**PCD General Monthly Meetings**

**When:** 7 p.m., 2nd Monday of every month.

**Where:** Alternating between South Bend on even months and Long Beach on odd months.

**South Bend**
Pacific County Courthouse Annex
1216 W. Robert Bush Dr.

**Long Beach**
South County Building
7012 Sandridge Rd.

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**AAUW Election Forum**
October 16th—7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Hilltop Auditorium
442 Brumbach Avenue N.E.
Ilwaco, Washington

**Deadline for Mail or On-line New Voter Registration**
October 6

**General Election Voting Period Begins**
October 17

**Last Day for In-person Voter Registration**
October 27

**General Election**
November 4

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**Letter from the Chair**

The 2014 Washington State Democratic Convention was held in Spokane on a sunny weekend this June. Pacific County was well represented: Our delegates were John Adams, Diana Thompson, Diane Knutson, Chris Thompson, Doug Kess, and Karen Spackman.

The State Convention serves multiple purposes. It provides a venue for social interactions with committed Democrats from across the state. For example, delegates, elected officials, and other attendees mingle at the hospitality suites and receptions. It also provides a forum for Party Leaders to get out their messages. A recurring theme at this year's Convention, expressed by many of the speakers, was the necessity of returning the Washington State Senate to Democratic control. State House Speaker Frank Chopp, State Sen. Andy Billig, State Treasurer Jim McIntire, and Attorney General Bob Ferguson addressed this major goal most directly at the State Leaders Breakfast on Saturday. Other speakers throughout the day reiterated this important priority.

The State Convention also serves as a vehicle for energizing the base. The featured speaker at the Friday Gala Banquet, former Gov. Ed Rendell of Pennsylvania, gave a strong speech urging us not to be shy to campaign on our Democratic principles. Sen. Maria Cantwell and King County Executive Dow Constantine also spoke. Sen. Patty Murray’s keynote speech at the Convention on Saturday called on us all to work for a big Democratic victory in November.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**Our Newsletter Is Back on Track**

There has been a significant interruption in the production of the Pacific County Democrats newsletter because of our loss of our associate editor and formatter. As editor of the Pacific County Democrats Newsletter, I am pleased to announce that Cathy Russ has agreed to take over the duties of associate editor/formatter.

*Marlene Hache*

Congressional candidate Bob Dingethal visited last month’s Pacific County Democrat meeting in South Bend and outlined his goals and plans for his campaign.
Gov. Inslee spoke in the morning, as did our three Democratic first-term members of Congress: Suzan DelBene, Denny Heck, and Derek Kilmer. All three emphasized the difficulty of getting anything accomplished in the Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives. Four candidates for Congress in districts currently held by Republicans also spoke: Jason Ritchie running against Dave Reichert in the 8th; Joe Pakootas running against Cathy McMorris Rodgers in the 5th; Tony Sandoval and Estakio Beltran running in the 4th where Doc Hastings is retiring. Bob Dingethal, our candidate against Jamie Herrera Beutler in the 3rd, did not attend the Convention because of campaign commitments in the 3rd District.

Finally, the major goal of the State Convention is the adoption of the State Party Platform. We are a "big-tent" party and can accommodate members with a wide range of opinions, but we start from a set of shared principles. The platform is the statement of those principles. The Convention Platform and Resolutions Committee works hard before the Convention to produce the draft of the platform, which is then debated and adopted plank by plank at the convention. The committee did an excellent job; although several amendments were offered from the floor, very few were accepted by the body. (We should all thank Chris Thompson for his participation on the committee.) The result of this work is a platform that clearly states our core values. I urge all of you, if you have not already done so, to go to the State Party site and read it. (http://www.wa-democrats.org/about/documents)

It has been another great parade season for your Pacific County Democrats.

