



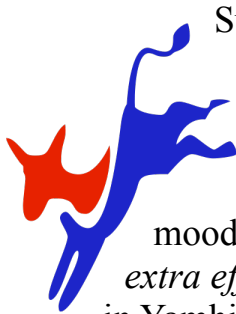
The Democratic Party of Yamhill County



October 2006 Newsletter

Fall is Here and Change is Coming!

Yamhill County has seemed a bit of a political backwater lately, with no national issues or candidates taking center stage, but a *torrent of out-of-state and special-interest and timber money is working hard to defeat Ted Kulongoski for Governor* and our votes count in re-electing Ted and in electing Sal Peralta to the Oregon House.

 Summer's over. It is time to get energized, play our parts volunteering and getting out the vote for our candidates and ... voting! Given the mood of the country, if we make an *extra effort* to ensure that Democrats in Yamhill County get engaged and vote, we could turn in some surprises in the county. We already know that strong Democrats with better ideas can be elected, like Mary Stern was with 70% of the vote, in Yamhill County.

Sal Peralta Earns Endorsements; Matches Incumbent's Funds

In his race to replace seat-warmer Donna Nelson, Sal has garnered the important local endorsements for his House District 24 bid:

“Send Peralta to House from District 24”
— *News-Register*

“Nelson is ineffective; Peralta deserves a chance in District 24”
— *Statesman Journal*

In addition, Sal has raised as much money as his opponent ... and isn't stopping there! He needs the ex-

tra presence to make up for the incumbency advantage and win this seat.

See Sal's website, <http://www.votesal.com/>.

Annual Theater Party: Order Your Tickets Now!

The YCDCC has made its plan for the Annual Theater Party fund-raiser. Join us for a fun evening for "Steel Magnolias" in Gallery Theater's Arena theater on November 4, 2006. Tickets are \$20 each.

Call the office at 503/474-3090 or 503/435-1028. Order your tickets now.

November 4, 2006 from 8:00 - 11:00 PM at
Gallery Theater
210 NE Ford St
McMinnville, OR

A 50-State Strategy and a 36-County Strategy

As Democratic National Party Chair, Howard Dean has made a commitment to rebuilding the party in *every state*, putting more money and staff everywhere. In Oregon, the Party is committed to rebuilding in *every county* — for statewide elections, it doesn't matter where in Oregon the vote comes from, it affects the election! The volunteers making

up the Yamhill County Democrats are committed to revitalizing the party here, too, making it more relevant to Democrats and more helpful to candidates.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Program

As part of the 50-state strategy of empowering grassroots Democrats, for those who want to play a more active part in revitalizing the party, we will be implementing the “Neighbor-to-Neighbor” program. Thelma Butzlaff will provide training for this program of getting out to meet fellow Democrats in our neighborhoods. We’ll provide more information in the near future; in the meantime, call Thelma at 503/474-0635 for more information.

Democratic Candidates

Ted Kulongoski, incumbent governor

David Wu, incumbent representative - congressional district 1.

Sal Peralta (HD 24 — *Yamhill County excluding Newberg, Sheridan, Willamina and points west*) is running a strong campaign, focused on issues that his door-to-door canvassing show are critical issues for voters in his district: improving schools and school funding, getting big corporations to pay their fair share of taxes, making sure all kids can get the healthcare they need.

Jason Brown (HD 23 — *Polk plus Sheridan and Willamina*)

Chuck Lee (HD 25 — *Keizer up through Newberg*)

Jean Cowan (HD 10 — *coast and western Yamhill County*)

Rick Ross (SD 13 — *including Newberg*)

Remarks by Meredith Wood-Smith, DPO Vice Chair, at the September Meeting

Meredith Wood-Smith, Vice-Chair of the Democratic Party of Oregon (DPO), spoke extensively on

Democratic values and the need to make this most election a victory for Democrats and democracy.

Meredith is a “grassroots” Democrat — she believes that only by contacting people as individuals, face to face, can we achieve our goals of equality, education and health care for all and taking care of each other.

First she talked about the need to take the Oregon House back and roll back the autocratic changes made by the Republican leadership.

Meredith next spoke at length about Getting Out The Vote (GOTV): With this election, getting the “drop off voters” (those who vote in Presidential election years, but not necessarily in between) could be the difference between a Democratic Oregon House and the House remaining Republican control.

She discussed the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program to go out and meet fellow Democrats in your neighborhood. With a walk list provided by your local party, you can go out to their neighbors to introduce themselves, talk about Democratic values and provide our literature while getting to know your neighbors.

Next she covered our various outreach efforts. She stated the need to bring more young people into the organization early (an favorite Republican tactic); of not only talking to the Latino community but remembering that it is made up of a number of different cultural groups and is not a homogenized entity.

