



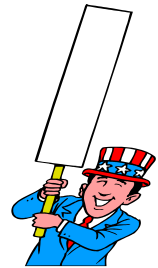
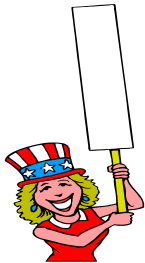
25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus



PIERCE COUNTY COUNCILMAN AND CANDIDATE FOR PIERCE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADDRESSES THE CROWD AT HIS HOME



READ ALL ABOUT IT: MINUTES SUMMARY, CALENDAR AND MORE.



Check out our web site, <http://25thdemocrats.org> built and hosted by Lauren Adler. You will find news and meetings and pictures. For newsletter send all articles, pictures, committee report to Editor Joan Cronk 845-5389 or email: JoanCronk@comcast.net

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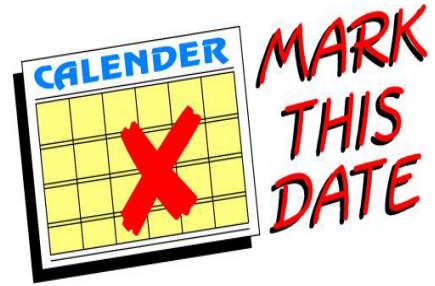
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**3 Sep Mon E-Board
meets at 7PM at Puyallup
Fire Station , 902 7th
St., N.W., Puyallup.**

**6 Sep Thu 25th LDD Legisla-
tive Action Committee meets at
6 PM before regular meeting.**

**6 Sep Thu 25th LDD meets at
Puyallup Library, 324 Meridian
at 7PM. In September Darcy
Burner will be our guest
speaker. Also the PCO's will
vote for a Chairperson.**

**15 Sep Sat DEADLINE for
FOCUS articles, pictures, etc.**

**1 Oct Mon E-Board meets at
7PM at Fire Station 66.**

**4 Oct Thu 25th LDD meets at
Puyallup Library at 7PM.**

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



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

Notes from the Chair

By Lauren Adler

Our September 6th meeting is going to be very busy with our special Chair's Election (with PCOs only being eligible to vote) and also voting on candidates who we will be endorsing for the 2007 election cycle. Please make arrangements now so you can attend this very important meeting! Bring a friend, and help increase our membership base for the 2008 election year. I look forward to seeing you on September 6th!

The Puyallup Fair is quickly approaching, and the Pierce County Democrats will once again be hosting the booth in the Showplex building. It would be fantastic to see the 25th District Democrats help staff the booth since the Puyallup Fair is here, right in our backyard. Next year, the booth will be very busy with all of the Presidential happenings, but this year you can really talk with folks about issues. The Democratic booth this year has been totally redesigned with the voter in mind – the booth will no longer be closed to the public, and folks can come in and take a peek at the merchandise we have along with candidate materials. Gate admission is free, and after your shift you are free to enjoy the fair! If you are considering signing up for a shift at the Democratic booth in the Puyallup Fair, please contact Lauren Adler (Booth Asst. Manager) at AdlerLN@comcast.net. Come out and 'Do the Puyallup' while

volunteering for our local party!

A HUGE thanks goes out to RAY GREEN, our PCO Chairman, who helped put together our 2007 solicitation letter to individuals who had not yet renewed their 2007 dues. With the letter that Ray put together, the organization has received over \$700 in membership dues since the letter dropped in early July. Checks keep rolling in, too! This letter is a great asset to our club treasury, and it is because of Ray's hard work we are able to increase our membership. The next time you see Ray Green, be sure to thank him for his efforts!

Here's hoping that your summer was fantastic and you are looking forward to what the fall and winter months have to offer. Before we know it, the holidays will be upon us! Thanks for your ongoing support to the organization – because of volunteers and supporters like us we make the difference and help get the right individuals elected to office!

Remember: **When there is silence, we all lose!**



ENDORSEMENT MEETING

By Carolyn Merrival

The September meeting will be our chance to meet some of the candidates for the upcoming election. We will have the chance to listen to them tell us a bit about themselves and answer some questions. Come prepared with probing questions. We won't be able to cover them all but we'll try to get a good cross-section of questions. We will then consider those candidates for endorsement at the October meeting.

The following candidates have requested our endorsement and will be in attendance on September 6th.

