

25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus



**DAWN MORRELL,
STATE REP AND ONE
OF THE FEATURED
SPEAKERS ALSO
RUNNING FOR RE-
ELECTION**



**JIM KASTAMA, STATE
SENATOR AND ONE OF
THE FEATURED
SPEAKERS WHO ALSO
IS RUNNING FOR RE-
ELECTION**



**ROB CERQUI,
MAYOR PRO-TEM
FIFE,
IS RUNNING FOR
THE VACANT 25TH
DISTRICT REPRE-
SENTATIVE SEAT**

READ ALL ABOUT THE MONTHLY MEETING; NOTICES OF IMPORTANT MEETINGS, MINUTES SUMMARY (PAGE 7), CALENDAR AND MORE.



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27 May Tue 8 CD part of 25
 LDD Neighborhood Leaders
 Event at Boilermakers, 502
 Hall at 16621 110th Ave E.

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

5 Jun Thu 25th LDD meets at
 Puyallup Library, 324 Meridian,
 at 7 PM.

7 Jun Sat PC Dems & Wash-
 ington Victory 2008 Campaign
 Open House at 711 St. Helens,
 Tacoma. Noon to 2pm - every-
 one invited!

DEADLINE **14 Jun Sat** DEAD-
 LINE for FOCUS
 articles, pictures, etc.

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

3 Jul Thu 25th LDD meets at
 Puyallup Library at 7 PM.

DEADLINE **12 Jul Sat** DEAD-
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 etc.

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



Notes from the Chair

By Lauren Adler

The campaign season is just about to heat up along with the temperatures as we head into the summer months! We're half way through 2008, but there is still a lot of work to be done to make sure that Democrats are victorious in November. What I would like to share with you this month are some ways that you can get involved with our organization and to help make sure that we get fantastic Democrats elected to public office all the way down the ticket this year – from President of the United States and all the way down to your local Precinct Committee Officer.

I am pleased to announce that the 25th Legislative District Democrats will have a booth at the City of Puyallup's Meeker Day's fair. It's been two years since our last appearance at Meeker Days, but we're back – and our presence is more important than ever! Did you know that it will be my fourth anniversary being involved with the 25th Legislative District Democrats at this year's Meeker Days? That's right – I was recruited back in 2004 by Ivan Weiss who was working his shift at the Democratic booth. Little did I know when I registered my then 25 year old sister to vote at the Democratic booth at Meeker Days in June 2004, that I would become the Chair of the organization just a few short years later. . . We need to make sure that we take advantage of this excellent opportunity to encourage our neighbors to get in-

involved with this organization. Who knows? Maybe our future State Senator or State Representative could be upon us at the 2008 Meeker Days! *If you are interested in volunteering in the Meeker Days booth (June 20th – 22nd at Puyallup's Pioneer Park/Pavilion), please contact Meeker Days Booth Chair Jerry Beckendorf at 253.845.7702.* I look forward to seeing you there!

Many of you have been asking for a long time, 'when will the Democrats get a full sized booth at the Puyallup Fair like the Republicans?!' Well friends, I am very excited to announce that for the first time in recent years, the Washington State Democrats, the Pierce County Democrats, and the 25th Legislative District Democrats will have a FULL SIZED (just as big as the Republicans) booth at the 2008 Puyallup Fair (September 5th-21st)!! September is still a ways off, but it's never too early to start planning and getting excited to connect with voters. *If you have ideas, suggestions, etc. regarding the Puyallup Fair booth please contact Puyallup Fair Booth Co-Chair Charley Stokes at 253.861.8744.* Let's 'Do the Puyallup'!

Throughout the summer, you will start to receive many different requests from all of the different candidates running for office throughout the state. I highly encourage you to take these requests seriously, and try to personally support at least one local candidate this summer – whether it's by sign waving in the morning, writing a check for \$25.00, hosting a campaign sign in your yard, doorbell-ing your precinct, or simply wearing a button, please make it a point

to connect with one of our local candidates. Remember, all of our State Legislators are up for re-election this year and it is EXTREMELY important that we continue to send them to Olympia to work for our common goals. Senator Kastama and Representative Morrell work really hard for us at the Capitol, and it's time we work hard for them this summer! Don't forget our new candidate, Rob Cerqui (a current Fife City Council member and farmer), who is running for State Representative, Pos. 1 – the open seat that was vacated by Republican Joyce McDonald. Please take a moment to get to know Rob and find out ways that you can become active in his campaign.

Finally, remember that we are ALL Democrats and we ALL have the same goals. No matter what the outcome is, and who our Presidential Nominee is; we need to make sure that we support our candidate 150 percent! This country cannot afford four more years of George W. Bush politics, nor can we ignore the problems this country faces any longer. I know it's been said over and over, but the differences between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are pale in comparison compared to John McCain! This is the year that WE, TOGETHER can make a difference in this country, state, county, and neighborhood.

As always, thanks for your continued support.

