



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus

Changes to the Membership Dues Structure

At the November 2, 2009 Executive Board Meeting a motion was seconded and carried to make yearly membership dues cover each calendar year; beginning January 1 and continuing through December 31. This means that all current members' dues will pay them for one calendar year beginning January 1 through December 31. The 25th Legislative District would appreciate dues to be paid by the end of January to keep individuals in good standing; i.e. electronic newsletter receipt, voting privileges, etc.

When new members join, if they join in months later than January, they will receive a prorated rate for the portion of the year that remains on the calendar. For example, if a new member joins the organization in June and chooses to pay Rainier level dues, they're prorated dues rate would be \$14.00, and their membership would be active through December 31 of that same calendar year. New members should consult with the Treasurer or Membership Chair to arrange a prorated dues receipt.

Changes to Distribution of Newsletter

It is the strong desire of the organization to continue to distribute and provide a monthly newsletter to our members. Rising costs of production, printing and postage have made it difficult to continue to produce a mailed copy to each member. Many of our members have requested that their newsletter be emailed to them each month and this has helped the organization greatly. Beginning with the January 2010 newsletter all copies of the 25th Legislative District Democrats newsletter will be sent via email. Please update your email address now with the Membership Chair to ensure that you don't miss a copy!

Realizing that not everyone has an email address, or that some simply prefer to have the newsletter in hand to read, the organization is offering two opinions to serve you:

1. 25 hard copies of the previous month's newsletter will be provided for at each monthly meeting.
2. Supplemental newsletter membership dues will be offered. Again, due to the cost of production, printing and postage the organization must look to supplementation to produce the newsletter. If you would like to continue receiving your newsletter in the mail each month, you may opt to pay the additional newsletter dues. Newsletter dues will be \$10 per year. This amount is in addition to your membership dues.

**READ ALL ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING , WHAT DID HAPPEN PLUS UP-
COMINGS ON PAGE 2
AND - - - - PAY YOUR 2010 DUES TODAY! SEE PAGE 8.**

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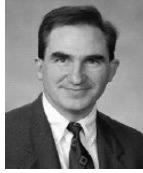
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AND/OR COPIES OF THE
FOCUS CHECK OUT THE 25TH
LDD WEBSITE AT:
www.25dems.org

MEETINGS



30 Nov Mon E-Board meets at
7 PM at Fire Station 66, 9813
28th St E, Puyallup

3 Dec Thu 25 LDD meets at
7PM at Puyallup Library.
Speaker to be Dwight Pelz,
Chair, WA State Democratic
Party. Also nomination for
Vice Chair, 25th LDD (must be
female)



19 Dec Sat DEADLINE
for FOCUS articles, pic-
tures, etc.

4 Jan Mon 2010 E-Board meets
at 7PM at Fire Station 66.

NOTE CHANGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
25 LDD MONTHLY MEET-
ING FOR JAN WILL NOT
BE HELD .

Instead on 8 Jan Fri 2010 -
Annual Send-off Dinner
(See page 3 for details).



16 Jan Sat DEADLINE
for FOCUS articles, pic-
tures, etc.

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

WHAT'S UP?

NOVEMBER MEETING SPEAKER PAT McCARTHY



At our November meeting we were lucky enough to snag Pierce County Executive, Pat McCarthy as our guest speaker. As McCarthy addressed our group she said the first few months at her new job as Pierce County Executive she felt, “like I was drinking water out of a fire hose,” but that “my team has their mojo together now.”

The new Executive has faced a daunting task taking over the position during the huge downturn in the economy, but she has persevered. McCarthy said as Democrats, our challenge is now and these are difficult times, adding “the recession is a challenge for anyone in government.”

McCarthy is working closely with all cities in Pierce County to try to meet their needs and concerns, including our area and the flooding issues we are facing. She said she fully realizes the impact that the floods had on our area and is working with residents and engaging all parties to be sure that if a flood exists in the future, the roads will remain open and flooding will be kept to a minimum.

McCarthy said our state received 500 Million in stimulus money for transportation and she credited all the legislators that got “on board” as key in obtaining those funds. “It is never about just one person,” said McCarthy, “it is about a collective group.”

JANUARY 2010 MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE

The 25th LDD will not have a regular meeting in January, 2010.

Instead, we will meet at the Puyallup Elks Lodge on **Friday, January 8, 2010** for our annual send off dinner for our Legislators. The cost for the dinner is \$20 per person and \$35 per couple if paid in advance, or \$25 per person and \$45 per couple if paid at the door the evening of the event. Happy hour will commence at 6 p.m. with buffet dinner following at 7:00. Speakers will begin at 7:30.

RSVP: Michelle Donaldson, chellewriter@yahoo.com or 253-341-8345

DECEMBER 2009 MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE

The 25th LDD December meeting, to be held Thursday December 3 at the Puyallup Library, will feature Dwight Pelz, Chairman of the Washington State Democratic Party as our guest speaker. Also there will be nominations for the now-vacant office of Vice Chair, 25th LDD (nominee must be a female since our By Laws say that the Chair and Vice Chair must be opposite sexes.) When you come to our December meeting, please bring an unwrapped toy for the Toy Drive. When you buy your toy, try to remember that the little kids usually get the lion’s share of toys at these events and often Jr High and High School age kids are forgotten.



