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29 Jun Mon E-Board meets at 7PM at Fire Station 66. 9813 28th St, E., Puyallup

2 Jul Thu 25 LDD meets at 7PM at Puyallup Library.

18 Jul Sat DEADLINE for FOCUS articles, pictures, etc.

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

6 Aug Thu 25 LDD meets at 7PM at Puyallup Library

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

You are invited to submit your meetings/events to be included in the Upcoming Events.
LAUREN ADLER RESIGNS AS CHAIR, 25TH LDD

Lauren Adler, who has valiantly served as the 25th LDD Chair since she was a mere 17 years old, has resigned. “Never did I think,” said Lauren, “when I became involved with the LDD in 2004 at age 15 that I would eventually become a leader of the organization.”

Lauren said she is so thankful that the members felt that a 17 year old could lead this organization, and of course, we all know she did it with competence and style.

She is thankful for all the help she has received from the membership and feels that her experience leading the 25th has helped her to become a better person and a better leader.

All of this good experience led Lauren to land a new job with Pierce College, Puyallup, where she is a full time student. She will be Vice-President of Government Concerns with the Associated Student Body of Pierce College. Lauren said she will be working with students, “to get them more involved and interested in the government process and helping or really advocating to our elected officials and community members about how important this college is and how it helps so many people achieve higher education goals.”

This is a paying job, and combined with her one day a week employment with the Iron Workers Union plus attending Pierce College full time, next year looks pretty full and busy for Lauren.

It was with gratitude and sadness that Lauren turned the gavel over to 25th LDD Vice President Louis Tibbs, who will be acting chair until the election. “It was a tough decision to resign and take the position because of the dedication and trust that was put on me as such a young adult,” said Lauren. “I feel like I’m leaving the nest.”

Lauren concluded by saying, “I think Louis will be a great acting chair and I support him in his endeavor to become Chair of this organization.”

Good luck to Lauren Adler and we will still be seeing her at our monthly meetings!

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Please Mark your calendars for: Fourth Annual Goings Barnyard BBQ, Saturday, July 18, 5:30 PM. Calvin said, "Amy and I have truly appreciated your friendship and support over the years. That is why we are hosting a BBQ this summer to thank our closest friends. This will not be fundraiser. The BBQ is our opportunity to thank you for your years of unwavering support."

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A BIT OF WISDOM:

Our duty, as men and women, is to proceed as if limits to our ability did not exist.
Energy Bill (H.R.2454) voted on week of June 22.

Congress is voting on the big energy bill next week. But the latest version of the energy bill would repeal a key part of the Clean Air Act -- arguably the most important environmental law in American history.

Big coal companies want to revoke President Obama's authority to crack down on global warming pollution from dirty power plants -- and they're on the verge of winning. If they succeed, the oldest and dirtiest coal plants could keep destroying the climate for years to come. And this change could pave the way for 100 new coal plants, which would pollute our communities with smog, soot, mercury, and global warming pollution. Can you tell Congress not to repeal this Clean Air Act provision? The petition says: "Congress must not repeal the Clean Air Act provision that empowers President Obama to crack down on dirty coal plants."

How did this happen? For years, George W. Bush refused to use the Clean Air Act to cut global warming pollution. But the Obama administration has taken the first steps toward changing that, so the coal industry is desperate to take away Obama's authority to limit global warming pollution. Now, coal lobbyists have forced a terrible provision into the new energy bill—which otherwise has some good parts—to give coal plants a pass.

If the coal industry wins, Obama would be powerless to stop hundreds of old, dirty coal plants from spewing global warming pollution into our air. Some of the biggest climate polluters on the planet would be let off the hook.

Even worse, the coal industry is trying to build at least 100 more dirty coal plants. For years, local environmental groups and the Sierra Club have blocked these plants. But if this Clean Air Act provision is eliminated, local groups may be unable to stop another generation of dependence on dirty coal.