Puyallup School District 3

Position 2 – Cindy Poysnick and Larry Carney

Puyallup Council-at-Large – Kathy Turner

Port of Tacoma Commissioner

Position 5 – Clare Petrich

Port of Tacoma Commissioner

Position 3 – Dave Lovell

City of Puyallup Council

District No. 1 Position 1 – Glen Zevenbergen

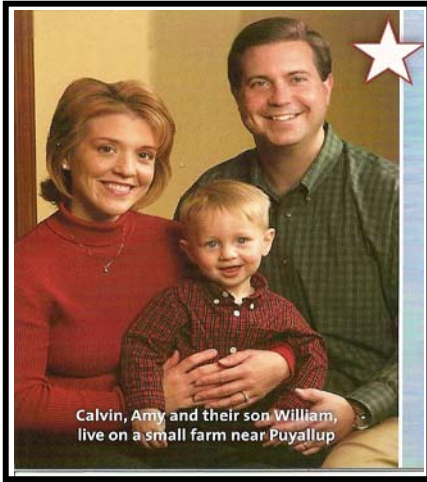
Tacoma Council-at-Large

Position 7 – Julie Anderson

Let's make this a great event! Come with questions in mind and bring your neighbors.

FACT

Isn't it interesting that people who laugh at science fiction listen to weather forecasts and economists?



GOING'S PICNIC

By Joan Cronk

Amy and Calvin Goings welcomed approximately 450 people to their farm in Puyallup on July 21st to help launch his campaign for Pierce County Executive.

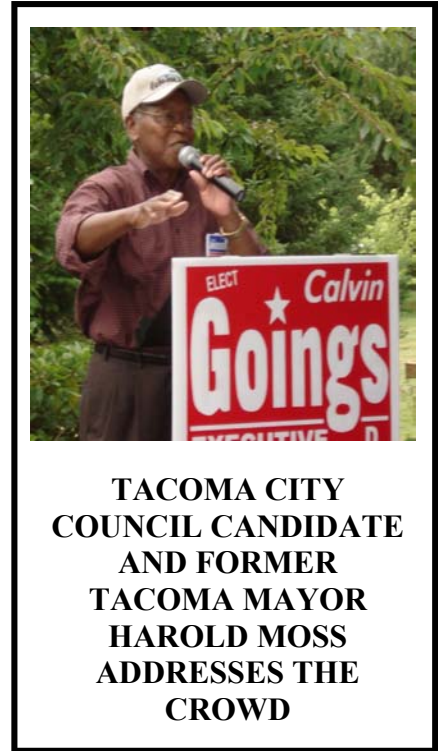
The rainy weather did nothing to deter many supporters. Tents protected everyone from the rain. There was food galore and a live band to entertain. Lots of good conversation made the day sunny, even though the weatherman said otherwise.

Amy Goings greeted the crowd and then turned the mike over to Harold Moss, who is Calvin's Campaign Co-Chair and is running for Position 1 on the Tacoma City Council. Moss was a former Pierce County Councilman and Mayor of Tacoma.

Amy took the mike again

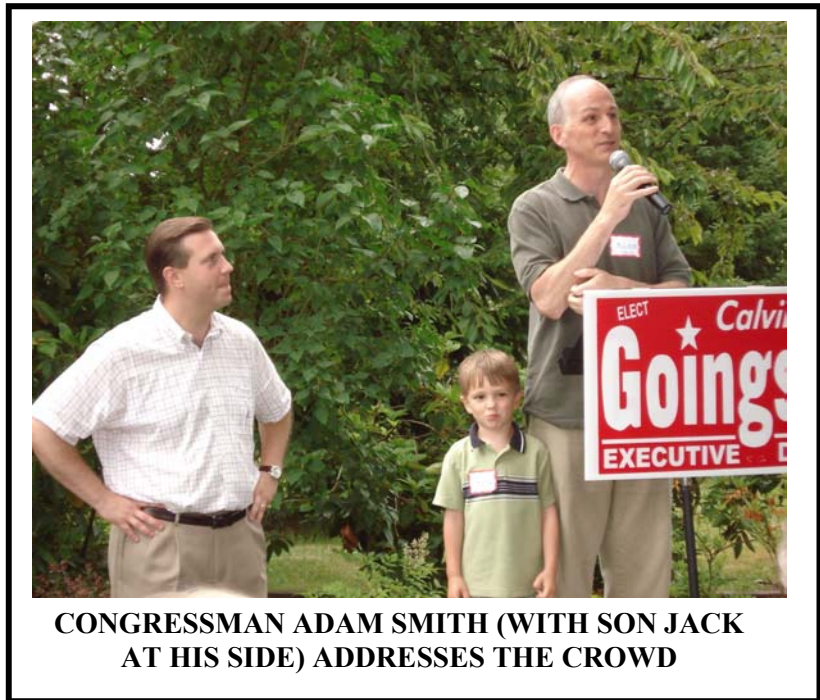
and introduced Congressman Adam Smith by saying, "in our house, he is known as Jack's dad." The Congressman delivered a few brief remarks about Calvin's qualifications to serve as Pierce County Executive and drew lots of applause from the crowd.

