

7th Legislative District Democratic Newsletter

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7th LD Quarterly Meeting:

There was a great turn out for the quarterly meeting of the District on April 21st in Reardan! Over 45 people were there. The fabulous lunch provided by the Lincoln County Democrats was wonderful and the community center was decorated in red, white and blue. The silent auction was impressive with all of the donated items and resulted in slightly over \$200 for the 7th. In addition there were funds from a 50/50 drawing and donations at the door. With a personal contribution to the 7th, the total added to the treasury as a result of all the support from the very generous attendees, was over \$500! This very definitely made our treasurer very happy. We also had a successful food drive for Lincoln County as a gesture of appreciation for hosting our meeting.

The two hour business meeting had a packed agenda. The by-laws were approved with one minor addition. Donations to both the Veterans and Military Caucus and the Young Democrats were approved. We agreed to sponsor a basket from the 7th LD that will be auctioned at the Spokane County Legacy Dinner on May 19th with the basket to be filled with items from the 7th LD. Several offers of local products were made with suggestions for other items.

Other items on the agenda included brief presentations from Erik Horeis, our new Eastern Washington Field Representative and a short description from Kristine Reeves, Chair of Spokane County Democrats on a newly formed internship program that she has started. Jackie Bradley announced that the Eastern Washington Conference this Fall will be in Spokane. Kristine Reeves and Andrew Brewer talked about the bid for the 2008 Convention to be held in Spokane and the 7th LD members unanimously voted to endorse the bid of Spokane County and directed the Chair to draft a letter to that effect.

Web Site:

The 7th LD now has its own web site! www.7ld.newa-democrats.org Check it out. It is quite basic at the moment, but will grow with us. Any suggestions are welcome especially for events that are taking place in the 7th that can be put on the calendar.

Washington State Democratic Convention 2008:

The most exciting news this past month was the amazing successful bid by Spokane County Democrats to host the 2008 Convention! The bid proposal was presented at the quarterly meeting of the State Party in Bellingham on April 29th. The competition from King County was stiff. Clark County decided not to enter a bid. Spokane County won the coin toss and went first. The presentation was positive and professional with an extremely effective promotional DVD crafted specifically for this presentation. Andrew Brewer, the Chair of the bid committee and Kristine Reeves, the Chair of Spokane County, made the presentation.

The message that most resonated with the State Committeepersons was the value of bringing 3000 Democrats to Eastern Washington, helping to bring a strong, active Democratic presence to a region that is just starting to gain momentum with the election this past November of two Democratic legislators for the first time in almost 40 years! Our plea was to help keep the momentum going – let's turn Eastern Washington purple!

This was a significant accomplishment and it could not have been achieved without Eastern Washington pulling together and working together for something that will benefit us all. Well done!

Caucus Process:

The caucus process was reaffirmed as the method of selecting delegates for the Presidential Convention at the State Party meeting in Bellingham last week. There will be more information about this process as we get closer to the February date, but we should all be thinking about people we think would make good delegates to the national convention in Denver and also what statements we want to have in the new Democratic platform. In an effort to streamline the caucus process, the new rules allow for written platform statements to be submitted at the caucus, but there will not be a great deal of discussion of the issues at the caucus itself. Formulating good platform statements that can be passed forward to platform committees which will combine similar statements and create clarity for complex issues will be very important. It is not too early to start thinking about this process.

Democratic Legacy Dinner:

Come join other enthusiastic Democrats in celebrating the accomplishments of this past legislative session in Olympia, honor the Democratic legislators that helped make possible the successes, and join in a fun fund raising event at the same time. Join the celebration on May 19th (Saturday) at 6:00 (no-host bar; silent auction) and 7:00 (dinner) at Red Lion Inn at the Park in Spokane. Remember this is where we will be auctioning the 7th LD gift basket! For more information

www.spokanedemocrats.org/index.cfm?page=DLD.cfm

Grassroots Organizer:

The State Democratic Party just announced that Patrick Mead has been hired as the Grassroots Mobilization Manager. Patrick was previously employed as the Technology Manager for the State Party. His primary responsibilities are to design and implement a strategic plan for our online tools that seeks to increase membership, increase Party visibility, and foster activist support by using the website and blast e-mail list.

Dates to Remember:

May 19 Democratic Legacy Dinner, Red Lion Inn at the Park, Spokane, 6:00 pm

July 29 at Old Kettle Falls Park hosted by Stevens County, 10 am

October 20 at the Okanogan Grange Hall hosted by Okanogan County

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