25th Legislative District Democrats

P.O. Box 73594
Puyallup, WA 98371

November 2009

Dear:

For some time now, we've been keeping you up to date with the happenings of the 25th Legislative District Democrats by sending you our 25th LD Democrat FOCUS newsletter. You've been receiving our newsletter for a reason. Something about your beliefs, volunteer activities, or your interest suggested to us that you would find our newsletter a stimulating addition to your reading.

We hope we're right – but we recognize we could be wrong. However, we hope that you will perhaps consider joining the 25th Legislative District Democrats to become even more involved with our local Democratic party. 2008 was a record-breaking year with 2,500 democrats turning out for the precinct caucuses right here in the 25th Legislative District! With all of the excitement and momentum, now is the time to really step up and become involved – can we count on you to become a dues paying member of the 25th LD to help support our fantastic legislators and candidates?

We would personally like to invite you to our meetings – the first **Thursday of each month, 7:00pm at the Puyallup Public Library**. *You may renew your dues in person, by sending in a check to our P.O. Box, or you may access our website at <http://www.25dems.org> to pay your dues online via credit or debit card.*

There is a lot of excitement happening in the 25th Legislative District Democrats with new leadership, new ideas, and new candidates. Again, there is a lot of work to be done to make sure we continue to get great Democrats elected to all elected positions across the nation – especially in 2010. We would absolutely love your membership and presence at our meetings!

Please be sure to visit our website for updates, meeting agendas, and specific information on how to get involved or volunteer your time – www.25dems.org

Whatever your decision, it's been our pleasure to send you our newsletter and keeping you updated on our activities. I look forward to meeting you,

Louis Tibbs

Louis Tibbs
Chair

LUANNE GREEN
Treasurer for the 25th LDD

By Joan Cronk



Qualified and trustworthy. Those words pretty well describe Luanne Green, Treasurer for the 25th LDD.

Luanne got involved in politics in the early 1970s when she and husband Ray moved to Milton. “There were just things going on,” she said “and I had gotten so tired of not being able to do anything.” Luanne signed up as a PCO and served as one for over 25 years.

She has worked as a Legislative Aid for Mark Gaspard and George Walk, finishing up her career working hard for Marilyn Rasmussen.

Luanne said she has been a lifelong Democrat. Her dad had to quit school in the 8th grade to help out at home after his dad passed away. Her mother had a college education but always said that dad was smarter than she was. Lively dinner discussions were a common occurrence in Luanne’s home as she grew up and that sparked her interest and love for getting involved.

Lucky for us, Luanne has been an active member of the 25th LDD since the 70s and is now serving as our Treasurer.

It's a Pierce County Democrats Party!!

You are Invited to an evening
of fun and good food with fellow Democrats!

It's a **Spaghetti Feed**,
Catered by **Joeseppi's Italian Restorante**

No host, **Wine Bar**

Gift Basket Auction,
auctioned by Joe Stortini himself

COST: ..Prepaid : \$20.00 per person, \$35.00 Couples
and \$15.00 Student/Fixed Income.

Door COST: Add \$5 per person

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 5

TIME: 6:pm – 9:00pm

LOCATION: The Center for Spiritual Living

206 N 'J' Street

Tacoma 98403

Google for directions

RSVP and prepay via www.piercecountymocrats.org or
via USP: PCD Spaghetti Feed, PO Box 112168, Tacoma, 984111

Contact; Jeannie Mitchell 253-297-3171

**25TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
FINANCIAL REPORT
September 30, 2009**

Period Reported: October 1 - 31, 2009

Bank Balance Club Account (Closed April 1, 2008)	0.00
Beginning Balance July 31, 2009	\$ 7,389.66

Expenses:

Total Expenses:	(\$ 63.11)
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Income:

Dues & Donations	\$880.00	880.00
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Balance as of September 30, 2009	\$ 7, 941.76
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Checking A/C Balanced, PDC changed version of reporting and we haven't received update version yet so C-3's waiting to be filed.

25th LDD Still Searching for Assistant Treasurer

Chair Louis Tibbs announced that we are still looking for an Assistant Treasurer for our organization. The position has been open since our past Treasurer resigned and the then Assistant was elected to that position. This would be an appointive position.

The individual would need to have good computer skills, some background in checking and banking procedures, and own a computer. Duties would be: a back-up for monitoring our 25th LDD mail box at South Hill Post Office, banking funds, making PDC (Public Disclosure Reports) and other fiscal duties , if needed, in the absence of the Treasurer.

Pay your dues for 2010 NOW –Gain Full Year Through December, 2010

The Executive Board of the 25th Legislative District Democrats have voted to encourage members to renew their dues for 2010 now (October 1, 2009)—those dues will be in effect through December 31, 2010.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES ?

IF SO, THANK YOU - IF NOT SEE PAGE 8!

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

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Zip: _____ City/ _____

Precinct: _____

Email: _____

Dues: Evergreen (includes Senior, outside district, etc) \$10 per member; Rainier \$25; Chair's Voice \$50; Senators Club \$100 (can be paid in installments.)

Please send dues to: 25th LDD, POBox 73594, Puyallup, WA 98373



IS ANYONE
OUT THERE
LISTENING?

**Well, you should be if you want the truth about politics
by Audrey and Frank on their radio show
Fridays at 1200 to 1 PM on KLAY 1180 AM!**

**And if for some reason or other you miss it then go to
<http://www.liberaltopia.org>. There is a link on the right hand side of
the screen that says: Frank and Audrey. Tune in or be tuned out.**

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