



# 25th Legislative District



## Democratic Focus



**AT THE ANNUAL SENDOFF DINNER ON FRIDAY, 7 JANUARY 2011, SEN JIM KASTAMA PRESENTED A PLAQUE AND FLOWERS FOR APPRECIATION TO FORMER REP DAWN MORRELL , IN APPRECIATION OF HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN OLYMPIA.**

**READ ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING , AND OTHER NOTES  
PLUS UPCOMINGS (PAGE 2)  
AND - - - - PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2011**

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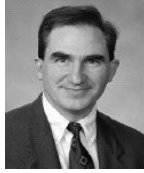
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**Upcoming  
Events**

**NOTE CHANGE OF DATES  
AND ADDRESSES  
FOR NEXT TWO  
MEETINGS**

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

**1 Feb Tuesday 7 PM at Can-  
yon Terrace Mobile Home  
Clubhouse 9314 Canyon Rd  
E. (See map pg 6) Guest  
Speaker: Julie Anderson,  
Pierce County Auditor**



**12 Feb Sat DEAD-  
LINE for FOCUS arti-  
cles, pictures, meeting  
notices.**

28 Feb Mon E-Board meets at  
7PM at Fire Station 66

**7 Mar Mon 7 PM 25th LDD  
General meeting BACK at  
Puyallup Library. Guest  
speaker:**



**US Congressman  
Adam Smith**

19 Mar Sat DEADLINE  
for FOCUS articles, pictures,  
meeting notices, etc.

28 Mar Mon E-Board meets at  
7PM at Fire Station 66..

## FROM THE CHAIR

In this month's article I wanted to clear up some confusion regarding our meeting location and time. For many years our 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrat organization has met the first Thursday of each month at the Puyallup Library. This has been an excellent location for our gatherings and is centrally located. In November I was informed by the Puyallup Library that they were going to be closing early on Thursdays beginning in January due to budget cuts. I brought this important information to our Executive Board at our November meeting. Our Executive Board discussed at length various locations that our organization could meet beginning in 2011. After much discussion and debate, the consensus was to keep our meetings during the first week of the month and at the Puyallup Library. The library was only available to our group on the first Tuesday of the month. I contacted the person in charge and informed them that we wanted to reserve that first Tuesday. I was told that they were available except for the month of February. At this point we decided to meet on the first Tuesday of February (Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>) at the Canyon Terrace Clubhouse, located at 9314 Canyon Rd. East. We were able to do this because our treasurer, Al Gray, lives at Canyon Terrace.

One week later after this decision I was again contacted by the Puyallup Library informing me that Monday night was now available for us to meet. I contacted our Executive Board by email to inform them of this new possibility. Through an email discussion & motion our Ex. Board decided to change our meeting date to the first Monday of the month. This was done to accommodate possible conflicts of some of our members. This would take effect with our March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

So mark your new 2011 calendars with our new meeting dates & locations. On Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> we will be meeting at Canyon Terrace ([see our website or page 6 of this newsletter for directions](#)). Our guest speaker will be Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor. On Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> we will be back at the Puyallup Library. Our guest speaker will be Congressman Adam Smith. I'm looking forward to an exciting year with the 25<sup>th</sup> LD Democrats! See you on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Louis*

## 25<sup>th</sup> LD JANUARY 2011 MINUTES

*By Melissa Thompson*

We had a motion to Reconsider Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. It was approved by all of our Executive Board members except Eric Herde. This was done through an e-mail process. Basically this meant we were all in agreement to forgo meeting on the first Tuesday of the month.

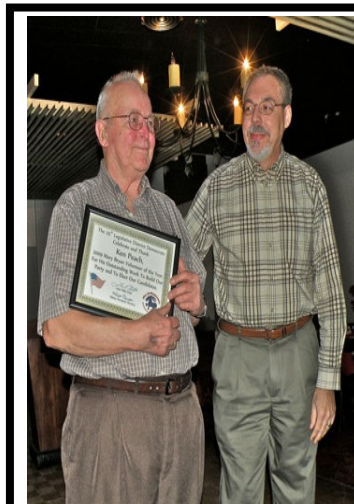
In that same e-mail that was announced the results, Chair Louis Tibbs submitted another motion by e-mail that he needed all of our Executive Board members to respond & vote. The motion reads as follows. "I move that the 25<sup>th</sup> LDD's monthly meetings be held on the first Monday of each month at the Puyallup Public Library beginning in March 2011. In addition, the Executive Board monthly meetings will be held on the last Monday of each month at the South Hill Fire Station beginning in January 2011." The last part of this e-mail stated, "I need a 'second' on the motion above, and I need every Ex. Bd member to respond to the e-mail using reply all with their vote."

