



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus



25TH LDD TROOPS PROTEST RALLY IN PUYALLUP AT REPUBLICAN FUND-RAISER WITH GUEST SPEAKER SECRETARY OF THE LABOR CHAO

MEETINGS

NOTICE: SEE PAGE 2 FOR ALL THE UPCOMING MEETINGS.



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28 Sep Thu, 6 PM Chili Con-
test in Senior Citizen Center.
Rules: Homestyle chili. No
canned chili please. Must be
made from scratch. Can in-
clude any meat and/or other
ingredients. Will be judged
by members.

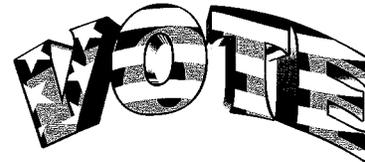
2 Oct Mon E-Board meets
7 PM at Firestation 66,
9813 128th St. E., Puyallup

5 Oct Thu 25th LDD meets
7 PM in Puyallup Library.

14 Oct Sat Deadline for
FOCUS items, articles and
pictures.

30 Oct Mon E-Board meets
7PM at Firestation 66,
9813 128th St. E., Puyallup

2 Nov Thu 25th LDD meets
7 PM in Puyallup Library.



**7 Nov Tue
ELECTION DAY!**

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

RALLY IN PUYALLUP

There was a protest rally in Puyallup on 24 August and the 25th LDD was well represented. Secretary of the Labor Chow (picture to the right as she enters the gated community) was the guest speaker. The protesters let the community know how most Americans feel about the Secretaries' and reigning party-policies.



AT THE LIBERTY THEATER TWO OF THE 25TH LDD MEMBERS SHOWING THE RIGHT WAY.



AT THE LIBERTY THEATER JON BRISTOL MEETS HIS OPPONENT

PROTEST RALLY AGAINST DAVE REICHART

Really early Monday morning, 21 August a group of dedicated Democratic folks met in front of the Liberty Theater in Puyallup where there was a fund-raising breakfast for Rep Dave Reichart. We gathered early and loud with our signs protesting the policies of Rep Reichart. Of course we weren't allowed inside but the people inside definitely saw us and heard us. It was strange when the people going to the breakfast walked past and through our lines some were friendly and some actually lowered their heads because they were probably ashamed of what they were doing. Mr Reichart did arrive and did walk down the line and actually shook everyone's hand and said "Don't believe what the newspapers were saying about him." What part didn't he understand that some were pro and some con so which do we believe? Suddenly we heard a loud noise up the street at the next interesection and there went police on six motorcycles and two cars in front of a long, black limousine followed by more police on four motorcycles and one car. They drove around to the back of the theater where the Speaker of the House Dennis Hatchert went into the area for the breakfast. What was he afraid of from a small group of Democrats or what was he hiding to have so much police protection. And who is paying for all that? And why can't he face his opponents? This is just another example of the present Administration ducking any dissent because they are afraid we are right and they are wrong!



**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
OF MEETING 7 September 2006
By Joan Cronk for Charley Stokes**

Meeting opened by Chairwoman Audrey Chase with the flag salute. Roll call of officers.

Audrey talked about judicial candidates and that was followed by Kelly, field organizer for the Darcy Burner campaign, who reported on the campaign. He said Darcy is leading Reichert 49% to 46%.

Joan Cronk reported on Dawn Morrell's campaign and encouraged people to get involved and to contact Dawn for yard signs. She said we need to keep talking to neighbors and friends and keep Dawn in Olympia doing the good work she has been doing. Jim Morrell followed up with remarks about the campaign.

Jon Bristol reported on his campaign and said he has called 1/3 of 25th District people. He is trying to get a mailer out prior to the primary.

Howard Welch supported Jon Bristol and said Joyce McDonald is not a credible candidate.

A representative from No on I 920 spoke and a vote was taken and passed to endorse No on I 920.

A representative from No on 933 also spoke and a vote was taken and passed to endorse No on I 933.

Ronnie Bush is chairing a fundraiser to be held October 28. Profits from the fundraiser will be shared with all Democratic candidates in Pierce County.

