



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus



**GOVERNOR GREETING
SUPPORTERS AT EVENT
ON 17 JULY 2008**

Governor Event July 17, 2008

By Joan Cronk

Governor Gregoire greeted supporters on a warm Thursday evening in University Place, Gov. Gregoire said she inherited a 2.2 billion dollar deficit and now our State has a surplus.

Dino Rossi has already spent 1 million on his campaign, just in the month of June, and the Governor asked, "When do you remember that happening before? In June?" She said we can't let Dino Rossi split the State of Washington. She vowed to run her campaign based on issues. That being said, she will not let anyone insult her integrity. She will focus on the issues.

**We must keep Gov. Gregoire in office
for another four years!**

READ ALL ABOUT WHO WAS ENDORSED AT JULY MEETING; 31ST DISTRICT VETERANS BANQUET; STATE COMMITTEEMAN REPORT; MINUTES SUMMARY (PAGE 7), AND UPCOMING EVENTS



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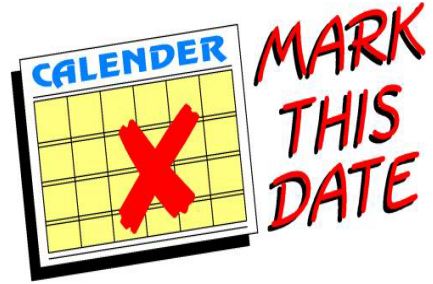
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29 Jul Tue, An Evening on the Dock honoring Carolyn Merrival (See page 4 for details)

4 Aug Mon E-Board meets at 7 PM at Fire Station 66, 9813 128th St, E., Puyallup.

7 Aug Thu 25th LDD meets at Puyallup Library, 324 Meridian at 7 PM.

16 Aug Sat DEADLINE for FOCUS articles, pictures, etc.

1 Sep Mon E-Board meets at 7 PM at Fire Station 66.

4 Sep Thu 25LDD meets at Puyallup Library at 7 PM.

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



NOTES FROM MEETING

By Joan Cronk

On July 10 a group of eleven candidates or one of their representatives appeared before the 25th District to ask for endorsements. Each candidate was given five minutes to make a speech and take questions.

The meeting was run efficiently by Recording Secretary Charley Stokes and the 25th District endorsed the following candidates:

Darcy Burner, 8th Congressional District

Christine Gregoire, Governor
Chang Mook Sohn, State Treasurer

Brian Sonntag, State Auditor
John Ladenburg – Attorney General

Terry Bergeson, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Mike Kreidler, Insurance Commissioner

Jim Kastama – 25th District Senator

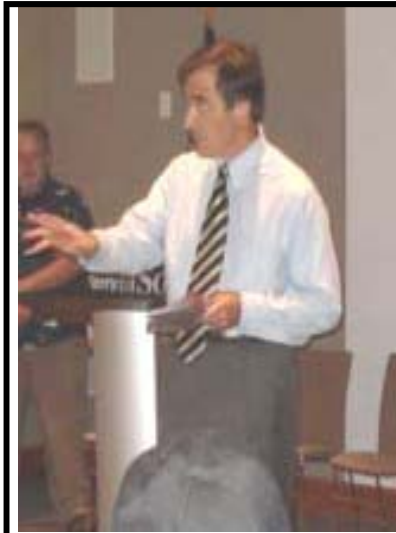
Rob Cerqui – running for 25th District Representative Position 1

Dawn Morrell – 25th District Representative, Position 2

James Vaughn, who is running for the 8th Congressional District seat appeared and was not endorsed.

The meeting finished in record time and the group was able to clean up, put away chairs and get out of the building before the 9 p.m. cut off time.

Thanks go to everyone for a well attended, well run and great endorsement meeting!



SEN JIM KASTAMA



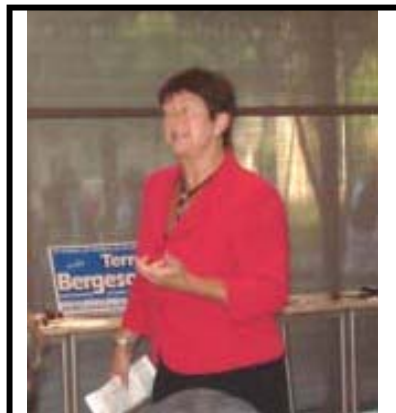
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REP. DAWN MORRELL



**CHANG MOOK SOHN
FOR
STATE TREASURER**



**SUPERINTENDENT
TERRY BERGESON**



**DAWN MORRELL HOLDS
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
KICK OFF EVENT!**

By Joan Cronk

Dawn Morrell's ice cream social held at Bradley Park on July 15th was a huge success, with over 60 people attending. The evening was sunny and warm and everyone had a good time at this successful kick off. Senator Jim Kastama introduced Representative Morrell to the enthusiastic crowd of supporters and, since there was ice cream left over, the scoopers kept scooping for a huge number of children running around the park.

