



# 25th Legislative District



## Democratic Focus



**FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: ELLEN ZULAUF, AUDREY CHASE, CAROLYN MERRIVAL, JOHN THONPSON, JON BRISTON, CHARLEY STOKES, LAUREN ADLER**

### MEETINGS

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



**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: [JoanCronk@comcast.net](mailto:JoanCronk@comcast.net)**

**25TH LEGISLATIVE  
DISTRICT  
DEMOCRATIC  
(LDD)OFFICERS**

**President/Chair: John Thompson**  
Tel: (253) 841-2030  
email:

John.Thompson6@comcast.net

**Vice Chair: Lauren Adler**

Tel: (253) 820-8843

email: AdlerLN@comcast.net

**Treasurer: Jon Bristol**

Tel: (253) 770-1246

email: bristol.j@comcast.net

**Membership: Carolyn Merrival**

Tel: (253) 845-3195

email: lakotalegends@comcast.net

**State Committee:**

**Jerry Beckendorf**

Tel: (253) 845-7702

email: JerryB62@comcast.net

**State Committee: Ellen Zulauf**

Tel: (253) 845-9370

email: eazul@msn.com

**Parliamentarian: Cliff Allo**

Tel: (253) 208-8167

**Secretary: Charley Stokes**

Tel: (253) 848-8431

**Sgt-At-Arms:**

**John Ernest Berry III**

Tel: (253) 435-5159

**PCO: John Kosche**

Tel: (253) 906-2225

email: John@Kosche.org

**Pierce County Executive  
Board Representatives:**

Frank Blair, , Audrey Chase,  
Matt Hanbey

Immediate past chair:

**Audrey Chase**

Tel: (253) 531-2239

email: Achase1952@earthlink.net

**Club Contact:**

email: LDD25th@earthlink.net

**25TH DISTRICT  
DEMOCRATIC  
ELECTED  
OFFICIALS**



Senator  
Jim Kastama  
(253) 840-4701

email:  
kastama.jim@leg.wa.gov



Representative  
Dawn Morrell  
(253) 840-4604

email:  
morrell.dawn@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.piercecountyde-  
mocrats.org

25th District Focus  
Committee

Jim Morrell, Chairperson

Joan Cronk, Editor

JoanCronk@comcast.net

(253) 845-5389

Ken Peach, Publisher

kmpeach@aol.com

(253) 537-4591

Ray Green, Coordinator

Sara Waddell, Coordinator

Frank Blair, Columnist



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

**1 Mar Thu** 25th LDD meets at  
the Puyallup Library, 324 S.  
Meridian, at 6:30 PM  
One Issue will be on financing  
election campaigns with a  
speaker, Jack Haak, from the  
Washington Public Campaigns  
organization.

**17 Mar Sat** Rep Dawn Morrell  
and Sen Jim Kastama will have  
a Town Hall meeting, 10 AM to  
Noon at Puyallup Community  
Resource Cen. (City Council  
Chambers, 107 N. Meridian.

Also **DEADLINE** for FOCUS  
articles, pictures, etc.

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

**5 Apr Thu** 25th LDD meets at  
the Puyallup Library at 6:30  
PM.

**14 Apr Sat DEADLINE** for  
FOCUS articles, pictures, etc.

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

## CHAIR'S NOTES

By John Thompson

We have less than one (1) year to get ready for the Presidential Election season and we have many candidates already in the race. 25<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats will have its own candidates to work for and support and many of those races will be starting in the next six to nine months and we must prepare for those races too. Many of you may have attended Pierce County Councilman's Calvin Goings kickoff for Pierce County Executive on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. It was a great event bring together more supporters than the room could hold. It was a great kickoff for Calvin Goings and it is only the beginning to the many candidates.

This year we have many open seats that are non-partisan such as City Council of Puyallup, Edgewood, Fife and Milton and School Board elections for Puyallup, Bethel, Franklin Pierce and Tacoma. These elections are great opportunities for Democrats to get started in the electoral process. It should be the Democratic Parties objective to have Democrats to run and win elections from Out House to the White House. The work begins now and it involves you. As you know, politics is not a

spectator sport. It is time to get involved.

