



KITSAP 23RD DEMOCRATS

For members and friends of the Kitsap 23rd Legislative District Democrats

Fall 2008

Message From The Chair- Remo Barr

Our 23rd LD is reorganizing.

On Sunday, December 14, the 82 Precinct Committee Officers (PCOs) elected in the August primary will gather at the Poulsbo Library at 4:00 p.m. to elect 23rd Legislative District Democratic officers for the next two-year cycle.

The officers to be elected are: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman. The bylaws require that the Chair and Vice-Chair may not be the same gender.

Running for an office is not limited to PCOs. Any member in good standing can run for any of these offices. However, only PCOs may vote.

At the first general membership meeting in January, eight members will be elected to join the officers, thus forming the Executive Board.

At least one member shall be elected from within the geographic boundaries of each of the four school districts within the 23rd LD. No more than five of the members elected shall be of the same gender.

All members in good standing, not just PCOs, may vote for these Executive Board members.

During the past two-year cycle, the Executive Board has met monthly and the general membership has met quarterly.

Candidates for the following officer positions were declared at the October 5th general



Remo Barr, 23rd LD Democratic Chair, was among the 60 area Democrats who greeted Governor Christine Gregoire when she visited the 23rd's Bainbridge Island campaign office on Saturday, October 11. The Governor also stopped at the Kitsap County Democratic headquarters in Silverdale. —Photo by Douglass Mackenzie

membership meeting: Chair - Rob Gelder; Treasurer – Al Andrus; State Committeeman – Jim Sommerhauser; State Committeewoman – Remo Barr.

As the 23rd LD Democratic chair the last four years, I wish to thank the former and current retiring Executive Board for their

contribution of time and energy. It has been a busy and productive time and we are all still friends!

Thanks to all of you who have been attending our general membership meetings, and a special thank you to those who contributed to our budget by attending our fund raising activities and becoming dues paying members.

Yes, the dues cycle begins again. In order to vote for the eight Executive Board members in January, your dues of \$24 will need to be paid.

Now, let's wrap up 2008 with a Democratic win down the entire ballot!

New PCOs

You will receive your election certificate

at the December 14

Reorganization Meeting

4:00 p.m.- Poulsbo

Library

Bainbridge Campaign Office—Tom Loushe



On July 7 the Bainbridge office of the 23rd District Democrats opened without much fanfare. It was actually pretty late because the Obama/Clinton campaign had gone on for so long.

We got to work immediately calling and emailing volunteers in order to meet the GOTV (Get Out The Vote) requirements for the upcoming primary.

Getting volunteers on Bainbridge is fortunately easy. The community seemed especially responsive this election, and it's fair to say that we all know why. For the last eight years we've had probably the worst President and executive branch in history. People were coming in off the street to volunteer.

During the primary we were able to phone the island 175%! That was amazing in as much as we only had four phone lines.

We are currently gearing up for the general election and will be adding four more phone lines!

This should make things easier for everyone. We will also have volunteers to pick up ballots and mail them or drop them at Bainbridge Performing Arts on Election Day.

Of course, effort like this takes teamwork and it wouldn't have happened without the help of people like Tammy and Joe Deets, Sally Adams, Matt Van Winkle, Channie Peters, and Jani Pauli to name but a few. And thanks to the Rockefeller Campaign for sponsoring our open house in September.

On October 11 we received a visit from Governor Gregoire. She encouraged us to make every phone call and every door knock count. For as she said, "No other governor in the country knows the way that I know, every vote counts."

Thanks to the many volunteers on and off Bainbridge who've helped in this effort.



More than 60 area Democrats greeted Governor Christine Gregoire at the 23rd LD Democratic campaign office on Bainbridge Island, Saturday, October 11. Greeters included Sen. Phil Rockefeller (top left), Rep. Christine Rolfes (left) and Charlotte Garrido, who is running for Kitsap County Commissioner, District 2. Photos courtesy of Douglass Mackenzie.



Annual Salmon Dinner—Lillian Crawford

The elegance of Kiana Lodge, the generosity of the Suquamish Tribe, and the commitment of the 23rd LD Democrats once again created a memorable Salmon Dinner. Choosing a highlight of the event would be difficult.

As emcee, County Auditor Walt Washington entertained the crowd with humor and warmth. Guest speaker Peter Goldmark, Democratic candidate for Commissioner of Public Lands, explained the importance of proper land management and the role land plays in preventing and/or minimizing floods during heavy rains. Remo Barr, chair of the 23rd LD, ensured that the entire event stayed on schedule and ran smoothly.

Prior to dinner, there was time for people to admire the beautiful flowers, landscaping, and elegant beauty for which Kiana Lodge is known. There was also time to socialize with fellow Democrats, buy a glass of wine, and ooh and aah over two tables of scrumptious desserts. Salmon, generously donated by the Suquamish tribe, was the centerpiece of the delicious buffet dinner.

A dessert auction followed dinner. Those at each table filled an envelope with cash and checks to try to win first choice from the array of tantalizing desserts. There were cakes and cobblers, cookies and pies, strudel, and more. Once again, Natalie Bryson's chocolate cakes were the first desserts chosen; but no one seemed disappointed with the other choices. My only disappointment was not being able to sample everything!



Jana Rice and Lillian Crawford (top photo) co-chaired this year's 23rd LD Democratic Salmon Dinner. Lower left: Lillian poses with a few of the many desserts won by each table. Lower right: Nancy Nystrom talks with keynote speaker Peter Goldmark.

A special thank you goes to everyone who donated desserts, especially those who are not members of the 23rd LD Executive Board. They are: Natalie Bryson, Jo Fox-Burr, Dionne Huddleston, Pam Huddleston, and Martha Lynn-Johnson.

This year's Salmon Dinner was co-chaired by Jana Rice and Lillian Crawford, but the event could not have taken place without the help and support of the Suquamish tribe, Kiana Lodge,

and the wonderful Democrats (and one very helpful Republican, thank you, Dave) who donated their time to do whatever needed to be done.

The heart and soul of the Salmon Dinner, though, are the Democrats who attend. As the 23rd LD's major fundraiser, your attendance is the key to our continued success in supporting and electing Democrats. ***So plan ahead and mark September 10, 2009, on your calendar for next year's Salmon Dinner.***



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