Audrey reminded everyone of the chili feed to be held at Mid County Community Center, 10205 44th Avenue E at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 28 Sep.

Carolyn Merrival, membership chairman, said it is not too early to pay 2007 dues and it would help the club to help our candidates if we paid early.

Audrey reported on Charley Stokes' efforts on the booth at the Puyallup Fair.

Jon Bristol, Treasurer gave the report and it was moved, seconded and passed to accept his report.

Jerry Beckendorf gave the legislative report.

Jon Bristol reported on impact fees and said members should contact the city council members and encourage them to raise the impact fees.

Jerry Beckendorf suggested members write letters to the Editor and Audrey thanked people who helped at the Puyallup Pow Wow.

Next month: speakers reporting on the Charter Review.

The 25th District is looking for a new place to meet, possibly on South Hill.

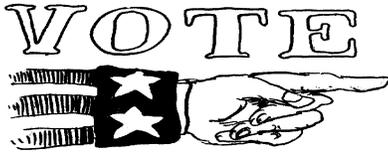
Member Laurie Thompson's cancer has recurred and her condition is deteriorating. Audrey suggested we send cards in support to her family.

The club needs a new hospitality chairman.

Heritage Center will be dedicated 9/16. Wayne Keller read some of his writings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

*Most people don't want advice. They want agreement with their preconceived notions!
Charm is a way of getting the answer yes without asking a clear question!*



AS I SEE IT
by Betty Ogden

Owens vs. Johnson

The top two contenders for position 2 on the Washington State Supreme Court – incumbent Justice Susan Owens and her opponent, Senator Stephen Johnson – make a striking contrast.

In the general election in November voters must weigh Owens’ reputation for fair minded rulings and extensive judicial experience as against Johnson’s aggressive private interest support and his total lack of judicial experience.

Justice Owens is endorsed by fellow judges and lawyers who rate her “exceptionally well qualified.” Washington State Democrats, Washington State Labor Council, the Sierra Club, NA-RAL, Pro Choice and former Gov. Gary Locke are among her endorsements. In her 25 years on the bench she has championed protecting women and children from domestic violence, a tough approach to the treatment of criminals, the public “right to know”, fair trials and resistance to special interests.

In contrast her challenger, Senator Johnson, is woefully lacking in experience as a judge and the likelihood of his being impartial seems improbable. The powerful Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW) and the Washington Realtors are his supporters, along with insurance and pharmaceutical industries, oil companies and other special interests. His membership in a legal society that opposes freedom of choice for women and stem cell research further clouds his impartiality. There is more. As an ultra conservative senator, he has voted against education, environmental protection, working families and civil rights. His aspiring to this court seems grandiose.

The Washington Supreme Court requires judges to be of the highest quality in judicial experience, impartiality and dedication to the intent of the law. Justice Owens has through the years demonstrated these qualities. Senator Johnson has not.

In my opinion, Justice Owens easily tips the scales as the most qualified candidate for this position.

FRIDAYS – 12 NOON TO 1 PM
LISTEN TO FRANK AND AUDREY 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 (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:** _____

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 LDD and Victory Fund Checks to 25th District Victory Fund (donations to both can be on same check).

Mail to 25th LDD, PO Box 372, Puyallup, WA 98371

WANTED VOLUNTEERS!

Ronnie Bush is chairwoman for a fundraiser for Pierce County Democrats to be held October 28th. Profits from the fundraiser will be shared among all Democratic candidates within Pierce County and she needs a volunteer from the 25th District to attend a couple of meetings and help with some minor issues. If you can help Ronnie, please contact her at: Ronnie@harboret.com.

The Democratic Coordinated Campaign need volunteers to contact Democrats through canvassing and phone calls to get them to the polls. We are also looking for a donated phone bank location to use 5 - 10 phone lines during the evening and weekend in Puyallup area. Contact Christy Stenberg, 25th LD Field Organizer at (253) 820-9195 or (360) 383-1678, Headquarters located at 711 St. Helen's Ave in downtown Tacoma.

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