



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus



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**NEWLY ELECTED
25th LDD OFFICERS FOR 2007-2009**

John Thompson, Chair

Lauren Adler, Vice-Chair

Jerry Beckendorf, State Committee Man

Ellen Zulaf, State Committee Woman

Frank Blair, PCD E-Board Member

Audrey Chase, PCD E-Board Member

Matt Hanbey, PCD E-Board Member

**Please note that Secretary, Treasurer,
Parliamentarian and Sergeant-At-Arms
will have their elections at the next 25th
LDD Meeting on 1 Feb 2007.**



JOHN THOMPSON, 25TH LDD CHAIR

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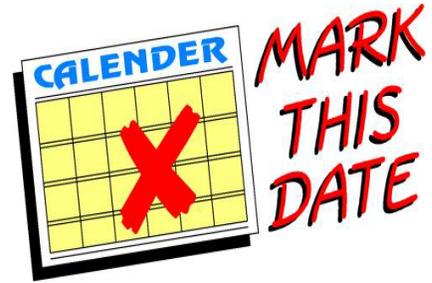
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29 Jan Mon, E-Board meets at 7 PM at Fire Station 66, 9813 128th St. E., Puyallup

1 Feb Thu 25th LDD meets at the Puyallup Library, 324 S. Meridian, at 6:30 PM. Issues and Opinions to be debated will be "Alternative Energy & Independence from Foreign Oil."

10 Feb Sat Deadline for FOCUS articles, pictures, etc.

26 Feb Mon E-Board meets at 7 PM at Fire Station 66.

1 Mar Thu 25th LDD meets at the Puyallup Library at 6:30 PM. Issues and Opinions may be debated on Election Reform or Affordable Health Care.

17 Mar Sat Rep Dawn Morrell and Sen Jim Kastama will have a Town Hall Meeting, 10 AM to Noon at Puyallup Community Resource Cen, (City Council Chambers), 107 No. Meridian.

Also Deadline for FOCUS articles, pictures, etc.

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

YOUR NEW CHAIR

By John Thompson

Hi, I am John Thompson, your new Chair of the 25th Legislative District. First of all I want to THANK all of the PCO's who voted for me on Saturday Jan 13th. It was exciting to have such a vote of confidence from everyone.

This should be an exciting next two years. We have much work ahead of us as we prepare for the up coming Presidential election year. We need to work together to help elect a Democratic slate of office holders. There are about four crucial areas that we need to work on as we look at 2008. First, we need to recruit people to become PCO's in the many vacant precincts that we have. It was sad to see that we lost several PCO's this year because they did not file and we did not do our job to recruit new PCO's to fill all of the vacancies. This means that we also need to train the new PCO's, so they get the feeling of not only being the PCO but their neighbors know the PCO.

Second, we need to raise money for our candidates. We did receive several thousands of dollars this last year for our candidates, but it was not near enough. We should be able to do more. Third, we need to start recruiting volunteers for the various candidates. The more help we can provide to our candidates the better we will be able to help them. Fourth and lastly, we need to have fun. I know that there is a lot of work for us to do, but we should have fun doing it.

So as we go through our busy lives, think about new ideas to bring people into the Party. Let us bring joy to the less fortunate and help make life better, for a better place to live for our families, our children and our childrens' children while at the same time we carry out the principals of this Party.

I plan on running a little tighter meeting to get our business done in a more timely fashion. I believe that we should be able to

hold our meetings within a hour and a half. If you have any ideas for guests for our meetings, please let me know, so we can invite them to speak and educate us.

Let us go forth and make these next two years
**DEMOCRATIC
WINNING YEARS.**



***YOU THINK YOU KNOW
EVERYTHING?***

***There are 293 ways to make
change for a dollar!
Women blink nearly twice
as much as men!
Rubber bands last longer
when refrigerated!
Peanuts are one of the in-
gredients of dynamite!***

**CHANGING
ADDRESSES.**



The 25th LDD has changed their Post Office and Box number to:
25LDD, P.O.Box 73594, Puyallup, WA 98373

We told you about our changing addresses so if you move please tell one of the Board Members what your new home/phone/email address is.

SUMMARY OF MEETING 4 Jan 2007

By Joan Cronk and Charley Stokes



On January 4th over fifty 25th LLD members and honored invited guests were treated to a wonderful meal by Anton's Catering at the Mid County Community Center. The event was a kickoff to send our representatives Dawn Morrell and Jim Kastama, back to Olympia for the start of the new legislative session.

Some of those in attendance included past legislators Don Bennett, Duane Kaiser, Marc Gaspard, George Walk and Dan Grimm.

Audrey convened the business meeting as the dinner wound down. She used the E-Board meeting minutes distributed prior to the dinner as reference. Audrey presented the Treasurers report noting the need to collect dues as soon as possible with a suggestion to add a full page to the Feb Newsletter requesting dues payment. The "Issues and Opinions" meeting format was discussed with the initial topic of "Energy Independence" being established as the first issue for discussion. Charley Stokes volunteered to play the devil's advocate and present the "Con" argument while a gentleman from the membership, Merv Swanson, volunteered to give the "Pro" side before opening the discussion to the general membership.

Marc Gaspard, George Walk and Dan Grimm each gave brief remarks comparing the present political climate with their memories of past campaigns and legislative sessions (and the special brand of individual activism of many of those in attendance that contributed to the success of the Democratic Party in Pierce County during the late 1970's and early and mid-eighties). The past legislators entertained us all with their memories of service and, along with good food, we all enjoyed a lot of laughs.

School Board Member Lloyd Freudenstein spoke passionately about the importance of the upcoming school bond election in February.

Cal Goings announced his kickoff event for his County Executive campaign to be held February 8. The event will be held at the D. F. Allmendinger Center of Washington State Extension Center, Puyallup from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Rep Dawn Morrell and Senator Jim Kastama spoke individually on their continuing as well as their newly assigned committee responsibilities for the up-coming 2007 legislative session.

It was an evening of good food, good fellowship and engaging conversation with a great meeting.



POINTS TO PONDER!

If a word in the dictionary were misspelled, how would we know?
How does the guy who drives the snowplow get to work when it snows?
What if the Hokey Pokey IS what its all about?

HAPPY NEW YEAR



It's 2007 and that can only mean one thing.....
2007 DUES ARE DUE!



2006 was a great year to be a Democrat. 2007 is a building year.
Let's use it to position us to carry on the great things
we accomplished in 2006.

Send in your dues NOW and help us
keep the energy alive.



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: _____

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

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

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