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From the Chair

I want to thank all of the members and supporters of the Benton County Democratic Central Committee for their hard work and support of our candidates and issues over the past 4 years. I'm proud of what we've accomplished in that time and grateful for the friends who've helped me find direction for the organization. We'll continue to improve and grow under a new Chair and I'll be there to join in the work.

One of the things I've learned since being elected Chair in 2003 is just how important the BCDCC organization itself is. As long as this organization can attract new members and supporters, as long as Democrats are willing to volunteer as officers and candidates, we can go on supporting issues such as living wage jobs, collective bargaining, Social Security stability, pension funding, minority rights, alternative fuels development, and all the other points that we've been trying to bring to the attention of the residents of Benton County. It's important that we keep talking and working and contributing to the BCDCC. We've seen America under one-party rule. I'm sure we can once again elect good Democrats in Benton County and the 8th LD and the 4th CD. We're making headway with our numbers here and we can do better yet.

In light of that, I'd like to ask you to again consider the idea of supporting the BCDCC with a monthly donation. A yearly donation of \$120.00 is great, but not too many of us donate that much at one time. -Our newsletter goes out to around 1000 households. If 1 out of 10 would donate \$10.00 per month, we'd pay for the newsletter, website, and phone without a single fundraiser. If 2 out of 10 donate, we could have the above and \$12,000.00 to help candidates start up their campaigns. If only 3 out of 10 Democrats on our list would donate, we could also have a year-round office where we'd hold meetings, attract candidates and be a focal point. Please think about this as you decide who to support with your dollars. Consider doing it for one year and then assessing the change your donation made in Benton County!

January 6th BCDCC Organization Meeting

The BCDCC January 6th Organization meeting with the election of new officers will be at the Richland Labor Hall, 1305 Knight St. All Democrats are welcome to attend and speak, but only elected PCOs are able to vote. Any Democrat residing in Benton County is eligible to run as an officer of the Central Committee. All the offices are open and we encourage those who're interested to self-nominate for Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeeman or State Committeewoman. You'll have 3 minutes to make a speech on your own behalf or to have someone speak for you. If elected, you'll take office immediately.

HUFFINGTONPOST.com Opinion

Stephen Schlesinger Thu Nov 9, 8:48 PM ET

...President Thomas Jefferson had it right over 200 years ago about the resiliency of American democracy when he wrote the following words apropos of the 1798 Alien and Sedition Act that, like the Patriot Act, threatened the liberties of the American people:

"A little patience, and we shall see the reign of witches pass over, their spells dissolve, and the people, recovering their true sight, restore their government to its true principles. It is true that in the meantime we are suffering deeply in spirit, and incurring the horrors of a war and long oppressions of enormous public debt.....If the game runs sometimes against us at home we must have patience till luck turns, and then we shall have an opportunity of winning back the principles we have lost, for this is a game where principles are at stake."

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8th LD Organization Meeting

The 8th LD will hold its election of officers directly following the BCDCC elections at the Richland Labor Hall, 1305 Knight St., Richland on January 6th. All offices are open and you're encouraged to run for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, State Committeeman and State Committeewoman. The 8th LD organization will be crucial in 2008 for election of delegates to the State and National Convention.

Tri-City Democrats

December -- There is no meeting. We will meet again on **January 5** to elect officers and share our predictions from 2006.

Frank Schmittroth

President, Tri-City Democrats

December

- 1 New PCOs' Term Begins
- 3 WA State Holiday Party, 6:00PM, Seattle Westin
Details at www.wa-democrats.com
- 9 **BCDCC Holiday Party @ Roy's Western Smorgy**
- 22 Last day to submit mat'l for Jan. newsletter

January

- 6 **BCDCC Organization mtg. 10:00 AM**
Richland Labor Hall Elect New Officers for
2007-2008 All Democrats welcome, but
Only Elected PCOs vote!

8th LD Organization Meeting follows BCDCC



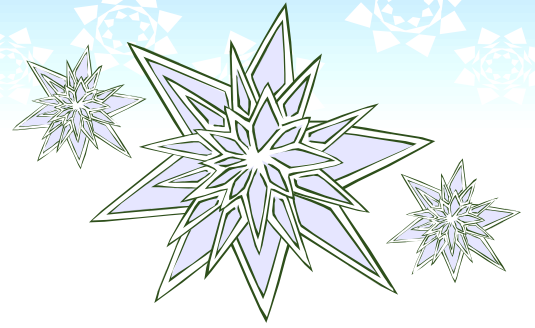
DECEMBER Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu rs	Fri	Sat
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3 ★ 6:00PM	4	5	6	7	8	9 ★ 1:00PM
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17	18	19	20	21	22 ★	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30



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