

## Chair's Report – November 29, 2023

Well, November has continued to up the ante, so to speak, with the elected officials who represent 23<sup>rd</sup> LD voters. Our US Congress member, Derek Kilmer, has decided not to run for re-election. This has caused a shift in who will run for Governor with Hilary Franz dropping out of that race and deciding to run for Congress instead. Other known Democrats like Emily Randall are also vying for the job.

On our state level, 23<sup>rd</sup> LD Vice-Chair Shannon Turner, has decided to run for the 23<sup>rd</sup> LD state representative seat currently held by Greg Nance. Shannon had his kick-off for his campaign on Saturday, November 18. Poulsbo City Council member Ed Stern introduced Shannon to the folks and was followed by Leiyomi, chair of the Young Democrats of the Kitsap Peninsula, with her supporting comments on Shannon's candidacy.

I attended Sherry's memorial hosted by the Suquamish Tribe. It was a fitting send-off to a great person and friend. From the venue to the flowers to the food, the tribe did a tremendous job. Tribal Chair Leonard Forsman shared his and the tribe's appreciation for the meaningful relationship they had with Sherry. The other speakers represented the various parts of Sherry's life: *politics* had Governor Inslee and Former House Speaker Frank Chopp; *friends* had Kathryn Quade, Chris Endresen Scott and Wendy Rader Konofalski; *animals* had Lee Harper, Executive Director of the Kitsap Humane Society. They all spoke of how Sherry not only influenced them but mentored them in myriad ways and was a staunch advocate for the various causes she supported. It was clear from what was said that Sherry had a major positive impact on people's lives and she will be missed dearly.

The LD is pursuing getting the Poulsbo library open at night for community meetings. Thanks to our state committee member Ted Jones' research, he found that it is up to each library how they wish to deal with this issue. This information was shared with Poulsbo City Council member Ed Stern who offered to follow up with this to see how he could help get the library space available for community meetings afterhours.