

May 2009

Democratic Times

Calendar of Events:

- May 14:
Dues Deadline for Endorsement Voting Eligibility
- May 14:
Pierce County Democrats Executive Board Meeting
6:30PM, IBEW Hall (3049 S. 36th Street; 98409)
- June 5:
Pierce County Auditor Filing Deadline
- June 8:
27th District Democrats Special Meeting
7PM, IBEW Hall (3049 S. 36th Street; 98409)
- June 11:
Pierce County Democrats Endorsements
6:30PM, IBEW Hall (3049 S. 36th Street; 98409)
- June 22:
27th District Democrats Monthly Meeting
7PM, Location TBD

27th District Democrats Newsletter

Meeting **June 8, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.,**
Tacoma City Association
2316 South Yakima Ave; 98405

Special Meeting

NOTE: Special Date & Place Above

ENDORSEMENTS!!!

At the May meeting, the body chose to hold a special meeting for the purposes of endorsements in lieu of doing rolling endorsements each month. The special meeting was set for June 8th at 7PM. At this meeting we will be reviewing endorsements for positions within the 27th Legislative District, including:

- Tacoma City Council/Mayor
- Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma
- Port of Tacoma
- Tacoma School Board
- Pierce County Auditor
- Tacoma Civil Service

If you or someone you know is planning on running for office and would be interested in receiving the endorsement of the 27th Legislative District Democrats, please have them contact David Schroedel at dschroedel@yahoo.com, the chair of the endorsements committee.

If you are not running, but would like to vote on the endorsements, please remember that your dues (\$25) must be paid 25 days in advance of the meeting. Dues can be sent to PO Box 1532; 98401. This will also allow you to vote on how to distribute the money raised at our annual Great Eggspectations fundraiser.

Last Meeting

State Legislature Update

At our last meeting State Representative Jeannie Darnielle presented an update on the state of the State budget and what significant votes were taken this legislative session.

In addition to being recognized as a pirate (<http://blogs.thenewstribune.com/politics/2009/04/26/p40698#more40698>), Representative Darnielle worked hard to help close a huge budget gap. The 2009-2010 budget began with a projected \$5 billion deficit. This grew to a projected \$9 billion deficit before any changes were made. In order to address this issue, the state elected to make significant cuts in nearly all categories. No tax increases were passed to supplement the cuts due to the condition of the economy.

Jeannie noted her continued work on voting rights issues during the session. This culminated in the passing of new legislation to assist felons in regaining their voting rights.

Endorsements Update

Since the March meeting, the Endorsements Committee met to determine an appropriate process for endorsements during 2009 and guidance in future years. For 2009, the committee recommended holding off on any endorsements until after filing had closed to ensure we captured all candidates at the meeting. The was initially suggested to be at our regular meeting on June 22.

Jeannie Mitchell moved that we postpone the scheduled discussion of endorsements of Jake Fey, Marilyn Strickland and Victoria Woodards until our endorsements meeting on June 22. This was amended by Gail Kirk to move the date as early as possible after filing, June 8. This resulted in the body scheduling a special meeting for June 8th, at 7PM for the sole purpose of hearing from candidates and voting on endorsements.

Paint Tacoma

The 27th Legislative District Democrats voted to adopt a home as part of Paint Tacoma's efforts to beautify our neighborhood. This is a great chance to get out and be part of community that doesn't require gathering signatures, votes, or money. For more information, please contact Sandy Bossett, our new Events Committee Chair.

AGENDA

June 8, 2009

7PM – Welcome

7:05 – Pledge of Allegiance

7:10 – Process Introduction

7:20 – Candidate Presentations:

- Pierce County Auditor
- Port of Tacoma
- Tacoma School Board
- Tacoma Metro Parks
- Tacoma Civil Service
- Tacoma City Council

(all positions will be considered)

8:30 – Endorsements:

- Pierce County Auditor
- Port of Tacoma
- Tacoma School Board
- Tacoma Metro Parks
- Tacoma Civil Service
- Tacoma City Council

(all positions will be considered)

9:30 – Adjournment

Notes From The Chair State Committee People

Dear 27th LD Dems,

Just before our April meeting, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) held its quarterly meeting. We, your state committee representatives from the 27th LD, took part in the meeting and particularly our committees, Finance and Technology.

The Finance Committee reported a net loss of \$131,172.51 due to paying off the final costs of the 2008 Coordinated Campaign/Campaign for Change operational expenses. Money well spent considering the extent of our historic wins. With donations projected to be much lower in this off year, the approved budget for 2009 totaled \$1,442,000.00. Personnel and other operational expenses have been reduced in order to accommodate for the streamlined budget this year.

The Technology Committee discussed best ways to coordinate with the national efforts of Organizing for America (OFA), a grassroots advocacy group that grew out of President Obama's campaign. This means that the WSDCC will be working with the Democratic National Committee to improve Votebuilder and other technology solutions. There was also a great discussion of other ideas and best practices that will soon be online.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions on the Technology or Finance Committees or other activities of the WSDCC, please let us know.

Your committed State Committee Representatives,

Dean Ando
State Committeeman
(Finance Committee)

Julie Myers
State Committeewoman
(Technology Committee)
(Communications Committee)

Classifieds

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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