

## Lewis County

# Demogram



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## Guenther Named LC Demo of the Year -- Judy, That Is

Lewis County Democrats honored Judy Guenther as the 1999 Lewis County Democrat of the year during the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner last October. The award, which recognizes the individual in Lewis County who has contributed the most to the efforts of the party during the year, is the highest award conferred by the Lewis County Democratic Central Committee

Ed Smethers, who presented the award to Judy, was part of a well planned "conspiracy" to surprise Judy with her award. The conspiracy worked to perfection udy was virtually speechless in accepting the award. Smethers, in his presentation remarks, said "Some years the choice of Lewis County Democrat of the year has been a difficult choice to make. That was not the case in 1999, and the unanimous choice was Judy Guenther."

Smethers continued by saying: "Besides co-hosting the annual salmon bake, working on our auction, the J.J. Dinners, and the fair booth, she did something very few other people would do. She opened her home for five months and provided housing for two young fellows who worked on both local and the congressional campaigns."

Judy is presently the Forest Precinct Committee Officer for the Lewis County Democratic Central Committee.

Besides her full involvement in party functions, Judy also dedicates a great deal of time to the betterment of the community as a whole. She was appointed by the Governor to the Centralia College Board of Trustees, which she now chairs. She is currently president of the e's Community College Trustees Association.

Judy is a board member of both the United Way of Lewis County and of the Lewis County Crime Stoppers.

Ed Smethers concluded his presentation by stating: "Above all that, she must be commended for her support and understanding of her husband, Bob, who chairs the Lewis County Democrats."

Congratulations, Judy!

## Central Committee Secretary Needed

Bob Guenther, Chair of the Lewis Count Democratic Central Committee, recently announced the resignation of Kim Patterson as Central Committee Secretary. The party is seeking a replacement for the Secretary, who serves as a member of the Central Committee Executive Committee. Anyone interested in becoming Secretary to complete the unexpired term for that office should contact Bob Guenther at the Central Committee headquarters, (360) 330-5006.

As defined in the bylaws for the Lewis County Democratic Central Committee, the Secretary has the following duties: keeping a record of all meetings, a roll of its members; a copy of the formal reports of its officers and committees; responsibility for formal correspondence; mailing meeting notices; and maintenance of the mailing and telephone lists.

Once applications for the Secretary's position have been received, interested individuals will be interviewed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee's recommendation will then be presented to the Central Committee which will elect the new Secretary.

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IN MEMORIAM

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#### **Team Work Works**

by Bob Guenther, Chair Lewis County Democratic Central Committee

Prior to the October State Committee meeting that was held in Bellingham, citizens of the county and Randle had done a lot of work about their concerns with the land swap between Plumb Creek Timber and the U.S. Forest Service.

Citizens of Randle rallied around the committed people of the Cascadia Defense Network in the peaceful protest to the Watch Mountain portion of the land swap. The people of Randle were concerned about flooding and land slides raising havoc in their community, if this property didn't remain public property maintained by the Forest Service.

The citizens formed a lobbying group, which went to our nation's capitol to let the federal legislators know their issues. The efforts and personal expense expended by the folks should be greatly appreciated. Some of this group also traveled to San Francisco to attend the Sierra Club's national board of directors meeting. The lobbying group and many others attended a peaceful opposition demonstration in Seattle.

Our congressman, Brian Baird, spoke directly to the concerned citizens in Randle during one of his town hall meetings (one of 60 held in the 3rd District this year) and also hosted the lobbying group in Washington, D.C. After examining the information presented, Brian Baird took up the fight for his constituents. Congressman Baird's persistence on this matter is on the record.

U.S. Senator Patty Murray sent two of her staff folks to Randle to listen to the concerns of the citizen's committee. Senator Murray's response to those concerns deserves a thumbs up.

The Lewis County Democratic Central Committee held its annual meeting in Randle (Red Rogers Run to Randle) in September. The outcome of the meeting was a decision to present a resolution to the October State Democratic Committee meeting in Bellingham voicing our organization's opposition to the land swap. The resolution passed without any opposition at the state level.

The result of the effort put forth by all of the people involved made a positive difference not only for the people of East Lewis County, but for all of us who will forever be able to enjoy the Watch Mountain area. Congratulations to the people of Randle for their persistence.

## Introducing Brian Sonntag, Washington State Auditor

Brian Sonntag serves as our state's eighth elected State Auditor. Brian was first elected to this office in 1992, and was re-elected in 1996. He received the highest vote total of all our candidates in 1996, and is a strong part of our Democratic team.

