



# 25th Legislative District



## Democratic Focus



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READ ALL ABOUT WHAT RAY GREEN AND ERIC RENZ ARE DOING ; VICE CHAIR LOUIS TIBBS IS IN HOSPITAL: MINUTES SUMMARY (PAGE 7), AND UPCOMING EVENTS: **July Meeting date changed to 10th of JULY!**



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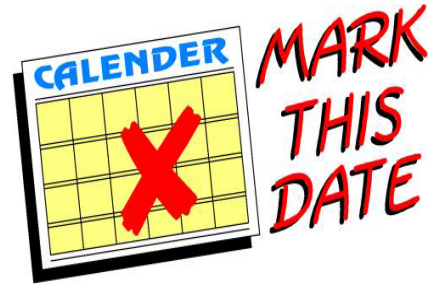
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**30 Jun Mon** E-Board meets at  
 7PM at Fire Station 66, 9813  
 128th St., E. Puyallup

**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

**10 Jul Thu** 25th LDD meets at  
 Puyallup Library, 324 Meridian,  
 at 7 PM. Agenda: Candidates  
 Forum - You can ask the  
 candidates questions!



**15 Jul Tue** Rep Dawn Morrell  
 Campaign Kickoff (See Flyer  
 on page 5)

**DEADLINE** **19 Jul Sat** DEAD-  
 LINE for FOCUS  
 articles, pictures, etc.

**21 Jul Mon** 31st  
 LDD 2nd Biennial Catered Ban-  
 quet (See Flyer on page 6)

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

**7 Aug Thu** 25th LDD meets at  
 Puyallup Library at 7 PM.

**DEADLINE** **16 Aug Sat** DEAD-  
 LINE for FOCUS  
 articles, pictures,  
 etc.

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

## Notes from the Chair

By Lauren Adler

Please take note that our July meeting date has changed from our regularly scheduled meeting date. The 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats will be meeting on **July 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, at the Puyallup Public Library**. This is a week later from our regularly scheduled meeting date. This change was necessary seeing that Independence Day falls on a Friday – I am certain that many folks will be traveling on the 3<sup>rd</sup> or will already be celebrating the holiday, so in an effort to avoid conflict with the holiday, our meeting has been moved to **July 10<sup>th</sup>**.

This month, I would like to share with you some very important events that are especially beneficial to the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats. I hope that you will consider attending one or all of these events to support our fantastic legislative district candidates.

**-Rob Cerqui for State Representative, Pos. 1 – Campaign Fundraiser**  
Join Rob as he kicks-off his campaign for State Representative! Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:30pm. The Poodle Dog Restaurant 1522 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue East – Fife, WA

### **-State Representative Dawn Morrell's 2008 Re-Election Campaign Kick-Off**

Please join family, friends, and supporters for Dawn's annual Campaign Kick-Off Ice Cream Social!! Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm Bradley Lake Park Pavilion 531 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue SE – Puyallup, WA

### **-Goings Family Annual Summer Barbeque**

Join Calvin, Amy, and their son William at the family's annual Summer Barbeque at the Goings' Family Farm!! Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:30pm. Goings Farm 5421 Vickery Avenue East – Tacoma, WA

I look forward to seeing you at these events! It would be great to have your support, especially for our legislative candidates!

Thanks, as always, for your continued support!

All my best,  
*Lauren*

#### *SOMETHINGS TO THINK ABOUT*

*If you take risks, you may fail. But if you don't take risks, you will surely fail.*

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*You can never learn less, you can only learn more.*

## HEALTH UPDATE

By Joan Cronk

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Louis Tibbs, Vice Chair of the 25th District. Lou was recently diagnosed with cancer and some other health issues that have landed him in the hospital. We will be thinking of Lou and his family during this difficult time and we wish him a speedy recovery! Get back to it, Lou, we need you at the 25th!



You can contact Lou at his home email:  
[LTibbs3@comcast.net](mailto:LTibbs3@comcast.net)



## FOCUS NOTES

By Joan Cronk

Ray Green says he and Jerry Beckendorf, who is a PCO, are trying to institute a neighborhood leaders' program in the 8th District. "We hope that the leaders in each Precinct will form focus groups," said Green. "We want them to have meetings in their homes and organize other community leaders in their Precinct to be able to work the Precincts and get the vote out."

Green will use contacts he made at the caucuses and also utilize the elected delegates.

There are 34 folks on the ballot running for PCO. However, there are 70 Precincts in the 25th District and candidates running in only 32 of them. Two of the folks running for PCO have contested races. The 25th District needs more people to step up to the plate and serve as PCO's!

Eric Renz, PCO for the 104th Precinct has some plans too. He is going to try to target consistent voters in each area and get them together to form an information tree. "They would stay in contact with the regular voters on their streets and could bring information from a meeting or from the Party," said Renz. He hopes to form relationships with these folks and keep the lines of communication going right through the time they mail their ballots in to the Auditor's Office.

"The trick" said Renz, "Will be to lay out that walking map and find folks that are spread out across the Precinct." He said leaders would meet occasionally and share information and learn talking points.



