



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus



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WERE THE TWO MAIN SPEAKERS AT OUR MONTHLY MEETING.
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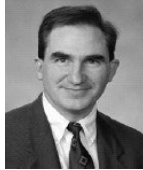
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1 Jun Mon E-Board meets at
7PM at Fire Station 66. 9813
28th St, E., Puyallup

4 Jun Thu 25 LDD meets at
7PM at Puyallup Library.

DEADLINE **16 Jun Sat** DEAD-
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29 Jun Mon E-Board meets at
7PM at Fire Station 66.

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

DEADLINE **13 Jul Sat** DEADLINE
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pictures, etc.

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



**BETTY OGDEN.
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
FOR WASHINGTON PUBLIC CAMPAIGNS**

By Joan Cronk

Craig Salins, Executive Director of Washington Public Campaigns is very grateful for a volunteer like the 25th Dems own Betty Ogden. "She is very clear," said Salins, "with all of us that this issue of public financing of campaigns is very central to her. It is part of Betty's natural political intelligence that she understands the importance of this change." Salins describes Betty as having a "twinkly personality."

Betty is pretty overwhelmed at being chosen WPC's volunteer of the year. "I guess they decided to pick on me," said Betty, "before I conked out!" I think it will be a long time before Betty "conks out!" The award will be presented to Betty on Saturday, June 13 at South Seattle Community College. The celebration begins at 6 p.m.

Betty said she has been a member volunteer with WPC from the beginning, about five years or so. She got involved, she said, after hearing Jim McDermott speak to students at PLU. His talk inspired her to get involved in something that mattered to her..to become an activist, and in looking for a cause Betty discovered WPC and has not looked back since.

Betty firmly believes in WPC and said "to me this is basic. We have to get at this flaw in our electoral system that lets big money be the decider of who wins."

For more information on WPC and the award's banquet, go to www.washclean.org/banquet.

Congratulations to Betty Ogden!



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."



25th LD Democrats Legislative Action Committee

The 2009 Washington State Legislative Session is over and a frantic and painful session it was because of the state's poor economic situation. Senator Kastama and Representative Morrell will probably have their take which they will share with the group. For those interested in the House Labor & Commerce committee, Representative Steve Conway, Chair, has a 2009 Session Summary for bills which were in his committee. A copy can be obtained by calling Kimberly in his office at 360.786.7906.

There will be no more LAC meetings until the fall. You should pay attention to national issues and respond where you feel it is important to do so.

Jerry Beckendorf, Chair
25th LD Democrats LAC

Letter Carrier Food Drive/ www.democratswork.org

The results of the May 9, 2009 Letter Carrier Food Drive are in and 344, 506 pounds of food were collected in Pierce County and the effort is a 5% increase over last year. In these tough economic times the food is needed for those recently laid off or homeless families in our county. The program is managed by the Emergency Food Network which supplies food for all of the food banks and hot meal sites located in Pierce County.

In April of this year, I had the privilege of going on the Board of the Emergency Food Network and will hopefully look to the club for future volunteer opportunities. Visit www.efoodnet.org for more information.

Speaking about Democrats being involved in community service you may remember the new organization Democrats Works which seeks to get our activists out in the community. Their website is www.democratsworks.org and you can follow national and local requests for many worthwhile community service opportunities. There was even a request for volunteers on their website for the Letter Carrier Food Drive on Saturday, May 9.

As previously stated the Emergency Food Network needs volunteers to help repack food at their warehouse located on 3318 92nd Street South in Lakewood. They also need volunteers to can fruits and vegetables at the Bishop's Cannery in Kent and to help out at the Mother Earth Farms on the Orting Highway near Puyallup. Again, check the EFN website for more details. Let's get together and not only elect lots of Democrats but help make our community a better place to live and work.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The spring quarterly meeting of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee was held in Tacoma, April 24 and 25. State Chair Dwight Pelz reported that Democratic Party fundraising is down. After a presidential election donations are always down, but this year it is much worse. Future prospects for donations are poor as well, because of the economy. Fundraising is one of the state chair's main responsibilities and he continues to work hard at that. The state party has also cut back expenses like everyone else. This is the year however, that donations are needed to be ready for the 2010 elections.

The state party is working on ways to keep and expand the volunteers acquired before the 2008 election. There were 10,000 new volunteers working in this state in 2008, the most since the McGovern campaign. We must make room for them and share some power. Their ideas need to be heard and incorporated into our plans.

Under discussion at the Democratic National Committee is what the calendar should look like in 2010, and how to deal with the state and congressional caucuses and/or primaries. In this state with a primary that is basically open, the party resists having an election where members of other parties could help choose Democratic candidates. In 2010 all of the Washington State House of Representatives, half the Senate, all of the US House of Representatives and Senator Patty Murray are all up for election.

On Friday night Democrats gathered for dinner to honor former Governor Albert Rosellini who will be 100 years in January. The speaker Jim Hightower, of Texas, provided a humorous look at the current activities in Washington, D C.

There will not be another state committee meeting until September 25 and 26, 2009.