As people left the event, they grabbed a handful of Calvin's campaign signs to display in their yards. The event was a huge success (approximate \$20,000 raised) – no surprise there!



TACOMA CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE AND FORMER TACOMA MAYOR HAROLD MOSS ADDRESSES THE CROWD

Want to know more about Calvin Goings? Who he is, what he stands for and what he will work to achieve? Go to his website at www.CalvinGoings.org



CONGRESSMAN ADAM SMITH (WITH SON JACK AT HIS SIDE) ADDRESSES THE CROWD

25th District Democrats Legislative Action Committee Report

Jerry Beckendorf, Chairman

Calendar:

September 6 at 6 pm. 25th District Democrats Legislative Action Committee meeting before the regular meeting.

Article:

“Are You Mad as Hell at President Bush and his Republican cronies in Congress”

If you haven't written Senators Patty Murray or Maria Cantwell or Congressmen Adam Smith, Norm Dicks or Dave Reichert, you should. Letters especially should go to Dave Reichert because he blindly supports Bush's Iraq War and Bush's corporate buddies. Also, see the Children's Health measure he voted against in this article. Be sure to write the Democrat House members who represent you as well.

Do you think that President Bush and V.P. Cheney should be impeached? Find out what your representative thinks and if you think otherwise, let them know. At a recent Edgewood picnic the 31st Democratic booth discovered visitors to the booth overwhelming supported impeachment. .

Some current issues:

House Passes Collective Bargaining Rights for Federal and Public Safety Workers.

On August 5th by a vote of 495 to 13 Rep. Adam Smith helped lead the final passage of a House bill to fund the Department of Defense (DOD)

which included an amendment to strip funding for key provisions of a initiative to strip civilian workers of their collective bargaining rights. Adam has apposed this bogus national Security Personnel System (NSPS) since its inception and we should thank him for his leadership.

Last month the House passed the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 (HR 980) by a vote of 314 to 97. Adam supported this measure which would establish minimum collective bargaining rights for firefighters, police officers and other public safety officials. Included is the right to restricting strikes by public safety workers. HR 980 would require minimum requirements, even in the 20 states which do not fully protect these collective bargaining rights for public safety employees.

Rep. Reichert Votes against Children and Seniors again!

Washington State Republicans, Reps Dave Reichert, “Doc” Hastings and Cathy McMorris Rodgers all voted against renewing and expanding the Children's Health Insurance program (SCHIP) recently. But despite their opposition, the measure passed 225-204 with all Washington State Democrats voting yes.

It now goes onto the Senate where it passed overwhelmingly. Senators Cantwell and Murray strongly support this bill because helped close down the privatization of Medicare and provide health coverage for children in low-income families. Current rules have cost our state some \$200 million over 10 years in SCHIP funds the state was forced to turn back.

Senate Passes Bush-backed Spy Bill

On a vote of 60-28 the Democratic controlled Senate passed a Bush-backed bill which will allow a maintenance of his domestic spying program. Offered by Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the bill would allow the administration to continue the warrant less surveillance but require it to describe to a secret federal court the procedures it uses in targeting foreign suspects. The Senate defeated on a vote of 45-43 a Democratic alternative which would have placed tighter controls on the spying and provided for independent assessments of the attorney General's implementation of the measure.

Exercise Guru Richard Simmons pushes HR 3257 to provide PE in our schools.

