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Legislative District and County Conventions:

Now that we have successfully completed our precinct caucuses, it is time for the next step in the process with our legislative district and county conventions. Because of the geographical size of the 7th LD – 12,000 square miles – our legislative district caucus/convention will be held in conjunction with our respective county conventions. What this means for all of us in the 7th LD is that we will be electing our delegates to the 5th Congressional District Caucus and the State Convention during the Ferry, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane and Stevens County conventions.

Since this is a different structure than most of the legislative districts in Washington State which are not so geographically large, there can be confusion if the information that you hear is based on the geographically smaller legislative districts that are totally inside a particular county.

Just so everyone is clear this is the information about each date/time/location:

Ferry – April 19th at 10am in the Republic Elementary School
Lincoln – April 19th at 10am in the Davenport Elementary School
Okanogan – April 19th at 9am in the Okanogan Grange Hall
Pend Oreille – April 12th at 9am in the Cusick High School
Spokane – April 19th at 8am in the University High School
Stevens – April 19th at 9am in the Pizza Factory in Colville

Additional information and map directions are available by going to the 7th LD web site/calendar and selecting the entry that you want. You will then be able to get “more details” which will include mapping directions from your starting point to the destination.

5th Congressional District Caucus: by Bob Esvelt -- I am repeating this from the March newsletter since it is so important

The 5th CD Caucus will be held Saturday, **May 17th** beginning at 10 a.m. at Trend Elementary Auditorium, 3303 N Pines, Spokane (at the Trent/Pines intersection).

We will need many volunteers to run the meeting since we are expecting 300 people to attend.

The primary order of business includes:

- Election of 5 delegates (3 male, 2 female); and 1 alternate (female). The presidential preferences of the Seated Delegates and Alternates seated as delegates at the

caucus will determine the number of delegates elected to the National Convention for any given Presidential candidate.

- Election of an Elector and Alternate Elector
- Election of one member to the State Party Judicial Review Board. This board was formed many years ago to resolve disputes in the Democratic Party, but to my knowledge has never been called to action. This person can't be a State Committee Member or Chair of a Legislative District or County Party.
- Democratic Candidates for prominent positions will be invited to speak as well as prominent elected officials.

All those wishing to run for a Delegate or Alternate position must file a letter a Letter of Intent to Stand for Election as National Convention Delegate or Alternate before 5:00 PM on **May 2** to the State Party Office. The forms are available at the State Party office, or a copy of the form is included in the Washington State Delegate Selection Plan for 2008 at <http://www.wa-democrats.org/index.php?page=display&id=283> (click on Washington State Delegate Selection Plan).

Anyone that isn't elected as a National Convention Delegate or Alternate that still hopes to serve in this capacity has a chance to do so at the State Convention on Sunday June 15 at 5:00. Seventeen (17) at-large Delegates and four (4) Alternates will be elected by the Elections Committee made up of district level elected national Delegates and allocated by presidential preference as defined by division of preference of the Elections Committee. Anyone wishing to be considered as an at-large Delegate must provide a letter of intent to the State Party Office by 5:00 PM, **June 10**.

All those to be considered as National Delegates are subject to approval by the Presidential Candidate or that candidate's authorized representatives as long as they approve at least two names for each position for which the presidential candidate is entitled.

I hope all of this helps. On Apr. 23, I will begin arranging for the details of the CD Caucus, and lining up volunteers. I hope your LD Caucuses and County Conventions go well.

Thanks, Bob

VoteBuilder Training for Pend Oreille County:

Thanks to Jan Anderson, Chair of Pend Oreille County Democrats Jack and I had a wonderful opportunity for a hands-on training session with a group of dedicated Pend Oreille Democrats. We were invited to provide the training at the lovely home of Sandy and Alana complete with an excellent potluck, great conversation, superb view, and computer access for everyone. With everyone able to actually practice what Jack was talking about, the training allowed for an opportunity to experience the creation of lists, how to make mailing labels, and how to sort the information. Once again it was shocking to see how many people are registered voters about whom we know nothing. That will be the first step!

It was a great team approach and I know we will see some great results as a result in Pend Oreille County. Thank you to all of you who made this possible.

Message from Dwight Pelz, Chair, Washington State Democrats:

I want to take this opportunity to introduce the 2008 Coordinated Campaign to Democratic Party Leaders across Washington State. 2008 is shaping up to be an exciting year, and one where we will all work hard to keep Washington State blue for our Presidential Nominee, re-elect Governor Chris Gregoire, re-elect our Democratic Congressman and send them back to DC joined by Darcy Burner, Mark Mays and George Fearing, and expand our majorities in the State Legislature. We are looking forward to working with all of you in this effort.

Michael King will serve as the 2008 Coordinated Campaign Director. Michael served as the Communications Director for the State Party in 2007 and was the Field Director on the 2006 Coordinated Campaign. Prior to that, Michael ran Southwest Washington for Senator Patty Murray's re-election campaign, and has worked on Presidential, Gubernatorial and Coordinated Campaigns in several states. We are thrilled to have Michael on our team for this year's campaign. Michael can be reached via email at michaelking@wa-democrats.org.

