



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus



**GOVERNOR CHRISTINE GREGOIRE
TOWN HALL MEETING ON JULY 27TH
AT THE PAVILION IN PUYALLUP**

MEETINGS

NOTICE: SEE PAGE 2 FOR ALL THE UPCOMING MEETINGS.



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27 Aug Sun Training for Poll Workers from 2 - 5 PM at the Annex, 2401 S. 35th, Tacoma. For info contact Geri Powers, Poll Worker Coordinator, (253) 798-6587

4 Sep Mon E-Board Meets 7 PM at Fire station 66, 9813 128th St. E., Puyallup

7 Sep Thu 25th LDD meets 7 PMin Puyallup Library.

16 Sep Sat Deadline for FOCUS items, articles and pictures.

28 Sep Thu, 6 PM Chili Contest in Midland , Senior Citizen Center, 104th St. W. Rules: Homestyle chili. No canned chili please. Must be made from scratch. Can include any meat and/or other ingredients. Will be judged by members. Contact Ken 537-4591 or email kmpeach@aol.com to enter.

2 Oct Mon E-Board Meets 7PM at Fire station 66, 9813 128th St. E. Puyallup.

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

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



GOVERNOR GREGOIRE VISITS PUYALLUP JULY 27th

In the picture above a group of about 450 people (about 20 of them in the foreground were from the 25th LDD) wait for Governor Gregoire to arrive at the Pavilion in Puyallup. The Governor was very poised, knowledgeable and gave sensible answers to just about all 32 questions that were asked of her. Some questions she said she had not heard before or thought something should be done so she asked her staff to get contact info from the person so she could look into their situation and get back to them. The range was very broad including small business help; disabled mothers needing help; saving our water; saving our salmon; too much building for roads; advocate holistic medicine; testing children for early detection of disability; relieve regulations so more dialysis facility can open; WASL not working; health care for everyone; slow down putting released prisoners in Pierce County; more screening for cancer and my two favorites: A 11 year-old girl asked why everyone who wants to go to college can't go and an educator asked the Governor to lower the price of houses so he and his wife could buy one. The Governor made a contract with the 11 year-old girl and said if she got good grades she could go to college. However she told the educator that she could not help with lowering the prices of homes but she could check the budget and see if they couldn't give the teachers a bigger raise next year. She told the crowd to remember that the State does not have all the money they want but they want to do a better job with what they have. She told everyone to stay in touch (her staff passed out brochures with what she is doing and where she can be reached if you want to contact her) and not let this evening end. It was a very informative evening. If you ever get the chance you definitely should go listen to her.

THINGS TO KNOW!

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth but our nose and ears never stop growing.

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds (somedays, me too.)

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
OF MEETING 3 AUGUST 2006**

There were 25 members attending the August 3, 2006 meeting of 25th LDD held at Korum Ford YMCA.

The entire meeting was dedicated to listening to the following candidates who asked for our endorsement.

Pat McCarthy, Pierce County Auditor, Appeals Court Judge Elaine Houghton, who spoke on behalf of Judge Christine Quinn-Brintall, Judge Frank Dacca and Judge John Hickman and club member Jon Bristol, candidate for 25th LD State Rep Pos. 1. Jim Konschuh spoke on behalf of candidate for U. S. Senate, Hang Tran.

Christy Stenberg, 25th LD rep from the coordinated campaign office addressed the membership on the importance of getting out the vote. Kerry Gutknecht of the Burner campaign spoke as well.

A ballot was distributed containing the names of all candidates who sought endorsement. It was moved and seconded and passed to allow a dual endorsement on the ballot. The result of the ballot was endorsement for all candidates, as well as a dual endorsement for the U. S. Senate race.

Chairman Chase offered a hearty well done to John Kosche for his work in securing PCO filings for the September ballot. Spokesman from Adam Smith campaign called for volunteers to help with doorbelling.

Lauren Adler spoke on behalf of Dawn Morrell campaign about participating in Milton Days parade on Saturday August 19th and asked members to show up and support Dawn.

Sept. 28 is the last fundraiser of the year, the first annual Chili Feed to be held at Midland Senior Center on 104th St W. Contact Ken Peach for more information.

Senators Club will be meeting on Tuesday the 8th as requested by Sen. Kastma. E mail notices will be sent. Pierce County Democratic Picnic will be held Sunday August 13 at Spanaway Lake. Senator Kastama moved that the 25th LLD provide support to the Bristol campaign in the amount of \$2,000 from the Victory Fund. The motion was seconded by Ken Peach.

Following a brief discussion the motion was passed.

Charley Stokes called for volunteers to man the Democrat booth at the Western Washington Fair.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



**JON BRISTOL
IS RUNNING FOR THE
STATE LEGISLATURE
AGAINST
JOYCE MCDONALD**



**CHRISTY STENBERG
25TH LD REP
COORDINATED
CAMPAIGN
OFFICE**

JUDICIAL RACES

by Betty Ogden

From the standpoint of a retired teacher, Elizabeth Ogden's coming series of articles will target contested judicial races, highlighting the candidates' views. Their backgrounds may be found on-line. Incumbent Christine Quinn-Brintnall and challenger Beth Jensen, attorney-at-law, interviewed for today's article, are in contention for Position 3, Appeals Court Div. 2, Dist. 1.

