

January 2007 Web News Update

From the 45th LD Democrats' Chair

I would like to thank all of you for the tremendous confidence you expressed in me by electing me to be your Chair. I'm not sure I deserve it, and I'm certain I'm not going to be able to fill Ralph's shoes, but fortunately I won't need to because you also elected a fantastically talented and dedicated slate of officers to back me up. [More...](#)

A tribute to Ralph Gorin took place at our previous meeting. Thank you Ralph for all you have done and all you continue to do. [Click here](#) for photo and summary of award presentation.

General Meeting January 2007

The 45th LD Democrats presents guest speaker **Marcella Stone** from Washington Public Campaigns. Marcella Stone, board member, community activist, Camp Wellstone and White House Project training alumna, will give a presentation at our January 3 General Meeting. If you are unfamiliar with this organization here is a blurb from their website: www.washclean.org

In 2001, a small group of concerned Washington citizens, convinced of the value of public financing of campaigns as a way to liberate politicians, give power back to the average citizen and invigorate democracy, began working on the dream to have a law in our state similar to that of Maine and Arizona. For more [click here](#).

Please take a moment to read the [minutes of the previous meeting](#) . They are posted on the website for your convenience that they may be read in advance of the vote to approve them.

The [agenda](#) for this month's [general meeting](#) is full and includes signups for committee work. It is not to be missed!

Let's kick off the New Year right! Commit to a committee!

The reorganization of the 45th LD begins with the election of a new board but clearly doesn't end there. Committees are the driving force behind the 45th LD and what it is able to accomplish. They are the frame on which we build our operation, the tools we use to formulate our strategies, and the means by which we communicate and carry out our plans. Nothing gets done without them.

During the reorganization process new committees are created and the obsolete discarded. Even long standing committees get a spit and polish if not a complete overhaul so that we may meet the challenges of the future. The members who volunteer to make up those committees and accept leadership roles as committee chairs will play a pivotal role in this presidential election cycle.

It is time to reflect on your particular strengths and put them to good use. Whether you have a lot of time and energy to commit to the 45th or very little, whether you prefer to work at an even and steady pace or in sporadic bursts, whether you are good at working from a desk or working with your hands, there is a committee position for you.

A new list of committees is being formulated and will be available on our website soon. You can sign up for a committee beginning January 3 at the general meeting or email eboard@45thdemocrats.org

Congratulations

Congratulations to all of the newly elected [executive board members](#), elected PCO's, and all the members of the 45th LD eager and willing to make even bigger changes for the better in the years to come.

Congratulations newly appointed PCO's: Shirley Haubrick 2962, Amy Ocklander DUV 3218, Judith Shattuck KIR 2932, Priscilla O'Leary (Acting) Elsie, Bill Roman as PCO for the Cherry Valley, and Bob Horn as PCO for the Milliken.

45th LD Potluck Celebration.....Take Two!

We were all caught in the throes of the 2006 storm of the century and one of the victims was the 45th LD's holiday celebration. Never fear; rescheduling is in the works. Watch for announcements and invitations as the details are worked out. We can celebrate our 2006 accomplishments *and* kick off the New Year.

Recommended Reading

Don't forget to peruse our [member links](#) page for articles submitted by our members. There are several new recommendations. Please share your recommendations by emailing us at feedback@45thdemocrats.org

Happy New Year! See you at the General Meeting.

Lynn Norwood, Second Vice Chair

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