

# 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democratic Newsletter

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**Best Wishes from both Jack and myself for a holiday season that is filled with the joy, peace, and comfort of being committed to values that support the rights of all.**

**7<sup>th</sup> LD Quarterly Meeting:** The next quarterly meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative District will be on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Carpenter's Hall, 127 E Augusta, Spokane. The Spokane County Democrats are hosting us. Their quarterly meeting will be in the morning followed by a potluck at 12 noon. We are invited to the potluck so come early and join the Spokane County Democrats as we celebrate the beginning of a new year – and what an eventful year it will be!

The major items on the agenda will be a presentation of a mock caucus to help all of us know how best to manage our caucus opportunity to build teams of active Democrats as we work toward a successful election in November 2008. Part of this training will also be information on the difference between the caucus process on February 9<sup>th</sup> and the February 19<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary election. We will also be voting on endorsements for Democratic candidates who are running for office such as Governor Chris Gregoire and Peter Goldmark, candidate for Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands. With our official endorsement we will have their names on our web site with links to their campaigns.

If you have other agenda items please let me know.

**Challenge from the State:** We had two successful training sessions on the VoteBuilder database this month. Bob Esvelt arranged for Jack Miller and Erik Horeis to provide training to Stevens County PCO's. There was a great facility at the WSU Extension Services offices in Colville complete with computers for everyone who attended. That allowed us to get everyone who has an account in to their own account and allowed them to have one-on-one training with their own precinct.

Darrel Brown and Bette Grant arranged for a training session for the Lincoln County Democrats. The attendance was amazing. Every PCO in Lincoln County with two exceptions (one person out of State) attended. There were 18 people there for the training! Following the training session was a famous Lincoln County potluck. These are not to be missed if you ever have an opportunity. Well done Lincoln County on your dedication to meeting the State Challenge of getting 37 additional Democratic votes in November 2008!!

The State Challenge for the 7<sup>th</sup> 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

**We can do this! Create a team and start working on identifying the “unknown” voters. We have many easy tasks that will make a big difference in our success in November. Now is the time to volunteer to help. Please attend a training session. I know with the Holidays that it will not be practical to do training until January so please contact me in January to get on the training schedule. ([miller.elm@gmail.com](mailto:miller.elm@gmail.com))**

**Secretary position:** It is with regret that I announce the resignation of Ginny Moos as the Secretary of the 7<sup>th</sup> LD. Even though Ginny has moved from the 7<sup>th</sup>, she says that she will continue to be involved, and hopes to move back sometime in the future. I very much appreciate all the support she has provided over the years.

If anyone is interested in filling this position please contact me or come to our meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> and volunteer to take minutes!

**Dates to Remember:** for details on any of these events including a map, go to our web site [www.7ld.newa-democrats.org](http://www.7ld.newa-democrats.org) and select the Calendar option, then select the date of the event.

**January 12:** Pend Oreille County quarterly meeting, (TBA; 10am-12noon)

**January 12:** **7<sup>th</sup> LD quarterly meeting**, Spokane County, Carpenter’s Hall, 127 E Augusta, Spokane (1pm-3pm); potluck starting at noon.

**January 21:** Stevens County monthly meeting, Pizza Factory, Colville (6pm-8pm)

**February 9:** Caucuses start at 1:00 p.m. in your area – please attend!

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