Richard Simmons appeared recently on the today show and pleaded with citizens to write and call their Senators and Representatives to pass HR 3257 which would provide for more Physical Education classes in our schools. Because of school cutbacks, many music and PE programs have been scaled back or cut. The result is a more sedentary youth population

Sign up for Democratic websites, blogs and Moveon.org for the latest political information and be sure to write, call or send emails to voice your opinions!!

25th District Democrats
Executive Board
P.O. Box 73594
Puyallup, WA 98373

Attn: Lauren Adler

Dear 25th District Democrats:

As you know I am running for the open At Large Position on the Puyallup City Council.

After serving 4 years as Mayor and 4 years as Deputy Mayor, my passion and expertise is representing the entire city. 8 of my 14 years of service have been committed to representing the entire city, locally, state wide and nationally. I have continued to be active in all districts, attending all meetings and public functions.

During my tenure on the council I have greatly appreciated your support and look forward to your consideration of an endorsement for my endeavor. I have a primary in August and am working hard on my campaign. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Please advise me of your process and I will make myself available for interviews, questions, or presentations.

I have also enclosed a copy of my resume for your review. I am your qualified candidate and respectfully request your endorsement and support for the City of Puyallup Council At-Large Position.

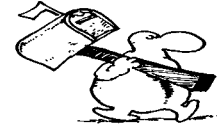
Sincerely,

Kathy R. Turner
1224 17th Ave SW
Puyallup, WA 98371

NOTE: Kathy Turner will be unable to attend the September meeting due to a prior commitment - she is attending her daughter's wedding in Mexico.



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!

NOTE: Representative Dawn Morrell announced the opening of her new Puyallup district office at 103 West Meeker and said she hopes you'll find time to stop by sometime. And with that notice she also sent out the 2007 Legislative Report covering a multitude of subjects that are of interest to just about everyone.

RAMBLINGS!

The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it.

When we ask for advice we are usually looking for an accomplice.

The sad truth is that excellence makes people nervous.

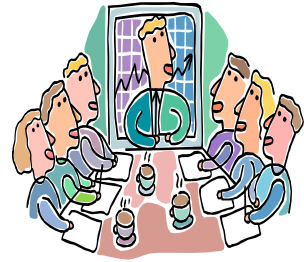
You've achieved success in your field when you don't know whether what you're doing is work or play.

An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today.

Aim for success - not perfection.

**SUMMARY OF MINUTES
OF MEETING 2 Aug 2007**

Minutes By Charley Stokes and Summary By Joan Cronk



Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Lauren Adler, Acting chair, followed by flag salute.

Roll call of officers and adoption of agenda followed.

Councilman Calvin Goings gave a report and took questions. Jim Morrell gave a quick update on Dawn's travel to the National Congress of State Legislators.

Minutes were accepted. Lauren gave the Chair's report and reminded those in attendance that in September we will hold the Special Election to fill the open Chair position. Candidate endorsements will be voted on in September also.

Due to Ray Green's super efforts in sending out a special letter, over \$700 has been collected in back dues.

Lauren read the Treasurer's report in Jon Bristol's absence and Ellen Zulauf said the next quarterly meeting for State Committee will be in September in Wenatchee.

Jerry Beckendorf gave a brief report and noted that Darcy Burner is expected to challenge Reichert again in '08.

Under old business, the E board meeting resulted in a call for a special election for Chair to be held in September. All PCO's and (dues paid) general members may serve and candidates are urged to make themselves known asap. Only PCOs vote for the Chair.

Volunteers are needed to man the Democrats booth at the WW Fair.

The PC Democrat Picnic will be held Aug 12th. Betty Ogden spoke to the membership about Washington Public Campaigns. Melissa Thompson thanked the membership for their support of her attendance at the Young Democrats Convention in Dallas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



***A man who is good enough to
shed his blood for his country is
good enough to be given a square
deal afterwards.***

Teddy Roosevelt



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:** _____

:Dues: Evergreen (includes Senior, outside district, etc) \$10 per member; Rainier \$25; Chair's Voice \$50; Senators Club \$100 (can be paid in installments).

I've enclosed \$ _____ for Club Dues, \$ _____ for the Victory Fund. Please write dues checks to 25th LDD and Victory Fund Checks to 25th District Victory Fund (donations to both can be on same check).

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