



# 25th Legislative District



## Democratic Focus



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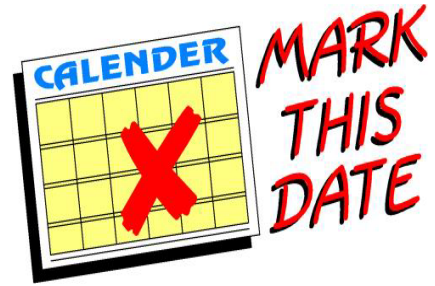
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**29 Oct Mon** E-Board meets at 7 PM at Fire Station 66, 9813 128th St., E., Puyallup.

**1 Nov Thu** 25th LDD meets at Puyallup Library, 324 Meridian at 7 PM. Speaker will be Darcy Burner, Candidate for Congress.

**5 Nov MON Governor Gre-  
goire Town Hall Meeting**  
 Stadium High School Com-  
 mons/Cafeteria, 111 N. E. St.,  
 Tacoma. Doors open at 6:30  
 PM and program begins at 7  
 PM. Let's all go and show  
 them the 25th is Alive and  
 leading the districts.



**DEADLINE** **17 Nov Sat DEAD-**  
**LINE** for FOCUS  
 articles, pictures,  
 etc.

**3 Dec Mon** E-Board meets at 7 PM at Fire Station 66.

**6 Dec Thu** 25th LDD meets at Puyallup Library at 7 PM.

**DEADLINE** **15 Dec Sat DEAD-**  
**LINE** for FOCUS  
 articles, pictures, etc.

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

## Notes from the Chair

By Lauren Adler

We're already preparing for November! The months are leading up to my favorite time of the year -- the Holiday Season. I hope that you are as excited as I am to gather with friends and family and continue those very special traditions. However, before we get to my favorite season of the year, the 2007 General Election will take place!

Please be sure that you take time to VOTE on November 6<sup>th</sup>, and consider voting for the candidates, initiatives, and referendums that the 25<sup>th</sup> Leg. Dist. Democrats voted to endorse...

The 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic Organization voted to endorse the following candidates, initiatives, and referendums:

**-Kathy R. Turner**, Candidate  
Puyallup City Council, At-Large

**-Glen Zevenbergen**, Candidate  
Puyallup City Council, Dist. 1/Pos.1

**-Cindy Poysnick**, Candidate  
Puyallup School Board, Pos. 2

**-Clare Petrich**, Candidate  
Port of Tacoma Commissioner, Pos. 5  
(Clare is the incumbent for this office)

**-Julie Anderson**, Candidate  
Tacoma City Council, At-Large  
(Julie is the incumbent for this office)

**-YES!** On Roads and Transit  
Proposition 1  
([www.yesonroadsandtransit.org](http://www.yesonroadsandtransit.org))

**-APPROVE** Referendum 67  
([www.approve67.org](http://www.approve67.org))

I encourage you to get involved with all of our endorsed candidates' campaigns. All of these candidates have opponents who are actively campaigning throughout our community. While it is an off election year, we still need to make sure we are supporting candidates that have been endorsed by our organization. Please take the time to contact these candidates/campaigns to host a yard sign, make phone calls, sign wave, etc. If you need assistance in contacting these candidates or their campaigns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

At our November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Darcy Burner, Candidate for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District US Representative, will be our speaker giving a fantastic presentation! Darcy will be highlighting the 2006 election cycle and how we will need to be very diligent in 2008 to get Democrats elected. Darcy will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have about becoming active in her campaign.

Here is a very important upcoming events that you may want to attend:

**-Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**: The Washington State Democrats present the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Warren

G. Magnuson Awards Ceremony and Auction featuring FORMER FIRST LADY, US SENATOR, and PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON.

5:30pm | Benaroya Hall - 200 University St. Seattle WA, 98101

Visit [www.wa-democrats.org](http://www.wa-democrats.org) for more information and to buy your tickets!

Recently, the idea has been brought up to have a logo designed for the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic party to be printed on 'official' 25<sup>th</sup> LDDO apparel. If you have a design in mind that would be great for our 'official' 25<sup>th</sup> LDDO logo, please share your idea/design with myself or any of the E-Board members. It would be awesome to go into the 2008 election cycle with some t-shirts, polos, vests, sweaters, etc. to wear out in the community. I can't wait to see the creativity of our organization!

As always, thank you for being dedicated members to the 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic Organization. I am consistently amazed by the willingness to be involved by our members - without dedicated volunteers like you, we would not be able to have such a vibrant group. Let's continue to work together to reach all of our common goals in 2008 and beyond!!

See you on November 1<sup>st</sup>!

*-Lauren*

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## WORKSHOPS FOR PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FUNDING ADVOCATES

*By Betty Ogden*

The workshops will be held in October and we urge you to Sign Up to Attend as soon as possible.

By popular demand, we are arranging a new round of workshops for WPC advocates, organizers and speakers. Learn all about Clean Elections: How it works, why it's essential, how we will achieve it here - organizing strategies and Spreading the Word.