Loyal Dems were out in full force for the Fourth of July celebration parades in Ocean Park, Tokeland, Raymond and South Bend.
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STATE NEWS

Jaxon Ravens Chosen As New Party Head

Ravens, executive director of the state Democratic party for the last 10 years, beat out Dana Laurent, who had been endorsed for the position by Governor Jay Inslee. He replaces Dwight Pelz, Party chair since 2006, who had been chosen as state leader of his party after years of work as a community organizer and serving for 9 years on the Metropolitan King County Council. Pelz is said to be stepping down in order to pursue his interest in world travel.

Those state committee members who voted for Ravens, said that they felt that he would guide the party in taking back the state Senate and unseating Senator Rodney Tom, the Democrat who defected in order to form a Republican-dominated coalition in the upper chamber. Since Ravens' election as party head, however, turncoat Rodney Tom has decided not to seek re-election in 2014, citing a "series of events" impacting his family, and his own "health reasons" as being the major influences on his decision not to run.

NATIONAL NEWS

Kerry and Iranian Negotiators Face Constraints in Nuke Talks

Having arrived in Vienna in an attempt to rescue negotiations with Iran, John Kerry realizes that the problems he faces are less with the negotiating table and more with the mullahs in Tehran and the members of Congress in Washington. Talks had stalled on how large a nuclear infrastructure Iran would be permitted to maintain over the next 10 to 20 years.

Iran's negotiators had given a bit of ground on how some facilities would be inspected and on how others would be used, but they were taken by surprise when their "Supreme Leader" Ayatollah Ali Khameni went into extraordinary detail, during his speech in Tehran, about how much nuclear enrichment capacity Iran would need in the future. These statements made by the Ayatollah threw a monkey wrench into the ability of these negotiators to come up with face-saving ways to dismantle a large portion of Iran's nuclear facilities while continuing to portray their program as "moving forward".

President Obama, meanwhile, has been in a constant behind-the-scenes struggle with members of Congress, who are arguing for more sanctions and more pressure. "It may be the most complex negotiation I've ever seen," said an American official who has been advising the White House on strategy. "Everyone is using the constraints they face back home as a reason to avoid compromise. And the fact of the matter is that there are many generals in Iran and many members of Congress in Washington who would like to see all this whole effort collapse."
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A few years back, a smooth talker from Kitsap County moved here and, without folks knowing a lot about him, was elected 3rd District County Commissioner. It didn’t take us long to discover, through his dereliction of duties, what a con artist he was. Such was the disappointment in him that when he ran for re-election, he finished 3rd out of three candidates in the primary election.

We now have another newcomer, this time from Kittitas County: Mark McClain, who is looking to pull the wool over the eyes of the local rubes by running for County Prosecuting Attorney as an Independent. Mark’s long-time political affiliations have always been with the Republicans. After serving several years as a Kittitas County senior deputy prosecutor, he was elected as a Republican county commissioner in 2006.

In late 2007, McClain was a defendant in a recall petition filed in Kittitas County Superior Court, though he was not removed from office. Three years later, he relinquished his seat to run for Kittitas County Prosecuting Attorney as a Republican. That same year, he was a member of the Kittitas County Republican Party Platform Committee.

A number of troubling issues regarding Mr. McClain’s personal life which were raised during that campaign will not be addressed here; they are readily available on-line. The bottom line is that after becoming a well-known public figure through his local experiences, McClain finished 3rd out of three candidates in the primary election, with only 23% of the vote. That 77% of Kittitas County voters found this man unsuitable to be their prosecuting attorney tells me everything I need to know about him.

Mr. McClain’s claim to fame in Pacific County are two convictions that he

Players on The Koch Team of Infamy

According to Mother Jones, in "Dark Money Reporting", the following team players of Koch Industries have been identified:

