



# 25th Legislative District



## Democratic Focus



**APRIL 5, 2008, HUNDREDS OF ENTHUSIASTIC DEMOCRATS FILL THE PUYALLUP HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FOR THE 25TH LDD CAUCUS**

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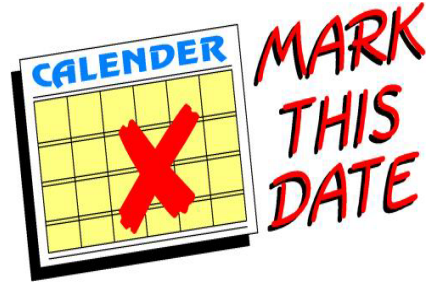
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**26 Apr Sat** Flood Cleanup in  
 Chehalis River Valley Call  
 (360) 280-7080 & Volunteer!

**28 Apr Mon** E-Board meeting  
 at 7 PM at Fire Station 66,  
 9813 128th St., E., Puyallup

**29 Apr Tue** Darcy Burner  
 Fundraiser WSU Extension Cen  
 NOTE: Starts 4:30;  
 not 5:30!

**1 May Thu** 25th  
 LDD meets at Puy-  
 allup Library, 324  
 Meridian , Puyallup at 7 PM.  
 Featured Speaker will be Sena-  
 tor Jim Kastama.

**17 May Sat** Congressional Dis-  
 trict Caucuses  
 DEADLINE for  
 FOCUS articles,  
 pictures, etc.

**2 Jun Mon** E-Board  
 meeting at 7 PM at Fire Station  
 66.

**5 Jun Thu** 25th LDD meets at  
 Puyallup Library at 7 PM.

**13-15 Jun** Democratic State  
 Convention in Spokane

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



# Notes from the Chair

By Lauren Adler

Our April 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Caucus was a HUGE success!! We had over 900 delegates and alternates sign in, and take some part in the LD caucus – that’s a HUGE turnout! The 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats also raised just over a thousand dollars from the LD caucus, which will help off-set building rental fees and supply costs. With turnout rates of the caucuses and conventions increasing, this is a sure sign that this spring and summer is going to be crazy busy with meetings, events, doorbelling, etc. It’s a GREAT year to be a Democrat, and this is the year to be involved and make a difference!

I would like to take the time this month to THANK all of the volunteers involved for making the April 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Caucus a success. All of the folks **listed below** helped out at the LD caucus, woke up early on a Saturday morning, and provided fantastic leadership to make sure all 900+ people that walked through the front doors of Puyallup High School were taken care of. WE COULD HAVE NOT BEEN AS SUCCESSFUL WITH OUR CAUCUS IF IT WASN’T FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS!! The compliments I have been receiving throughout the county absolutely outweigh the small number of complaints I have received, and we owe this to our great volunteers. I am absolutely excited to have these people on our team, and look forward to working with them in the future on other events!

None of this would have been possible if it wasn’t for the hard work and dedication of RAY GREEN. Ray was instrumental in making sure that we had ALL of our

bases covered – from developing sign-in sheets, folding Official Call letters, calling volunteers, envisioning where sub-caucuses would meet, etc. Ray truly carried the weight with our LD caucus, and his work absolutely deserves to be commended! Our organization is truly blessed to have such hard workers, like Ray, to make sure we cover all of our bases and make sure everyone is accounted for. The next time you see Ray, please let him know how much his work is appreciated!

Finally, a BIG thanks to our very own State Senator Jim Kastama, who served as the Permanent Chair for the Legislative District Caucus. Senator Kastama did a fantastic job chairing the caucus, and I am so honored that he had the time to preside over the body. It was great to have one of our own elected officials help us out with this event!

## Very Special Thanks . . .

- Denielle Aduba
- Cliff Allo
- Bob and Pegga Alston
- Michael Alston
- Bob Angeline
- Jenny Appel
- Kris Apple
- David Artis
- Susie Askew
- Dick Aveldson
- Dorothy Bartnes
- Jerry Beckendorf
- Heather Blackthorn
- Frank Blair
- Liz Collier
- Tracy Collins
- Stephanie Dann
- Kat Flynn
- Linda Frank
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- Nicole Gates
- Toni Gates

- Ricka Gerstmann
- Ray Green
- Luanne Green
- Yvonne Groves
- Matt Hanbey
- Gary and Debbie Hartmann
- Bill and Marty Humphreys
- Anne Jacobson
- Alexandria Johnson
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- Jackie Konschuh
- Patti Leitz
- Ken Little
- Natalie Lumpkin-Brown
- James Mayhak
- Carolyn Merrival
- Lindy Montgomery
- Gretchen Mottet
- Debbie Naglee
- Charles and Rita Nolph
- Betty Ogden
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- Nancy Polich
- Alex Priest
- Al Rose
- Thelma Sacklin
- Earline Sanbeck
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- Benita Smith
- Jason Smith
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- Michael Steele
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- Merv Swanson
- John Thompson
- Melissa Thompson
- Louis Tibbs
- Pat Toy
- Ned Witting
- Juris Verzemnieks
- Eric Zuehlsdorff



## **HUNDREDS OF ENTHUSIASTIC DEMOCRATS FILL PHS AUDITORIUM**

*By Charley Stokes*

On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats of the 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts met in caucus at Puyallup High School to choose presidential delegates to go forward to the Congressional District caucuses that will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteers began to arrive before 8:00 AM to set-up for the day's activities.