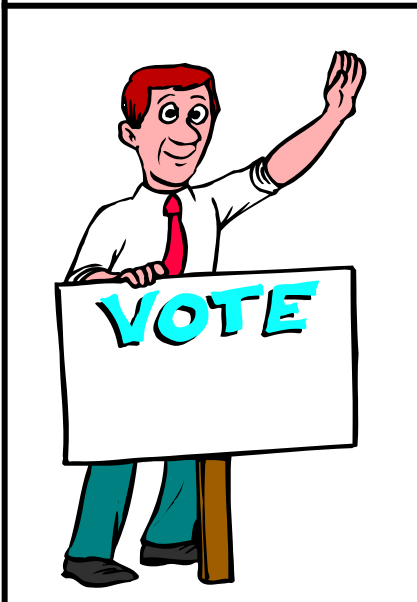
Let's be sure we keep Representative Morrell as our 25th District State Representative! Remember to vote on August 19th!!



**JOIN GARY CLOWER
AND BRIAN HERSHMAN
FOR AN EVENING ON
THE DOCK HONORING
CAROLYN MERRIVAL**

Join them for an evening of beverages, hors d'oeuvres and conversation supporting Carolyn Merrival's candidacy for Pierce County Council, District 2.

6:00 P.M., July 29, 2008, 535 Dock Street, Suite 100,



**DEMOCRAT AL ROSE
OF THE 25th DISTRICT
IS RUNNING FOR
PIERCE COUNTY
COUNCIL POSITION #2.**

Al has been working hard pounding on doors, 8500 of them so far, and has endorsements from the Central Labor Council and IBEW 483, the Sheriff's Guild and Washington Conservation Voters, and others.

Rose has three major concerns: public safety, continuing the focus on fair share and pre release and work release since Pierce County seems to have more than our share of criminals. He wants to continue to fund drug court and work on finding funding for Mental Health Court.

Rose is an attorney, working for Pierce County Auditor's office.

Rose said this is a big year for Democrats and regarding ranked choice voting, remember to vote ONE, TWO BLUE!



31st DISTRICT DEMOCRATS “TAKE BACK OUR COUNTRY – GIVE BACK TO OUR VETERANS BANQUET”

By Joan Cronk

Tony Ventrella acted as master of ceremonies for this event, which drew an overflow crowd. And he volunteered his services because he supports Democrats and Veterans. Ventrella said “We’re coming to the end of a national nightmare!” The crowd loved him.

State Representative Christopher Hurst spoke eloquently and passionately about his son who just that very day had returned safely from his tour of duty in Afghanistan.

The evening was all about Veterans and the American Lake Veterans Golf Course, which serves veterans and active duty service men and women. Their clubhouse was built in the late 50s and is badly in need of replacement. The Golf Course is used by military personnel living locally and by patients at American Lakes Veterans Hospital, Seattle Veterans Hospital, Madigan Army Hospital and Washington Soldier’s Home and Colony in Orting.

The event also highlighted our Governor and her bid for

re-election. Every candidate who addressed the crowd praised the Governor and spoke of the importance of her re-election in November.

When keynote speaker Governor Christine Gregoire took the stage, she asked the crowd, “Is the 31st District fired up?”, and they were! She praised Speaker of the House Frank Chopp and State Representative Christopher Hurst. The Governor signed 47 bills that related to Veterans in the last four years. The State of Washington is at a 14-year low crime rate.

Democrats need to put Governor Gregoire back in Olympia for the next four years!



GOV GREGOIRE AND MICHELLE DONALDSON, PAC COORD, IRONWORKERS UNION



LUANNE, RAY AND LAUREN

STATE COMMITTEEMAN REPORT

By Jerry Beckendorf

Democrats Mobilize!!!

We have great local, State and national Democratic candidates, right? And we Democrats have the issues on our side, right? Therefore, we should win all these important elections for Democrats, right? **NOT NECESSARILY!!**

All of us including 25th District Democrats Club members, family, friends and other supporters need to allocate our time, treasure and talent for these great Democratic candidates. Therefore:

1. Attend fundraisers and contribute to the extent you can for these candidates. Give up lattes, smoking and dinners out until election day.
2. Plan on giving up some week nights to make phone calls at the new 25th LD office at Lee Labrash Real Estate location at 436 2nd St NE. Also try helping at the office.
3. Plan on doing some doorbell-ing on a few Saturdays between now and election day. Also do some Neighbor Leader gatherings in your precinct.
4. Lastly, volunteer at the 2nd LD booth at the Pierce County Fair August 7-10 or the Democrats booth at the Puyallup Fair from Sept 5-21. Usually, you also get free admission to the fair with your booth assistance.