Best,

Lauren

MAY MEETING NOTES

By Joan Cronk

Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Auditor, spoke to the 25th District Democrats about IRV voting. She is making the rounds trying to educate folks about this method of voting. The crowd of over 30 folks listened intently and snatched up the informational brochures the Auditor brought with her.

Darcy Burner held a fundraiser at the Washington State Extension Center on Tuesday, April 29th. The event was well attended and Darcy addressed the crowd saying she realized the importance of Pierce County voters. Her campaign will be spending a great deal of time and effort in our area in an attempt to educate voters and turn out the vote on Election Day. Winning votes in Pierce County is essential to winning the campaign, said Burner. She asked those in attendance to talk with neighbors, coworkers, family and friends about her issues and why this race matters so much. Darcy shared her five principles that will guide her decision making in Congress. They are: Government should treat everyone fairly; hard work should be rewarded; Government should stay out of people's private lives; we should keep our

promises and we should leave our children a better world than the one we found. Candidate Burner also addressed a "responsible plan to end the war in Iraq."

We all need to support Darcy Burner in her attempt to unseat Congressman Dave Reichert!

Senator Jim Kastama and Representative Dawn Morrell spoke to the 25th District Democrats filling them in on the many accomplishments in the 2008 Session. They include, but are not limited to: a \$3.1 million investment launching the planning for a new Pierce County Skills Center on the site of the old Safeway at 160th and Canyon Road E in Bethel; a \$300,000 upgrade to the Mt. Rainier Lahar Warning System to make sure sirens are working and able to warn people in the Puyallup River Valley; \$291,000 to help purchase development rights to Terry's Berries and preserve this beautiful 21-acre open space for agricultural purposes "in perpetuity."

Senator Kastama and Representative Morrell continue to work hard on behalf of our 25th District Democrats. We are lucky to have them!

CANDIDATE ROB CERQUI

By Joan Cronk

Rob Cerqui is currently serving as Mayor Pro Tem with the City of Fife, but he is gearing up to run for the vacant 25th District State Representative seat. His Republican opponent is Brian Dammeier.

Cerqui is a farmer. He said he started farming probably as soon as he could walk, but by the time he was in junior high he knew this was his calling. He and his mom and dad run one of the last farms in Fife and sell all fresh market produce to local wholesale warehouses. A longtime supporter of Farmers Markets, selling fresh to the public is near and dear to his heart.

Cerqui's campaign will be run on a grass roots level and he said he will be working "for the people." He saw running for this vacant seat as an opportunity to become more involved with his community. "There are so many issues that I would like to see get resolved," he said. Cerqui said he has worked on some issues at a local level, but is ready to move to the State House as our Representative.

To reach Rob Cerqui you can e mail him at robcerqui@hotmail.com or call him at (253) 381-6709

The truest greatness lies in being kind, the truest wisdom in a happy mind.

To:
<pcdem@habornet.com>
Subject: Coordinated Campaign Office Open House

****SAVE THE DATE!****

The Pierce County Democrats and the Washington Victory 2008 coordinated campaign are thrilled to welcome visitors to our new campaign office in Tacoma!
(711 Saint Helens)

We are going to have an open house/potluck lunch on Saturday, June 7 from noon-2pm.

In the meantime, the campaign is looking to borrow any available office furniture to make sure that they have a place to sit!

They are looking for:
(1) 4 desks or folding tables
(2) a circular table and 4 chairs to use as a conference table
(3) 4 desk/office chairs

If you have any of the above items that you'd be willing to loan out until November, please email Dustin Lambro,
dustin@wa-democrats.org.

Thanks for your help and support!

MEETING NOTICE

By Jerry Beckendorf

The 8th CD part of the 25th LDD Neighborhood leaders event will be on Tuesday, May 27 and will start at 7 pm at the Boilermakers 502 Hall at 15521 110th Ave E. on the way from 152d to the Fire station near 178th and 110th Ave E. It will teach folks in those 8th CD precincts how to become Neighborhood leaders and possibly get out the vote for Democratic candidates this fall.

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When you choose to receive your newsletter via email, rather than by US Mail, you help the 25th LD Democrats by saving the cost of printing and postage! You also receive your newsletter earlier with email over individuals who receive their newsletter via US Mail (it takes time to get it printed and then taken to the Bulk Mail Station then delivered to your post office then delivered to your mailbox.) Please let Publisher Ken Peach, know ASAP if you want to be added to the email distribution list by emailing him your name, email address, and explaining that you want to switch from US Mail to email. Ken can be reached at kmpeach@aol.com. Thank you!

