



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus

**CHAIR JOHN THOMPSON RESIGNS!
VICE CHAIR LAUREN ADLER TAKES COMMAND**



JOHN THOMPSON



LAUREN ADLER

**READ ALL ABOUT IT: JOHN THOMPSON'S RESIGNATION LETTER AND.
LAUREN ADLER'S LETTER TO MEMBERS - PLUS UPCOMINGS,
SUMMARY OF MINUTES AND MORE.**



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

5 Jul Thu 25th LDD will have
 a Meeting at the Puyallup Li-
 brary, 324 Meridian at 7 PM. It
 has NOT been cancelled!

14 Jul Sat Deadline for
 FOCUS articles, pictures, etc.

21 Jul Sat Picnic at Calvin Go-
 ings Farm, 5421 Vickery Ave
 E., 5:30 PM. Good food, live
 music, maybe a political speech
 or two. All members invited.

31 Jul Mon E-Board meets at
 7PM at Fire Station 66.

3 Aug Thu 25th LDD Meeting
 in Puyallup Library, 324 Merid-
 ian at 6:30 for social time and 7
 PM official meeting.

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

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

7 Sep Thu 25th LDD meets at
 Puyallup Library at 7PM. **In
 September Darcy Burner will
 be our guest speaker.**

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

7 June 2007

To: 25th Legislative District Democrats

Dear Fellow 25th Legislative District Democrats:

I have given thought and consideration over this last month and with a visit to my Doctor, he is saying that I need to reduce my stress for health reasons. Over the last couple of months my heart, my mind and my work has not been with the 25th LDD. I believe that there is someone else better to carry on the work that needs to be done. Therefore, I am resigning effectively as Chair of the 25th LDD. It has been a pleasure to serve and I will help the next Chair in the transition. I have many good memories as your State Committeeman and more recently as Chair. I wish the 25th LDD the best in the future.

Sincerely,
John Thompson

To: 25th Legislative District Democrats

I wanted to include a letter following up on the resignation of our 25th Legislative District Democrats Organization Chair, John Thompson for the July issue of our newsletter. I want to first thank John for his many years of service to the 25th Leg. Dist. Democrats, and for making some great improvements over the past few months as Chair. I know that we will all miss John immensely, but hope he will continue to be somewhat active in the organization.

I would like to formally announce that I will officially be taking over as Chair of the 25th Legislative District Democrats Organization. My change of position from Vice-Chair to Chair means that we now have an opening for Vice-Chair. It is absolutely crucial that we fill the position of Vice-Chair, and therefore, the 25th Legislative District Democrats will be meeting on Thursday, July 5th to discuss the future of the 25th Leg. Dist. Dems E-Board.

Again, the **25th Leg. Dist. Democrats will be meeting on Thursday, July 5th | 6:30pm at the Puyallup Public Library.** I do realize that the membership had voted to not meet in July, but because of the change of Chairs, I would like to hold a meeting to discuss the future of the organization. I know that many of you will be celebrating the 4th of July and may not be able to attend, which is totally fine. This meeting will discuss nothing more than the new Executive Board and go over some changes that have been and will be made within the organization.

While change and transition is sometimes hard, I encourage you to embrace this change! I hope that you will work **with** me to revamp the 25th Legislative District Democrats and help get us on track to elect great democrats in 2007 and 2008. I am certain that we can work through this transition, and hope that you will accept the challenge to better our organization. Again, **I hope that you will work with me** to improve the 25th Leg. Dist.

Democrats Organization and transition smoothly into our new leadership. Finally, I encourage you to contact me via phone or email. I am fortunate enough to have a cell phone that grants me access to my email, therefore always connecting me to you! My cell phone is always on, and I do hope that you will contact me with any questions, concerns, etc. you may have. I am one-hundred percent dedicated to serving this group, and it all starts with YOU! Please find my contact information below. Thanks for being such a great group to work with. I sincerely look forward to what is to come of the 25th Legislative District Democrats Organization. Thanks, too, for all of your personal support through the years.

Sincerely,

Lauren Adler

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**RAMBLINGS OF
 A RETIRED MIND**

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that every one has clipped on. I can't afford one. So I'm wearing my garage door opener.

You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.

I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans!

I thought about making a fitness movie, for folks my age, and call it "Pumping Rust."

Employment application blanks always ask 'who is to be notified in case of an emergency?' I think a doctor.

**MY RULES OF
 WRITING**

Verbs has to agree with their subjects.

Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.

And, don't start a sentence with a conjunction.

Avoid cliches like the plague.

Be more or less specific.

Don't use no double negatives.

One word sentences? Eliminate.

Puns are for children, not groan readers.

Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.



Yep, this section has been reserved for announcements!



**Focus
 on your
 Future**



FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Lauren Adler was 16 years old when she was the Campaign Manager for Cindy Poysnick for position 4 on the Puyallup School Board. Then at 17 she was the Campaign Manager on the committee to re-elect State Representative Dawn Morrell in 2006. In 2007 she is the Campaign Manager for Cindy Poysnick for Pos 2 on the Puyally School Board.

From 2006 to 2007 she was the Puyallup High School's Associated student Body Vice-President (she served over 1800 students.)

She is the youngest Chair for the 25 LDD ever.

Age is what you make of it. In 1996 Calvin Goings convinced the voters of the 25th LDD that experience, commitment, and new ideas mattered more than age. At age 23 Calvin was elected as the youngest State Senator in the US, ever. The public opinion of J.F. Kennedy said he was too young and Catholic. He was youngest President ever and first President to be Catholic.