**SENATOR JOE BIDEN**  
PO Box 438, Wilmington,  
DE 19899  
Phone: (302) 574-2008  
<http://www.joebiden.com>

**SENATOR HILLARY CLINTON**  
1717 K St. NW, Ste. 300,  
Washington, DC 20036  
Phone: (202) 263-0180  
<http://www.hillaryclinton.com>

**SENATOR CHRIS DODD**  
PO Box 51882, Washington  
DC 20091  
Phone: (202) 737-DODD  
<http://chrisdodd.com>

**SENATOR JOHN EDWARDS**  
410 Market St., Ste. 400,  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
Phone: (919) 636-3131  
<http://johnedwards.com>

**SENATOR MIKE GRAVEL**  
1600 N. Oak St., Ste. 1412,  
Arlington, VA 22209  
Phone: (703) 652-4698  
<http://www.gravel2008.us>

**REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS KUCINICH**  
TBD  
<http://kucinich.us>

## SENATOR BARACK OBAMA

233 North Michigan Ave.,  
Ste. 1720, Chicago, IL 60601  
Phone: (312) 819-2008  
<http://www.barackobama.com>

## GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON

111 Lomas Blvd. NW, Ste.  
120, Albuquerque, NM  
87102  
Phone: (505) 982-2291  
<http://www.americaforrichardson.org>

## GOVERNOR TOM VILSACK

PO Box 1377, Des Moines,  
IA 50305  
Phone: (515) 283-2008  
<http://www.tomvilsack08.com>

## THOUGHTS

*People who have an hour to spare,  
usually spend it with someone who  
hasn't.*

*Self praise can be put in the same  
class as anything else you get for  
nothing.*

*Sight is a faculty; seeing is an art!*

*A person who can't forget is worse  
off than a man who can't remember.*

*No one can ruin your day without  
your permission!*



## NEXT 25TH LDD MEETING

By Elizabeth Ogden,  
aka Betty

We urge you to attend the March 1st 25th District meeting (7:PM Puyallup Public Library). Chairman John Thompson has arranged for us to learn about public funding for campaigns. There will be a short video, and a speaker, Jack Haak, from Washington Public Campaigns will explain the process and how this non-partisan movement has been incredibly successful in Maine and Arizona.

If you believe, as I do, that moneyed private interests are too-powerful an influence in elections, be sure to attend this meeting. If you believe, as I do, that corruption in government must be eliminated before our lawmakers can be free to make laws for "we the people", get your questions on the subject ready for the speaker.

And if you believe, as I do, that there is hope we as voters can do something about it -

**DON'T MISS THIS MEETING!**

---

## Notes from the State Committee Meeting

By Ellen Zulauf

Election of Officers: State Chair: Dwight Pelz; State Vice Chair: Eileen Macoll; State Secretary: Luis Mocosco; State Treasurer: Habib Habib

All officers were reelected.

State Chair's Report: Last November's election was very successful for Democrats. Our next goal is to reelect all our office holders and take back the White House. Our prime goal in the State is the re-election of our Governor. To do all of this, our local organizations must start getting new recruits. The caucuses in the spring of 2008 will be our best opportunity to get new volunteers. We should have the tasks ready for them before the caucuses.

A problem for us is that County office seekers don't have a fund raising organization behind them. We need to think how we can help them. The legislative districts are the local fund raising organizations and their aims are to get district candidates elected to the state legislature.

Democratic National Committee Report: All Democratic presidential candidates were expected to speak at the winter meeting in Washington DC the first week in February. The 2008 National Democratic Convention will be held in Denver. The Presidential primaries will start in early February with New Hampshire and Iowa, followed by Nevada and South Carolina. Many other states now want their primaries moved up also. Expect that presidential campaigns will take an enormous amount of money to run from January to November. Howard Dean, the National Chairman, was in charge of the 50 state campaign during 2006. A number of offices around the nation were picked up by Democrats as a result. Our campaign organizers were paid by the DNC.

