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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

by Deanna M. Zieske

Whew! Three months have already passed since the reorganization meeting and I feel as though my feet have yet to touch the ground. But the "run" has been "fun." We have an exciting group of workers serving on the E-Board and an enthusiastic group of PCOs. They've been of enormous help in getting the new leadership of the Lewis County Democratic Central Committee off and running. For that I want to say thank you.

I'd like to take this time to outline what I see as priorities at least at this, the outset of my term as County Chair.

Organize! Organize! Organize!

It is apparent from the results of the most recent elections in our county that the Lewis County Democrats still need to work on building our base of support. So I will be focussing my attention on identifying and motivating individual Democrats to become interested and involved in party activities. I will also be attempting to build esprit de corps -- i.e., to motivate our fellow Democrats so that we can build a strong organization in our county.

One of my first steps in that regard has been to identify and appoint individuals to fill vacant PCO slots. We had only 14 PCOs elected at the November Election. Since then another 15 individuals have stepped forward, volunteered and were appointed to serve as PCOs. For that I am grateful. But I intend to work on this task until all of the PCO vacancies have been taken care of.

If you are interested -- or if you know of someone who may be interested -- in volunteering as a PCO or in doing some other work in helping to build a Democratic Party for which we may be truly proud here in Lewis County please call me at the Lewis County Democrats office (330-5006).

Lewis County Democratic Central Committee

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LEWIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE OPPOSES ELIMINATING BLANKET PRIMARY

At the January meeting of the Lewis County Democratic Central Committee meeting held at King Solomon's Restaurant the PCOs present took a stand in opposition to eliminating Washington's long-time blanket primaries. Both the Washington State Democratic and Republican State Central Committees have been trying to gain elimination of the existing Washington State primary election system in an effort to strengthen the role of the state parties in selecting candidates who run under their respective party labels. They won a favorable Supreme Court decision that held blanket primaries violated the rights of the political parties. As a result of that law suit the Washington State legislature is now considering options for changing our state's primary election laws.

Blanket primaries are primary elections in

which voters need not declare a party affiliation to vote in the selection of party nominees, and allows individuals to cross party lines for the purpose of voting for individuals who they believe are the best persons to fill the office being sought. Washington is one of only a hand full of states that allow blanket primary elections.

Washington legislators are considering a number of options for dealing with the primary election question. Word has it that among those options are going to completely closed primaries, eliminating state funded primary elections and going to a Louisiana style primary election. The Louisiana style primary involves all candidates, regardless of party affiliation, running against one another with the top two vote getters (regardless of their political party) facing each other in the general election.

The position taken by the two state-wide political parties has generated a great deal of controversy. Elected legislators and news media have been the most outspoken in opposition to eliminating the blanket primary.

The Lewis County Democratic Central Committee put its hat in the ring in opposition to its own state party on January 25, 2001, when it passed the following resolution which was proposed by Eugene Butler, PCO for the Berwick Precinct. State Committee Woman Cat Underhill reports that Democratic Central Committees in Clark County and Whatcom Counties have also expressed strong opposition to eliminating the blanket primary.

Lewis County Democratic Central Committee Resolution for the Blanket Primary

“WHEREAS:

For more than 60 years the people of the State of Washington have enjoyed the freedom of participation in the process of selecting candidates for public office through the blanket primary system.

This process came to us through a vote of the people and has encouraged all people to feel they have a significant role in the selection of good candidates for public office.

The Democratic Party has a long tradition of being a party of inclusion of people with many points of view.

Encouraging people, who may otherwise not participate at all in a strictly partisan atmosphere, to continue to participate on a blanket basis is in the

interest of the people of the State of Washington and of the Democratic Party.

The decision of the conservative members of the Supreme Court of the United States to deprive people of their right to choose is not in the interest of the people or the Democratic Party.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Democratic Party seek a legislative solution with the following characteristics:

That a blanket primary remain the method for candidate selection in all elections conducted at public expense.

That any political party that wishes to restrict the election process in any manner that requires a voter to choose from only its candidates must pay the cost incurred for the election.

That any political party that decides to deprive the people of this state from participating in the popular election process may select their candidates by convention.”

Lewis County Central Committee Chair Deanna Zieske has forwarded this resolution to the Washington State Democratic Party. She stated that she hopes that the resolution will be on the agenda for action at the next Washington State Democratic Central Committee meeting.

GREAT ALL-AMERICAN AUCTION UPON US

The Lewis County Democrats' principal fundraiser, the Great All-American Auction, is March 3rd at the Centralia Eagles (see ad on page 3). This event provides money for candidates and covers our administrative budget yearly.