A Workshop will be held Saturday, October 27 - 2-4 p.m. at the Federal Way Library on 320th. <http://www.kcls.org/320th/directions.cfm>

Workshops are 2 hours, but attendees who want to become WPC speakers should plan to stay an additional half hour. Washington Public Campaigns will be staging a full-court-press on the short WA State Legislative session which begins in January. Come learn how to join the momentum and help enact Clean Campaigns this year!

Pre-registration for the workshop is required. Please send an email to [annie@washclean.org](mailto:annie@washclean.org) ata/Thunderbird/Profiles/a8shasjb.default/Mail/Local%20Folders/Inbox?number=333574723> with the location you wish to attend as the first word in the subject line. In your message, include the area you live in and your phone number. I will send you driving directions when I confirm your registration, the week prior to the workshop.

We will request a \$5 donation at the door to cover copying costs.

Thanks. Any questions? Call 206-275-1393  
Annie Phillips [www.washclean.org](http://www.washclean.org)

To car-pool call Betty Ogden, 539-2720, or

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## PIERCE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CAUCUS TRAINING AND VOTER FILE TRAINING HOSTED BY THE PIERCE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY TECH COMMITTEE

November 10th, 2007  
2 Sessions: 10am and 1pm  
Manitou Community Center  
at 66th and Mullen in  
Tacoma

**IF YOU ARE A PCO,  
THIS TRAINING IS  
HIGHLY RECOM-  
MENDED!!**

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**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!



**25<sup>th</sup> District Democrats Legislative Action Committee Report**  
*By Cliff Allo*

Washington State Democratic Central Committee Meeting  
September 29, 2007  
Wenatchee, WA.

The most important issue for this meeting was the election of a National Committee Woman to fill the vacancy created by Karen Marchioro's recent death. The State Central Committee chose Sharon Mast, State Committee Woman from the the 41st Legislative District, over Cathi Bailey (Shelton), Di Irons (Issaquah), and Lila Smith (Shoreline). Sharon will serve through the Denver National Convention in August. Two National Committee Men and two National Committee Women will be elected in January to serve from after the Denver Convention until 2012.

National Committee Chairman Dean's 50 State Strategy recognizes that newspapers and magazines no longer have the readership they once enjoyed and network television no longer has the audience it once commanded. Even direct mail and phone calls have diminished effectiveness. Instead of increased reliance upon these "wholesale" methods, we need to use our personal networks where we have access and credibility.

The state is compiling a template for an endorsement process Legislative Districts can use if they so wish.

The Maggies will be Monday, October 22nd in Seattle. While

Senator Obama, Senator Dodd, Governor Richardson, and former Senator Edwards have other commitments, Senator Clinton will attend. Contact: Shawna Ousse at [maggies@wa-democrats.org](mailto:maggies@wa-democrats.org) or 206 583-0664 ext 14.

National Committee Man David McDonald expanded on the Rules Committee's response to the Florida Legislature's decision to move Florida's primary up earlier than allowed by National party rules. The Florida primary will not seat any delegates for Denver. Florida did not apply for exception to hold an early event; Democrats in the Legislature appear not to have fought the majority; and Florida has declined national assistance to develop an alternative process. While Michigan is considering a similar move, for now they have an approved plan.

Dave is also part of the legal team challenging the Grange's Initiative to implement a top-two primary. The Republican Party is the lead plaintiff; it was their turn to take an unpopular position and their party has appointed more federal judges recently. We Democrats are particularly concerned that a new process not provide our "brand" to a candidate we have not chosen. The parties obtained an injunction against the initiative in the federal district court and the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the district court's decision. With the argument before the Supreme Court on Monday, news accounts will provide the latest on the arguments and the Court's questions. The interesting tidbits Dave shared included

their practice arguments before Ed Meese, among others, at the Heritage Foundation. Finally from Dave, DNC attorneys will have visited every local vote counting office both to prevent and better to respond to situations like Florida and Ohio have provided in recent elections.

The State Committee adopted a resolution in opposition to I 960 because the initiative would hamstring the appropriations process by requiring voter approval of routine transfers and other budgetary actions.

(Cliff Allo attended as proxy for Jerry Beckendorf.)



Please keep this a secret but we have info that the December meeting will be special.



## 2008 CAUCUS AND CONVENTION CYCLE

*By Ray Green*

Precinct caucuses are a grassroots process where Democrats meet together to decide which candidate should lead us through the Presidential election. Caucuses will convene on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Several precincts will meet at each site, and will hold a general discussion of issues and present resolutions for the county platform. At 1:30 p.m. the group will divide into individual precincts to select delegates who will represent their choices for President at the Legislative District Caucus (April 5<sup>th</sup>) and County Convention (April 19<sup>th</sup>). Resolutions presented for inclusion in the County platform must be presented in writing.

