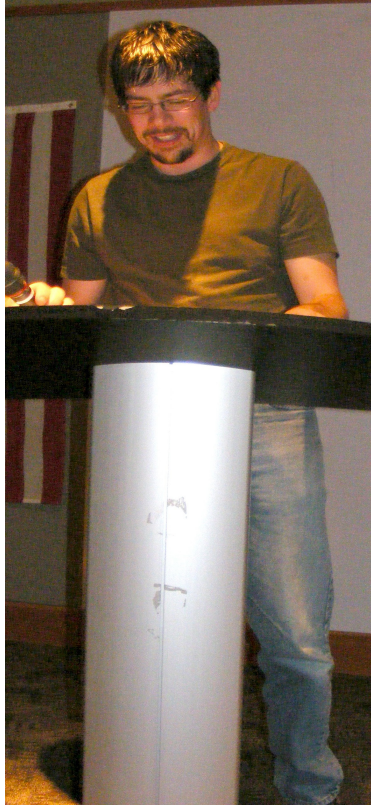




25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus



**PIERCE COUNTY DEMOCRATS CHAIR
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MEETING NOVEMBER 4TH**

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PLUS UPCOMINGS (PAGE 2)
AND - - - - - PAY YOUR DUES TODAY**

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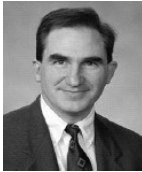
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MEETINGS



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

2 Dec Thu 25th LDD meets at
the Puyallup Library. **Bring a
friend.**

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

3 Jan Mon E-Board meets at
7PM at Fire Station 66. 9813
28th St E., Puyallup.

6 Jan Thu No general
25 LDD Meeting this month.

7 Jan Fri Annual Send-Off
Dinner for Legislators at Elks
Club (See page 3 for details)

DEADLINE **15 Jan Sat** DEADLINE
for FOCUS articles, pic-
tures, etc.

WHAT'S UP?

8 Dec Wed Legislative bill
Training Class in Olympia
(See Page 6 for details)

FROM THE CHAIR

The 25th Legislative District Democrats will not have a regular meeting in January 2011. In place of our general membership meeting we will be gathering together at the Puyallup Elks Lodge on **Friday, January 7th** for our **annual send off dinner for our Legislators**. The cost for the dinner is \$20 per person and \$35 per couple if paid in advance. If you wait and pay at the door, the cost will be \$25 per person and \$45 per couple. Happy hour will commence at 6:00 pm with buffet dinner following at 7:00 pm. Our speakers will begin at 7:30. We are excited to announce that our guest speaker will be **Congressman Adam Smith**. If you would like to purchase tickets for our 2011 Legislative Dinner in advance, please contact our Membership Chair, Ray Green, or our Treasurer, Luanne Green. You can reach them at (253) 848-0289 or email them at raygre@msn.com
Louis



By Joan Cronk

The 25th LDD has to move on.

The Puyallup Public Library will be closing each Thursday at 5 p.m. and our group will have to find a new meeting place.

One option discussed at the November meeting was the possibility of changing the meeting date to Tuesday, as the Library is a centrally located spot and seems to work for our group. In the meantime, members are asked to put their thinking caps on and come up with ideas for a possible spot to meet.

The December 2 meeting, to be held at the Library, will be the reorganization meeting. PCOs will elect officers for the 2011 year. They are Chair, Vice-Chair (who cannot be the same sex as the Chair), two representatives to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee and three representatives to the Pierce County Democratic Central Committee Executive Board (two of whom must be PCOs.) The officers elected by the PCOs and general members are: Treasurer, Secretary, membership officer and Sergeant at Arms. Others to be appointed by the Chair are: Parliamentarian, Assistant Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Webster.

Senator Jim Kastama was on hand to talk about the next session in Olympia. He acknowledged that the budget will be tight. He is going to work hard to get an online University in the works for next year as well. Kastama is concerned that education is being shoved aside because of the money crunch.

