

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

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## **7<sup>th</sup> LD Quarterly Meeting: October 20th**

The next quarterly meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative District is being hosted by the Okanogan County Democrats. The meeting will be preceded by a training session on the voter file and the caucus process.

Jackie Bradley, Chair of the Okanogan County Democrats has arranged for us to have space in the Okanogan County Courthouse for the training session starting at 10 a.m. Everyone interested in learning how to make the best use out of the very extensive resources available through VoteBuilder is invited to attend this training session. The address for the Courthouse is: 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Okanogan; go to the back of the building and enter through the glass doors. We will be on the third floor in Courtroom #1. There is an elevator.

At 12 noon we are all invited to Jackie's home for lunch with the 7<sup>th</sup> LD meeting following at 1 p.m. Jackie has graciously offered to host us for lunch. Please note that this is a location change. Jackie's home address is: 240 Crestview, Okanogan (422-3723).

Don't forget to bring food items for the local food bank.

Please join us for both the training and the meeting.

**Eastern Washington Conference: October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** – Spokane – Speaking of training!!

*Don't miss this opportunity! What a wonderful chance to learn how to translate the "Democratic Westward Movement" to us here in Eastern Washington. This is perfect timing for us as we get geared up for our caucuses in February. Come and be energized! Join the other 35 people who have already signed up and show your commitment to moving the Democratic message forward in Eastern Washington!*

**Friday, October 12**, 2007; 5 pm – 9 pm; activities at the Red Lion Hotel • At the Park, 303 W. North River Drive, Spokane, WA 99201

**Saturday, October 13**, 2007; 9:15 am – 8:30 pm; activities at the Spokane Convention Center, 334 West Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99201

### **HOST HOTEL:**

Red Lion Hotel At the Park, 303 W. North River Drive, Spokane, WA 99201  
Phone Number: 1-800-733-5466 or (509) 326-8000

On line registration now available: <https://secure.blueutopia.com/wadems/nonfed/ticket/497>

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION COSTS:

\$35 Conference Only (Includes Friday welcome reception and trainings)

\$15 Saturday Breakfast

\$20 Saturday Lunch

\$40 Saturday Banquet Reception and Dinner

**\$75 Package Deal: Conference & All Meals**

## SPEAKERS:

Saturday BREAKFAST SPEAKER: **Gloria Totten**, President of Progressive Majority

Saturday LUNCH SPEAKER: **Kalyn Free**, President of INDN's List

Saturday DINNER SPEAKER: **Congressman Pat Williams**, Nine-term congressman and one of the founders of Democrats for the West.

Some of the confirmed training sessions include the following:

How to build coalitions and talk to our allies about "Investing in our quality-of-life." Funding our schools, libraries, fire and health care in the rural west. **Christy Margeli**, WA Tax Fairness Coalition

"Supporting Agriculture and Protecting our Environment" Organizing voters to act in their interest of an agricultural economy and environmental sustainability. **Kurt Fritz**, WA Conservation Voters Political Director

"Recruiting Volunteers and Developing Precinct/Area Leaders in Rural Areas" **Brad Martin**, Northwest Political Director, DNC

Lobbying 101 – "Moving our friends and "the other side" to support and act on our issues." **Ezra Eickmeyer**, Eickmeyer & Associates

The New Vote Builder – Tools to build our relationships with neighbors and voters for more Democratic Victories. **Wes Beal**, Technology Director, WSDCC

Winning in Spokane, Lessons and challenges for Democrats **Senate Majority Speaker Lisa Brown, State Representative Timm Ormsby**

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**Agricultural and Rural Caucus Forum in Moses Lake:** A very successful forum on immigration was held by the ARC on September 15th in Moses Lake. Preceded by a Friday evening dinner and social opportunity, the forum offered a variety of speakers on topics that covered a wide spectrum of issues related to immigration .

There were many issues covered that helped to clarify the issues that we read about daily in the newspaper. Having specific information about minimum wages for workers, the "picking circuit" and the number of jobs was very helpful. Attendees heard experts talk about topics from the inspection process for verifying the legality of workers to the appeals processes for laborers who

have not received payment for their work. Speakers presented details of how the system works to both support the growers as well as the laborers. Of special interest was a report on the research being done on automating the current labor intensive processes involved in harvesting of fruit and berries. This was a very timely presentation and was well organized with a good balance of topics and views that affect us in Eastern Washington. ARC organizers, especially Ellie Webb of Grant County and Larry Ludwig of Stevens County are to be commended on bringing this forum to Eastern Washington.

### **Tri-County Parade and the Pend Oreille County BBQ for Governor**

**Gregoire:** One of the most impressive events this summer was the BBQ hosted by the Pend Oreille County Democrats for Governor Gregoire. Most of you will remember that this event took place on a day full of Democratic activities. The morning started in Colville with the Tri-County Parade. We had a great turn out with representatives from Lincoln, Stevens, and Spokane Counties complete with banners, marchers and the Lincoln County float. Governor Gregoire was also in the parade and met with the Democratic contingent for a few moments as she was heading to her place in the parade. She was accompanied by her husband Mike Gregoire who is working actively on veteran's issues; Mary Selecky, Washington State Secretary of Health and Stevens County resident; and Sheila Collins, Eastern Washington Field Representative for the Governor. There were people coming up and wanting to talk to her all along the route before the parade started. She was both personable and engaging as she interacted with a variety of people with a wide range of interests.

