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Remember: February 9th, 1p.m. – Caucus!

Caucus information: What is a caucus? Hopefully by now you know that it is a neighborhood meeting in which you vote for the Democratic candidate for President by electing delegates who will represent that candidate to the legislative, county and state conventions. It will be at the State Convention here in Spokane this June that we will elect our final delegates to the National Convention in Denver in August.

For more information including the locations of the various caucuses check out <http://www.wa-democrats.org/caucusinfo> Your one-stop shop for everything you need to know about the 2008 caucuses!

7th LD Quarterly Meeting: The meeting was held on January 12th in Spokane following the quarterly meeting of the Spokane County Democrats and a potluck for both groups. The business meeting was short with the 7th LD voting to officially endorse candidate **Chris Gregoire** for governor; candidate **Peter Goldmark** for Public Lands Commissioner; and candidate **Jackie Bradley** for the vacant position to the Democratic National Committee representing Washington State. Official letters of endorsement will be sent to those candidates' campaigns.

We also attempted to fill the three positions to represent the 7th LD at the State Convention. Bob Schlein was elected to the Credentials Committee, but we are still looking for an individual to fill the position on the Platform Committee and the position on the Rules Committee. We have until the end of January to have these positions filled. Please contact me immediately if you are interested in either position or have someone in mind who you believe would be willing to represent the 7th LD.

Standing Committees of the State Convention.

- a. The Credentials Committee shall have the power to certify delegates as submitted by the legislative districts and counties, and to recommend settlement of all disputes pertaining to seating of delegates. The final credentials report shall include an Affirmative Action Report of Delegates and Alternates and be adopted prior to the conduct of any other official business and shall include the number of delegates registered for each presidential preference. The Credentials Committee shall have at least one member from the State Affirmative Action Committee.
- b. The Platform Committee shall hold hearings, meet and consider resolutions and platforms as submitted by the various counties and/or legislative districts, and draft a proposed platform and resolutions, which shall be mailed to all

delegates and alternates to the state convention at least ten (10) days prior to the convention. The draft platform shall not exceed 2,500 words and shall be organized in accordance with a resolution to be adopted by the State Committee.

c. The Rules Committee shall draft proposed rules and a proposed agenda for the conduct of the convention that shall be mailed to all delegates and alternates to the State Convention at least ten (10) days prior to the convention. The Rules Committee shall have at least one member from the State Affirmative Action Committee.

d. Committees shall hold an initial meeting in advance of the State Convention at a time and place to be determined by the State Democratic Chair.

The treasurer's report indicated that we have \$1,362. The minutes were approved as submitted.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to caucus training. Jack Miller walked us through a mock caucus after showing the caucus video that has been produced by the WSDCC. If you are planning on leading a caucus, please be sure to obtain a copy of the script for conducting a caucus. The information can be sent to you electronically. Contact either me or your county Chair. We can provide you with the information including a link to the training video produced by the WSDCC.

The packets for each precinct will be available at the quarterly State meeting next week in Vancouver. They will be distributed as soon as people return from that meeting.

Message from Governor Chris Gregoire:

Tuesday night, I stood before the full body of the Washington State legislature to deliver my 2008 State of the State address and laid out my vision for the future of our great state.

I stood before members of both parties and declared that the state of our state is strong, and by unleashing the strength of our people and staying true to our values, we will make Washington even stronger in 2008.

Let's give a well-deserved rest to partisanship and politics, and replace them with progress and prosperity. Let's build on the spirit of Washington's people.

Delivering the annual State of the State address is one of true privileges of serving as Governor, and last night we began a new conversation about continuing our progress and building an even brighter future for our state.

[I'm asking you today to become a part of that conversation.](#)

You can read or watch my State of the State address by visiting www.chrisgregoire.com/stateofthestate for a copy of the speech and a link to TVW's coverage of the address.

We've come a long way, from tough times and dour prophecies, to put our state back on track toward a safe, prosperous, healthy future.

- Together, we have balanced the budget and pushed through a rainy day fund, helped create more than 218,000 new jobs in the past three years, and reduced unemployment rates to the lowest in state history.
- Together, we have completed 128 highway construction projects in the past three years, and provided 84,000 more kids with health insurance.
- Together, we have saved more than 70,000 people an average of \$33 per prescription through a drug discount card.
- Together, we have reduced K-12 class sizes and boosted teacher salaries.

And those are just a few examples of the work that we have done together to achieve the changes Washington families need. Please visit www.chrisgregoire.com to learn more.

Three years ago, I became governor of Washington state in very tough times. We have made great progress to move our state forward, and that is something we can all be proud of.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Chris Gregoire

Challenge from the State: What it will take to win in Eastern Washington

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.

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

January 24 & 25: WSDCC meeting in Vancouver @ Red Lion Hotel at the Quay

February 9: Presidential Caucus, 1 p.m.

February 19th: Presidential Primary Election

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