Charles Koch: Chairman and CEO of Koch Industries
David Koch: Executive V.P. and board member, Koch Industries
Michael Lanzara: former Director for Special Projects of Koch Companies Public Sector, now working for Freedom Partners
Steve Feilmeier: Chief Financial Officer and Executive V.P. of Koch Industries
Kevin Gentry: V.P. at Koch Companies Public Sector and the Koch’s top fundraiser. Serves on the board of Freedom Partners
Jeff Noble: Works for Freedom Partners and a former senior development associate at Koch Companies Public Sector
Tim Phillips: President of Americans For Prosperity, the political advocacy group founded by the Koch brothers & Richard Fink
Chris Fink: Vice President of Development for Americans For Prosperity
Son of Richard Fink
Teresa Oelke: Vice President for State Operations for Americans For Prosperity
David Fladeboe: State Director for Americans For Prosperity
Brett Hinkley: former Senior Development Associate at Koch Companies Public Sector and now works for Freedom Partners
Daniel Garza: Executive Director of Libre Initiative, a Koch funded nonprofit focused on Hispanic Outreach Chase Koch: Charles Koch’s son and President of Koch Fertilizer
Richard Fink: Chairman and CEO of Koch Companies Public Sector and board member of koch Industries. A founder of Mercatus Center and Americans For Prosperity
Koch’s top strategist and political advisor Bryan Hooks: Executive
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Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Mercatus Center Ryan Stowers:
Director for higher education at the Charles Koch Foundation
Mark Short: Head of Freedom Partners, the centerpiece of the Koch Brothers' political
operation. Former Chief of Staff of the House Republican Conference
Scott Hagerstrom: State Director of Americans for Prosperity - Michigan
Jennifer Stefano: State Director of Americans for Prosperity - Pennsylvania
Tommy Von der Heydt: Former regional development officer for Americans for
Prosperity Corey Lewandowski: East Coast Regional Director for Americans
for Prosperity Slade O'Brien: State Director of Americans for Prosperity - Florida
John Hardin: Progress Manager at the Charles Koch Foundation
Michael Palmer: President of i360, the "leading data and technical resource for the
pro-free-market political and advocacy community." Works closely with Koch's
evoter microtargeting operation: Themis
Derek Johnson: Program Officer for higher education at the Charles Koch
Foundation Nathan Nascimento: An employee of Freedom Partners
James Davis: Vice President of Strategy Communications at Freedom Partners
Luke Hilgemann: Chief Operating Officer for Americans for Prosperity.

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obtained: one homicide case where there were nearly a half dozen point-blank
witnesses to the crime scene; and a second where the local authorities had
only one real suspect, who contrary to opinions expressed recently by several
local law officials, there is no credible statistical evidence that I have seen that
these two convictions have reduced the occurrence of any type of crime in this county. To be honest, I am not
particularly enamored with David Burke – but that is due mainly to style, not sub-
stance. There have been complaints from the public about him some more trivial
than others; but I am not privy to the actual inside legal decisions that have had
to be made regarding serving legal justice in this county. He has had to be that
person making those decisions, and it is not really for me to judge.

What I do know is that he is a decent, honest, hard working public servant who
dares to go to those dark, hidden places involving the worst kinds of human
behavior that most of us would never dream about. He has never, to my
knowledge, been reprimanded by any legal authorities for any type of illegal or
improper conduct.

Has there then been a sufficient case
made for him to be removed from office
after all these years of dedicated service,
especially at the expense of, in my
opinion, a questionable, opportunistic
Kittitas County reject who seems unsure
even of his own political leanings? My
answer is an unqualified "No." Will I be
voting for David Burke again? In a
Washington state minute, Yes!

Respectively yours,
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Party Labels Do Matter

I read an article the other day lamenting
the evils of partisan politics and extolling
the virtues of nonpartisan elective offices
as a cure for those evils. I had to stop
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And think. Why do we have political parties and are they really all that evil? While being qualified for office is obviously important, part labels tell us a lot about the priorities of the candidate; and these priorities are just as important as qualification for office. To us who make up the Pacific County Democrats, being a Democrat means we have the rights and welfare of the ordinary citizen as our first priority, rather than those of the mega corporations. We care about the air we breathe and the water we drink rather than the obscene profits of the coal and oil industries. We care about the education of our children and the health of our citizens; we care about a strong economy, not only for those at the top of the economic scale, but for all Americans. We endorse candidates based on both their ability to perform in office and on their philosophy of governing, not simply because of their claim to be a Democrat.

