

# 26<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats General Meeting Agenda

Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Rd., Port Orchard, Washington  
March 2, 2017

## 1. Pledge of allegiance

Our meeting began at 7:07 p.m. with the pledge. Chair Kelly introduced the LD26 Executive Board members.

## 2. Recognition of elected officials

Greg Wheeler, Bremerton City Council; Leslie Daus, Bremerton City Council; Mark Michel, Key Peninsula Park Board President; Ed Robison, Pen Met Parks Board; Dave Peterson, Kitsap County Clerk; Leslie Harbaugh, Peninsula School Board Director; and Jeff Wiley, Kitsap County Democrats Chair.

## 3. Recognition of new members and guests

The following new people introduced themselves:

Patrick, Bremerton; Lyle, Gig Harbor; Deborah, Bremerton, Brian Port Jerry and Carol, Fox Island, Diane, Gig Harbor; Berniece and Richard, Gig Harbor; Betty Deveraux, new PCO, Gig Harbor; Bob from the Key Peninsula

## 4. Pass the hat (for General Fund)

## 5. Minutes of previous meeting

Members made an acceptance motion, seconded and approved the previous meeting minutes.

## 6. Guest speaker: Kristen Beifus, Community Organizer from UFCW 21, to speak about Harrison Hospital

Kristen was unable to attend, so Leslie Daus spoke. She reported that Harrison Hospital owner CHI (Catholic Health Initiative) Franciscan has submitted a Certificate of Need to move the hospital to Silverdale. She stated that it seems that CHI Franciscan is acting like a profit-making corporation. The second big issue is that CHI is not working with the union on the contract for the Harrison Hospital workers—CHI is not willing to budge with the employees. Leslie offered that we can stand with UFCW.

## 7. Executive Board reports

### a. Chair, John Kelly

The Democrat of the month is Randy Spitzer, who stepped up and accepted the responsibility for the LD26 Fundraising Committee. Randy commented that it felt good to win something.

Larry Seaquist came to the front and offered George and Cindy Robison the Abigail Adams Lifetime Award. Adams said: "To be good, and do good, is the whole duty of [hu]man[kind] comprised in a few words" Larry presented the award stating that George and Cindy exemplified this quote.

Chair Kelly showed a large sign: "Resist!"

### b. Vice-Chair Kitsap, Johanna Baxter

Hannie stated that the art of delegating to others is a beautiful thing. She reported that Chris Kim has taken the reins of our 26Democrats account on Twitter.

## 8. Committee meetings

State Committeeman Drew Williams introduced the group meetings. This period was in two,

ten minute sessions so that attendees could connect with more committee functions.

#### 9. Committee reports

- a. Bylaws, George Robison, Chair
- b. Budget, Wes Morgan, Chair
- c. Candidate Recruitment and Development, Larry Seaquist, Chair

Rick Offner presented a report for Larry Seaquist on the Effective Political Leadership training. Rick stated that the committee is looking for individuals who can be leaders, for committees, and for running for office, whichever local office that might be. We have 30 people in the training, from whom we hope to get candidates.

- d. Community Involvement, Joy Vartanian, Chair

Joy reported that she has posters of upcoming, local events on the back wall of the meeting room. She admonished us: "Be active, get people out and let them know that the Democrats are working."

- e. Event Planning, RoxAnne Simon, Chair

RoxAnne reported that the Event Planning committee has combined with Fundraising, George Robison held an impromptu, live auction. He presented a 1992 uncirculated coin set. 1992 was the year that Jimmy Carter was elected president and Brian Sonntag was elected as Washington Auditor. The auction winners were Ed Robison \$25 Kaitlyn Gervais \$21

- f. Legislative Action, Alec Matias, Chair

Alec reported that they meet Thursdays 7:00 pm at the Homemade Café in Port Orchard.

They will define the number one issue about which to contact legislators at the next meeting on Thursday, March 9 Alec and Jerry testified in support of a state bank at Jan Angel's committee in Olympia. The bill passed with 32 for and 2 against; but has died in committee. Committee members supported West Sound Social Justice at the Mannette Bridge on Saturday, February 25. The next day at the Bremerton City Council spoke for Bremerton to be a Welcoming City, to be a safe city for everyone. Dave Peterson reported that the Kitsap County Sheriff supports immigrants.

Greg Wheeler also supports the Welcoming City designation. He said that people need to see our values. He announced that he is running for Mayor of the city of Bremerton. He stated that there are a lot of social-justice, and human-rights concerns—the Mayor must lead from the front. Right now we are lacking direction. It will be clear and it will be sustainable. Greg is looking for support. He invited all of us to his Kickoff on March 23 at Pacific and Sixth, 4th floor. Greg said that there would be food, networking and sharing good vibes, plus Greg's speech.

#### 10. Old business

- a. Changes to bylaws, George Robison

George Robison reported that new information has come to the committee, for which they need more time. County Clerk Dave Peterson asked if he could meet with the committee. He marked a copy of the printed reports (supplied by the Secretary on 11x17-in. paper). Dave stated that the bylaws need wordsmithing. For example, he suggested that we change the language to avoid "deleting" people—rather the language should be "remove the name of the person."

- b. Report on South Kitsap School District Levy and Bond, Payton Swinford

Payton reported that the bond did not pass, with only 50.8 percent (needed was 60 percent).