Come and **BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

MARCH CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Lewis County Democratic Party Central Committee will be on March 22, 2001, at Grama and Grampa's House, in Onalaska.

Social Hour 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Grama and Grampa's is located at 340 Carlisle Avenue in Onalaska.

On being asked how he became a hero, John F. Kennedy said "It was involuntary. They sank my boat."

LEWIS COUNTY DEMOCRATS
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SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2001

Centralia Eagles - No 512
2308 N. Pearl Street
Centralia

**\$8.00 FOR OUR
"ALL-AMERICAN FAVORITES MEAL"**

SOCIAL HOUR: 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

SILENT AUCTION: 3 TABLES

TABLE #1 CLOSSES at 6:00 pm
TABLE #2 CLOSSES at 6:15 pm
TABLE #3 CLOSSES at 6:30 pm

BUFFET DINNER: 6:30 P.M.

DESSERT and LIVE AUCTION: 7:15

RSVP PLEASE: Lewis County Democrats

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LEWIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS 2001 - 2002

The following individuals are serving as PCOs for the 2001 - 2002 term. Look for your PCOs name below and contact her or him to help organize your precinct for the upcoming elections. If your precinct is not shown below, then contact Deanna Zieske and volunteer to be a PCO.

| <u>Precinct</u> | <u>Legislative District</u> | <u>Precinct Committee Officer</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>Telephone</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Ada | 20th | Jeff Cash | 1673 S. Market, PMB 111, Chehalis | 748-9518 |
| Agate | 20th | Dorothy L. Smith | 641 Lucas Creek Road, Chehalis | 262-3357 |
| Berwick | 18th | Eugene Butler | 196 Taylor Road, Chehalis | 742-9658 |
| Big Bottom | 20th | Alfred W. McEachin | P.O. Box 237, Packwood | 494-6405 |
| Centralia # 3 | 20th | Brian S. Dow | 817 E Street, Centralia | 736-9579 |
| Centralia # 6 | 20th | Philip Meany | 414 Pear Street, Centralia | 736-6549 |
| Centralia # 9 | 20th | Leonard D.A.T.A. Strand | 1335 Central Blvd., Centralia | 736-0976 |
| Centralia # 10 | 20th | Edward G. Smethers | 1516 Sunset Way, Centralia | 736-6486 |
| Centralia # 13 | 20th | Jan Leth | 2603 Borst Avenue, Centralia | 736-5610 |
| Chehalis # 1 | 20th | Joan G. Dean | 725 N.W. New York Ave., Chehalis | 748-0312 |
| Chehalis # 2 | 20th | Deanna M. Zieske | 647 N.W. St. Helens Ave., Chehalis | 748-1444 |
| Chehalis # 3 | 20th | Larry J. Cook | 445 S.E. Washington Ave., Chehalis | 748-6322 |
| Chehalis # 5 | 20th | Donna Karvia | 3414 S.W. 15th Street, Chehalis | 748-7860 |
| Chehalis # 6 | 20th | Christopher Bailey | 1656 S.W. Gails Ave., Chehalis | 740-9456 |
| Cinebar | 20th | Douglas H. Hayden | 198 Archer Drive, Cinebar | 985-7115 |
| Curtis | 18th | Norma H. Schanz | 443 River Road, Curtis | 291-3725 |
| Dryad | 20th | Brenda Boardman | P.O. Box 258, Doty | 291-3677 |
| Einey | 18th | Pat Underhill | 1517 Hwy. 605, Chehalis | 262-0377 |
| Evaline | 18th | Mildred Dunham | 379 Avery Road, Winlock | 262-3786 |
| Fords Prairie | 20th | Gary Odegaard | 3415 Ives Road, Centralia | 736-2260 |
| Forest | 18th | Judy Guenther | 376 State Route 6, Chehalis | 262-3484 |
| Mauermann | 18th | Patricia Helm | 5114 State Route 6, Chehalis | 291-3920 |
| Meskill | 20th | Susan Lamoreaux | 720 Ceres Hill Road, Chehalis | 245-3269 |
| Prescott | 18th | A.M. "Nettie" Jungers | 580 Rhoades Road, Winlock | 785-3600 |
| Seminary Hill | 20th | Merle Jean Bates | 1878 Little Hanaford Rd., Centralia | 736-5611 |
| Veness | 18th | Michaelle C. Fries | 149 Fries Road, Winlock | 785-3982 |
| Verndale | 20th | Norma J. Boren | 193 Anderson Road, Glenoma | 498-5480 |
| Whealdon | 20th | C. Neal Kirby | 3509 Rodcin Avenue, Centralia | 736-5611 |
| Winlock | 18th | Claudia K. Alongi | 1122 S.E. First Street, Winlock | 785-3877 |

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