Nathe Lawver, Chair of the Pierce County Democrats spoke briefly and commended the 25th LDD for their management of the Democratic booth at the Western Washington Fair. He acknowledged that the volunteers really made the difference. He said that labor unions were generous in opening their offices to the Democrats for phone banking.

Representative Dawn Morrell spoke and said this election has been a long, hard fight and it isn't over yet.



MEMBERSHIP DUES 2011

Membership dues for 2011 will now be accepted. You can pay your dues at our December 2nd meeting. A dues letter will be mailed to you later in December that will contain a remit envelope for your convenience.

Considering how politically divided our district has become, it is essential that we all join together to be strong and well-prepared for the 2012 elections.

The process of redistricting will begin next spring and we may face some changes. Also, Washington State will gain a 10th congressman. It will be interesting to learn about the boundaries of the new 10th congressional district.

Ray Green, Membership Chair

VOTE COUNT PAINFUL TO WATCH

The vote count in Dawn Morrell's race in this past election has been very painful to watch. At one point she had a 101 vote lead,-- then only 65 votes ahead, and now behind by 28 votes! Each day the count changes as contested ballots are verified, corrected, and filed.

This is another race that will be decided by less than one vote per precinct. If you failed to vote, you may be the responsible party if she loses the election.

The final count will be certified by the County Auditor on November 23rd, then an automatic recount will begin. We all wish the best for Dawn.

One factor in this race was the seemingly unethical conduct of Dawn's opponent Hans Zeiger and his family member in connection with the Puyallup Schools. Hans was invited to speak at the May Puyallup High School graduation ceremonies (with background help from a family member). He was also invited to speak in debate and civics classes in Puyallup High and Rogers High Schools. We understand that a Zeiger family member was participating in campaign activities in the schools.

November 8th at the Puyallup School District Board Meeting held at Ballou Junior High, during the public comment sector, the subject was raised about the School Board establishing a policy to prevent any political campaign candidate from activity within the schools during a campaign. Their proposed policy does not address this situation.

This matter is being pursued with the Puyallup School District. We would encourage any of our members to contact the Puyallup School District and support such a policy.

Ray Green

25th LD MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 4th

By Melissa Thompson

We called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and had the Flag Salute. We had the roll call of officers and we were missing Ellen Zuluaf and Luanne Green.

Fife City Councilman Glenn Hall, came and spoke to us. He has been a council member for Fife for 2 and ½ years. He announced that they are in the process of selecting a new Fife City Manager.

Chair Louis Tibbs announced to the membership the problem of the meeting scheduling because the Puyallup Public Library will be closing at 5 p.m. on Thursdays starting in January. He is open to feedback for alternate facility and/or day.

The 25th Reorganization meeting will be held at our December 2nd meeting. We would also like you to bring a **Toy for the Toy Drive and Dessert**.

The Legislative Action Committee will have training in Olympia to track Bills on Wednesday December 8th. Contact Jerry Beckendorf if you would like to attend. It will be from 9:30-2:00 p.m. (See page 6)

Jerry announced that we will start giving out the Mary Bryan award again which is the Outstanding Volunteer Award. There will be applications on our website and we will give out that award at our Legislative send-off Dinner in January.

Senator Jim Kastama spoke about the election and that the state legislature is still in control by the Democrats but that they will have to make really tough decisions and that we need a clear strategy to go forward. He also talked about an online university called Western Governors University that will be fully accredited and totally online which is thinking outside of the box.

Our County Chair Nathe Lawver came and spoke to our membership. He appreciated his time as County Chair for 4 years and our help that we gave. He talked about the election recap and how well the GOTV worked, but maybe not as well in some areas. He announced that the County Reorganization meeting will be on December 11th at Commencement Bay Coffee Company at 10 am. He said that at that meeting the PCOs will vote on 5 names that will be announced to head up the County Council redistricting lines. We will submit these names to the County Council and they will pick 2 to be on the committee.

