



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus



MEETINGS

NOTICE: New E-Board Meeting Place - 27 Feb Mon E-Board meets the Monday before the regular meeting at 6:30PM at **Fire Station 66, 9813 128th St. E., Puyallup.**

2 Mar Thu 7PM 25th LDOC will meet at Puyallup Library, 324 S. Meridian. In the March meeting the **By Laws** will be discussed and voted upon and there will be a **short film on Wal Mart.** Also **Betsy Stubbs, So Hill Community Council** will be a speaker.



DARCY BURNER, CANDIDATE 8TH DISTRICT, SPOKE AT 25TH DISTRICT FEBRUARY MEETING (See story page 3.)

LIST OF LOCATIONS FOR THE CAUCUS ON MARCH 4TH AT 2PM:

Fife HS 25=101-102-103-104-105-116-117-118-121-122-123-124-126-129-130-131-132-134-135-136-137-138-139-180-181

Ferrucci JH 25=106-107-108-109-110-111-112-148-153-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-173-174-175-176-177-178-179

Franklin Pierce HS 25=127-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-149-150-151-152-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162

Anyone with questions can call Audrey at (253) 531-2239



Check out our web site, <http://25thdemocrats.org> built and hosted by Lauren Adler. You will find news and meetings and pictures. For newsletter send all articles, pictures, committee report to Editor Joan Cronk 845-5389 or email: cjejoan30@msn.com

**25TH DISTRICT
DEMOCRATIC
ORGANIZATION &
CLUB (LDOC) OFFICERS**

President/Chair: Audrey Chase
Tel: (253) 531-2239
email: achase1952@earthlink.net

Vice Chair: Jim Morrell
Tel: (253) 841-9385
email: jamesm9164@earthlink.net

Treasurer: Jon Bristol
Tel: (253) 770-1246
email: bristol.j@comcast.net

Membership: Carolyn Merrival
Tel: (253) 845-3195
email: lakotal legends@comcast.net

State Committee:
John Thompson
Tel: (253) 841-2030
email: John.Thompson6@comcast.net

State Committee: Ellen Zulauf
Tel: (253) 845-9370
email: eazul@msn.com

Parliamentarian: Luanne Green
Tel: (253) 848-0289

Secretary: Charley Stokes
Tel: (253) 848-8431

Sgt-At-Arms: Ryan Agnew
Tel: (253) 9222-5232

Chairman PCO: John Kosche
Tel: (253) 906-2225
email: John@Kosche.org

County Executive
Board Members:
Frank Blair, Dr. Ron Morris,
Kevin Wimsett
Club Contact:
email: LDOC25th@earthlink.net

Immediate past chair:
Matt Hanbey, 845-8020,
Email: mhanbey@hotmail.com

Club Contact:
email:
LDOC25th@earthlink.net

**25TH DISTRICT
DEMOCRATIC
ELECTED
OFFICIALS**



Senator
Jim Kastama
(253) 840-9301

email:
kastama_ja@leg.wa.gov



Representative
Dawn Morrell
(253) 286-2199

email:
morrell_da@leg.wa.gov

For all other elected officials:
Legislative Hotline:
1-800-562-6000

**DEMOCRATS
CONTACT INFO**

DNC:
www.democrats.org
WA State Dem Party
www.wa-democrats.org
Pierce Co. Dem Party
www.piercecountydemocrats.org

25th District Focus
Committee
Jim Morrell, Chairperson
Joan Cronk, Editor
cjejoan30@msn.com
(253) 845-5389
Ken Peach, Publisher
kmpeach@aol.com
(253) 537-4591
Ray Green, Coordinator
Sara Waddell, Coordinator
Frank Blair, Columnist



**Note: E-Board Meeting
Place Changed!!!!!!!**
27 Feb Mon E-Board meets at
Fire Station 66, 9813 128th St.
E, 6:30 PM at Puyallup.

2 Mar Thu 7 PM 25th LDOC
meets in Puyallup Library.
Short film on **Wal Mart** to be
shown.

18 Mar Sat DEADLINE for
FOCUS Items, articles and
pictures.
3 Apr Mon E-Board meets at
6:30 PM at Fire Station 66,
9813 128th St. E., Puyallup.

6 Apr Thu 7 PM 25th LDOC
meets in Puyallup Library.
Speaker to be Alissa Haslam,
Field Coordinator, NARAL
Pro-Choice Washington.

Jerry Beckendorf of the Legisla-
tive Committee reports that the
Retired Public Employees Chap-
ter 4 meetings are held the first
Friday of every month and begin
at 11:30 a.m. at Charlie's Restau-
rant, 113 Main Avenue E, Puyal-
lup. For more information call
Jerry at (253) 845-7702 or
e-mail him at
jerryb62@comcast.net.