With several other smaller events between the morning parade and the evening BBQ, she stayed busy. The event just outside of Newport was very impressive. The BBQ was held at a working farm and the setting was perfect. It was obvious that a great deal of work had been done to make the facilities ready for the Governor and the people who were expected. Seeing the Pend Oreille County Democrats in their t-shirts serving as hosts, was inspiring as people kept coming, and coming, and coming. As Jan Anderson, Chair of the Pend Oreille Democrats said, "Our caterer said that 475 plates were distributed and we know a number of folks who came and left without eating. That would balance out the few who might have gone through the line twice. So we rounded up to 500 after the owner of the newspaper told us that that was the number that he was going to publish. He was very impressed with the cross section that we attracted and thought that the event was very healthy for the County. Cool! We were thrilled with the turnout and the event. The Governor was very impressed and expected 50 to be there. She was overwhelmed and that is what we wanted to have happen. I think that we put Pend Oreille County on the map!"

I was impressed with not only the turn out, but the planning that went into the event, and most of all the variety of people attending from the Cattleman's Association to the locally elected officials to the local firemen. I was also very impressed with the Governor and her ability to relate to such a diverse group. She did not give an official speech but spent her time at the beginning of the BBQ line talking to individuals and making herself available to everyone who wanted some time with her. She was still there talking to people when I left to see how the Spokane County Salmon Feed had turned out. And that was a great event too! It is wonderful to have so many events that you can't make it to all of them!

**Rural Votes** : Take a look at this new web site focusing on rural America that was passed on to us by Dwight Pelz, Chair, Washington State Democratic Central Committee.

RuralVotes promotes initiatives and ideas supporting the revitalization of rural America and is dedicated to building a solid, informed and participatory base of rural citizens, actively engaged in community, civic and electoral processes at the federal, state and local levels.

The places and faces of rural America are changing. An increasingly diverse population calls rural America home. 55 million rural Americans live on 80% of the land in the United States, striking the balance between preserving honored tradition and making progress.

**Rural Votes** takes a team building approach to increasing the level of community and civic engagement in rural communities. Our strengths in the policy, political and rural arena are assets.

**Rural Votes** offers a unique vehicle to connect rural constituencies in 2008 and beyond. Please click the link to learn more about **Rural Votes**. [www.ruralvotes.com](http://www.ruralvotes.com)

**New Economic Study of Northeastern Washington:** And in case you want specific information about four counties in our local rural area (Ferry, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, and Stevens County), Headwaters Economics has posted their recently completed economic study of the 4-county NE Washington area. This study was commissioned by Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition and overseen by a group of county government, business, and conservation and industry representatives.

This report presents a wealth of information on each county as well as providing an aggregate report on all four counties. There is information on employment, income, population and comparisons with State and national figures.

Economic study documents available online include the complete 69 page study, individual county, and aggregated 4 county profiles at <http://www.headwaterseconomics.org/newwash.php>

If you have questions, call: Tim Coleman. Secretary, Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition  
509-775-2667

**Business Climate in the West:** A recent ranking of business friendly states has Washington at #11 for best overall tax climate for business in fiscal year 2007 – not bad considering the press that we are getting about being unfriendly to businesses. You might want to take a look at the article and the rankings and get more information about what the business community thinks about our State. [http://www.businessfacilities.com/bf\\_07\\_07\\_cover1a.php](http://www.businessfacilities.com/bf_07_07_cover1a.php)

**Resolution passed by the Washington State Democrats:**

Resolution 344 passed at the June 30, 2007 meeting of the WSDCC held in the Tri-cities calls on the State Party to "endorse a **yes**" vote for approval of **Referendum 67**"

The Approve 67 Campaign has asked me to forward you their contact information in case you are interested in receiving Approve 67 materials and literature for use at community events, fairs, meetings, etc. Please contact Allison Branham if you have any questions at...

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**Petition for Al Gore:** The 7<sup>th</sup> LD has been contacted and has been asked to spread the word to people who might be interested in a petition in support of Al Gore for President. Several of you have mentioned that you would like it if he ran. For those of you who would like more information this is the contact person and a brief summary of the petition goal.

My name is Daniel Roy, and I am a Mason County PCO (Belfair 1) and a volunteer with AlGore.org. We're a grass roots campaign supporting Al Gore for the 2008 Democratic nomination for President of the United States. While Al Gore is not seeking the nomination, he has also made it clear that he has not ruled out the possibility. Our efforts are directed at encouraging him to run. Never before has America needed a leader of his stature, vision and experience more than now!

One of our initiatives is to place Al Gore on the ballot in our state's Democratic Party Preference Primary. In fact, we would like to make history and be one of the first, if not the first, state in the union to include Al Gore in a state primary. Will you help?

Please contact Daniel Roy and ask for a petition or let me know and I can send one to you. They are trying to collect 2,000 signatures by the end of September so act quickly if you are interested.

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**Dates to Remember:** for details, 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.

**September 27-28:** Washington State Democratic Central Committee meeting in Wenatchee, Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel and Convention Center, 201 N. Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee.

**October 6:** 10:30 a.m. parade, Marcus Ciderfest, Marcus, WA

**October 6:** 6:30 p.m. Stevens County Harvest Dinner, NE Washington Convention Center, 985 S Elm, Colville, WA

**October 12-13:** Eastern Washington Convention, Convention Center, Spokane

**October 20:** 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon Voter File training; Okanogan County Court House, 4<sup>th</sup> St., Okanogan

**October 20:** 12 noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch at Jackie Bradley's home, 240 Crestview, Okanogan

**October 20:** 1:00 – 3:00, 7<sup>th</sup> LD meeting at Jackie Bradley's home, 240 Crestview, Okanogan

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