And so it goes, someone has to be the youngest, oldest, etc., and age only matters to others. Age only matters if you are a cheese.

Some people do things while others just sit around and become experts on how things should be done.



25TH LDD MEETING APPEAL

By Betty Ogden

Do we need to consider ways we could appeal to those who come to one meeting and then never come back? I believe we do.

Two other groups I have belonged to recently petered out and died. Another group is alive and flourishing and I risk my life battling I-5 and Seattle traffic jams just to get to their meetings. What's the difference?

The latter group has a clearly defined single cause and has an inter-generational appeal. It draws each member immediately into the action. The chairperson remembers faces and names and makes each member feel uniquely valued. (Don't ask me how he does it!) Each meeting has a purpose and members are given the tools with which to accomplish what needs to be done NOW. Meetings are started and stopped on time. After the meetings members get together for snacks/libations; ideas that might not emerge during the meetings are aired. E-mail messages and phone calls are answered in a timely fashion.

The 25th LDD does pretty well on most counts, but when I consider what we could do to improve, these things surface: What are we doing to develop inter-generational appeal? What happened to our Outreach program? How do we get each member to give priority to our month meetings when it's easier to stay home and read all about in in our informative newsletter? And finally, do we answer e-mail and phone calls in a timely fashion?

Timely communication is the oil that greases the wheels of progress, expedites action, feeds group morale and helps everyone to function at top capacity. If it breaks down, the group is in trouble.

Should a committee be formed to meet with our leaders to find ways for vitalizing our membership and our meeting attendance?

Election time is fast approaching!



PAT McCARTHY VISITS 25th LDD

By Joan Cronk

Pierce County Auditor Pat McCarthy admits she wasn't wild about Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) when the voters passed the measure, but she has stepped up to the plate with a plan of action.

McCarthy is efficient and organized and has all her ducks in a row. IRV, now called Rank Choice Voting (RCV) by McCarthy, will be good to go by November 2008 when it will be put into effect. McCarthy felt the new term of RCV would help voters to understand the ranking process.

McCarthy was the guest speaker at the June 7, 2007 meeting. Her report about RCV was very informative and interesting.

She put together a Blue Ribbon Review Panel to study the RCV process. A visit to their website, www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/aud/elections/rcv.htm, will allow you to access all information about RCV and the Blue Ribbon Review Panel meetings.

RCV provides that the election of all county officials, except judges and the Prosecuting Attorney, will be conducted us-

ing the instant runoff voting process. These elections include Assessor-Treasurer, Council members (positions 2, 3, 4 and 6), Executive, Sheriff and Environmental Lands Commission. Winner will take all in general election. There will be no primary. There will be two to three ballots to handle this type of election.

RCV will be on a separate ballot, as it will be impossible to merge two ballots. Voters will make their first choice, second and third choice.

McCarthy said the devil is in the details. If the details are not set in place, there will be chaos. The final two candidates do not necessarily have to be Republican or Democrat.

McCarthy will be recommending to the Pierce County Council that all voters must vote by mail and that the postage be prepaid on all ballots.

Although it did not sound as if McCarthy embraced the idea of RCV, she is informed and well prepared for it to go into effect. She has a clear plan and the ability to put it into effect.

PIERCE COUNTY DEMOCRAT NEWS

We had the web site for the Pierce County Democrats wrong but now have corrected it. Also, they have a new website feature.

When you visit the Legislative Districts section of the website, click on an LD. Below the map of the single LD there is now a link that is titled "Select Precinct Street Map;" click this link (or click the LD map).

In the upper left hand corner of the new window you will be able to select a precinct. When you chose a precinct, your browser will display the shape of the precinct overlaid on a Google map of the area. Thank you to Gerry Baldwin in the 26th LDD for putting it together and thank you especially to Chad Lupkes and his team for doing the original design. Neat idea. Share the Success!

THINK ABOUT IT!

To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.

Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened.

Make yourself a better person and know who you are before you try and know someone else and expect them to know you.



BARNYARD PICNIC

On Saturday July 21 at 5:30 PM join Congressman Adam Smith and numerous other elected officials at the Calvin Goings Barnyard Picnic in the Summit-Waller neighborhood of Puyallup. You will enjoy great food, live music, and a political speech or two. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

The Goings Farm is located at 5421 Vickery Avenue East.



SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF MEETING 4 Jun 2007 By Joan Cronk



Summary of Minutes of Meeting of 25th LDD 6/7/07

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chair John Thompson.

Chair Thompson announced that Publisher Ken Peach had resigned. Chair Thompson then read his letter of resignation.

Chair Thompson said there will be meetings set up soon regarding the caucuses, and all dates and information about the caucuses are available on the website.

Treasurer Jon Bristol was absent, but Carolyn Merrival read the Treasurer's report. M/S/P to accept the report.

Ken Blair of Bethel School District gave his report and Joan Cronk reported for Cal Goings.

Jerry Beckendorf reported on his trip to China.

There was no old business.

Speaker for the evening was Auditor Pat McCarthy and she gave a very informative report about Rank Choice Voting. See article (Page 4) regarding her presentation in the newsletter.

Bryan, of the 47th District, attended and spoke about setting up an 8th Congressional District by this time next week.

M/S/P to have the July meeting with Cal Going's picnic on 7/21 at his farm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

QUOTE OF THE CENTURY

The American Indians found out what happened when you don't control immigration!

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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