She talked about the “women to women” effort where women call other women to discuss their needs and discuss Democrat values. She suggested that men do the same thing, posing the view that groups need others in their same group to feel more comfortable which faces the reality that men and women do not always communicate effectively.

Meredith ended by speaking of the new DPO Faith Caucus. For more information click the various DPO caucuses, see <http://www.dpo.org/inside/>.

But what our esteemed DPO Vice-Chair really sees a need for is Democrats being “PROUD” their Democrats. For Meredith, Democrats have placed them-

selves in the background of Oregon politics and it is time to stop. Not only do we need to show ‘who’ we are, but step up with volunteerism and money which caused a low laugh. In response, Meredith stated of 'money', Democrats needed to get over it.' In other words, we need to step up to the plate, literally.

Yamhill County Democrats’ Officer Vacancies Filled

Treasurer — **Stephanie Van Horn**, the new interim Treasurer, moved to McMinnville in June after retiring as professor of English at Southwestern Oregon Community College, Coos Bay, Oregon. She served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Coos County Central Labor Council (AFL-CIO local union organization) for four years and as Treasurer for her own faculty union, American Federation of Teachers 3190, for six years. She served as a board member of the South Coast ILWU Federal Credit union in Coos Bay, chairing the board for 3 of her 7 years. She was precinct person in Coos County for eight years.

Chair — **Frank Nelson** takes up the reins (again) as interim chair, taking over from Alan Peterson who resigned as a growing load of work projects were leaving insufficient time for the full duties of Chair.

Vice Chair — **Will Neuhauser** joins as interim vice chair, filling in for Nancy Wills vacancy who needed to cut back responsibilities, but can still be found at our county campaign headquarters most days.

“Reorganization” Meeting

By law, county parties elect officers every two years. The Yamhill County Democrats will elect officers for the next full term at the November meeting:

November 16, 2006 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Jake's Deli (1208 S Baker, McMinnville).

By laws Updated

A proposed change to remove the requirement that the Chair and Vice Chair be of opposite genders was accepted, allowing a larger candidate pool for these positions.

Volunteer Opportunities

Help shape solutions to the issues in our community.

The following positions are open to the public. Contact the Commissioners’ Office for applications (http://www.co.yamhill.or.us/commissioners/Committee_Application.pdf).

- **Parks Board**, five positions;
- **Commission on Children & Families**, one youth position and three alternate positions;
- **Planning Commission**, one position.

Northwest Senior & Disability Services has the following positions open to Yamhill County residents. For more information, contact Sally Lawson at (503) 304-3473 or by e-mail at Sally.Lawson@state.or.us.

- **Senior Advisory Council**, one position;
- **Disability Services Advisory Council**, one position.

Be a Precinct Committee Person

The “life blood” of the party, Precinct Committee Persons (or "PCPs") are vital to getting out the Democratic message to our communities and have the opportunity to:

1. Represent the Democratic Party to Democratic voters that live in your precinct, and represent those voters to the party.
2. Participate in the open elections at the county biennial reorganization meetings.
3. Run to serve as a delegate to the Congressional District Convention, State Convention and/or the Democratic National Convention.
4. Participate in the State Platform Convention.
5. Canvass your precinct for Democratic candidates.
6. Register voters in your precinct.

To be a Democratic Party PCP:

1. You must be a registered Democrat.
2. You must ask to be appointed (it's helpful to contact the county party by phone or email first).
3. You must represent the precinct you live in, or one adjacent to it.

Our Mission



Yamhill County
DEMOCRATS

Our mission is to elect Democrats to offices that represent Yamhill County and to build an effective and efficient government that respects your rights, counts your votes, rebuilds the economy, and assures

government accountability.

Newsletter

Send information for the Yamhill County Democrats newsletter to newsletter@ycdemocrats.org.

Volunteer at Headquarters

Come help, call and canvass from our headquarters at 401 NE Evans, McMinnville

Vote — November 7, 2006

October Regular Meeting

Our October meeting featured **Peter Buckley**, representing Oregon House District 5. Representative Buckley lives with his family in Ashland, where he achieved what many consider a feat of political savvy in being a Democrat elected in a "red" district.

We'll have a report on his remarks in the next newsletter.

Executive Committee Meeting

October 31, 2006. A follow-on meeting October 31 to discuss keeping the headquarters past the election cycle — at Yamhill Democrats Headquarters at 401 NE Evans, McMinnville.

November Meeting

Elect officers for 2007 - 2008.

November 16, 2006 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at **Jake's Deli (1208 S Baker, McMinnville)**



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