

31st District Democrat's Newsletter

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MEETING NOTICE

**The 31st L.D. Democrats will meet
Wednesday, January 24th
7 TO 9 PM**

**SUMNER PUBLIC LIBRARY
1116 Fryer Ave.
Sumner, WA**

Coffee hour 6-7 PM

<http://31stDistrictDemocrats.org>

Meeting Agenda

Election of Officers

First hearing/reading of the following proposed revisions to our by-laws: (1) Create a Ways & Means Chair, who will sit on the board; (2) Create an Outreach Chair, who will sit on the board; and (3) change the regular monthly general meetings.

Recap of 2006

By Tim Pearson- 31st District Chair

In 2006 all of our energies were devoted to three races for the state legislature and three initiatives on which the 31st District Democrats took a position.

We ran three outstanding candidates: **Yvonne Ward** for state senate, **Karen Willard** for state representative pos. 1, and **Chris Hurst** for state representative pos. 2. All ran excellent campaigns in our very tough-for-Democrats-to-win district and we're immensely proud of all of them. Chris beat Jan Shabro and is now ably representing us in Olympia. Yvonne and Karen gave the Roaches their toughest fights ever.

Our district volunteers were very prominent in staffing the festival booths, volunteering for our own and other Democratic candidates, and volunteering on the initiative fights. Our District had a

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presence at every community festival and parade where political groups were allowed.

We held a first-ever 31st District party building dinner at the Elks Club in Buckley, with **Senator Maria Cantwell**, that was a smashing success -- well done all of you!

We know what to do to build on 2006 and we're prepared to do it. We're stronger than ever and we are going to work to get Democrats elected everywhere.

Coming up are the Pierce County Executive election, city council and school board races, taking on the Roach machine again (vote in '08), and the very critical 2008 presidential election. Let's continue to build our membership and hone our ability to win!



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Congratulations Chris!



Christopher Hurst now represents the 31st L.D. in Olympia.

A veteran legislator, Christopher Hurst took back his seat in November. Chris will work hard to make sure our values and positions are represented in Olympia.

Contact Representative Hurst at-
(360) 786-7866 or
hurst_ch@leg.wa.gov

RECAP OF EMERGENCY INFORMATION

By MJ McGalliard Newsletter Chair

Considering our recent wild weather I thought it might be a good idea to reprint some of the information from the April '06 newsletter. The full newsletter is archived at-

<http://31stDistrictDemocrats.org>

The following is a partial checklist and some information resources.

- ⇒ Do you have food stored in a safe, dry place?
- ⇒ Do you have water stored or a way to purify water?
- ⇒ Do you have an adequate First Aid supplies as well as any medications you need?
- ⇒ Do you have your important papers, i.e., birth certificates, insurance policies, vaccination records and some cash in a safe, fireproof place?
- ⇒ Do you have a communications plan for contacting family members?
- ⇒ Do you have an evacuation plan for your family?
- ⇒ Do you have a survival kits in your cars?

WEBSITES-

The American Red Cross provides detailed information on preparing your family for disaster. As well providing a place to purchase supplies.

<http://www.redcross.org/index.html>

Look on the left side of the page for the button to click.

The State of Washing provides a handbook that you can download and print.

<http://access.wa.gov/emergency/index.a.spx>

Scroll down the page and click on 'Disaster Preparedness Handbook'.

And, if you still trust FEMA-

<http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/>

BOOKS-

(Note: Some of these books may have a political slant you may not agree with, but all have good information.)

The Complete Disaster Home Preparation Guide by Robert A. Roskind
Living Safe in an Unsafe World by Kate Kelly

And if you really want to get hardcore-
Ragnar's Urban Survival - A Hard-times Guide to Staying Alive in the City by Ragnar Benson