Representative Dawn Morrell spoke to us and said we need to do more voter outreach and volunteerism for the next election cycle. She also still needs help with checking of signatures so peoples' ballots that are contested will be verified for this election. Her race is very close.

We adjourned at 8:45PM

LEGISLATIVE CLASS TO BE
HELD IN OLYMPIA, WEDNESDAY, DEC.8, 9:30 TO 2 PM

With the help of Mary Sherman, Legislative Aide to Senator Jim Kastama, we have secured a time and a place for a Legislative Bill Training Session to be held in Olympia, on Wednesday, December 8 from 9:30 am to 2 pm. The class will be held in the Senate Conference Room B/C in the Cherberg Building on the Capitol Campus. We already have 6-7 who have signed up but we can handle up to 15 students. We will announce the class at the 25th Democratic meeting on Thursday, Dec. 2. Also if we don't fill the class I may open it up to our friends at the King County Democrats who have had a LAC committee far longer than we.

We will meet at the South Hill Mall parking lot by Macy's Park and Ride between 8 and 8:15 that morning. I would like names, phone numbers and email addresses for all attendees and I will forward the details and maps of the Capitol Campus for those who are unfamiliar with the location of the buildings. Also if you have a laptop with Wi-Fi you might want to bring it along for the exercises on tracking bills.

For more information call me at 253.229.7903 or send me an email at jerryb62@comcast.net. Let's go learn how to be more effective citizen lobbyists for our bills.

Jerry Beckendorf

Many of us have long backgrounds with the Labor Movement in Pierce County and as one of the two founding members, along with John Thompson, of the **Pierce County Labor Community Services Agency**, we like to try to help them where we can. This time of year the Agency gives out help in the form of Fred Meyer coupons for good and other assistance. We also collect unwrapped toys for children of all ages and even adults in families which are experiencing hard times with the current economy. Often teenagers are neglected and a Fred Meyer gift card for them would be greatly appreciated. Bring your unwrapped gifts and/or gift cards to the Dec. 2, 25th LD Democratic meeting at the Puyallup Library. And Merry Christmas to you all.

Jerry Beckendorf

Just a quick note, I am not seeking re-election as the 25th LD Democratic State Committeeman. I have greatly enjoyed representing our area along with Ellen Zulauf our State Committeewoman. I believe I only missed one meeting which took place right during my 50 year High School Reunion in Portland. The Washington State Democrats while experiencing some losses still maintained their control over both houses of the Legislature and all of our incumbent Members of Congress were re-elected. We continue to keep our fingers crossed and will also do whatever we can to ensure that Dawn Morrell will be re-elected to her 5th term. We need to recruit new members both young and old to continue the fight of the rich and powerful over the rights of our working families.

Jerry Beckendorf

**25TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
FINANCIAL REPORT
November 16, 2010
By Luanne Green, Treasurer**

Period reported: October 1 – 31, 2010

Beginning Balance: \$6,096.48

Expenses:

U.S. Postmaster – Focus Stamps \$ 44.00

Ken Bumgarner – Fair Button Reimbursement \$ 553.00
@ \$1.00/553 buttons supplied by Ken

Total Expenses: (\$ 597.00)

Income:

Dues: - Three (2011) 85.00

Balance as of October 31, 2010 \$5,584.48

Checking A/C Balanced, C-3's Filed, C-4 filed 10/26/2010



**REMEMBER TO JOIN THE MONTHLY 25TH LDD MEETING AT
THE PUYALLUP LIBRARY - AND
ALSO ENJOY COFFEE AND SWEETS!
FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING DON'T FORGET TO BRING A
TOY FOR THE TOY DRIVE AND A DESSERT
(TO SHARE)**

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2011 ?
IF SO, THANK YOU - IF NOT 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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