



# 25th Legislative District



## Democratic Focus



**REPRESENTATIVE ADAM SMITH SPEAKING AT THE 25TH LDD MEETING ON OCT 7 ASKED THAT WE WORK HARDER FOR THE CAMPAIGNS AND VOTE BUT BE SURE TO VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET!**

**READ ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING , AND OTHER NOTES PLUS UPCOMINGS (PAGE 2)**

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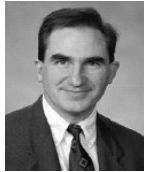
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**MEETINGS**



**1 Nov Mon** E-Board meets at  
7PM at Fire Station 66, 9813  
28th St. E., Puyallup

**4 Nov Thu** 25th LDD meets at  
the Puyallup Library. **Bring a  
friend to hear our guest  
speaker Nathe Lawver, Chair  
of Pierce County Democratic  
Party.**

**DEADLINE** **13 Nov Sat**  
**DEADLINE** for  
FOCUS articles,  
pictures, etc.

**29 Nov Mon** E-Board meets at  
7PM at Fire Station 66. 9813  
28th St E., Puyallup.

**DEADLINE** **2 Dec Thu** 25 LDD  
Meets at Puyallup Li-  
brary for Reorganization  
Meeting. We will be col-  
lecting new toys for Christmas.  
Also there will be a Dessert Pot-  
luck. Bring your favorite des-  
sert to share.

**18 Dec Sat** DEADLINE for  
FOCUS articles, pictures, etc.

**WHAT'S UP?**

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

## FROM THE CHAIR

On Thursday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats will have our Reorganization Meeting. This occurs every two years. According to our Bylaws, the Chair of the Pierce County Democratic Party calls a meeting of the newly elected Precinct Committee Officers of the 25<sup>th</sup> LD. At this meeting the Precinct Committee Officers will elect the Chair, the Vice Chair, the two legislative district representatives to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, and the three representatives to the Pierce County Democratic Central Committee. Following this election by the PCOs, the Chair will appoint the LD Parliamentarian. After this appointment, nominations will be open for the following offices: Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Officer, and Sergeant at Arms. After the election of these officers, the Chair will appoint the Assistant Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and Webster.

As the current Chair, I would encourage you to read over our Bylaws—only eight pages. They are available on our website ([www.25dems.org](http://www.25dems.org)). On pages 4-6 of our Bylaws, you will find a description of each of the positions on our Executive Board. Have you ever considered becoming more involved in our organization's leadership? I would ask that you think about running for one of the positions. If you are interested, please contact me and let me know! I would be happy to explain the process that will happen at our December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Our December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will also include two other events along with our Reorganization voting. We will be collecting “new” toys at this meeting. Please **everyone**...bring a “new” toy! If you wrap the toy, please indicate on a tag the appropriate age. Secondly, we will be having a Dessert Potluck. I'm asking for everyone to bring a dessert to share. We will provide the coffee, plates & plastic ware.

Just a reminder...our **November 4<sup>th</sup>** meeting will have Nathe Lawver as our guest speaker. Nathe is the current chair of the Pierce County Democrat Party.

*Louis*

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By Joan Cronk

Congressman Adam Smith addressed the 25<sup>th</sup> LDD at the October meeting and encouraged us all to keep up the pressure. Smith said they passed universal health care after 75 years of trying. “This was no small step,” he said, adding, “We extended unemployment, credit card reform and other things to fix the problem.” He encouraged us to “Drive this message: the guys that put us in this mess want back in power. They led us into a deep, deep hole. The President and Congress stepped up and took us into the right direction. We need to work as hard as possible for the next 26 days.”

Eric Renz reported on the very successful Puyallup Fair Booth. He said the 25<sup>th</sup> LDD invested \$3400 in the Booth and have received \$2500 back. He would like to see some of the campaigns contribute something to help pay the deficit. Eric handled the big job of running the Fair Booth while recovering from major surgery. Way to go, Eric!

At the October meeting our guest speaker, in addition to Congressman Smith, was Mike Egan, Director of Corporate Affairs at Microsoft. He spoke on “Inventing the Future” and had the audience laughing, clapping and asking questions. Egan grew up in Puyallup and one of his teachers, our very own Betty Ogden, was in the audience. He spoke of his early employment working for Congressman Norm Dicks, then for Senator Patty Murray and finally moving to Microsoft, working closely with Bill Gates.

Audience members thoroughly enjoyed Egan’s lively presentation.

At the November meeting to be held at the Puyallup Library, our guest speaker will be Nathe Lawver, Chair of Pierce County Democrats.

The December meeting will be the 25<sup>th</sup> LDD Reorganization meeting.

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## **THESE PEOPLE NEED YOU!**

**PATTY MURRAY  
SUZAN DELBENE**

**ADAM SMITH  
DAWN MORRELL**

**NORM DICKS  
JOHN THOMPSON**

**They all need volunteers to help them win their elections. Campaigns have been lost by an average of ONE VOTE per precinct.**

**Don't let your vote be that one missing vote!**

**We recommend you vote for all of these candidates and**

**YES on 1098 YES on R52**

**NO on all the rest**

**(Recommendations of the Washington State Democratic Party)**

## 25<sup>th</sup> LD OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> MINUTES

*By Melissa Thompson*

Called the meeting to order at 7p.m. Then had Flag Salute, Roll Call of Officers, and Adopted Agenda.

Elected Officials: Ninth<sup>th</sup> Congressional U.S. House Rep. Adam Smith stopped by and spoke. He had been in the area doorbelling. He talked about the policies Congress has passed in the past two years. He and other incumbents, when doorbelling, have to sell the best message. He said that we are moving in a better direction but it takes time to recover.