Sonntag served in elected office in Pierce County before running and winning statewide. Brian was elected Pierce County Clerk when he was 26 years old and served eight years in that office. He was twice elected to the position of Pierce County Auditor, an office his father had held for 22 years. Brian's experience in local and state government is extensive, and his roots in the Democratic Party are deep.

Brian Sonntag has always advocated for an open, responsive government that encourages citizen participation.

Brian has been supporting an effort to create a Citizens Alliance that would provide a system to make sure government is listening to citizens. Brian first shared this idea with the Governor and Legislature last fall. There has been support for this effort coming from across the state.

Brian, who has been a frequent visitor to Lewis County Democratic Party functions, is a Certified Government Financial Manager, is a member of a national ethics organization, and chairs Public Service Recognition Week.

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## Congressman Baird Reports

by Hon. Brian Baird (D), 3rd Congressional District

Since I was sworn into office last year, I have made it my top priority to listen -- really listen -- to the concerns and ideas of the folks who sent me to represent them in Congress. I have visited schools, hospitals, businesses, senior centers, union halls, ports, transportation projects and talked to hundreds of folks in Lewis County and other parts of Southwest I've ridden along with sheriffs and Washington. firefighters and hosted nearly 60 town meetings -- one in every incorporated town in the district. activities have provided a great opportunity for you to tell me what is important to your family and what you think Congress should be working on back in the other Washington.

In your letters and at town meetings you've told me that education is one of your top priorities; that you want to see our schools raise academic standards and lower class sizes. You've said you want Congress to pass a patients' bill of rights and bring about real campaign finance reform. And you've told me the right thing to do with a budget surplus is to pay down the national debt and shore up Social Security and Medicare.

In response to your voices, and with your help, I have carried that work to Congress. During this past year we've had some gratifying successes on local issues ranging from the proposed land exchange in Randle to providing funding for the Centralia Flood Control project and the Chehalis River Basin Investigation. My office got the U.S. Forest Service to plow Forest Road 99 in east Lewis County, which had been blocked by snow, and provided emergency help in the Town of Pe Ell to combat a serious problem with the community's sewage treatment plan.

You are a big part of the success that allowed us to retake this seat from the extremists in the last election and to do good work in Congress. Now I need your help again. I remember how difficult my first two campaigns were, and it's hard to forget that in 1998 I was the number one target in this nation. We just can't afford to rest. We've got to keep moving forward.

It's time to start the campaign in earnest, and I hope I can count on you to be at my side. I cannot express how deeply grateful I am for your continued support and faith in my work. I'm working hard to make sure we all win again in November.

## STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN'S REPORT

by Cat Underhill

At the recent State Democratic Committee Meeting in Bellingham we focused on the upcoming March 7th Precinct caucuses. We need to encourage interaction with our neighbors, friends and family about participating in the upcoming caucuses. A caucus is the truest and purest form of democracy in action. Historically, caucuses have been unsupported. We need to actively partake in creating change. Your precinct caucus is your opportunity to be involved in that change.

Elsewhere in the Demogram you will find the local precinct caucus addresses. Please make it a point to attend your local caucus. If you are not sure which precinct you are in, call the Lewis County Auditor's office at (360) 740-1156.

Those of us in attendance at the Quarterly State meeting had the honor of having several dignitaries join us. Congressman Norm Dicks was present along with Deborah Senn and several other local candidates. We had a surprise visit from Governor Gary Locke.

Four new State Democratic National Committee They are: Ed Cote, David persons were elected. McDonald, Charlotte Coker and Karen Marchioro.

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"If you have a job in your department that can't be done by a Democrat, then abolish the job." Andrew Jackson, 7th President of the United States.

## Caucus Conventions Cycle Begins Road to Democratic National Convention

Gore and Bradley Seek Democratic Nod Excerpted from www.wa-democrats.org, NEWS, Winter 2000, Vol. 2





Al Gore Bill Bradley
Murray, Dicks and Locke back Gore.
McDermott and Schell support Bradley.

The State of Washington is an important battleground for the presidential nominating process in 2000. Washington cities have become regular stops on the Democratic campaign trail in the past year. And more visits are slated for the coming weeks.

Vice President Gore has visited the State six times in the past year, holding campaign and national party events here. Gore included the state on his announcement tour and even climbed Mt. Rainier with his son during their summer vacation.