Charley Stokes who is our webmaster seconded the motion. Al Gray also seconded the motion and voted yes. Melissa Thompson, Ray & Luanne Green, Eric Herde, Ellen Zuluaf, Cliff Allo, Merv Swanson, and Chair Louis Tibbs all voted yes. Eric Renz our Sergeant at Arms was excused from the vote due to recovering from surgery.

When the results e-mail came out of the board's decision there was a typo that resulted in confusion but got taken care of. Chair Tibbs had accidentally typed Tuesday instead of Monday. So we have as an Executive Board reached a decision that we passed to move our General Meetings to the First Monday of each month beginning in March.

We had a Legislative Send off Dinner at the Puyallup Elks Club on Friday January 7<sup>th</sup>, instead of having a monthly meeting. The dinner was a success and we honored our Outgoing Representative Dawn Morrell for her years of service and leadership in the Legislature with some flowers and a plaque. We also honored with certificates for our Outstanding volunteers for 2009 which was Ken Peach, and for 2010 which was Eric Renz.

ERIC RENZ WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION OF HIS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2010 BECAUSE HE IS STILL RECUPERATING FROM HIS OPERATION.



**CHAIR LOUIS TIBBS  
GIVES KEN PEACH  
CERTIFICATE FOR 2009  
OUTSTANDING  
VOLUNTEER**



*By Joan Cronk*

The 25<sup>th</sup> LDD dinner was held at the Puyallup Elks on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the dinner was a send off for Senator Jim Kastama, to announce the Mary Bryan award winners from the 25<sup>th</sup> LDD and to honor our outgoing Representative, Dawn Morrell.

Folks arrived early for a drink and to mingle. Our speaker, Congressman Adam Smith was not present as he had commitments in Washington DC. However, Congressman Smith will speak to our group at our March meeting scheduled for Monday, March 7 at the Puyallup Library at 7 p.m.

The Mary Bryan award is presented each year to a 25<sup>th</sup> LDD member who volunteers without being asked. The 2009 award was presented to Ken Peach and the 2010 award was given to Eric Renz.

Mary Bryan was a 25<sup>th</sup> LDD member in the 70s and 80s. She called many of the members before every meeting, reminding them of the date and time and encouraging them to attend. Luanne Green remembers Mary well as someone who was always willing to lend a hand, whether it was working on a mailing or working as a PCO and Ellen Zulauf remembers that, because of Mary's phone calls before meetings, they were usually packed full to the rafters. Congratulations to Ken Peach and Eric Renz for their selfless dedication of the 25<sup>th</sup> LDD.