Overview of Our State Court System

Supreme Court - highest court - 9 justices elected state-wide - chooses what cases it will take from lower courts-its decisions become law - the court of last resort for appeals.

Court of Appeals - 22 judges elected by legislative district (assuring geographic diversity) - hears all appeals but death penalty cases.

Superior Court - trial court elected by county, handles cases both criminal and civil - death penalty, divorce, child custody, felonies, torts - cases can go to Appeals Court.

Lower courts - courts of limited jurisdiction (geographically determined) - decided by judges or by judge-and-jury

- a) Municipal Court - claims under \$50,000 - domestic violence, misdemeanors
- b) District Court - crimes outside city limits

Views of Chief Judge Christine Quinn-Brintnall, incumbent

www.QBAppeals.com

Job requirements

Quinn-Brintnall: Since Appeals Court opinions are 2/3 criminal cases, a criminal law background is essential. Before becoming an Appeals Court judge I spent 15 of my 21 years as a prosecutor dealing with major felonies, including murder.

Judicial philosophy

Quinn-Brintnall: The wording of laws should be clear to people who must abide by them. I do not rely on any preconceived philosophy but decide each case on its own merits. I am moderate; I seek broad-based, bipartisan support.

Established Precedent

Quinn-Brintnall: The practice of following established precedents assures the law does not flip flop. People need stable rules. If I disagree with a precedent, I cannot overturn a stare decisis ruling, but I can say that I disagree while making the legally correct ruling... I believe changes in the law should happen slowly.

An admired U. S. Supreme Court Justice

Quinn-Brintnall: Sandra Day O'Connor, as the first woman on the U. S. Supreme Court. A tough job in itself.

Public Campaign Funding

Quinn-Brintnall: I favor public funding of a judicial voter's pamphlet, and a bar exam to prove candidates know what they need to know.

Endorsement

Retired Judge James P. Healy states, "...Her opponent's background is no match for Chris's record as a prosecutor and her judicial experience."

Question for opponent: Beth Jensen's web-site says she is "tough on crime". What has been her experience in practicing criminal law?

Views of Attorney-at-law Beth Jensen, challenger

<www.bethjensenforjudge.com>

(Voters may view on-line numerous questionnaires she has answered, including "Women's Political Forum" and "Judicial Forum".)

Job requirements

Jensen: Judges should not legislate from the bench; judicial rulings must be consistent; it's important to remember rulings affect real people. A steady, respectful temperament is needed. My many years of courtroom experience with a wide variety of civil cases should contribute to the balance needed in an Appeals Court.

Judicial Philosophy

Jensen: I reject legalese catch phrases. Simply put, judges must understand the intent of a law.

Established Precedent:

Jensen: Honoring established precedent is necessary for law stability. In cases where an established ruling is questioned, a judge should carefully follow statute and case law.

An Admired U. S. Supreme Court Justice

Jensen: Chief Justice Roberts.

Public Campaign Funding

Jensen: I believe candidates and supporters should pay for campaigns, not the public.

Endorsement Jensen: I am proud to have a broad-based list of endorsements.

FRIDAYS - 12 NOON TO 1 PM

LISTEN TO 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.)



CAMPAIGN SEASON

By Lauren Adler

Can you believe it's already August?! The campaign season is well underway, and the Committee to Re-Elect Dawn Morrell campaign has a great volunteer opportunity for you to get involved !

On Saturday, August 19th, Dawn and the rest of the campaign will be marching in the 2006 Milton Days parade in downtown Milton. This is an annual event that the campaign has taken part in years past. This parade is a great way to show your support to Dawn and how deeply important it is that we ensure her seat in the State House. We will be meeting shortly before the parade begins at 11AM, to distribute Dawn Morrell t-shirts, balloons, campaign signs, literature, etc. The Milton Days parade is only a few blocks, but the turn out is outstanding! We hope that you will step up to join us in the Milton Days parade and show how much you appreciate all of the hard work she does for us in Olympia!

After the parade we will be targeting a few precincts to doorbell, and will need volunteers to help us meet with voters in Milton and Edgewood. We can definitely use your help to meet with these voters, and let them know how hard Dawn works for us and how crucial it is that we keep her down in Olympia!

If you are interested in marching in the parade, and doorbelling with us on Saturday, August 19th, or have any questions please contact Campaign Manager Lauren Adler at (253) 441-1980 or email her at AdlerLN@comcast.net.



2006 WESTERN WASHINGTON FAIR

It's Fair time again September 8th through the 24th (Sat - Thu 10AM - 10PM; Fri & Sat 10AM - 11PM) at the Puyallup Fair Grounds. Sign up now to volunteer for a shift in the Democrat Booth. Volunteers serve four hours with fellow volunteers. You meet some really great people. You get in the Fair free. Join with fellow Democrats to get out the Democrat message and motivate all Democrats to vote in this falls critical mid-term elections.

To reserve your spot in the booth contact Charley Stokes by phone at: (253) 861-8744 (if I don't answer, leave a message and I'll call you back as soon as I can) or email: cwstokes@earthlink.net.

JUST A WANNABE I WANTED TO BE A -

waiter but couldn't carry out an order
poet but had no rhyme or reason.

Boy Scout but wasn't prepared.

skyscraper builder but don't like tall stories.
puppeteer but couldn't pull the right strings.

plumber but just had a pipe dream

garbage collector but don't like being down in the dumps.

cab driver but couldn't hack it.

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).

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