Ellen Zulauf, State Committeewoman

MODERN PHILOSOPHIES OF THE CYNIC



The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

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25TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 7, 2009

Period Reported: April 1 – April 30, 2009

Bank Balance Club Account: (Closed April 1, 2008) 0.00

Beginning Balance March 31, 2009 \$ 9,374.05

Expenses:

Puyallup Library – AV Deposit (Cancelled, not used)

Joan Cronk – Refreshments 53.11

Ken Peach – Focus 65.06

Rosellini Dinner – Table for 10 750.00

Total Expenses: (868.17)

Income

Dues & Donations \$ 160.00

Cancelled Check Puy. Library 75.00

Rosellini Dinner Offset Donations 520.00 755.00

Balance as of April 30, 2009 \$ 9,260.88

Checking A/C Balanced, C-3's filed, C-4 filed

MINUTES OF 25TH LDD
May 7, 2009
By Joan Cronk, Acting Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Chair Lauren Adler with the flag salute.

Roll call of officers: Present – Chair Lauren Adler, Vice Chair Louis Tibbs, Parliamentarian Cliff Allo, Membership Chair Michelle Donaldson, Treasurer Luanne Green, State Committee Woman Ellen Zulauf, PCDDC Executive Board Representatives Carolyn, Merrival and Melissa Thompson and Sergeant at Arms Eric Renz. Absent: State Committee Man Jerry Beckendorf and PCDDC Executive Board Representative Charley Stokes.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the agenda.

New Business: Chair Adler asked if the 25th Dems wanted to sponsor a booth at Ezra meeker Days on June 19, 20 and 21st. It would require one person to be in charge of the booth. Eric Renz said he would be that person to be in charge of the booth but needed three people to commit to six hour shifts each day and three people volunteered.

Motion made, Seconded and passed for the 25th LDD to sponsor a booth at Meeker Days in Puyallup.

Speaker for the meeting was Terry Tilton, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Washington State Building and Construction Trades. Terry spoke to the unemployment issue and the action during the 2009th legislative session and how what happened there affects labor and the State Building Trades.

Elected officials: 25th LDD State Representative Dawn Morrell addressed the group and discussed the difficult session. She said without the stimulus money that the State of Washington will receive; the cuts would have been worse. Rep Morrell took questions from the audience.

Candidate for Puyallup City Council District 3, Position #2 Nicolla Tebao introduced herself.

Craig Salins, Executive Director of Washington Public Campaigns, spoke to the issue of public campaign financing. “We need to change how officials are elected,” said Salins. “The Fair Election Now Act is important.” He wants to get Clean Elections at every level.

Chair Adler reported the following items under Good of the Order: Adam Smith will speak to constituents at the Puyallup Library on Saturday, May 23 from 1 to 2:30 PM about events happening at the federal level.

Letter carriers will be having a food drive on Saturday, May 9.

There was a nice article in the Tacoma News Tribune about our very own Ken Peach, the Great

Pepper of the Washington State chili club.

Also under Good of the Order, Cyd Marckmann addressed the group and spoke to the issue of the Healthy Youth Act which was enacted on Sep 1, 2008. The Puyallup School District is not in compliance with this Act and she encouraged folks to attend the School Board Meeting this Monday at Ballou Jr. High at 6:30 PM to ask the School Board why they have not begun to comply with this Act.

Carolyn Merrival said there are two positions open on the Summit Waller Road Community Association. Carolyn and Mike Steele are members and Mike was just voted in as President. The two board members that will be appointed will each serve a one year term.

Melissa Thompson reported about the Pierce County Democrats lawsuit regarding the appointment of the Pierce County Auditor. The PC Dems lost the lawsuit and are now regrouping and need help in the form of volunteers and donations.

Mike Steele said that there is a new park of sorts called Orange Gate Park on 80th and 84th Street off Canyon road.

Craig Salins said that on May 30 there will be a March on health care held in Tacoma and Seattle and encouraged all to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

25TH DEMOCRATS REACH OUT AT MEEKER DAYS JUNE 19 - 21

The 25th Dems will have a booth at Puyallup's Meeker Days, the town's summer street festival. The booth will feature information and recruiting for the 25th LDD, promotion of the Washington State Democrats' platform, voter registration and social fun in the sun. Some of our members felt the exposure to the public was too valuable to leave to the other party.

Eric Renz, 253-302-1698, will coordinate staffing, and needs 6 - 12 gregarious people to sign up in two hour blocks from Friday noon through 6 PM Sunday. Eric is also looking for any Democrat booth decorations or logo paraphernalia from fair booths or other displays. We will not be sharing candidate information for unendorsed candidates, and it's too late to be endorsed on time.

Please call Eric, 253-302-1698 or email at ijcerenz@comcast.net to reserve your favorite shift or commit some decorations. Drop by the booth even if you can't commit to coverage.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2009?

IF SO, THANK YOU - IF NOT, PLEASE DO!

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in helping our Democratic party.**

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Phone: () _____

Zip: _____ City/ _____

Precinct: _____

Email: _____

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