Activists got Congress's attention in the last two weeks with a powerful grassroots drive to fix this and other problems in the energy bill. Thousands of phone calls and letters were passed onto local newspapers, and thousands of petition signatures were delivered in person to hundreds of congressional offices. Your voice is needed now by calling your member of Congress.

The clock is ticking down to the big vote next week, and we need to protect the Clean Air Act.

Health Care Reform Bill:
President Obama has spoken forcefully about the need for a public health insurance option that would lower costs and keep the insurance companies honest. But the Washington Post is reporting that a new health care proposal may be gaining
support in the Senate that could defeat his plan.¹ The proposal would create a series of small, regional "co-op" insurance plans that would be too weak to really compete with private insurers and bring down prices. And these "co-op" plans would mostly be privately run, so they wouldn't be accountable to voters or Congress.² A "co-op" is not an acceptable substitute for a strong public health insurance option.

Can you call Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell today? Tell them: Voters wants a strong, national public health insurance option. Please oppose the "co-op" proposal and other half-measures.

Here's where to call for both Health Care Reform and the Energy bill:

Senator Patty Murray
Phone: 206-553-5545, 202-224-2621

Senator Maria Cantwell
Phone: 253-572-2281, 202-224-3441
Call your Member of Congress:
Norm Dicks, Phone 253-593-6538
Dave Reichert, Phone 877-920-9208
Adam Smith, Phone 253-593-6600

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD AUGUST 6TH
The 25th LDD will hold a special election on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at the Puyallup Library location. The meeting will commence at 7 p.m.

There are two vacant positions on our Executive Board that need to be filled, Chair and Secretary. Anyone can run for the positions as long as they are a “current” member of the 25th LD organization according to our By-Laws (which can be viewed at www.25dems.org.)

The Chair is elected by current Precinct Committee Officers in attendance at this meeting. The Secretary is elected by the general membership at this meeting.

Did you know that the 19th Amendment to the Constitution voted on in 1919 and approved in 1920 gave women the right to vote?
A huge thank you goes to Eric Renz who volunteered to head up the Meeker Days Booth. Eric was able to gather a large group of volunteers who manned the booth for the three days of the festival. There were many visitors to the booth, with questions and concerns, and lots of good discussions were held right there on the grounds of Pioneer Park! Thanks Eric for all your hard work!

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 25TH LDD:
ANN JACOBSON, JIM MORRELL
AND JACKIE KONSHUH

SHORT HISTORY OF PUYALLUP AND MEEKER DAYS FESTIVAL
Meeker Mansion is a 17 room Italianate Victorian Mansion. Ezra Meeker's wife wanted something better than a log cabin so Ezra said she could have a fine house if she could pay for it. Eliza Jan Meeker had the mansion built which took three years to build and finished by 1890. Ezra Meeker plotted town site in 1877 and named it Puyallup after a local Indian tribe. It was incorporated in 1890 and Ezra was elected the first Mayor of Puyallup. The word Puyallup means "generous people." The idea to have a Meeker Days Festival was originated and started 70 years ago. It is now 15 city blocks large and features three live entertainment stages, food courts, children's educational exhibits, arts/crafts and commercial vendors - plus of course the Democratic booth which was manned by the 25th LDD.
Period Reported: May 1 – May 31, 2009

Bank Balance Club Account: (Closed April 1, 2008) 0.00
Beginning Balance March 31, 2009 $9,260.88

Expenses:

Joan Cronk – Copies Minutes 18.84
Ken Peach – Focus 65.50
Meeker Days Booth 150.00
R-4 Printing – Remit Envelopes & Mailing 348.89

Total Expenses: (538.23)

Income
Dues & Donations $173.97 173.97

Balance as of April 30, 2009 $8,896.62
Checking A/C Balanced, C-3’s filed, C-4 filed

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**MONEY WISDOM!**

*It takes two to make a bargain - but only one gets it.*

*Work hard and save your money - when you get old you can have things only young people enjoy.*

*Inflation is when, after you get the money to buy something, it isn’t enough.*

*The bonds of matrimony are worthless unless the interest is kept up.*
Minutes of 25th LDD
Jun 4, 2009
By Joan Cronk, Acting Secretary

Meeting called to order by Chair Lauren Adler at 7:06 p.m. Moved, Seconded and Passed to adopt the agenda.