---

### **MORE THOUGHTS**

*Why do we park in driveways and drive on parkways?*

*Why does Hawaii have interstate highways?*

*Crime doesn't pay! Does that mean that my job is a crime?*

*If a train station is where a train stops - what is a workstation?*

*How do you know honesty is the best policy until you have tried some of the others?*

## NEW OFFICERS

By Joan Cronk

At the February 1 25<sup>th</sup> LDD meeting, the following elections were held:

Charles Stokes was re-elected as Secretary; Jon Bristol was re-elected as Treasurer; Carolyn Merrival was re-elected as Membership Chair; Cliff Allo was appointed as Parliamentarian; John Ernest Berry, III was elected as Sergeant-At-Arms.

Cliff Allo said that his job will be to "Advise the Chairman on how to run a meeting smoothly and fairly."

John Ernest Berry III said that he wanted to hold an office so he could "Help in any way I can."

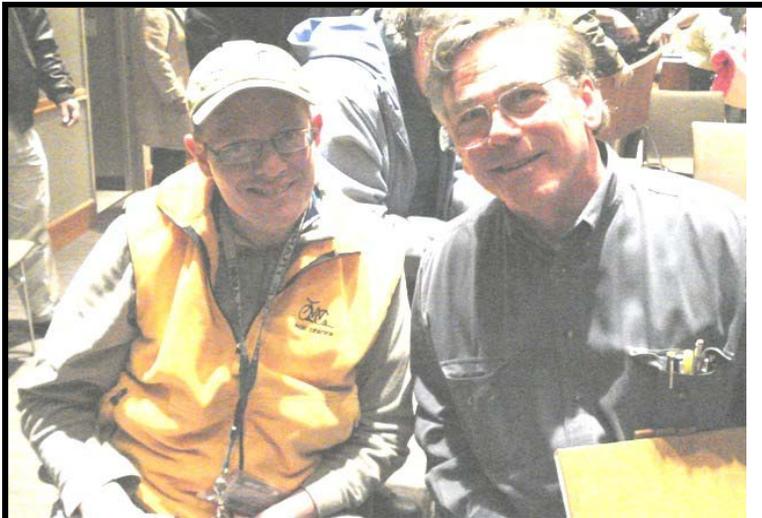
John brings to this office a lot of strength and guts.

On July 20, 1986 at 11:58 p.m. he was riding his bicycle down a hill when a car coming up the hill turned in front of him. John hit the car, hard, flew off his bike and broke the car's windshield. His brand new

bike helmet was at home in a box and so John's head took the brunt of the collision. He spent 6 ½ weeks in a coma and lost his ability to walk or speak. "I could do nothing independently," he said. "I had to have care 24/7." John, who has been disabled for 21 years, since he was 21 years old, now lives independently. He is very involved in a variety of endeavors, including Rails to Trails and serves on the Board of the Foothills Patrol. He does his own cooking and cleaning, says he is "fastidious about my cleaning and finicky about what I eat." In the beginning life was tough, but now John doesn't spend much time feeling sorry for himself. "If something is in my way," he said, "I go around it."

John has a good friend named Bob Myrick, a member of a bicycle club in Tacoma. Myrick rides his bike every year to St. Louis, MO to visit his brother. "Bob is the way I wish I could have been," said John.

We welcome John to the office of Sergeant-At-Arms...with his determination (when he was a child he read a whole dictionary!), and focus he is just right for the job!



**JOHN ERNEST BERRY III AND CLIFF ALLO**

## PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA PET OWNERS

Theodore Roosevelt's household had a one-legged chicken for a pet. They also owned a blue macaw and a six-toed cat named slippers.

President and Mrs. John Tyler were the owners of a pet canary.

Lyndon B. Johnson didn't score any points with animal lovers when he picked up his beagle hounds by the ears.

Abraham Lincoln's childhood pet pig became the family breakfast much to Abe's consternation.

Caroline Kennedy regularly rode her pony, Macaroni and played with her dog Pushinka.