If you will be unable to attend the February 9<sup>th</sup> precinct caucuses, but wish to be considered as a delegate, you must submit a letter to 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Chair Lauren Adler, stating that you are a Democrat and wish to be considered as a delegate from your precinct by February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. Attendees at the Legislative District caucus will select delegates to the State Convention (June 14<sup>th</sup>) and Congressional District Caucuses (May 17<sup>th</sup>).

**If you have any questions regarding the 2008 Caucuses and Conventions, please contact Caucus Chairs Ray Green at (253) 848-0289 or Carolyn Merrival at (253) 820-1123.**

February 9<sup>th</sup> precinct caucus locations are as follows. Please make note of your precinct caucus location and mark February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 on your calendar:

**Puyallup Elks, 3214 27<sup>th</sup> St NE, Puyallup**— Precincts: 101; 102; 103; 104; 105; 106; 107; 108; 112; 128; 129; 180; 181.

**Fife High School, 5616 20<sup>th</sup> St. E, Tacoma**— Precincts: 116; 117; 118; 121; 122; 123; 124; 130; 131; 132; 135; 136.

**Waller Road Grange, 2706 64<sup>th</sup> St E, Tacoma**— Precincts: 137; 138; 139; 140; 141; 142; 143; 144; 145; 146; 147; 149.

**Ballou Jr. High School, 9916 136<sup>th</sup> E., Puyallup**— Precincts: 109; 110; 111; 148; 153; 163; 164; 165; 166; 167; 168; 169; 170; 171; 172; 173; 174; 177; 179.

**Collins Elem, 4608 128<sup>th</sup> St., Tacoma**--- Precincts: 150, 151, 152, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162.

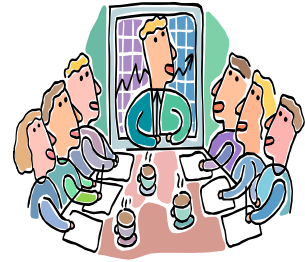
### Session Kick-off Dinner Scheduled:

*By Ray Green*

Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the date for the annual 25<sup>th</sup> LDD Session Kick-off Dinner honoring Senator James Kastama and Representative Dawn Morrell. The dinner will be held at the Puyallup Library. Hospitality time will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. A special guest has been invited, but a confirmation has not yet been received. Cost of the dinner is \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students **IF PREPAID**. Cost at the door at the time of the event will be \$30.00 and \$15.00. A pre-payment form is printed on page 8. The dinner will include pasta, salad, French bread, dessert and coffee. (**Note:** The dinner program must conclude at 8:45 p.m. as the library closes at 9.00 p.m..)



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
OF MEETING 4 Oct 2007**  
*Minutes and Summary By Joan Cronk*



The meeting was called to order in a timely fashion and agenda was adopted.

Chair Adler announced that the Vice Chair position is vacant and must be filled by a male. Treasurer, Jon Bristol, resigned and an amendment had been passed at a previous meeting to have an Assistant Treasurer and that position is being filled by Luanne Green.

Rod Ray addressed the group on behalf of YES on 67 and Tim Pearson spoke on behalf of Prop 1 – Transit. Julie Anderson, Tacoma City Council Candidate, also asked for our endorsement. After the presentations the 25<sup>th</sup> LDD voted to endorse all three of these issues.

Chair Adler reported the Democrat's Fair Booth raised \$3,000. Work has started on the send off dinner scheduled for January and the caucuses set for February 9<sup>th</sup>. Luanne Green gave the treasurer's report and it was accepted. Jon Bristol's name has been removed from the checking account and Chair Adlers' name was added.

Ellen Zulauf gave the State Committee Report on the meeting held in Wenatchee. Cliff Allo attended also as Jerry Beckendorf's proxy and gave his report.

Pierce County Council member Calvin Goings addressed the group and gave an informative report.

Ken Blair gave his report and Ray Green reported on the kickoff dinner to be held at the Puyallup Public Library.

Chair Adler reported on a Town Hall meeting on Monday, November 5th at Stadium High School, 111 North E. St., Tacoma, with Governor Gregoire. The Town Hall Meeting in Seattle with Governor Gregoire drew 600 people. She said the seats need to be filled with Democrats to beat that the Seattle 660 and urged all to attend.

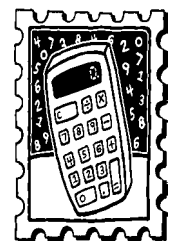
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM by Lauren Adler, Chair.

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**3 Jan Thu** 25th LDD Session Kick-Off Dinner  
6:30 PM Social Hour, 7 PM Dinner.

We are planning to have a silent auction at the Dinner. If you have any items to contribute, please call Ray Green at 848-0289. Your help will be appreciated.



**25<sup>th</sup> LDD SESSION KICK-OFF DINNER**

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Puyallup Library**

**Names of those attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adults @ \$25.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Students @ 10.00**

**Make checks payable to: 25<sup>th</sup> LDD \_\_\_\_\_ Total remitted**

**Mail this form and check to:**

**25<sup>th</sup> LDD, PO Box 73594, Puyallup, WA 98373**



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