush administration's National Labor Relations Board ruling that strives to redefine "supervisory" personnel. Registered nurses are to be reclassified into this pool which would end their rights to organize. Just one more example of this Administration's anti-union policies.

Dawn also spoke on behalf of Senator Maria Cantwell and her re-election activities.

"Brad" for the Adam Smith campaign spoke on the Congressman's positions for a balanced budget and containment of expanding health care cost.

"Kerry" for the Darcy Burner campaign thanked the membership for their endorsement and asked for volunteers to host a coffee klatch on Saturday, July 15th in that part of the 25th which overlaps the 8th Congressional district. Volunteers also needed for phone banking out of the Tacoma Coordinated Campaign offices.

Old Business 25th LDD annual picnic will be this Sunday, July 9th from 2:00 – 6:00 PM at Bradley Lake Park in Puyallup. Cost \$5.00 per member or \$20.00 per family, regardless of size.

New Business It was related that the E-board recommended the suspension of the organization endorsement procedure rule 3a which requires each candidate submit a request for endorsement in writing at least 30 days prior to the preliminary election for all the non-partisan judicial candidates who had gathered for the evening to address the membership. Motion was made and seconded and passed with only one objection.

Speakers Nine non-partisan Judicial Candidates were given three minutes each to address the membership on their qualifications and campaigns. Following the general statements, a Q and A session followed. The following named participated:

Maggie Ross, District Court	Carla Buttroff, District Court
Sue Serko, Superior Court	Jack Nevin, District Court
John Hickman, Superior Court	Judy Jasprica, District Court
Frank Dacca, District Court	Susan Owens, Supreme Court
Tom Chambers, Supreme Court	

There was general consensus of strong concern from all candidates concerning the efforts by "B.I.A.W.", a special interest PAC of conservative groups with the goal of replacing sitting judges with ultra-conservative candidates pledged to support the BIAW agenda.

The members in attendance were given an excellent view of each candidate. Deliberations will take place at the August meeting (at the Korum YMCA) and endorsements will be voted on at that time. Don't forget! Mark your calendars now!

Good of the Order

Charley Stokes called for volunteers to man the Democrat booth at the Western Washington Fair.

John Kosche called for all PCO's to re-file for their office with the Pierce County Auditor. PCO filing declarations must be received by the Auditors office no later than Friday, July 28th!!! John will be mailing documents to all current PCO's.

Ken Peach request all members to please update their email addresses with him if they change providers.

Solidarity Day tickets for Rainer's baseball are available from Jerry Beckendorf.

Memorial scholarship will be established in memory of Jack Sontag at Clover Park Tech.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59PM

DARCY BURNER COFFEE EVENT

By Charley Stokes

Well, the good thing is we have dedicated Democrats who will volunteer their homes for candidate events and good Democrats who will show up early on a Saturday morning to meet the candidates. The bad news is that sometimes fate intervenes.

Jon Bristol opened his home to host an event for the Burner campaign Saturday, 15 Jun in the morning. Unfortunately, due to a family emergency late Friday night Darcy had to excuse herself at the last minute. In the candidates absence, field organizer Kerry Gutknecht stood before the thirty person assembly and offered up Darcy's campaign philosophy and goals and answered questions from the group.

Also attending, Representative Dawn Morrell spoke to the group about her campaign and her continuing goals in Olympia.

Tip-a-hat to Jon Bristol for opening his home and to Jerry Beckendorf for helping to orchestrate the event.



**KERRY GUTKNECHT SPEAKS AT
DARCY BURNER COFFEE EVENT**

25th LDD ANNUAL PICNIC

By Joan Cronk

The 25th LDD held their annual summer picnic on Sunday, July 9 at Bradley Park in Puyallup. Approximately 25 People were in attendance and there was an abundance of good food with barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. Everyone had a fun time.



FRIDAYS - 12 NOON TO 1 PM LISTEN TO KLAY 1180 AM
WITH FRANK BLAIR AND AUDREY CHASE TELL IT LIKE IT IS!

(And if for some unknown reason you miss it you can go to <http://www.liberaltopia.org>
There is a link on the right hand side of the screen that says Frank and Audrey.)

25th District Democratic (LDD) Membership Form -

Use this form to recruit friends and neighbors to join you in helping our Democratic party.

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Phone: () _____ **City/Zip:** _____

Precinct: _____ **Email:** _____

New Dues now in effect: Evergreen (includes Senior, outside district, etc) \$10 per member; Rainier \$25; Chair's Voice \$50; Senators Club \$100 (can be paid in installments). If you already paid dues they are good for this year.

I've enclosed \$ _____ for Club Dues, \$ _____ for the Victory Fund. Please write checks dues to 25th LDD and Victory Fund Checks to 25th District Victory Fund (donations to both can be on same check).

Mail to 25th LDD, PO Box 372, Puyallup, WA 98371



Half a year gone and membership dues continue to trickle in to the treasury. The 25th District desperately needs these funds to continue to operate and to support Democratic candidates.

PLEASE get your dues in as soon as possible!

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