Bill Bradley chose Seattle to announce his candidacy earlier this year. He held one of his campaigns most successful fundraisers here and he has targeted Washington for his campaign.

Both campaigns have been quietly building for several months. Winning the west coast states of Washington, Oregon and California is seen as critical to winning the November election for the Democratic nominee.

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## County Convention Set For April 22nd

Lewis County Democrats will hold their County Convention on Saturday, April 22, 2000, at the Lewis County Courthouse in Chehalis. The business meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at approximately noon. Lunch will be provided.

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"In the middle of the speech, some big voice up in the corner hollered out, 'Give 'em hell, Harry!' Well, I never gave anybody hell -- I just told the truth on these fellows and they thought it was hell." Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States.

## STATISTICS EVERY DEMOCRAT SHOULD KNOW

Excerpted from www.wa-democrats.org, NEWS, Winter 2000, Vol. 2

In 1992, Senator Patty Murray was on the ballot along with many fine candidates. Women voters turned out in droves, consisting of over 56% of the electorate. Democrats won seven of nine congressional seats, the State Senate and sixty-five seats in the State House.

In 1994 during the mid-term elections, 45% of the electorate were women voters. We lost six members of Congress and dozens of legislative seats in Olympia.

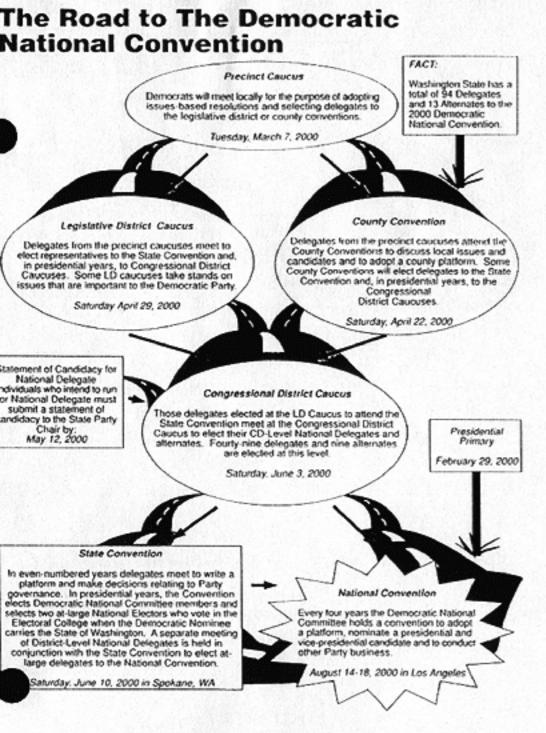
In 1996 during the second Clinton Presidential campaign with Gary Locke leading the state ticket, the turnout of women voters was at about 52% of the voters. Washington Democrats posted gains in congressional and legislative seats.

The 1998 election was the second midterm of the Clinton Presidency. Democrats were supposed to lose elections. But again with Patty Murray leading the ticket and Gov. Locke aggressively stumping for Democrats, over 53.5% of the electorate were women and Democrats won two congressional seats and a dozen legislative seats.

History teaches us what we must do in the 2000 election. We must get women out to vote in record numbers. And we have a potent team to do it. Governor Locke will be leading our ticket. A woman will be leading our US Senate ticket and Senator Murray will be available to stump for our candidates.

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## **Precinct Caucuses Begin Nominating** Process on March 7

Excerpted from www.wa-democrats.org, NEWS, Winter 2000, Vol. 2

On March 7, Democrats throughout Washington State will attend their precinct caucuses and begin the process of selecting delegates for the parties nominating convention to be held in Los Angeles, California, on August 14th to 18th.

"The issues discussed and voted upon at precinct caucuses will lay the groundwork for Democratic County, State and National platforms," State Chairman Paul Berendt said recently.

Every four years thousands of newly minted Democrats are brought into the process, inspired by the debate between quality candidates discussing the issues. Party leaders are planning for the best-attended caucuses since Bill Clinton was nominated in 1992.



## PRECINCT CAUCUS MEETING LOCATIONS ANNOUNCED

Lewis County Democratic Caucuses for 2000 elections will be held at the following locations. Please plan to attend in participate in the caucuses on March 7.

Locations	Precincts:
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## "ALL AMERICAN AUCTION" SET FOR MARCH 4TH

Cat Underhill, chair of the 2000 Lewis County Democrats "ALL AMERICAN AUCTION" recently announced plans for this year's auction. The event, set for Saturday, March 4, 2000, will again be held at the Centralia Eagles Lodge at 2308 N. Pearl Street in Centralia.