William Henry Harrison purchased Sukey the cow to provide the White House with fresh milk.

## PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENCY

Bill Clinton played the saxophone in a jazz combo called Three Blind Mice.

As an orphan youngster, Herbert Hoover was paid to pick potato bugs off plants at the rate of \$1 per 100 bugs. He was the first President born west of the Mississippi River.

Jimmy Carter was the first President born in a hospital.

John F. Kennedy was the first President to be born in the 20th Century.

Richard Nixon's birth weight was 11 pounds.

Franklin Roosevelt's mother clothed him in dresses until he was 5. He was 39 years old when he contracted polio and 51 when elected President.

## SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF MEETING 1 Feb 2007



Meeting called to order at 7:07 P.M. by John Thompson, Chair.

Followed roll call of officers, adoption of agenda and adoption of minutes. Cliff Allo was elected as Parliamentarian and John Ernest Berry III was elected as Sergeant at Arms. Charley Stokes was re elected as Secretary; other re elections were Jon Bristol as Treasurer and Carolyn Merrival as Membership Chair.

Chairman Thompson gave a brief chair report and Lauren Adler a Vice Chair's report. She reminded members of the event on March 6 at the Elks where Gov. Gregoire will speak.

Join the Pierce County Democratic Party & Gov Chris Gregoire on Tuesday, March 6 from 5:30 to 9 PM at the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174 at 1965 S. Union Ave, Tacoma to celebrate, unite and begin building our tomorrow. Tickets are \$35 in advance, or \$40 at the door. (Paid your Pierce County dues? Get \$5 off your pre-paid ticket!) Buffet dinner begins at approximately 7:15 PM following the Governor's speech. For more information, go to [www.piercecountydems.org](http://www.piercecountydems.org) or contact Jeannie Mitchell at [djmitchells@net-venture.com](mailto:djmitchells@net-venture.com)

Jon Bristol gave the treasurers report and Senator Kastama gave us a brief summary of his first four weeks of the current Legislative session. Senator Kastama has authored SB5510, which is the Public Campaign Financing Bill.

Karen Willard, Pierce County Rep to the State Committee introduced herself. Karen is from the 31<sup>st</sup> LD.

25<sup>th</sup> LD State Committee members Jerry Beckendorf and Ellen Zulauf gave their reports.

Chairman Thompson moved that the E Board support the evolution and expansion of the organization web site and authorizing a \$10 monthly expense to maintain it. The membership voted and approved.

Chairman Thompson moved that the E Board reverse itself to authorize a statement of dues paid status on the newsletter mailing label. Discussion followed and the membership approved.

Motion by Jerry Beckendorf for a Resolution to Support Senate Joint Memorial 8003, calling on the POTUS to obtain approval from Congress before sending any additional troops to Iraq and that POTUS not spend any further taxpayer dollars on an escalation in Iraq unless approved by Congress. Discussion followed with general support. The vote was called and passed.

The Alternative Energy/Pro/Con issue topic was tabled due to lack of time.

Joshua Welter from the Washington Community Action Network presented a Resolution Supporting Secure Health Care Campaign. Discussion followed his presentation with enthusiastic support. It was moved and seconded to support the Resolution. Passed.

There is a great need for 25<sup>th</sup> District PCOs. Handbooks are available.

Ken Peach asked that everyone notify him of any change in address or e-mail address. Betsy Stubbs called for support for South Hill Community Planning Council on 3/14 and asked us to keep an eye on County Council members Shawn Bunny and Roger Bush. Lauren Adler asked members to support the School Board vote on Feb. 6. Cliff Allo spoke of the need to let the County Council feel the full impact of the 25<sup>th</sup> LDD on growth and development issues. Ray Green drew attention to the photos from the Kick off dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.



## SENATE REPORT By Jim Kastama

As we approach the end of Week Five, some of my prime-sponsored bills have received hearings while others await an agenda time.

Both of my bills dealing with signature gatherers, SB 5180 and SB 5182, have been heard. My office continues to receive positive feedback from all over the state, and I look forward to these bills moving on to the next step and finally to the floor for a vote.

