



25th Legislative District



Democratic Focus

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Your
Vote**



**JOHN THOMPSON
CANDIDATE FOR
25 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
POSITION 1**

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

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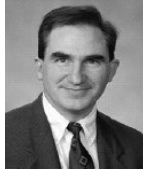
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AND/OR COPIES OF THE
FOCUS CHECK OUT THE 25TH
LDD WEBSITE
AT:::www.25dems.org

MEETINGS



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

1 Jul Thu 25th LDD meets
back at the **Puyallup Library.**
Bring a friend.

DEADLINE **17 Jul Sat** DEAD-
LINE for FOCUS arti-
cles, pictures, etc.

2 Aug Mon E-Board meets at
7PM at Fire Station 66.

5 Aug Thu 25 LDD Meets at
Puyallup

DEADLINE **14 Aug Sat** DEAD-
LINE for FOCUS arti-
cles, pictures, etc.

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

WHAT'S UP?

**Washington State Democ-
ratic Convention will be held
in Vancouver, WA on 25 and
26 June at the Clark County
Fairgrounds. (See Page 6 for
more details)**

From the Chair

Recently one of our Executive Board members, Eric Renz, made me aware of an internet site called Health Affairs—At the Intersection of Health, Health Care & Policy. Their website can be found at www.healthaffairs.org. Health Affairs is the leading journal of health policy thought & research. It explores policy issues of current concern both domestically & internationally. The *Washington Post* states, “For more than 20 years, *Health Affairs* has been a must read for anyone with a serious interest in medicine, health care, and health care policy.”

The specific article that Eric shared is entitled, “Presidents and Health Reform: From Franklin D. Roosevelt to Barack Obama” by James A. Morone. According to the abstract, the article “explores the highly charged political landscape in which Obama maneuvered and the skills he brought to bear. It contrasts his accomplishments with the experience of his Oval Office predecessors. Going forward, implementation poses formidable challenges for Democrats, Republicans, and the political process itself.”

Now you may be asking yourself, why am I taking the time this month in my “From the Chair” article to address this? As Democrats we need to be knowledgeable about the recent Health Care Debate and its impact on the political races this fall. Many stood with President Obama to get this Health Care bill passed. We now need to stand with those same people to make sure they are re-elected to office.

I encourage you to take the time to read this article and to explore the website. I am going to have the article placed on our own website; so that you can download & share it with others. As Democrats—be informed & get involved!

Louis



John Thompson, 25th LDD member and candidate for 25th LD State Representative, Position 1, says he has always wanted to run for office and he felt the time was finally right.

Thompson is not unfamiliar with the political arena. He ran campaigns for Steve Conway and was recruited to run for State Representative in 1983, but his family was young and it just wasn't the right time.

Now retired, the time is perfect for Thompson to jump into the arena.

His fundraiser, held on Thursday, June 17 at Almindinger Center of Washington State University, was a huge success and a great kickoff event for his campaign.

Thompson is passionate about politics and excited for the upcoming weeks and months. He is running against incumbent Bruce Dammeier. “I just couldn't let Dammeier have a free ride,” he said.

He realizes it will be a tough battle, but has already started doorbelling and has been pleased with the response to his efforts. He said, “I had one per-

son last night say she was glad I came to her door because every candidate that comes to her door wins!”

Representative Dawn Morrell is helping Thompson by giving him advice and he and daughter Melissa, and campaign manager Claire are digging in and working hard.

Thompson's website is: <http://www.electjohnthompson.com> and his e mail is: johnhd1940@q.com He can also be found on Facebook.



By Joan Cronk

State Representative Dawn Morrell addressed 25th LDD and said that it was one tough session in Olympia and she is facing another challenging few months with the upcoming elections. Her doorbelling campaign has begun and she has hired a new campaign manager, Lona Watts. Dawn will have a new updated website and will appear on Facebook. 25th LDD members will have to get behind Representative Morrell and volunteer to help her on her campaign. We can't afford to lose her leadership in Olympia!



Kevin McCann, candidate for District Court Judge, Position 2 and Rick Talbert, Candidate for Pierce County Council District 5 also addressed the 25th LDD, asking for their support.

Other campaigns sent representatives to the meeting, including the campaign for Norm Dicks, Susan DelBene and Adam Smith.

25th LDD members are encouraged to get behind our Democratic candidates and volunteer to help them on their campaigns.

Craig Salins, Executive Director of Washington Public Campaigns spoke to the group about the importance of public campaign financing. Their website can be found at washclean.org.

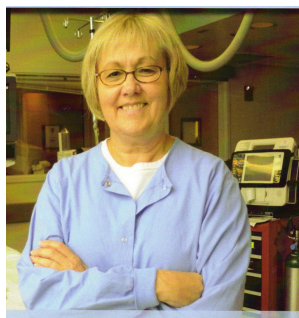
CONGRATULATIONS DOUG WILLIS, NEW CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE CHIEF

Our congratulations to Doug Willis who has taking over the reins as Chief of the Central Pierce Fire & Rescue effective June 1, 2010.

Doug has been a member over the years of our 25th LDD. He has been an active veteran of the fire fighters for 30 years. He has held many responsible positions and was a familiar face in Olympia representing the Washington State Council of Firefighters. He succeeds retiring former Fire Chief Jack Andren, with whom he worked closely for six years.

We say farewell to Fire Chief Andren and other dedicated member of Central Pierce Fire & Rescue for their service.

Luanne Green



Keep our voice in the legislature. Re-Elect Dawn Morrell.

When it comes to the well being of our community

You can trust a Nurse.