Underhill was pleased to report that Joe Parypa will again serve as auctioneer for this annual event.

Serving as co-chair for the Auction is Deanna Zieske. Zieske reports that the "All American" menu for this year's auction will include ham steaks, two kinds of scalloped potatoes (with and without ham), salads and cold drinks. Price for the meal continues to be a tremendous bargain -- just \$5 per person.

Other committee members are working on publicity for the event and for obtaining the pies that are always such a popular auction

The "ALL AMERICAN AUCTION" is one of the major fundraising events for the Lewis County Democratic Central Committee. Proceeds from the auction are used to pay for operating costs including, but not limited to, our office rent at the Carpenters Hall, costs for publishing the DEMOGRAM and for many, many other uses.

In past years the auction has attracted as many as 250 people who bid on as many as 200 or more auction items.

Committee members are soliciting donations of auction items now. If you have something you would like to donate to the auction, contact Cat Underhill or Deanna Zieske.

In this election year of 2000 take the opportunity on March 4th to come out and join your Democrat friends at the auction. Use this event to help the Lewis County Democrats work for the success of Democrats running for office.

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## Exciting Program Set for Feb. 24th **Central Committee Meeting**

Chairman Bob Guenther reports that there is a full and very exciting program set for the February 22, 2000, Central Committee meeting at the King Solomon Restaurant in Centralia. Guests expected to attend are Ron Mullins, Democrat candidate for the U.S. Senate, and Congressman Norm Dicks (tentative).

The social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., with dinner and our program beginning at 7:00 p.m. Following the meeting Michaelle Fries will provide a caucus training session.

#### BAIRD CAMPAIGN KICKOFF SET

Congressman Brian Baird will be in Lewis County for a campaign kickoff fundraiser and reception on Friday, March 31, 2000. Details for the location and time of the event will be announced later, Baird Campaign coordinators Cat and Pat Underhill stated.

Mark your calendars for this important event. And make sure you come with your open checkbooks to support Brian in his important reelection bid.

## Democrats' E-Mail Addresses Sought

Tom White is setting up a system for contacting county Democrats by E-Mail so that we can keep you posted on important issues. We want to be able to get the word out quickly to you and to have a way for you to communicate with us. So send us your E-Mail address today to the county office, democrats@localaccess.com.

### King Solomon Restaurant

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coming up du	ring the rest of the year.
February 24	Central Committee Meeting, King Solomon's Restaurant, Centralia. Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.
February 29	Presidential Primary Election
March 4	"All American Auction" See Advertisement
March 7	Precinct Caucuses (find your location on page 4)
March 23	Central Committee Meeting, Matrix Coffee House, Chehalis. Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.
April 22	County Convention, Lewis County Courthouse Annex. 9:00 to Noon. Lunch included
April 27	Central Committee Meeting, King Solomon's Restaurant, Centralia. Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.
May 25	Central Committee Meeting, Roadhouse Restaurant, Morton. Social Hour 6:00 p.m.
June 22	Meeting 7:00 p.m. Central Committee Meeting,

King Solomon's Restaurant. Centralia. Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

July 27 Central Committee Meeting, Pe Location TBA. Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 24 Central Committee Meeting, Gramma & Grampa's House, Onalaska. Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September 9 Salmon Barbeque. The Guenthers.

September 28 "Red Rogers Run to Randle" Mt. Adams-St. Helens Family Restaurant. Hwy. 12 & Cispus Rd., Randle. Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 28 Jefferson-Jackson Dinner. November 7 **Election Night Watch** 

"Conservatism is the policy of 'make no change and consult your grandmother when in doubt." Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States.

#### Sample Ballot for February 29th Presidential Primary Election

Below is a copy of the sample ballot distributed recently by the Lewis County Auditor to those persons voting by mail. We want to remind everyone to vote -- by mail if yours is a mail-in precinct or you are voting absentee and in person if yours is a walk-up precinct. Those voting at their precinct polling place will have to choose whether you want a Democrat, a Republican or an Unaffiliated ballot and cast your vote using the specific ballot you requested. Those voting by mail will have to choose which ballot to vote (green for Democratic, blue for Republican or purple for Unaffiliated. It is important, if you are voting by mail, to vote with only one of the three primary election ballots. So, vote only under the Democratic Ballot, the Republican Ballot or the Unaffiliated Ballot. If you cast a vote on more than one ballot you will invalidate your entire ballot!

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