



# 25th Legislative District



## Democratic Focus

# JANUARY

### MEETINGS

**2 Jan Mon E-Board** meets the Monday before the regular meeting at 6:30PM at Mrs Turner's restaurant in Downtown Puyallup.

### DON'T FORGET!

**5 Jan Thu 6PM Send Off Dinner** before 7PM 25th LDOC meeting at Puyallup Library, 324 S. Meridian.



**JOHN KOSCHE**  
**PCO CHAIRMAN**



**Congratulations to Carolyn Merrival, Dr. Ron Morris, Audrey Chase and Kevin Wimsett on their election to the Charter Review and to R. Ted Bottiger on his election to Port of Tacoma Commissioner Position #4.**




**Check out our web site, <http://25thdemocrats.org> built and hosted by Lauren Adler. You will find the latest news and meetings and pictures. Send all articles, pictures, committee report to Editor Joan Cronk **845-5389** or email: [cjejoan30@msn.com](mailto:cjejoan30@msn.com)**

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**CHANGING  
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All members - Please notify the Secretary in the event you move or change your telephone number or email address.

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2 Jan Mon E-Board meets at  
6:30 PM at Mrs. Turner's  
Restaurant in Puyallup.

**5 Jan Thu 6 PM Send Off  
Dinner for State Senator  
Kastama & State Representative  
Morrell. Please let Audrey (253) 531-2239  
know you are coming.**



5 Jan Thu 7 PM 25th LDOC  
meets in Puyallup Library.

14 Jan Sat DEADLINE for  
FOCUS Items, articles and  
pictures.

30 Jan Mon E-Board meets at  
6:30 PM at Mrs. Turner's  
Restaurant in Puyallup.

2 Feb Thu 7 PM 25th LDOC  
meets in Puyallup Library.

**DECEMBER 25 LDOC  
MEETING MINUTES**

Unfortunately due to snow and bad  
road conditions there was no meet-  
ing in December 2005.  
So make your plans to attend the big  
meeting in January. With the big  
crowd anticipated there will proba-  
bly be limited seating so come early,  
socialize and get a good seat.

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

**JOHN KOSCHE**

*By Joan Cronk*

Our new chairman of PCO's, John Kosche, retired from AT & T and is now a real estate salesman. He hasn't been involved with the 25<sup>th</sup> District for long, and so we really have to give the guy a hand for taking on that position. "I just opened my mouth," he said. "I have coffee with Ray Green a couple of times a week and one day I said I would like to get involved..." The rest, as they say, is history! He said our Madam President Audrey wants him to sort of run the show with the present precinct captains and fill the positions that are as yet unfilled.

Kosche and his wife live in the area of Canyon and 72<sup>nd</sup> Street. His two grown daughters are Puyallup High School graduates, he himself a 1962 graduate of Stadium High in Tacoma (go Tigers). In his spare time he works on two cars from the 60's that he still has holed up in his garage.

Let's welcome John Kosche and give him our thanks for taking on the position, and our support. 2006 has got to be better for the Democrats!

**Greetings All:**

It's been a pleasure to be apart of this club and take a more active role over the past year. The 25th Leg. Dist. Democrats are a really friendly group of people, and I have enjoyed all of your help and dedication over the year! On December 1st, I turned 17 -- I am pretty sure I am still one of the youngest members, but what is exciting is that a year from now I will be eligible to vote! The new generation is here, and I thank each and every one of you for giving me a chance to be involved! I hope you all have a very safe and happy holiday season full of cheer and delight! See you in 2006 -- which is sure to be a very busy year for the Democrats! Lauren Adler

**CINDY POYSNICK**

Cindy was endorsed by the 25<sup>th</sup> District for Puyallup School Board, Position No. 4, and put up one heck of a fight in a campaign to oust current board member, Greg Heath. The election was so close that there was an automatic recount held on November 30<sup>th</sup>, however, Heath held his lead. Good job, Cindy, for bringing to the voter's attention so many important issues!!

**"WE MUST PICK OUR BATTLES"**

*By Jon Bristol*

No, No, No!

Thank goodness our founding fathers didn't feel that way. Or for that matter, any revolutionary, either before our time or currently. What may have happened if Rosa Parks had given up her seat? Where would we be without Dr. Martin Luther King? I am sure "Bull" Halsey led our fleet to meet a superior Japanese fleet thinking he was going to lose, so why not just run. Instead, he fought the greatest naval battle ever and WON. How very much sweeter a victory is when you enter a confrontation as the underdog and somehow come out on top. Just watch any sporting event where the favorite goes down.

I believe a person must stand up for their principles, and that there is no such thing as a little principle or one you can give up on. A principle is a principle and if you have one, go to the mat defending it.

Of course listen to what others have to say; there is a difference between being hidebound and remaining true to yourself and your values. But if, after you consider the alternatives, you still feel that same way:

**STAND UP FOR YOUR PRINCIPLES!**

**25th District Democratic (LDOC) 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 to 25th LDOC. (donations to both no longer require separate checks).

**Mail to 25th IDD, PO Box 372, Puyallup, WA 98371**



**As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, membership dues should start to trickle in to the treasury. The 25<sup>th</sup> 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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