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

DARCY BURNER, CANDIDATE 8TH DIST

By Joan Cronk

At the last 25th District Democrat meeting, those in attendance experienced a real treat when Darcy Burner, candidate for the 8th Congressional District seat (running against Dave Reichert) spoke to the group. Candidate Burner has four main points she wants to stress in her campaigns and she spoke to them in this manner:

Ethics: The current ethical scandals in Congress are an outgrowth of a culture of arrogance and abuse of power. We need to focus on reforming Congressional rules and practices to help fix the legislative system.

Energy Independence: The energy policy of this administration and Congress is upside down. The President has paid lip service to energy alternatives and we have increased our reliance on foreign oil, which threatens our national security, our environment and our economy.

Family Security: the middle class is getting squeezed. While the vast majority of recent tax reductions have gone to upper income Americans, middle class workers have experienced stagnant wages, escalating health care costs, diminishing pension benefits and tuition increases.

National Security: Are we safe? Our national security policy should be smart and tough. As we phase out of Iraq, we must re-deploy our military forces strategi-

cally and share the international burdens of power in smarter ways. We need a tough, smart strategy for homeland security.

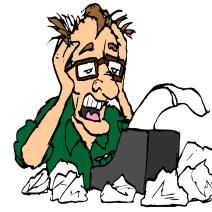
Candidate Burner was a National Merit Scholar and graduated from Harvard in 1996. She worked at Microsoft as lead product manager for Microsoft.net until leaving to work full time on her campaign.

Darcy encouraged our membership to write letters to the editor and continue to get the word out about the failures of the Republican Dave Reichert. She will need everyone's help in order to have a successful run at this Congressional seat. Our membership in attendance was very impressed with Darcy as a candidate.

APRIL MEETING SPEAKER

Alissa Haslam is the field coordinator for NARAL Pro-Choice Washington and she helps facilitate a local Choice Action Team for Pierce County. They are working with members of our community who are concerned about and want to improve access to medically accurate sexual health education in local schools. She says she is very excited to meet folks from the 25th District at our April meeting and to talk about the work that we are doing in Puyallup and beyond.

Field Organizer
NARAL Pro-Choice Washington
(206) 624-1990
Email: allissahaslam@
prochoicewashington.org



CORRECTION

In our February newsletter, there appeared an article under the name of Jon Bristol. That article did not reflect Jon's views and they were not his words. It was a reprint of an article that first appeared in a Tampa, Florida newspaper and Jon said, "I write this to provoke thought and comment." That article did both of those jobs well and a lively and respectful discussion was held at the February 2, 2006 25th District meeting. Any more comments will be gladly accepted.

HELP NOTICE

There are two members who would like to attend our meetings but have difficulty with transportation. If you can help by picking them up and taking them home, please call: Jill Bertocchnini at 536-7383 and James Cassidy at 531-4197. Jill lives near Brookdale Rd and 48th and Jim lives near Canyon



I WANT YOU TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS!

In case you didn't attend the last meeting we missed you and you missed another great meeting with a great speaker. We continue to have great speakers with subjects you are interested in but we need you to join us, join the discussions, and participate.

25 LDO MINUTES

2 February 2006

*Respectfully submitted by
Joan Cronk for Charley Stokes*

Jim Morrell opened the meeting with the flag salute.

Jim discussed Jon Bristol's article, a piece that had been previously published in Florida and did not reflect Jon's views and that information did not get into the article. Jim said that information should be noted in the March newsletter.

Ken Little, who wrote an e mail complaining about the contents of that article responded and an amicable discussion ensued about that article, and following that we had a discussion of how we, as Democrats, can refute the Republican's rhetoric. Jim recommended we look at the website theframeshopi-sopen.org.

Darcy Burner, candidate for the 8th Congressional seat (running against Reichert) addressed the group. There will be an uncontested primary as all candidates who considered running have decided to support Darcy. On the 18th of February there will be a fundraiser in Seattle for Darcy and all are invited. Darcy will stress the following points in her campaign:

Ethics: huge issue in the election

Energy: Affects national security.

Families: Congress should be focused on issues that affect families.

National Security – as the question: are we safe? She said there are radio frequency issues in that the Red Cross, police, fire and FEEMA still cannot communicate with each other due to the different radio frequencies...same as what happened on 9/11. That problem could be solved but Reichert has stalled the issue.

Darcy wants to get the information out that Dave Reichert is a right wing Republican. She encouraged all to write letters to the editor.

MSP to accept the 2006 Budget.

