



# Republican Women of Clallam County

## Newsletter

Issue 1

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*The purpose and goal of the Republican Women of Clallam County (RWCC) newsletter is to bring information of value to you about what we're doing - a synopsis of our prior meeting - and encourage your involvement with us toward staying on top of current local issues that affect us and our families, and to help good people get elected.*

### **Former Chair Dave Cummins to speak about the Home Rule Charter**

Did you know we have our own "county constitution"? That's the purpose of our Home Rule Charter, and it allows the citizens of Clallam County to have a more powerful voice in the affairs of the county. Every 5 years, 15 individuals are elected to serve for a year on the Home Rule Charter review committee. It's an unpaid position, but a very important one. In years past, it's always been a battle about what will stay and what will go. Among the important issues discussed are the initiative and referendum process, and whether county commissioners should be elected from their districts, rather than countywide.

Dave Cummins is an expert, having served numerous times on the Review Commission. He will be sharing valuable information about the Charter, what it does, and why it's important.

Won't you join us to hear what Dave has to say? He'll be speaking at our next meeting on February 28th, to be held at Jeremiah's BBQ located at 825 W. Washington in Sequim. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. If you'd like to join us for dinner and conversation, come early! (We usually show up around 6 or so.)

Come and enjoy meeting with other Republican women, and catch up on what's new!

### **OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR 2006**

Our January meeting was held at Jeremiah's BBQ in Sequim (yum!) where we held installation of the newly elected officers and heard from Joyia Rubens, District Director for the Washington Federation of Republican Women (WFRW).

Your new officers are: Teri Schwiethale, President; Lois Perry, 1st Vice President; Kris Hallis, 2nd Vice President; Sue Forde, Treasurer; and Martha Ireland, Secretary. The 1st VP is primarily responsible for setting up speakers through the year and the 2nd VP is in charge of membership.

Sue Forde has also been appointed as the newsletter editor; and Shauna Rash will be heading up the committee for the Shoebox Project, where we send items to our servicemen and women overseas.

We look forward to a fun and productive year, and hope you will join us!

I'm enclosing my dues for 2006. Please mark me as a paid member or affiliate member of the Republican Women of Clallam County.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed:  Member \$24  Affiliate \$10.

As a member, I state that I am a member of the Republican Party, and agree to abide by the Bylaws of the RWCC.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Spouses of member can be affiliate members.)

Mail to: **Clallam County Republican Women, Attn: Sue Forde, P. O. Box 3457, Sequim, WA 98382.** or bring to the next meeting. OR, you can print out the renewal form at [www.clallamrepublicans.org/rwcc/rwcc\\_membership.pdf](http://www.clallamrepublicans.org/rwcc/rwcc_membership.pdf)

## Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to be of service? Currently, the RWCC has an ongoing project called the "Shoebox Project." We collect and mail off items like soap, shampoo, playing cards, notebooks and pens, and lots more - to the men and women serving overseas. It's a great practical way to let them know "we care".

Would you like to participate by donating items? Check out our webpage at [www.clallamrepublicans.org/rwcc.htm](http://www.clallamrepublicans.org/rwcc.htm) - scroll down and click on the Project Shoebox list of suggested items. You can drop off at Republican Headquarters at 509 South Lincoln in Port Angeles, or at The Master Locksmith shop in Sequim at 445 W. Washington.

We will be looking at other projects this year, as well as some fundraisers to help candidates - so we encourage you to get involved and be of service!

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## Bylaws and Other Information Available

If you're a member of the RWCC and don't have a copy of the Bylaws and other material, please let us know. We also have membership brochures available for the purpose of attracting new members - you can pick up some at the next meeting.

Invite a friend to our next meeting! It's a great opportunity to meet other Republican women, learn about issues in our community & be of service!

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## Local Issues.....

### Don't Miss the Republican Caucuses.. Calling all PCOs and interested Republicans!

The Clallam County Republican Party caucuses are scheduled for March 7th.

The meeting of members of the party will decide policy and select members to fill positions, including delegates to the state convention. Come and bring up issues that are important to you.

The caucuses will be held at

1. Port Angeles - P.A.High School library — J.W. Blaylock, leader
2. Forks - ICN Building, corner of Spartan Avenue and Calawah Way
3. Sequim - Carrie Blake Park — Dave Cummins, leader

The 2006 Republican Precinct Caucuses are at 8 pm on March 7th.

## Upcoming Events

### Let's Repeal the Washington State "Death" Tax - Initiative co-writer to speak at RWCC March dinner

Dennis Falk will be our guest speaker in March. The meeting will be held on March 28th in Port Angeles at the Secret Garden Buffet. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. - come early if you'd like to join us for dinner and good conversation!

Did you know legislatures passed an estate tax recently? (No surprise there!) In 1982, Washington state voters passed a state initiative to abolish the gift and inheritance tax. As a result, Washington State has had no inheritance (death) tax until 2005 - when the State Legislature imposed an inheritance tax. There is more to this story - which I'll let Mr. Falk tell us.

Bottom line is this: A new initiative has been filed to repeal the inheritance tax once again - and if enough validated signatures are gained, it will go on the ballot in November.

Mark your calendars and tell all your friends to show up at this important meeting. Make a note right now - March 28th - Secret Garden Buffet in P.A. (1936 E. First St)- 6:30 p.m. We'll see you there!

For more information, go to [www.noestatetax.org](http://www.noestatetax.org).

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## Important Conservation District Election Coming Up...

The Clallam Conservation District elections will be held on March 7th from 3-7 p.m.

This is not a "usual" type of election, where you receive ballots in the mail. It is, however, a very important election, and I urge you to go to the polling place designated and vote.

Although this is a nonpartisan position, our own Republican Steve Marble has served in the nonpaid position for two terms. He's done a great job of holding back the tide of grants (your money) for various "studies", and instead has helped many small farms with methods of conserving resources while getting the most out of them for their animals or crops.

It appears there may be another candidate from the "opposition" who would prefer more big government oversight and regulations who will be running - or may be a "write-in".

**Please mark your calendars and show up to vote at one of the following polling places: Sequim Library, from 3-7 p.m.; Port of Port Angeles Building on 1st Street, from 3-7 p.m.; and in Joyce, at Crescent Grange from 3-7 p.m.**

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### Republican Women of Clallam County Officers:

President: Teri Schwiethale - 457-9750.  
1st Vice-President: Lois Perry - 683-5079.  
2nd Vice-President: Kris Hallis - 683-5016  
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## See You at the Next Meeting?

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Jeremiah's BBQ, 825 W. Washington in Sequim. Come join us for dinner at 6:15 p.m. on February 28, 2006. (Good Food, Good Company!) *Hope to see you there!!*