However, voters passed the levy. It was remarked that voters in the incorporated city of Port Orchard DID vote to pass the bond.

#### 11. New business

##### a. Election of Vice-Chair Pierce

Larry Seaquist nominated RoxAnne. He said that RoxAnne was newly elected to the Key Peninsula Community Council and that she would bring a great deal of leadership. She was the elected Student-Body Leader at Pierce College, from which she graduated recently.

Drew Williams nominated Rick Offner

Drew is impressed by Rick's well spoken, well thought plans.

Only elected and appointed PCOs may vote. The result was RoxAnne, 11 votes and Rick, 8 votes. RoxAnne Simon was elected LD26 Vice Chair Pierce County.

##### b. Nominations for Treasurer (election next month)

George Robison nominated Kathleen Tei. Other nominations and the election will be at our meeting next month on April 6.

##### c. Food signup

RoxAnne reported that we are looking for a coordinator for the pre-meeting food service.

##### d. 26LD office

Rick Offner reported that he and George have looked in downtown and in uptown Gig Harbor, for approximately 800 square feet of office space, at \$500 per month. Rick stated that we can get donations year around, with campaigns helping during elections to offset the cost. George Robison interjected that at every meeting we raise enough money to pay the rent at each general membership meeting, as well as three people who have pledged. The purpose of the office is to provide a A) a presence to help our community, B) a place for LD26 committee meetings, and C), an area to stage flyers and other materials. Dave Pedersen asked if we would have volunteers to staff the office. Chair Kelly responded that we will get office-hour help. Rick reported that the space has expansion room to accommodate campaigns. Receiving funds from outside sources (from Representative Kilmer, the Truman Fund). George: we raised \$19000 total last year. The picnic and other event raised \$7000, so the monthly meetings gathered \$13000, divided by the 12 meetings is \$1000/month—an amount that would support the office easily. Jim Passen, the elder owns the space and he is open to negotiation. This is space in the same complex that we used during the 2016 campaign. Rick will bring a specific proposal at the next meeting.

#### 12. Announcements

- a. Pierce County Democrats, March 9, 7:00 p.m., IBEW Local 76, 3049 South 36th, Tacoma
- b. 2017 Washington State Democrats Crab Feed; March 5, 2017 @ 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm; McGavick Conference Center at Clover Park Technical College, Lakewood; (sold out)
- c. Executive Board meeting, March 16 at 7:00 p.m., Wright Bliss Fire Station, 12310 Wright Bliss Rd Kp N, Gig Harbor,
- d. Key Peninsula Democrats Social, March 20 at 7:00 p.m., Key Peninsula Fire Station 47, 1921 Key Peninsula Hwy N, Home, WA (THIRD MONDAY NIGHT for rest of the year)
- e. Kitsap County Democrats, March 20, 6:30 p.m., Eagles Nest, 1195 Fairgrounds Rd NW, Bremerton

- f. Gig Harbor Democrats Social, Tuesday March 14, 6:00 p.m., Round Table Pizza, 5500 Olympic Drive, #H101, Gig Harbor. *Love in a Time of Fear*, Focusing on Muslim and Immigrant Services. Speakers are Jafar “Jeff” Siddiqui, Ray Garrido and Martita May of the Kitsap Immigrant Services in Port Orchard. Advocates will be bringing their RV that sits at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma. Bring backpacks and toiletries; travel size, please!
- g. Gig Harbor Democrats Social, March 28, 6:00 p.m., Round Table Pizza, 5500 Olympic Drive, #H101, Gig Harbor: How Gig Harbor development is impacting the schools. Rob Manahan, Peninsula School Board Superintendent will speak.

### 13. Raffle, RoxAnne Simon

Don Bartley, Leslie Daug, Tony Otto, Tony Otto won the political books. Curt Scott won the Orwell books. Carolyn Wall (new here tonight) won the Starbucks basket

### 14. Good of the order

Bob Anderson: Peninsula High School is starting a Democrats Club. We are looking for a Gig Harbor teacher to start one at the Gig Harbor High School, as well.

Deborah McDaniel announced that she is running for Bremerton city council in District 3. (Brock Adams announced for this seat as well, at the last meeting). She has been on the audit committee for three years. She wants to make sure that all tax dollars go to effective use. She mentioned that she needs a good Treasurer. She spoke about keeping Harrison Hospital in Bremerton. She stated that many poor in Bremerton cannot afford an ambulance to Silverdale. She does not agree with the Certificate of Need to justify the move to Silverdale.

Leslie Daug thanked us for our support. She reported that there is a nationwide positive response to her recent involvement in Washington, DC.

Curt Scott told us to put the Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year awards on our calendar. On March 18 is when everyone comes, if you want to run, be there to network. Sponsored by the Lions Club, there is a \$25 donation. See the LD26 calendar ([www.26d.org/wp/calendar](http://www.26d.org/wp/calendar)) for more information.

Treasurer Kathleen Tei reported that we gained \$152 for Pass the Hat, and \$47 in the raffle. We received \$45 dollars in food donations, which did not cover the costs of the pizza and salads. Many food partakers did not contribute the \$5 donation; hopefully, we can get more food donations next meeting.

### 15. Adjournment

We adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.