My equal parenting legislation, SB 5234, has had a hearing in the Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee. The room was packed and, frankly, the scheduled hearing time was too short. Through phone calls, e-mails, and letters, my office has received a tremendous amount of support not just from the district but across Washington and the United States. Clearly, this legislation resonates with many people — young and old, parents and grandparents — and I remain hopeful that this year my bill will make it through the Legislature and into law.

I have had two bills dealing with mobile/manufactured homes that were heard in the Senate Consumer Protection & Housing Committee. I am hopeful that both SB 5477 and SB 5540 will win approval by the Senate and be passed over to the House for consideration.

My bill to regulate tattooing and body piercing, SB 5180, was heard last week in the Senate Labor, Commerce, Research & Development Committee. This bill would require the Department of Licensing (DOL), in consultation with the Department of Health (DOH), to adopt rules for

the practice of body art, body piercing, or tattooing. The rules must address universal precautions for infection control, sterilization procedures, and client record retention. Persons who engage in the practice of body art, body piercing or tattooing would be required to register with DOL and to report client infections and allergic reactions to DOH and DOL. Registrations would be renewed annually, but DOL could refuse to renew or suspend a registration due to an act of unprofessional conduct under RCW 18.235.130 or for violating a provision of this bill.

This year I assumed the chairmanship of the Economic Development, Trade & Management Committee, where we are hearing bills and receiving information from experts on strategies that will help our state develop businesses and work forces that can compete globally. Along with that, I am continuing to actively work to ensure that Pierce County receives the transportation dollars needed to keep up with our economic development needs. Fully funding the completion of SR 167 to the Port of Tacoma and constructing the Cross-base Highway remain extremely high on my list of priorities.

If you would like more information on these bills or have any comments on these or any other issues before the Legislature, please feel free to contact me in my Olympia office at 360-786-7648 or by e-mail at [kastama.jim@leg.wa.gov](mailto:kastama.jim@leg.wa.gov)

*Jim*



## HOUSE REPORT By Dawn Morrell

As I write this Olympia is abuzz due to Governor Gregoire's announcement that every person in our state can access to affordable health care by 2012. That's only five years away!

I know we can do this because in my role as Vice Chair of the Health Care Committee we are considering new ways to create insurance pools that will bring down the cost of health insurance for everyone. We are also focusing on ideas that will offer health care to tens of thousands of Washington children who currently do not have it. So I am absolutely convinced that the 2012 date is realistic and something we should all pursue.

I am also working on a number of other issues including metal theft and manufactured housing landlord tenant act enforcement. Our community is having a huge problem with metal theft and HB 1251 establishes specific requirements related to transactions involving metal property. My manufactured housing bill provides an equitable, less costly and more efficient way for manufactured/mobile home tenants and landlords to resolve disputes. You can track these bills and all of my legislation online at <http://hdc.leg.wa.gov/members/morrell/>.

I am proud to continue serving as Vice Chair of the Health Care Committee, co-chair of the Joint Veterans & Military Affairs Committee and on the Rules Committee. I am also excited about my new assignments on the Appropriations and Environmental Health Committees.

Last but not least Senator Kastama and I are having a town hall on Saturday, March 17 from 10 am to noon at the Puyallup City Council Chambers at 107 N Meridian. I hope that you all can make it.

--Dawn

**25th District Democratic (LDD) 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

:Dues: Evergreen (includes Senior, outside district, etc) \$10 per member; Rainier \$25; Chair's Voice \$50; Senators Club \$100 (can be paid in installments).

I've enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Club Dues, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Victory Fund. Please write dues checks to 25th LDD and Victory Fund Checks to 25th District Victory Fund (donations to both can be on same check).

**NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS:**

**Mail to**

**25th LDD, PO Box 73594, Puyallup, WA 98373**



IS ANYONE  
OUT THERE  
LISTENING?

**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.**

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

25th Legislative District  
Democratic  
(LDD)  
PO Box 73594  
Puyallup, WA 98373