Jerry Beckendorf addressed the group and discussed Lobby Day in Olympia on Feb 20th, also PCO Training and a Crab Feed that night and Howard Dean will be the speaker.

Jon Bristol gave the Treasurer's Report. He will attend a day's training in Olympia 2/17 on new on line program for reporting. Our club is one of the first to go on line with this program.
MMS to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Jim Morrell passed out the old and new proposed By Laws for members to look over as they will be discussed at the March meeting.

March's meeting will include a short film about Wal Mart.

Mary Bryan dinner will be discussed also in March.

John Kosche the new PCO was introduced.

Ray Green moved that we

suspend the rules and endorse Darcy Burner right now but since we didn't have a quorum, that was tabled for March meeting.

Ellen Zulauf spoke about the recent meeting in which Dwight Pelz was chosen as the new state chair of the Democratic Party. Ellen supported Pelz on both ballots as she felt he was the most qualified and he really wanted the job. Ellen summed up Paul Berendt's accomplishments during his term. She said a dinner was held for Berendt and it was well attended. Chris Vance was the surprise guest.

25th District picnic is tentatively set for July 22 and a chili cook off will take place 9/28, on Ken Peach's schedule.

Joyce McDonald is holding a town meeting at the Puyallup Library on Sat. 2/18 from 11 – 12:30 .

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

OXYMORONS

If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we know?

Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?

How come abbreviated is such a long word?

Why do we wash bath towels?
Aren't we clean when we use them?

Why do they call it a TV "set" when you only have one?

Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?



Washington State Senate

Remarks for 25th Legislative District Feb. 13, 2006



By Sen. Jim Kastama, D-Puyallup, on the 2006 legislative session

With the short session just a little more than half over, Senate Democrats have addressed three significant pieces of legislation in addition to scores of lower-profile bills:

Sex predators – Washington already has some of the toughest sex predator laws in the nation, but we working to make them even more effective at protecting our citizens. A large package of bipartisan bills passed this session will, among other things:

- Increase penalties

for sexually motivated felonies and for voyeurism, child pornography and using the Internet to contact a minor;

- Strengthen registration requirements for sex predators;
- Permit the Department of Corrections to electronically monitor sex predators; and
- Create a statewide automated victim information and notification system.

WASL (Washington Assessment of Student Learning) –

We have passed legislation setting up a study to reveal barriers to academic success so that we can target resources and help *all* students meet academic standards. The study also will identify additional alternative methods and performance measures that could boost student achievement with the goal of an assessment system that will enable students to demonstrate they have the skills and knowledge needed to graduate.

Early primary date – With so little time between the primary and general elections, our current schedule has been a train wreck waiting to happen, and nothing revealed that more tellingly than the close race for governor in 2004. Had those recounts been necessary in a primary election, instead of a general election, it's hard to imagine how the state would have been able to issue absentee ballots in time for general election voters. I sponsored Senate Bill 5927, which moves the primary date from September to the third Tuesday in August, to create enough of a cushion that no Washingtonian – including those stationed overseas – should be denied the opportunity to vote.

SOME THOUGHTS

Just about the time you think you can make ends meet, someone moves the ends.

You can't plan for the future in the future - now is the time to do it!

I didn't plan to fail - I just failed to plan.

Volunteering can be contagious.



IS ANYONE OUT THERE LISTENING?

Listen to Frank Blair and Audrey Chase on their radio show FRIDAYS – 12 NOON TO 1 PM on KLAY 1180 AM .

(And if for some unknown reason you miss it you can go to <http://www.liberaltopia.org> There is a link on the right hand side of the screen that says Frank and Audrey.)

25th District Democratic (LDOC) Membership Form -

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

Name: _____ **Address:** _____

Phone: () _____ **City/Zip:** _____

Precinct: _____ **Email:** _____

New Dues now in effect: Evergreen (includes Senior, outside district, etc) \$10 per member; Rainier \$25; Chair's Voice \$50; Senators Club \$100 (can be paid in installments). If you already paid dues they are good for this year.

I've enclosed \$ _____ for Club Dues, \$ _____ for the Victory Fund. Please write checks dues to 25th LDOC and Victory Fund Checks to 25th District Victory Fund (donations to both require separate checks).

Mail to 25thLDD, PO Box 372, Puyallup, WA 98371



As of January 1st, membership dues continue to TRICKLE in to the treasury. The 25th District desperately needs these funds to continue to operate and to support Democratic candidates.

PLEASE get your dues in as soon as possible!

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT #569
TACOMA, WA

25th Legislative District
Democratic Orgn and Club
(LDOC)
PO Box 372
Puyallup, WA 98371