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Klickitat County Democrats Newsletter

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Dear Lorrie,

Welcome to 2012! We will be very busy this year, so I hope to see many of you at our meetings, caucuses, convention, and at the Dem Booth at various festivals and fairs this election season. I encourage everyone to send in their [2012 membership forms](#) and dues. We run a pretty tight organization, so every paid membership helps!

I participated in a phone conference with Jay Inslee last month, and will be receiving regular updates from his campaign. In November I had the opportunity to meet Auditor Candidate Craig Pridemore at the Skamania Democrats meeting. Excellent candidates are lining up in Washington for 2012, which should energize Democratic voters.

The BIG news is redistricting. Unfortunately for Jay Clough, we are no longer in CD4. I urge everyone to continue to [support Jay](#) in his quest to unseat Doc Hastings. Having Jay in Congress is good for us all! We are also no longer in LD15, but in LD14. I have already been in touch with leaders of both the 3rd CD and 14th LD, and we will all work together to elect Democrats in 2012.

February 6th Meeting

How Redistricting Affects Us

The plan for redistricting was approved on New Year's Day. As expected, Klickitat County has been redistricted from CD4 to CD3. Our new Congresswoman is [Jaime Herrera Beutler](#), a first term representative.



LD14, previously a small district in Yakima, was reconfigured to include Klickitat, Skamania and part of Yakima and (a wee eastern bit of) Clark County. We will now be represented by [Rep. Charles Ross](#), R-Naches, [Rep. Norm Johnson](#), R-Yakima, and [Sen. Curtis King](#), R-Yakima. All three are up for reelection in November. For more details about the redistricting maps, visit our [website](#).

At our February meeting we will discuss the new district and what it means for us. Join us at **Solstice Wood Fire Cafe in Bingen on**

Democratic Candidates 2012

Keep Up with the Campaigns

We will be adding links and information to our website as the candidates declare their intent. Campaign links to get you started include those of [Maria Cantwell](#) for Senate, [Jay Inslee](#) for Governor, and [Bob Ferguson](#) for Attorney General. [Craig Pridemore](#) (Vancouver) and [Mark Miloscia](#) are running for State Auditor.



We Think Film Series

Andrews Pizza and Starlight Theater

Third Thursday of the month at 6 pm, [Andrew's Pizza and Starlight Theater](#) in Hood River hosts thought-provoking films. The January 19th film will be [People vs State of Illusion](#). We've been talking about showing films for discussion. General meetings don't allow enough time for business and a 1.5-2 hour film. This series would be a good place to start. If there is interest we

Monday, February 6th, 6:30 pm. We'll meet in the upstairs room, and enjoy some excellent brick oven pizza!

Save the Dates 2012 Election Cycle

Precinct Caucuses: Sunday, April 15, 1pm
LD 14 Caucus: Saturday, April 28, TBA
County Convention: Sun April 29, TBA
CD 3 Caucus: Sunday May 20, time TBA
State Convention: Sat-Sun June 2-3 Seattle

Locations and times to be announced.

General Meeting Schedule

We will be meeting regularly on the **first Monday of the month** at 6:30 pm this year, usually at the **White Salmon Library**. Exceptions, as of this writing, will be February, when the library will not be available-we will meet at Solstice, and March, when we will travel to Goldendale Library to organize precinct caucus/convention. Special meetings will be called as needed to accomodate candidate schedules.

can organize carpools. Another possibility for us would be house parties, viewing documentaries available on DVD. If you are interested in coordinating or hosting a movie night, contact [Lorrie DeKay](#).

Coffee Talk Weekly meetup in White Salmon

There will be an open coffee meeting every Thursday morning at 11 am at [Katina's](#) in White Salmon. Join us for discussion and planning during this election year. Katina's is across the street from Henni's, next door to Collage of the Gorge and the Glassworks.

Details on a Goldendale area Coffee Talk coming soon. Suggestions welcome!

Klickitat Democrats Store

Show your support with one of our **2012 bumper stickers!** Just add a \$3 donation to your membership form and we'll send you one of your choosing. At this time we have a Vote 2012 oval, Four More Years strip, and Obama Biden 2012 strips. We will have bumper stickers, buttons and signs available at our meetings and events. If you have suggestions for Dem swag, let us know. Let's paint Klickitat an attractive shade of [blue](#)!

I am encouraged by all the support I have received from you in 2011, and energized by the emails and phone calls out of the [blue](#) from Democrats in our county. I am meeting more and more of you at social events around town. Democrats are everywhere in Klickitat County!

Thank you to all who have helped keep Klickitat Democrats alive and well, especially our dedicated officers Rosemary, Ann and Bob, and our PCOs. Check our Precinct table on the website. If there is a vacancy in your precinct, you can help us out by being our contact person. If you have a PCO, you can help that person. Help us make a difference in 2012.

Finally, keep up with Klickitat Democrats on our [website](#) and our [Facebook page](#)! There will be important announcements coming out soon about the CD3 race.

Sincerely,

Lorrie DeKay, Chair
Klickitat County Democrats

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