DawnMRN25@earthlink.net Phone: 253-845-6767



SIGN UP NOW FOR A TIME SLOT AT THE PUYALLUP FAIR

The 25th LDD, along with the Washington Democrats, Pierce County Democrats and King County Democrats, will be staffing a booth at the Western Washington Fair during its September 10-26 2010 run.

Eric Renz, of our 25th LDD, has generously offered to undertake the huge job of staffing and running the booth, but he can't do it alone.

The other groups, along with the 25th LDD, will be paying shares and so no one will have a great financial responsibility for the booth, which this year is located in a terrific area, right under the Grandstand in the marketplace, near the scone counter. The location is prime and Eric says we will be able to reach a large number of voters.

Candidates are being asked to pay to display their material on a daily basis. They can do that for one day, or for the entire three weeks.

Volunteers will be asked to take a three hour shift and will be given a free pass to get into the fair. So after that three hour shift has been served, they can spend the entire rest of the day and evening wandering, eating and taking it all in.

To volunteer call Eric Renz at (253) 302 1698 or e-mail him at ijcrenz@aol.com

THINGS WE SHOULD PROBABLY KNOW BUT DON'T

1. Money isn't made out of paper, it's made out of cotton.
2. The Declaration of Independence was written on hemp (marijuana) paper.
3. The dot over the letter i is called a "tittle".
4. A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top. (I bet a lot of you buy champagne just to try this!)
5. Susan Lucci is the daughter of Phyllis Diller.
6. 40 percent of McDonald's profit come from the sale of Happy Meals.
7. 315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.
8. The "spot" on 7UP comes from its inventor, who had red eyes. He was albino.
9. On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily.
10. Warren Beatty and Shirley MacLaine are brother and sister.
11. Orcas (killer whales) kill sharks by torpedoing the shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode.
12. Most lipstick contains fish scales.
14. Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as a medicine.

Democrats are you ready for Summer?

Welcome to a few sunny days of Summer. We have houses to paint, decks to repair, trips to take and family and friends with which to spend time.

Before you get too comfortable, visualize State Rep. Hans Zeiger or maybe U.S. Senator Dino Rossi. Scary, you bet. They will do their level best for Big Oil, Big Banks, Big donors and Big Business in general and forget about the working families of our state.

Now that I've jolted you back to reality and possibly scared you to death...there is hope but it all rests in your hands. The Republicans have big money but Democrats and their supportive groups: Environment, Organized Labor, and Constituency groups have the manpower to put boots on the ground to doorbell, make phone calls and mobilize their memberships for progressive candidates all over the state. As an activist in the 25th LD Democrats, you need to commit a few hours to help these candidates get re-elected. Attend a fundraiser and make a donation, doorbell or do a lit drop in your precinct, make some phone calls to get out the vote and spend some time at a Democratic Fair booth. Also let's elect John Thompson to the other State House seat.



These progressive Democrats have stood up for us and now we need to spend time to help them get re-elected. Have one less latte, one less hot dog and let's roll up our sleeves, have fun and re-elect Dawn, Patty, Norm, Adam, Suzan Delbene and all other endorsed County, State and National Democratic candidates.

Jerry Beckendorf, State Committeeman
25th LD Democrats

2010 Washington State Democratic Convention

All Democrats in the State of Washington are encouraged to register and attend on June 25th and 26th in Vancouver, Washington. The events on Friday will take place at the Hilton Vancouver (301 W 6th St, Vancouver) and the events on Saturday, June 26th will take place at the Clark County Events Center (17402 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield, WA). If you want to attend the convention you must fill out a registration form and return it to the State Party by mail as soon as possible. Deadline is Friday, June 18th. Governor Tim Kaine, the Chair of the Democratic National Committee will keynote the State Convention on Sat.

If you have any questions about the convention please contact Development Dir Shawna Ousse at (206) 583-0664 or shawna@wa-democrats.org.

**25TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
FINANCIAL REPORT**

June 14, 2010

By Luanne Green, Treasurer

Period reported: May 1 – 31, 2010

Beginning Balance:

\$ 10,850.00

Expenses

Total Expenses:

(\$ 0.00)

Income:

Dues (Pay Pal and regular)

103.25

Replace Check #2443 back into account balance (Lost)

181.96

Balance as of May 31, 2010

\$11,135.21

Checking A/C Balanced, C-3's filed, C-4 filed



CALL TO ARMS

Will you be upset if the Republicans defeat Dawn Morrell and take over the StateHouse of Representatives and defeat our other candidates? If you are concerned, what are you going to do to help us elect Dawn and John Thompson and Adam Smith? Now is the time to step up and volunteer to help on our democratic campaigns. We need sign locations, signs put up, literature distribution and telephone volunteers. **To get your name on our volunteer list call Ray Green (253) 848-0289 or send an e-mail to raygre@msn.com.**

The 25th district is truly a swing district. In the 2008 election Senator Kastama and Dawn Morrell lost in only four precincts while others lost the election. If the Republicans manage to con voters into believing they can cut taxes and fully fund education and still balance the State budget, we will be in deep trouble.

Dawn did a tremendous job for us in the last legislative session in her leadership position as Caucus Chair. We need to give her a great deal of help.

Call or e-mail now listing the activities you are willing to help with and the times of your availability.

Ray Green

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES ?
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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by Audrey and Frank on their radio show
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**And if for some reason or other you miss it then go to
<http://www.liberaltopia.org>. There is a link on the right hand side of
the screen that says: Frank and Audrey. Tune in or be tuned out.**

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