



# 25th Legislative District



## Democratic Focus



**REPRESENTATIVE DAWN MORRELL AT THE 25TH LDD MEETING  
GIVING HER SUMMARY OF THE LEGISLATIVE 2007 SESSION**

### **MEETINGS**

**NOTICE: SEE PAGE 2 FOR ALL THE UPCOMING MEETINGS.**



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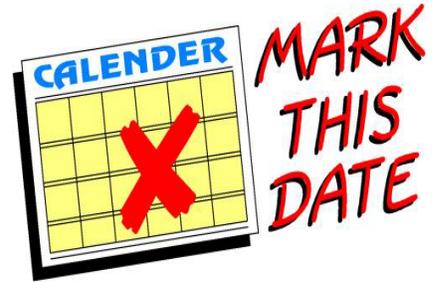
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**4 Jun Mon** E-Board meets at 7 PM at Fire Station 66, 9813 128th St. E., Puyallup

**7 Jun Thu** 25th LDD meets at Puyallup Library, 324 Meridian at 6:30 for social time and 7 PM official meeting. **Senator Jim Kastama will give his summary of the 2007 Legislative Session.**

**16 Jun Sat** Deadline for FOCUS articles, pictures, etc.

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

**5 Jul Thu** 25th LDD meets at Puyallup Library at 6:30 for social time and 7 PM official meeting. **Auditor Pat McCarthy will speak about instant runoff voting.**

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

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

**In September Darcy Burner will be our guest speaker.**

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

**CHAIR'S NOTES**

*By John Thompson*



## END OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN OLYMPIA REPORT

*By Joan Cronk*

Representative Dawn Morrell reported to the 25<sup>th</sup> LDD at the May meeting that the Democrats delivered at the 2007 session in Olympia.

The session began with a clear agenda representing the values and priorities of the people of Washington. Those priorities were a good education, affordable health care, economic development, security for all families and a clean environment.

These priorities were turned into a Framework for Action and then the Democrats delivered, as promised.

38,000 more children will receive health care due to federal matching funds. They also created the Washington Health Insurance Partnership (WHIP), a partnership between employers, employees and the state. Prevention will be built into the system and health care coverage will be extended to foster children passed age 18; foster parents will also be allowed to participate in the state health plan. Low-income senior citizens hurt by Medicare Part D requirements will be helped by having their co-payments cov-

ered.

The Democrats delivered in the area of jobs and prosperity by increasing Opportunity Grants program so more low-income adults can receive workforce training and extending apprenticeship utilization requirements to public works contracts awarded by school district, as well as other improvements.

The Democrats delivered in the family security arena by working on affordable housing and improving the safety of children and vulnerable adults.

The Democrats delivered by working on a healthy environment/energy and the environment by enacting the first ban on household products containing toxic flame retardants known as PBDEs, requiring all state agencies to use only "green" cleaning products and cracking down on toxic waste.

Representative Morrell was diligent and hard working during the session, personally sponsoring 22 bills.

Thank you Representative Morrell for a productive session!

## REMINDERS!

The 25th LDD meetings are open for fellowship, gossip and a good cup of coffee and/or eats. The attendance has dropped below the 100 level in the past few months and we can't understand it. The speakers have been great with subjects to interest all. We have had some good exchanges of opinions and friendly debates. This is your District and we need you to come support it by attending the meetings. We need your suggestions, ideas and differences of opinions. Next month at our meeting on Thursday 7 Jun we will have Senator Jim Kastama give his summary of the end of the legislative session in Olympia. You need to know what happened and what didn't. Our meeting on Thursday 5 July will have the always popular Auditor Pat McCarthy speaking on instant runoff voting. A very controversial subject. And in our meeting on Thursday 6 September we will have a return of Darcy Burner to talk to us about the upcoming elections in 2008. Come join us for informative speakers, good fellowship and support of the 25th LDD.

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
OF MEETING 3 May 2007**  
*By Joan Cronk*



Meeting called to order at 7:05 at the Puyallup Library with the flag salute.

Minutes from last month's meeting were reviewed, one change made and it was moved, seconded and passed to accept the minutes

Chair Thompson gave a brief report stating that Ellen Zulauf suffered a slight stroke and is recovering nicely.

Auditor Pat MCarthy will speak at the June meeting on rank choice voting and Darcy Burner will appear at our September meeting.

Vice Chair Lauren Adler welcomed new people to our meeting.

Treasurer Jon Bristol gave his Treasurer's report and it was moved, seconded and passed to accept his report.

Ken Blair reported on the progress of the skill center issue at Spanaway Lakes Jr. High. The issue did not pass but the group is trying to work with trade unions on the skill center issue. Joan Cronk reported for Cal Goings on his campaign.

Chair Thompson reported there will be an endorsement committee meeting soon. Jerry Beckendorf and Melissa Thompson gave the State Committee reports, which are attached to the minutes of the meeting.

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the changes in the By-Laws to add an assistant treasurer position.

There was some discussion about holding the 25<sup>th</sup> LDD picnic in conjunction with Cal's picnic on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The vote was tabled.

Two representatives from the Obama campaign were in attendance and brought material for the group.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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