If we try to do as many of these activities as possible we will all be enjoying a **Democratic Victory** on November 4.

**SUMMARY OF
MINUTES OF MEETING 10 July 2008**
By Joan Cronk

Meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Chair Adler. Chair Adler gave a few opening remarks and then turned the gavel over to Endorsement Committee Chair Charley Stokes, who ran the Endorsement Forum.

Stokes gave a brief explanation of the endorsement procedure, introduced the committee and gave an overview of how the meeting would be run. Stokes also gave an overview of what would happen at the August meeting, where we will do a second round of endorsements.

Stokes asked for a motion to revise the paid dues date of membership of our endorsements procedure, that only members that had paid dues by June 30, 2008 would be able to vote for the endorsements that night. Carolyn Merrival made the motion and it was seconded. Discussion followed.

Jim Ruble moved to table dues to the fact that changing the cut off date for dues paying in such short order was unfair to the membership. Stokes asked the body if there was any member who did not find a pre printed ballot available at the door when they signed in and there were none. Stokes suggested that this indicated that there was no impact to the members for the date change. Cliff Allo gave a brief description of how the process had been impacted by the change in the primary date to Aug 19 and how if the endorsements were not voted on tonight there would be little or no opportunity for the approved candidates to publicize their endorsement (if approved) by the 25th. Ruble withdrew his motion to table but voiced his continuing concern about any proposed action that might exclude less than the full body.

The question was called and the body voted. The motion carried with one Nay and two Abstentions.

Michelle Donaldson and Ken Blair were appointed to tally the votes. Joan Cronk was appointed time-keeper. Each speaker was allotted five minutes to speak and to a Q and A with a two minute transition between speakers.

Candidates speaking were:

- ❖ Jim Vaughn, Running for 8th Congressional District Rep
- ❖ Jerry Beckendorf introduced Matt Arnold who spoke for Darcy Burner, running for 8th Congressional District Rep
- ❖ Ian Morrison spoke for Chris Gregoire, running for Governor
- ❖ Chang Mook Sohn, running for State Treasurer
- ❖ Brian Sonntag running for State Auditor
- ❖ John Landenburg running for State Attorney General

- ❖ Terry Burgeson, incumbent, running for Superintendent of Public Instruction
- ❖ Mike Watson spoke for Mike Kreidler, incumbent running for Ins. Commissioner
- ❖ Jim Kastama, incumbent, running for 25th Leg, Dist. State Senate
- ❖ Rob Cerqui, running for 25th Leg Dist State Rep, Pos. 1
- ❖ Dawn Morrell, incumbent, running for 25th Leg Dist State Rep Pos 2

Members voted using their preprinted ballots.

While the tally committee worked on the ballots, Alex Rosporo spoke for Congressman Adam Smith’s campaign, Jerry Beckendorf spoke for the Burner campaign, Calvin Goings spoke, Mark Lindquist spoke, Olgy Diaz spoke for the Coordinated campaign, Carolyn Merrival spoke, Ian Morrison spoke on behalf of Gov. Gregoire’s re-election campaign, Ray Green Spoke, Puyallup School Board Member Cindy Poysnick spoke on support for school bond issue, Brian Manning spoke for the Obama Campaign and Eric Renz gave his position for actions that include and do not exclude.

Talys were as follows:

| | Endorse | Do not endorse |
|--------------------|---------|----------------|
| James Vaughn | 1 | 21 |
| Darcy Burner | 28 | |
| Christine Gregoire | 28 | |
| Chang Mook Sohn | 21 | 5 |
| Brian Sonntag | 28 | |
| John Ladenburg | 26 | 1 |
| Mike Kreidler | 28 | |
| Terry Burgeson | 19 | 5 |
| Jim Kastama | 28 | |
| Rob Cerqui | 27 | 1 |
| Dawn Morrell | 28 | |

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes taken by Chair Lauren Adler



At our next meeting of the 25th LDD, scheduled for Thursday, August 7th, please remember that the Concerts in the Park will be taking place. It would be a good time to carpool or just plan on parking a couple of blocks away and stretching your legs before the meeting. We need everyone to attend as it is our second endorsement meeting and candidates or their representatives will be there to speak to the group. The meeting ends before dark descends, so everyone will be able to safely make it back to their cars for the drive home. Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

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Phone: () _____

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Precinct: _____

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