## Legislative District



#### Democratic Focus





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#### HAPPY NEW YEAR



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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4 Jan Thu 2007 25th LDD Legislative Kickoff Dinner and Reunion. Meeting at the Midland/Summit Senior Center, 10205 44th Ave E., Tacoma (See page 3 for more details.)

13 Jan Sat 2007, Reorganization Meeting at 8 AM at IBEW Hall, 3049 S. 36th St., Tacoma. Also **Deadline** for FOCUS items, articles, etc.

**29 Jan Mon**, E-Board meets at 7 PM at Fire Station 66

**1 Feb Thu** 25th LDD meets at 7PM at the Midland/Summit Senior Center, 10205 44th Ave. E., Tacoma.

**10 Feb Sat** DEADLINE for FOCUS items, articles, etc.

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

**1 Mar Thu** 25th LDD meets at 7 PM at the Midland/Summit Senior Center, 10205 44th Ave. E.,Tacoma

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





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DON'T FORGET THE 4 JANUARY 2007 25TH LDD LEGISLATIVE KICKOFF DINNER AND REUNION

Midland/Summit Senior Center, 10205 44th Ave E., Tacoma

Hospitality: 6 PM Dinner: 6:30 PM

Fee: \$25 per son if you prepay or \$30 at the door. However, in order to plan how many dinners to pay for we need and ask for advance reservations.

For info contact Audrey Chase (253) 531-2239 or Luanne Green (253) 848-0289 RSVP by 29 December 2006.

13 January Sat, 2007 Democratic Reorganization meeting at 8AM at IBEW Hall, 3049 S. 36th St., Tacoma.



#### **SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF MEETING 7 November 2006**



By Joan Cronk

Chair Audrey Chase called the meeting to order on December 7, 2006 at 7:20 p.m. The meeting was held at the Midland Summit Senior Center. It was the Christmas meeting and so everyone brought cookies and a white elephant gift to exchange.

Chair Chase read thank yous' and reminded everyone about the kickoff dinner to be held at the Midland Summit Senior Center on January 4, (Thu), 2007. She reminded PCOs to attend the reorganization meeting to be held Saturday, Jan 13, 2007 at the IBEW hall.

Treasurer Bristol gave his report.

Councilman Cal Goings addressed the group, as did Senator Kastama and Representative Morrell. Councilman Goings reported he voted "no" on the councilmen's raise which gave them a 21% raise. Senator Kastama talked about health care reform and the importance of education in our state. Representative Morrell talked about the importance of health care reform.

Chair Chase thanked Christy Stenberg for all her help at the coordinated campaign during the election.

Three candidates running for Pierce County Chair addressed the group. They were Nate Lauver, Bill Harrington and Jean Brooks.

Jerry Beckendorf gave his legislative action report.

White elephant gifts were exchanged and cookies and punch were consumed. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

#### WASHINGTON STATE FACTS

Yes, we are ending the old year of 2006 and starting the new year of 2007 by giving you some facts about our great State of Washington.

Washington is the leading producer of apples, pears, hops, mint, lentils, red raspberries, asparagus, and processed sweet corn. Do you know that we have the largest petrified forest in the world? Beacon Rock is the biggest single rock in the world next to Gibraltar. The famous Lake Washington Floating Bride is the longest and heaviest floating structure in the world. Washington also has some strange architectural features such as a full-scale replica of Stonehenge, the largest teapot, Teapot Gas Station in Zillah, a statue of Lenin in Fremont and of course the 1962 Worlds' Fair Space Needle. Ending this list we have the richest man in the world, Bill Gates living right here in our great State of Washington. Be proud!

#### MARIA CANTWELL'S VISIT TO PIERCE COLLEGE, PUYALLUP

By Lauren Adler

5 days before the November General Election Senator Maria
Cantwell was out connecting with voters via her bus tour with stops across Washington. On Saturday Nov. 1st, Senator Cantwell visited Pierce College Puyallup to meet and talk with students, educators, and other constituents about the



rising cost of higher education and the importance of financial aid, pell grants, etc. It was extremely nice to have this roundtable discussion with Senator Cantwell, Senator Kastama, and Representative Morrell seeing that I am in the middle of my Senior year at Puyallup High School and in the midst of applying for scholarships and colleges. I had the privilege to ask Senator Cantwell how she will be helping to make sure that financial aid and pell grants are still accessible to students who come from low-income homes or single parent homes. Of course, Senator Cantwell answered with passion stating that she will do whatever it takes to fight for lower tuition rates and continuing financial aid and pell grants -- since that is how Senator Cantwell herself made it through college. I honestly enjoyed speaking with Senator Cantwell. She is such a great role model to all women in Washington, especially young women like myself. There is no question that Senator Cantwell will continue to fight for lower tuition costs and to keep financial aid/pell grants accessible.

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The police recently busted a man selling "secret formula" tablets he claimed gave eternal youth. When going through their files they noticed this was the fifth time the man had been busted for the same crime. He had earlier been arrested for the same thing in 1794, 1856, 1928 and 1983!



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