

31st District Democrat's Newsletter

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MEETING NOTICE

The 31st L.D. Democrats will meet
Wednesday, February 20th
7 TO 9 PM

Marion Grange, 27725
Buckley-Sumner Hwy E.,
Buckley

Coffee hour 6-7 PM

<http://31stDistrictDemocrats.org>

Please bring at least one non-perishable food item for our ongoing Food Drive!

And you can bring any old cell phones that need to be recycled. We will recycle them at the **CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS** program that enables soldiers to call home.

SPEAKER



8th Congressional District Democratic candidate Darcy Burner will speak.

Darcy is running against one term Republican Dave Reichert.

Ongoing petitions and ways to stay involved-

If you are concerned that Senators Murray and Cantwell will vote as Superdelegates against the majority results from the caucuses click here to read and sign petition-

<http://www.petitiononline.com/wasprdel/petition.html>

Initiative 1007 the "I am your Samaritan Act" would require those applying for Driver's License Learners Permits to be First Aid/CPR certified. If you'd like to read it (I recommend you skip the first parts and just read the amended law) click here-

<http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/initiatives/text/i1007.pdf>

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Raucous Caucus!

by MJ McGalliard, Newsletter Chair

A quick report from my caucus site at Enumclaw High School. Because of budget constraints and not knowing the level of interest that might be out there after Super-Tuesday, the Executive Board opted to cut down the set up time to a half hour.

When I got to the High School people were already standing outside on the sidewalk waiting to get in. By the time the custodial staff unlocked the door at the appointed hour it was like the running of the bulls in Pamplona!

From the instant I got there it was pandemonium, but a good kind of Democratic chaos. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped distribute materials. We got ourselves organized after a fashion and got into our precincts.

A special thanks to Representative Christopher Hurst for all his help. Lots of people showed up not sure which precinct they should caucus with and because Rep. Hurst has door-belled almost the entire 31st L.D. and certainly all of Enumclaw he was able to assist them. Thanks, Chris we couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you also to Matthew Bittner who graciously ran the Falcon precinct caucus. As Precinct Committee Officer that should have been my job, but Matthew stepped in when I agreed to manage the caucus site.

We don't have all the numbers to contrast and compare with 2004 from all the sites yet, but it was generally agreed that attendance at least doubled.

The 31st L.D. ran nine caucus sites all of them very full. One precinct had over one hundred attendees. That's a lot of Democrats in an area that people swear up and down is a Republican district.

At Enumclaw High School we had 397 people sign in with many High School observers. Estimated crowd was around 450 people. 26 precincts caused at the school. Overall the site went to Sen. Obama although some precincts split dead even between him and Sen. Clinton.

I didn't get a chance to take pictures, if anybody got pictures of their caucus site please send them to mjlaffs@msn.com