Puyallup Fair booth report was given by Eric Renz. By all reports we had an attractive, well-received and well-visited booth. We had over 2300 visitors interact with the booth. We had volunteers from most LDs and some campaign teams. There were a total of 64 different volunteers from the 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> LDs and a few who weren't identified and several from the WPEA. The following Democrat organizations and campaigns contributed to the cost of the booth: 27<sup>th</sup> LD \$300, 28<sup>th</sup> LD \$202, Wash State Dems \$1,000, King Co. Central Committee \$210, 30<sup>th</sup> LD \$202, 31<sup>st</sup> LD \$200, Norm Dicks Campaign \$300, Citizens to Elect John Thompson \$100, and Michael Kun, 30<sup>th</sup> LD. So the total amount raised for the cost of the booth was \$2,534.00. The 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District had contributed the total of \$3,462.41. Because of getting those donations from various organizations really the 25<sup>th</sup> LD only gave a contribution of \$928.41. The following LDs and campaigns who did not contribute were the 2<sup>nd</sup> LD, the 29<sup>th</sup> LD, and the campaigns of Adam Smith, Patty Murray, Suzan DelBene, and Dawn Morrell. At this time we still need to count how many buttons we have, the button cost from the cash intake, after which we will have a booth income figure which will be figured out by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having our Reorganization meeting at the time of our regular December monthly meeting. We will choose our officers for a two year term.

Our Guest Speaker was Mike Egan. He grew up in the District and thanked some members who were influential to him. He works at Microsoft as the Director of Corporate Affairs/ Political Outreach for the past 12 years. He had worked for Norm Dicks and Patty Murray. He gave us a slide show presentation about the rapid change of communication technology over the years and what technology will be in the future in our homes and offices.

Lona Watts, Campaign Manager for Dawn Morrell, urged us to sign up to help Dawn in her re-election campaign by Doorbelling, Sign Waving, and Phone Banking until the election.

Eric Renz is helping to form a Young Democrat club at Pierce College, Puyallup Campus so if you know any students who go there and would like to get involved you can contact Eric.

We adjourned by 8:30 p.m.



## WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Moses Lake, Washington

October 9, 2010

The fall meeting of the WSDCC was quieter and more unified than I have seen it in recent years as all attendees seemed to have one goal in mind: Elect Democrats across Washington state. During the report by Chair Dwight Pelz, he reminded us that we are in a tough fight to win the hearts and minds of the American people. He said we shouldn't forget the many things the Republicans have done to get us to the situation our economy is in today. They are willing to have the country fail to make the President look bad.

During the financial report Treasurer Habib Habib said people are beginning to understand how important money is to the success of our party. More income has been generated this year. The party is in better financial shape than usual, partly because we now have no debt. This gives us more money to give to candidates.

The Democratic National Central Committee members reported that the aim for 2012 primaries is to have regional clusters of states all vote on the same day. Presidential candidates have complained about the difficulties of traveling back and forth across the country in past election years. The DNCC is also aiming to have all primaries be held on or after March 1.

The next meeting of the WSDCC will be a reorganization meeting in January, 2011. Chair Dwight Pelz has said he will be running again for the Chair's position. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Ellen Zulauf, State Committeewoman

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### **MICROSOFT HOME OF THE FUTURE**

Mike Egan, Microsoft's Director of Government Affairs and our September speaker, has invited us to tour Microsoft's Home of the Future. "An immersive environment, it illustrates and explores ways technology could make our daily lives better over the next 5-10 years. We continue to blur the lines between the digital and physical worlds and have a variety of new experiences, exhibits and concepts that include healthcare, education, intelligence in everyday things, and sophisticated Client + Cloud experiences, just to name a few."

While this facility is not open to the public, we have this opportunity to tour the home. Tours are scheduled Monday thru Thursday during the day. If you would like to take the tour call Ray Green (848-0289) to get on the list. When we have enough interested people a tour will be scheduled and you will be notified.

**25<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

**October 14, 2010**

*By Luanne Green, Treasurer*

Period reported: September 1 – 30, 2010

Beginning Balance: \$ 4,945.41

Expenses:

Joan Cronk (Purchase Coffee Pot, Thermos – Meetings)	\$ 98.95
Cttee Elect Julie Anderson – PCO Auditor	500.00
Cttee Elect Mark Lindquist – Pros. Atty.	500.00
Cart-Doc (Xerox Printer Cartridge Refills)	98.37
Joe Morris (Reimb. 2 folding tables – WW Fair Booth)	109.28
Joan Cronk – Fair Materials	13.63
Eric Renz – Photo Badge, WW Fair Booth Mgr.	39.50
Emerald Self-Storage - Lease Space Fair Eqpt.,supplies	131.60
Joan Cronk – Refreshments	10.00
Total Expenses:	( \$1,501.33)

Income:

Dues: - two	70.00
Donations to Booth:	
Cong. Dicks \$300.00, 30 <sup>th</sup> LDD 202.00, 31 <sup>st</sup> LDD 200.00,	
Cttee. John Thompson \$100.00, Michael Kun, 30 <sup>th</sup> LDD 20.00	822.00
Donations to Fair – Button Donations	\$1,760.40
Balance as of September 30, 2010	<u>\$6,096.48</u>

Checking A/C Balanced, C-3's Filed, C-4 filed 10/11/2010 (next report 10/26) .



**REMEMBER TO JOIN THE MONTHLY 25TH LDD MEETING AT  
THE PUYALLUP LIBRARY -**

**And at December 2d meeting we will be having a Dessert Potluck.  
Bring your favorite dessert to share. Coffee, plates and plastic ware  
provided.**

**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.)

**Please send dues to: 25th LDD, POBox 73594, Puyallup, WA 98373**



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