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**You are invited to  
Al Rose's  
Campaign Kick-off!**

**Campaign Reception for Al Rose  
Pierce County Council #2**

Wednesday, June 25th  
5:30 - 7:30 pm

WSU Extension  
Center

7612 Pioneer Way East  
Just West of Downtown  
Puyallup



**Please RSVP to 253.677.1510**



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**Kick-Off**  
 the campaign to  
**Re-Elect**  
**Dawn Morrell!**

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**Please join family, friends  
 and supporters for our  
 Campaign Kick-Off  
 Ice Cream Social**

Tuesday, July 15th • 6 – 8pm  
 Bradley Lake Park Pavilion  
 531 31st Ave. SE • Puyallup, WA

Directions from Hwy 512 East: Take the Eatonville/Hwy 161 South exit.  
 Right off of the exit onto Meridian. Left at 35th Ave SE.  
 Left onto 5th St. SE. Bradley Lake Park will be on your right.

To RSVP please call (253) 845-6767  
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*Take Back Our Country &  
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Catered Banquet

*Keynote Speaker:*

**Governor Christine Gregoire**

*& Special Guest:*

**U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell**

*Master of Ceremonies:* **Tony Ventrella**

*Also featuring:*

**Darcy Burner**, 8<sup>th</sup> CD's U.S. Rep. Candidate

**John Ladenburg**, State Attorney General Candidate

**Christopher Hurst**, State Rep. Pos. 2

**Ron Weigelt**, State Rep. Candidate Pos. 1

**Calvin Goings**, Pierce County Executive Candidate

*& a **Raffle & Silent Auction** with all proceeds going to a **non-profit veteran group** that provides **rehabilitation to disabled veterans***

**When:** Monday, July 21, 2008, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Buckley Eagles, 29021 Hwy 410 East, Buckley, WA

**Tickets:** \$25 each or 2 for \$45 -

**Cater:** Buttered Biscuit

**For Tickets or Information:** Call Ingrid at **253-862-7865**

**SUMMARY OF  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
5 June 2008  
By Joan Cronk**

Call To Order 7:08 PM

**Adoption of Agenda.** Moved, Seconded, Carried (M/S/C) to adopt the revised agenda to allow the elected officials to address the members early. Vote passed without objection (PWO).

**Old Business.** Chair Adler advised members on the new 25<sup>th</sup> LD website, now on-line ([www.25dems.org](http://www.25dems.org)). Members can access minutes, photographs, policies and procedures and common links at this new site, which now also carries a PayPal link for use in paying membership dues. Charley Stokes gave a report on results of the postcard mailing to precinct caucus attendees: Over 1,700 households were addressed, with about a 3% return for address change or unable to deliver, so we now have a distribution list that is highly accurate for Democratic contact in the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business** Jerry Beckendorf gave a brief description of the upcoming Meeker Day street-fair in Puyallup June 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>; a volunteer list will be going around. Chair Adler reminded the membership of the Wa State Democratic Convention on June 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> in Spokane.

**Chair's Report:** Deferred

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the May meeting, as published in the Focus newsletter and on the web site were presented for adoption along with a housekeeping motion to formally adopt the minutes for the Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec '07 and Mar and Apr '08 meetings which have been published in the Focus and mounted to the web site, but were never formally adopted

by motion. It was M/S/C to accept all noted minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Luanne Green presented the treasureRs report; it was M/S/C to adopt the report.

**State Committee Persons Report:** Nothing to report until after the State Convention.

**Committee Reports**

PCO Chair Ray Green: 34 PCO's submitted filings this week. Their names will appear on the primary ballot of Aug 19.

Endorsement Chair Charley Stokes: Endorsement Committee (Betty Ogden, Joan Cronk, Cliff Allo, Ellen Zulauf and Ken Blair) will meet early next week to finalize the candidate forums per our procedures.

The committee chair noted the 'Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire' being passed on the clipboard for review and asked for a motion to adopt same. It was M/S/C to adopt.

**Elected Officials & New Candidates.**

**Rob Cerqui** announced his campaign kick-off for 25<sup>th</sup> LD Rep Position 1, at the Poodle Dog in Fife on June 26, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. **Calvin Goings** described his County Ex campaign progress noting the latest endorsements received. Calvin also announced the annual Goings BBQ to be held on Sat July 19 at the Goings Farm beginning at 5:00 PM and closed noting that IRV in Pierce Co is the first instance of partisan Instant Run-Off Voting in the United States and asked the members to be their first choice on the ballot with the slogan "ONE-TWO, KEEP IT BLUE!" **Jim Kastama** noted that the 25<sup>th</sup> is a swing-district and called for all members to help those running for office with getting out the message. Jim brought a supply of yard signs for distribution. **Dawn Morrell** running for reelec-

tion to 25<sup>th</sup> LD Rep Position 2, expressed her feelings on receiving the *Most Outstanding Graduate Award* from UW Tacoma. Dawn will be facing two opponents in her race and reinforced the call for the membership to step up and support the campaigns with outreach activities. Dawn also suggested the district should search out a suitable location for a campaign headquarters. **Al Rose**, candidate for Pierce Co Council Pos 2, noted his kick-off will be June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Almendinger Center at WSU extension. **Bruce Lachney**, running for Pierce Co Council Pos 3 asked members to visit his web site at [www.votelachney.com](http://www.votelachney.com) for additional info on him and his campaign. Jerry Beckendorf shared information on the **Darcy Burner** campaign for the 8<sup>th</sup> Cong Dist seat

**Good of the Order**

**Adjourn M/S/C 8:52 PM**



Please let us know when you do change home addresses or email addresses. We have been getting many of our newsletters and emails back lately. We do want to keep you informed so keep us informed!

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IF NOT, PLEASE DO!**

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