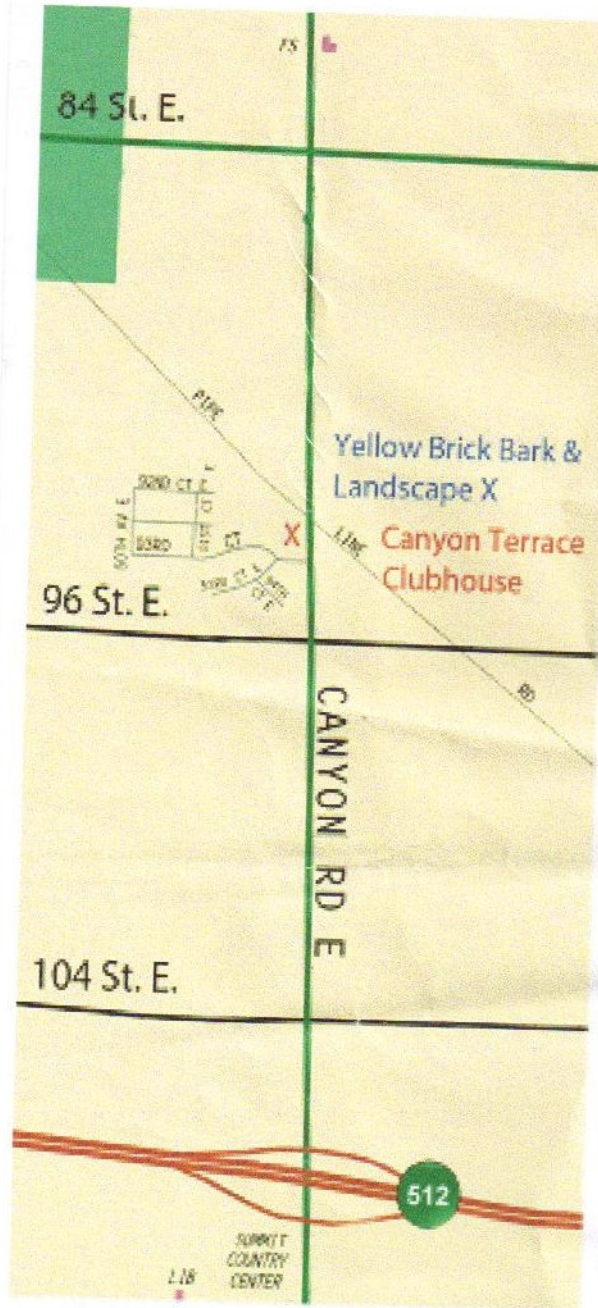
Representative Dawn Morrell was honored with a heartfelt speech given by Senator Kastama and presented with flowers. Senator Kastama remembered when Dawn was first on the floor of the legislature and people were asking, "who is this Dawn Morrell?" because of her unabashed passion for the members of her District. He said her judgment was always respected, and for good reason. She will be missed.

Kastama said he isn't afraid to tell folks about the status of our State and the budget cuts we will be facing, even though that is not a popular stance. The State can no longer rely on the Federal Government to get us out of this financial crises. "The crises has now become normal," he added.

Kastama will work to be sure Washington is an innovative State and his focus will be in the education arena. Speaking to building an infrastructure for the future, Kastama said his second priority will be to get an on-line, fully accredited University up and running where tuition will run about \$2800 every six months. In this fashion, more Washington state residents will have access to a college education.

Representative Morrell spoke to our group about the election and thanked all the volunteers who were there on a daily basis, knocking on doors, waving signs and writing checks to her campaign. The loss of Morrell in the House will be felt by us all in the next two years.

**MAP TO MONTHLY 25TH LDD MEETING  
ON TUESDAY 1 FEB 2011, AT 7PM!  
CANYON MHP CLUBHOUSE, 9314 CANYON ROAD EAST, PUYALLUP**



Canyon Terrace MHP Clubhouse  
9314 Canyon Road East  
Puyallup, WA 98371-6375

**25<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
January 16, 2011  
By Al Gray, Treasurer**

Period Reported January 1 to 15, 2011

Beginning Balance		6089.87
Expenses		
Check for Robin Farris	100.00	
Dinner, Puyallup Elks #1450	393.60	
Total Income		
Dues and Dinner		1360.00
Balance as of 16 January, 2011		6956.27

Checking A/C balanced, C3's filed and C4 filed 01/10/2011

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**SAYINGS - TRUTH OR FICTION?**

The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every morning.

You get fifteen politicians in a room and you get at least twenty different opinions.

Progress isn't made by early risers. It's made by lazy men trying to find easier ways to do something.

I don't believe there's any problem in this county, no matter how tough it is, that Americans when they roll up their sleeves, can't completely ignore.

Human beings are the only creatures that allow their children to come back home to live.

Work to become - not to acquire.



**REMEMBER TO JOIN THE MONTHLY 25TH LDD MEETING AT  
THE PUYALLUP LIBRARY ON MARCH 7, MONDAY - AND  
ALSO ENJOY COFFEE AND SWEETS!**

**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.**

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

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