2008 ENDORSEMENTS COMMITTEE

Are you interested in serving on the 2008 Endorsements Committee for the 25th LDD? We will be working under a brand new and comprehensive endorsements procedure, and we need all the help we can get putting together a questionnaire for candidates, a candidates forum, etc. Being a part of the Endorsements Committee is a GREAT way to get to know the candidates and what they really stand for - and to help our members understand our candidates better! If you are interested in being on the 2008 Endorsement Committee, please contact Endorsements Chairman KEN BLAIR at (253) 476.7576 or at ktblair@comcast.net. Or contact Co-Chair Charley Stokes (253) 861-8744 or by email at cwstokes@earthlink.net. Sign up fast - the endorsements process will begin very soon.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT -

*Motivation is what gets you started.
Habit is what keeps you going.*

*Look at a day when you are very satisfied at the end.
It's not a day when you lounge around doing nothing;
it's when you've had nothing to do,*

**Adam
Smith**

*United States
Congressman*

**Booth
Gardner**

*Former Governor and
Pierce County Executive*

**Gerald
Horne**

*Pierce County
Prosecutor*

and Nathe Lawver, Pierce County Democratic Party Chair,
invite you to a fundraiser for the Pierce County Democratic Party.

Mark Lindquist

Deputy Prosecutor and Drug Unit Team Chief will read from his
novel, *The King of Methlehem*, now in paperback. A discussion of
literature, politics, and Pierce County will follow.

Refreshments provided. \$15 donation suggested.

Thursday • May 29, 2008 • 7 pm

King's Books • 218 St. Helens Ave. • Tacoma



**JIM McINTIRE,
STATE REPRESENTA-
TIVE FOR 46TH LD AND
RUNNING FOR STATE
TREASURER POSITION**



**PAT McARTHUR,
PC AUDITOR, WHO
SPOKE TO THE 25TH
LDD MEETING ABOUT
RANKED CHOICE
VOITING AND IS RUN-
NING FOR THE PC
EXECUTIVE OFFICE.**



**CAROLYN MERIVAL,
25TH LDD MEMBERSHIP
CHAIR, AND RUNNING
FOR
PC COUNCIL, DIST 2
SEAT SOON TO BE
VACATED BY
CALVIN GOINGS.**

**SUMMARY OF
MINUTES OF MEETING
1 May 2008**

By Charley Stokes

Call To Order 7:11 PM at the Puyallup Library.

Adoption of Agenda It was moved and seconded (M&S) to adopt the agenda as revised. Vote passed without objection (PWO).

Elected Officials & New Candidates Pierce County Auditor Pat McCarthy addressed the members on Rank Choice Voting and how to access information on-line at www.piercecounty.wa.org/rcv. She related that there would be an informational media campaign starting in September. Pat then shifted gears and addressed the members as a candidate, running for Pierce County Executive and expressed her intent to focus on county government infrastructure to insure residents always have access to local government.

Carolyn Merrival addressed the membership as candidate for Pierce County Council, Dist 2, which is currently held by Calvin Goings. Joan Cronk spoke on behalf of candidate for Pierce County Executive, Calvin Goings, and expressed his apologies at being absent due to a conflict in schedule. Jerry Beckendorf spoke on behalf of candidate for US Congress from the 8th CD, Darcy Burner, introducing her field coordinator

Matt Arnold (matt@darcyburner.com). Rob Cerqui, Fife Councilman (http://www.cityoffife.org/?p=city_government&a=city_council&b=rob_cerqui) local farmer and candidate for 25th LD Pos 1 (Joyce McDonald's open seat) introduced himself and gave the members a quick bio. Jim McIntyer, (<http://www.jimmcintire.com/>) current State Representative for the 46th LD and candidate for State Treasurer, introduced himself and gave members a quick bio.

Old Business Chair Adler noted the upcoming Congressional District caucuses on May 17th. Charley Stokes advised members on the new 25th LD website, now on-line (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. Jerry Beckendorf gave a quick update on plans for Meeker Days, June 20 – 22.

New Business Charley Stokes gave a brief presentation on a recommendation by the E-Board and moved authorization for approximately \$900 for an invitational post card addressed to all precinct caucus (households) attendees, as a party building exercise. M/S/Carried, without objection. Ray Green noted that the filing window for candidates and PCO's was June 2-6 and that there are 33 precincts without PCO's and urges members

to file. The Endorsements Committee is seeking volunteers to interview candidates seeking 25thLD endorsement; contact Ken Blair (253-537-1486 or ktblair@comcast.net) or Charley Stokes (253-848-8431 or cwstokes@earthlink.net).

Officers Reports

- Chair: Deferred
- Secretary: Deferred
- Treasurer: Luanne Green presented the treasurer's report which was M/S/C w/o.
- State Committee Persons: Nothing to report until the State Convention.

Program Senator Jim Kastama and Rep Dawn Morrell gave the members a review of the just-completed Legislative session. Details can be found at their official web sites; <http://www.leg.wa.gov/senate/kastama/> and <http://www.leg.wa.gov/House/morrell/>.

It was M/S/C to adjourn @ 8:55 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!

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2008?
IF NOT, PLEASE DO!**

**Use this form to recruit friends and neighbors to join you
in helping our Democratic party.**

Name: _____ Address: _____

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.)

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