Roll call of officers: Present, Chair Adler, Vice-Chair Tibbs, Parliamentarian Cliff Allo, State Committee Woman Ellen Zulauf, Three representatives to the Pierce County Democratic Central Committee Melissa Thompson, Carolyn Merrival and Charley Stokes and Sergeant at Arms, Eric Renz. Excused: Treasurer Luanne Green, State Committee Man Jerry Beckendorf and Membership Chair Michelle Donaldson.

Chair Adler announced that she has accepted a position with Pierce County Puyallup in Student Government as Vice President of Government and will be resigning effective immediately as Chair. Chair Adler then turned the gavel over to Vice Chair, Louis Tibbs, who will be acting Chair until the next election.

Chair Adler announced that Vice Chair Louis Tibbs is running for Chair and that she will be supporting him for the office of Chair of the 25th LDD.

Parliamentarian Allo explained the endorsement procedure and the importance of a cut off date in the endorsement process.

The endorsement procedure for the 25th LDD states that the By-Laws of the 25th LDD provide that PCOs may be eligible to vote within the LDD immediately upon taking office. The By-Laws of the 25th LDD provide that general members may be eligible to vote within the LDD thirty days after joining the LDD. For endorsement motions, the eligibility to vote shall be determined as of the last day of the month prior to the endorsement motion.

Charley Stokes moved to adopt the amended endorsement procedure. M, S and P to accept new endorsement procedure.

The 25th LDD Endorsement Committee will contact candidates via e mail explaining our procedure and the questionnaire will be attached. It is up to the candidates to fill out the questionnaire and get it back to us. If there is to be a primary, we will have a forum in July and members who are eligible to vote can do so. In August we will hear various candidates and vote on endorsements of candidates.

Acting Chair Tibbs said we need a committee to handle this process. Lou will serve, as will Joan Cronk and Melissa Thompson. Eric Renz volunteered to help Acting Chair Tibbs in the endorsement process as well.

The 25th LDD By Laws have been on the website for a couple of months and will be voted on soon. Parliamentarian Allo called for discussion on the By Law changes. These changes can be viewed at www.25dems.org and will be voted on in July.
Eric Renz reported on Meeker Days booth. Our booth will be in the park. There will be copies of the State Platform, opportunities to register voters, and information on the Washington Clean Campaign available. A sign up sheet to volunteer in the booth was sent around. August 6 will be a special election to fill the positions of Secretary and Chair. Only paid up members can vote.

Speaker for July will be Craig Salins, Director of Washington Public Campaigns.

Guest Speaker Senator Jim Kastama spoke on the last legislative session. He discussed the budget and said next budget session will be tough as well. He talked about some of the positives to come out of the session, like increasing unemployment by $45 per week and adding training programs for people on unemployment and a clean energy package to get Federal stimulus money. Two million dollars has been allocated to completing Shaw Road project and 167, 67 Million for right of way purchase. Senator Kastama then took a number of questions from the audience.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Well, you should be if you want the truth about politics by Audrey and Frank on their radio show Fridays at 1200 to 1 PM on KLAY 1180 AM!

And if for some reason or other you miss it then go to http://www.liberaltopia.org. There is a link on the right hand side of the screen that says: Frank and Audrey. Tune in or be tuned out.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2009?
IF SO, THANK YOU - IF NOT, PLEASE DO!
Use this form to recruit friends and neighbors to join you in helping our Democratic party.

Name: ____________________________________________
Phone: ( ) ____________________
Zip: __________________________________ City/______________________________
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.)
Please send dues to: 25th LDD, POBox 73594, Puyallup, WA 98373