Lauren Adler called upon a small army of PHS students and graduates to man the attendance sign-in and distribute delegate nametags. PHS venue-focal and 25LD Vice-Chair, Louis Tibbs was a dynamo of energy, circulating between the lower level lunchroom and upper level auditorium, insuring that resources were available as needed.

Ray Green made sure the registration process went smoothly with over a dozen volunteers at the sign-in tables. Credentials committee staffers Cliff Allo, Jerry Beckendorf, John Thompson and nominating table volunteers Pat Toy and Mike Steele made sure the computing sta-

tion was up and ready.

Candidate volunteers for Obama and Clinton were on-hand before the official door opening to set-up tables of refreshments and informational literature. By the time precinct delegates began arriving at 9:30 AM and made their way to the sign-in tables everything was in-place. Over 618 delegates and alternates signed in to participate in the process.

Shortly after 10:00 AM, 25<sup>th</sup> LDD Chair, Lauren Adler approached the podium and rapped the gavel, officially opening the caucus. Following a recommendation to amend the agenda, motions were made and seconded to adopt the amended agenda and the rules as distributed in the delegate packets. The vote for both motions was a unanimous "AYE", without objection or abstention.

Chair Adler then called for state Senator Jim Kastama to come forward as caucus chair and passed the gavel for him to lead the rest of the proceedings. Caucus-chair Kastama then appointed Linda Frank as Secretary, Al Rose as Parliamentarian and Juris Verzemnieks as Sgt-At-Army for the duration of the caucus. Then, candidates standing for election the in

25<sup>th</sup> LD in this falls' November election were allowed 3-min to address the audience.

Calvin Goings, current Pierce County Councilman for District 2, was eloquent in describing the urgent necessity to replace current Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg (D) who will be running in November for State Attorney General with another strong Democrat and why he feels he is best qualified to do so.

Candidates Carolyn Merrival and Al Rose, both running for the soon to be vacated Pierce County District 2 seat were equally eloquent as they introduced themselves to the assembly, noting their strengths and qualifications for succeeding Calvin Goings who is term-limited on the council.

The one possible shortcoming of the day was the length of time it took for the Credentials Committee to tally the total of delegates and alternates and to fine-tune the delegate allocation for the sub-caucuses. Once the report was made the caucus adjourned into sub-caucuses for each of the three Congressional Districts.

Each CD sub-caucus then separated into groupings-by-candidate and the real work of the day began. The 6<sup>th</sup> CD Clinton was led by Dave Artis; the 6<sup>th</sup> Obama by Frank Blair. The 8<sup>th</sup> CD Clinton was led by Debbie Hartmann; the 8<sup>th</sup> Obama by Jerry Beckendorf. The 9<sup>th</sup> CD Clinton was led by Matt Hanbey; the 9<sup>th</sup> Obama by Louis Tibbs. All delegates wishing to go forward to the CD Caucus had placed their names into nomination. Now each nominee took the floor in sub-caucus to ask the other delegates to vote him/her to go forward. (In the 9<sup>th</sup> CD/ Obama, 112 delegates vied for 18 positions!)

The day wound to a close with the counting of ballots and the reporting of those elected to the CD Caucuses. Patience had been the coin of the day and much had been spent before the last of the delegates and volunteers wearily headed home.

Final tallies of delegates and alternates, by candidate:

	6 <sup>th</sup> CD	8 <sup>th</sup> CD	9 <sup>th</sup> CD
Obama	1 delegate – 0 alt	7 delegates – 3 alt	18 delegates - 9 alt
Clinton	1 delegate – 1 alt	4 delegates – 2 alt	10 delegates – 5 alt



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*WORDS OF WISDOM?*

*If people never did silly things nothing intelligent would every get done.*

*In everyday life most "talent" is simply hard work in disguise.*

*I was taught to always respect my elders - but it keeps getting harder to find one.*

**PICTURES - PICTURES**

You can see many, great pictures of the 25th LDD Caucus by going to the web site at [www.25Dems.org](http://www.25Dems.org)



*How come you never hear any father-in-law jokes?*

## PCO FILING

By Ray Green, PCO Chair

This year Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) will be elected in the primary election. Previously PCOs were elected in November. Candidacy filing week for all political offices is June 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. In order to fill as many of our PCO positions, I am asking everyone who would like to run for election to call me. I have the Declaration of Candidacy forms and will mail them to interested parties. I need to know who is running so I can search for candidates in precincts where no one has shown an interest. Please don't delay in making a decision. Please call me at 848-0289 if you would like to receive a Candidacy form. Electing Democrats to office is our main goal.