Washington’s Top Two primary system has already done away with the party primary system, leaving only a candidate’s statement of party preference, including that of being an Independent. There are voters, Democratic, Republican, and independent, who want to vote for candidates who share their own ideals. Making these offices non partisan, as suggested in the article, will only make it that much more difficult for the voters to sift through the campaign rhetoric and determine what a particular candidate really thinks. Yes, party labels do matter.

Bill Grennan

Jack Guyot was on the mark in his letter to the editor in the March 19 Chinook Observer – “Time for Less Cake, more CCC.” He made a point that we need to work together and use some of the concepts from the New Deal to get people to work so that they can be productive and support their families as they build and repair infrastructure and work on other useful projects. Give them a job, not a hand out.

This is well and good, but it misses a salient point, a point that is missed by politicians, talking heads, government officials and many concerned citizens. You cannot dismantle a nation’s industrial complex piece by piece and send it to another land and expect to create jobs. Although the term "Job creation" has become a popular slogan and rightly so, for it is a very important issue, it is now being used to abuse the American economy and the American people. As anyone knows who has ever taken an Econ 101 class, thought about things, or worked in the business world, "demand" creates jobs, not "supply". No demand, no jobs! This “Job creators” slogan has been used to deflect from excessive corporate profits from out sourcing, tax breaks, government subsidies and little competition. While screaming the importance of “job creators”, these same people have been downsizing in America by sending jobs as well as profits overseas.

The "Job creation" argument is also used to pry American natural resources away from Americans, despite significant environmental damage, and in the process, few jobs are actually created, while our resources are being sent to foreign countries to feed their industry, and bolster the profits of transnational corporations. Anyone who opposes these projects, such as coal transport, XL pipeline, off shore drilling, or transporting oil through the Columbia River system, is labeled as being against creating those much needed jobs. These projects, however, do not create American jobs! Instead, they damage the air, soil and water as they export American jobs to other countries.

Our government has been bought and paid for by corporations and the one percent, and it serves their interests, not those of the American people. Fear and hatred, fueled by misinformation and lies, keep our people divided and voting against their own best interests. We must wake up before it is too late!

The guillotine probably won’t return Mr. Guyot, but the seeds of unprecedented violence are being sewn by corporate leaders and politicians who pursue policies that are detrimental to the United States and the American people.

Chris Thompson
Good Time Had by All at Annual Picnic

It was party time for Pacific County Democrats at the recent annual picnic at Bruceport County Park. There were games for the kids, several families in attendance, and a hearty band of supporters and elected officials enjoying the festivities.

Bud Cuffel and Commissioner Ayers chat.

County Chair Karen Spackman talks with a fellow picnicker.

The sisters are up to their usual mischief helping all!

Steven Linhart and Diane Knutson chat.

Teagan tosses a water balloon in one of the many games.

It's always great to see Reps Blake and Takko!
Dems Proudly Displayed at the Pacific County Fair


Comm. Frank Wolfe proudly stands at Dems booth


And the March Goes On at Tokeland, Ocean Park, Raymond and South Bend Parades

Comm. Lisa Ayers ready for Tokeland Parade

Waiting for the Labor Day Parade to start.
PCD Membership Drive Continues

This year, our annual membership drive is in full swing, as the Pacific County Democrats are anxious to increase our numbers and influence in the state as we continue to KEEP PACIFIC COUNTY BLUE!

You will notice that there are several new membership status improvements. Now we have 3 levels of membership:

1. Annual Membership $15 (Dues)
2. Silver Membership Level $50 - $99
3. Gold Membership Level $100 or above

Last year, we had 12 Gold Level members and 8 Silver Level members.

Thank you for “going the extra mile” and strongly supporting the PCD. Your efforts are what make the PCD such a powerful and viable organization.

In order to increase our online presence, we have added the ability to join or renew a PCD membership at our website. Point the arrow of your browser to http://www.pacificcountydemocrats.com/buy-stuff/ and check it out.

Elect Democrats! Renew your PCD membership! Do it today!

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Annual Dues --- $15 Per Year  
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