Rory Steele will serve as the Deputy Director of the Coordinated Campaign this year. Rory's past work includes the Obama campaign in Iowa, Nevada, Nebraska and Ohio. In 2006, Rory served as the GOTV Director on the Coordinated Campaign and has also worked on the campaigns of Senator Patty Murray, State Representative Geoff Simpson as well as several ballot initiatives. Rory can be reached at rory@wa-democrats.org.

The Field Director for the 2008 Coordinated will be Chelsea Waliser. Chelsea has also recently worked on the Obama campaign, as well as for the Senate Democratic Caucus in Olympia, Congressman Adam Smith and Senator Patty Murray's 2004 campaign. Chelsea can be reached at Chelsea@wa-democrats.org.

Michael, Rory and Chelsea will lead a targeted, professional Coordinated Campaign, and we are very excited to have them join our team. In the coming days, they will be reaching out to local party leaders in order to both introduce themselves to you, as well as hear your thoughts on the upcoming election. You can also contact any of them by calling the Coordinated Campaign HQ at 206-903-0172.

Regards,

Dwight

Supreme Court Ruling:

I know that we are all wondering about the specifics related to the recent Supreme Court ruling that declared that Washington State may use a primary system that allows the top two vote-getters to advance to the general election, even if they are from the same party. The questions about how this will work, how the top two are selected, what happens to the "party structure," and innumerable issues are on everyone's minds. At this point we will receive clarification from the State Party as soon as there has been a chance to thoroughly review the decision.

With all the other political "firsts" that we have experienced so far in 2008, this is certainly stacking up to be a year to remember! I will keep you all posted as soon as I have definitive details on the specifics and how they will relate to us in the 7th LD.

Message from Governor Chris Gregoire:

Friends-

I'm kicking off my campaign [announcement tour](#) in a few days, and I want you to be there.

I'm ready to take on new challenges and get more results that make a difference in your lives and the lives of your friends and neighbors.

I'll be boarding a biodiesel bus and rolling into 10 cities over four days. My kickoff starts in my hometown of Auburn and progresses around the state with stops in Tacoma, Vancouver, Yakima, Tri-Cities, Spokane, Bremerton, Port Townsend, Everett and Seattle.

[Click here to find out when I'm in your town.](#)

I'll be honest: I can't win this election without you. I need your help to build momentum and show voters I'm a leader who understands our values and takes on your challenges for Washington state.

I'll be talking about our top priorities – jobs, health care, education, public safety, transportation – and I'll be listening.

[Please join me at one of our stops as we build needed momentum across our great state.](#)

Thank you for your support. Now, let's get this campaign rolling!

Sincerely,
Governor Chris Gregoire

P.S. If you can't attend any events, join the virtual tour at www.chrisgregoire.com/bustour. We're going to post updates from the road, showing where we've been and who we've met.

Challenge from the State: What it will take to win in Northeastern Washington – and we have just taken our first stride with our very successful caucus attendance. Building from this success, we can make this challenge easy! Let's start identifying our voters!! Remember if you need training on the use of the on-line voter database (VoteBuilder) – the tool that will help us to meet this challenge – contact me. Training can be arranged!

The Challenge from the State for the 7th LD is to get 500 new Gregoire votes in 2008. This breaks down for each of our counties to:

- **Ferry** needs 36
- **Lincoln** needs 37

- **Okanogan** needs 92
- **Pend Oreille** needs 51
- **Spokane** needs 121
- **Stevens** needs 162

Dates to Remember: for details, including a map, go to our web site www.7ld.newa-democrats.org and select the Calendar option, then select the date of the event.

April 9th: Governor Gregoire in Spokane 10:30 a.m.
April 12th: Pend Oreille County Convention; Cusick High School
April 12th: Spokane County Democratic Central Committee meeting; 127 E Augusta, Spokane; 9 a.m.
April 12th: Legacy Dinner, Red Lion Inn at the Park, Spokane, 6 p.m.
April 19th: Ferry County Convention, Republic Elementary School, 9 a.m.
April 19th: Lincoln County Convention, Davenport Elementary School, 10 a.m.
April 19th: Okanogan County Convention, Okanogan Grange Hall, 9 a.m.
April 19th: Spokane County Convention; University High School, Spokane Valley; 8 a.m.
April 19th: Stevens County Convention; Pizza Factory Conference Room, 662 S Main, Colville
May 2nd: Last day to file letter of intent with the State to be a candidate for Delegate or Alternate to the National Convention
May 17th: 5th CD Caucus; 3303 N Pines, Trent Elementary School, Spokane Valley; 10 a.m.
June 10th: Last day to file letter of intent with the State to be a candidate for Delegate at-large to the National Convention
June 13^{th-15th}: State Convention; Spokane, Convention Center; 9 a.m.

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