People often ask, "What is expected of a PCO?" Some of the expectations include attending meetings of the local and county organizations as much as possible to know the issues, being a dues paying member of the organizations, actively participating in fund raising activities, distributing party election materials during election campaigns, working within the precinct to register voters and getting to know you fellow Democrats. You will be given access to the State party's voter file that provides a great deal of information about your precinct.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

### PUYALLUP SCHOOL DISTRICT FORUM

Dear Community Stakeholder;

As a result of action taken by the Puyallup School District Board of Directors, a Bond Advisory Committee (BAC) has been working the past several weeks to research and develop the capital projects needed by our students and staff. With the help of our stakeholders, the committee will ultimately be developing a bond proposal recommendation for the Board's consideration. It is critical to consider input from a variety of stakeholders. The committee has scheduled a number of forums for stakeholders to review the needs and provide suggestions before the proposal (in its final form) is submitted to the Board in May.

In the past you have shown interest in participating in these discussions and I would like to once again extend an invitation for you to join us at one of our upcoming forums. Each forum will provide foundation information about the District's capital needs and provide time for participants to offer their ideas, observations, and suggestions. The forums will be held at the below listed locations in Puyallup on the following days and times:

Mon Apr 21, 10:00 -11:30 am,  
ESC, Pioneer Room.

Thu May 1, 10:00-11:30 am, ESC,  
Evergreen Room.

Thu May 1, 6:30-8:00 pm,  
Edgemont Jr. High.

Mon May 5, 3:30-5:00 pm, Ballou  
Jr. High

Tues May 6, 3:30-5:00 pm, Edge-  
mont Jr. High

I do hope you will be willing to  
participate in one of our forums.

I look forward to seeing you again.

An RSVP to Christine Boiter at  
253 841-8762 would be greatly  
appreciated.

Thank You,  
Debra Aungst  
Assistant Superintendent,  
Education Support

# C'mon Pierce Let's kick it off!



Democratic Candidate for  
Washington's 8<sup>TH</sup> Congressional District

When: Tuesday, April 29<sup>TH</sup>  
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Where: WSU Puyallup  
7612 Pioneer Way E  
Puyallup, WA

Be a Pal!  
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**SUMMARY OF  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
3 APRIL 2008**

*By Charley Stokes*

Meeting location Puyallup Elks Club

Call To Order 7:13 PM

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

New Business: Action on proposed Endorsement Procedure presented to the members at the February and March meetings. Carolyn Merrival came forward and reviewed the background on proposal. Cliff Allo reviewed the voting process in the by-laws. M/S to adopt the process as presented. There was a period of debate.

The motion passed. (PCO's: 15A, 1N, 0Ab) (GM's: 9A, 0N, 0Ab) Members willing to serve on the Endorsement Committee should contact the Chair.

Officers Reports: All deferred. Look in the May "FOCUS" for reports.

Program: Nathe Lawver, Chair of the Pierce County Central Committee led a training session for the LD Caucus scheduled for Saturday, April 5 at Puyallup High School. During discussion, several members focused on the lack of cut-off times on the caucus agenda that had been distributed in the delegate/alternate information packets. It was M/S to amend the agenda to add times. Discussion followed. It was M/S to offer a friendly amendment to the original motion that time periods be made conditional on how many people showed up. Amended motion failed. The original motion passed.

Elected Officials: Calvin Goings made a short address to the membership.

Good of the Order:

Jerry Beckendorf offered a reminder about the candidate D-label meeting at the IBEW hall on Thu, 4-10; also, a reminder about the Labor Caucus event on Sat, 4-26 to support flood victims. On Tue, 4-29 Darcy Burner will have her kick-off at the WSU extension. (Questions about Darcy Burner campaign call Raven (425) 443-2564) Jerry also noted that Fri, 4-4 is the anniversary of the assassination of Dr Martin Luther King. Frank Blair instructed members on the availability of recording from the AM1180 radio show at [www.equaltimeradio.org](http://www.equaltimeradio.org). It was M&S to adjourn @ 8:52 PM. PWO.

**MAY -  
25TH LDD MEETING**

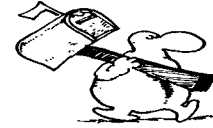
Our own State Senator Jim Kastama (State Representative Dawn Morrell has also been invited) will be our featured speaker at our **May 1st** meeting. We will be meeting at the **Puyallup Public Library at 7:00pm**. Senator Kastama will be speaking about the 2008 Legislative Session and the campaign season ahead!



*ASSORTED  
CHOCOLATES  
By Ogden Nash*

*If some confectioner were willing  
To let the shape announce the filling  
We'd encounter fewer assorted chocs,  
Bitten into and returned to the box.*

**CHANGING  
ADDRESSES.**



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!

**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](mailto:ktblair@comcast.net). Sign up fast - the endorsements process will begin very soon!



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Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_

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