

January

Democratic Times

Calendar of Events:

- January 25:
27th District Democrats Monthly Meeting
7PM,
IBEW Hall
(3049 S. 36th Street; 98409)
- February 11:
Pierce County Democrats Executive Board Meeting
6:30PM,
IBEW Hall
(3049 S. 36th Street; 98409)
- February 15:
Washington State Democrats PCO & Party Activist Training
10AM-4PM,
St. Martin's University Pavilion (5300 Pacific Ave SE; 98503)
Contact: Julie Myers to coord. Transportation (431-7299)
- February 15:
Democratic Crab Feed
5PM, St. Martin's University Pavilion (5300 Pacific Ave SE; 98503)

27th District Democrats Newsletter

**Meeting January 25 – 7:00 p.m.,
IBEW Hall
3049 S. 36th Street; 98409**

Next Meeting

School Levy x 2

It a new year with new hopes for the future. Our commitment to our future will again be questioned this February as we look at not one, but two school levies.

Proposition 1: A 4-year replacement levy for school district operations. This represents 22% of the District's day-to-day operations that keep class sizes small as well as non-traditional teaching like music programs.

Proposition 2: A 6-year school improvement levy that will replace or modernize three schools as well as make safety and modernization improvements district wide.

To hear more details about these levies and other happenings in the Tacoma School District please join us at our next meeting as we hear from the school board about what these levies will accomplish.

Last Meeting

A small but fervent bunch of 27th Legislative District Democrats met on November 23rd for a 2010 planning brainstorm session. We discussed ways the 27th could raise money through donations, membership fees and fundraising. Some new and interesting ideas were also tossed out like raffles, a walk- or dance-a-thon, and dog wash.

Next it was time think of outreach: How can we increase voter registration and education in the 27th Legislative District? The group came up with some good ideas, many of which used tools we already have in place. Some of these ideas included the use of the website to list party stands, voter booths at street fairs, ACLU outreach to eligible ex-felons, create 27th Legislative District business cards to leave around town, engage high school government classes, and attend high school and senior citizen events.

The Executive Board will use these ideas to create a plan for 2010 to be presented at the January 25th meeting. If you have additional ideas you'd like to see implemented this year, please don't hesitate to suggest them. Your presence and participation is encouraged.

Christmas Party

We had another great Christmas Party at Marilyn Kimmerling's house. We had about 25 people brave the cold weather over the course of the evening. There was great food, wine, and conversation. There was even a free raffle - a 27th LD rarity.

And for the second year in a row we had our annual bout of snowfall. This year though it didn't stick around.

A special thanks goes out to the Marilyn and Sandy for putting the event together and another lovely evening.

AGENDA

January 25, 2010

- 7PM – Welcome
- 7:05 – Pledge of Allegiance
- 7:10 – Committee Reports
- 7:30 – School Levy Info
- 8:15 – Good of the Order
- 8:25 – Adjournment

Notes From Chair

Happy New Year Democrats:

First I want to thank our 27th LD Officers, Members, PCOs, Electeds, volunteers, friends and speakers. We are grateful for their time spent with us in 2009. Looking forward to 2010, we have great work ahead of us. I encourage each of you to stay informed, attend the meetings, choose a committee to be active in, and use your skill/talent to build our District. You are important to our growth.

I'm looking forward to building the district in several ways: improving communications, increasing membership & meeting attendance, PCO training & development, and marketing our District. I know we have many experienced, talented, skilled and ready to serve Democrats in our district. Come and share your skills, within the 27th District.

This year will be busy the February School Board Levy, Precinct Committee Office and Party Activist Training, Legislative District Caucus, Pierce County & State Convention, and the 2010 elections. So make sure you mark your calendar for the fourth Monday of each month for our meetings.

Your 27th Executive Board has met and discussed 27th LD goals from January to June 2010. These goals include the 2010 budget, the Events Calendar, Speakers, Endorsements, and Great Eggspectation our annual fundraiser. There will time for more recommendations and suggestions at our next meeting.

As your Chair I welcome your recommendations and value your suggestions so don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your past and future support. Together, let's build a better District in 2010.

It's great to be Democrat,

Gaynelle Minton

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JOIN THE 27th LD DEMS

New members should submit dues to:

Mary Retallick, Treasurer
27th LD Democrats
PO Box 1532
Tacoma, WA 98401

Dues are \$25.00.
Make checks payable to
27th District Democrats.

SAVE TREES:

Send us your e-mail address so you can receive this newsletter electronically.

Send to:
27thlddems@gmail.com

WANTED: Letters, jottings, articles, or feedback on how we are doing. Send to:
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