



Douglas County Democratic Women

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Newsletter



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President's Message

Well, have you ever... We've certainly had a lot of those "Have you ever..." moments lately with the falsehoods and radical views surrounding us in the Republican ads, campaign, and the recent Republican convention. Interestingly, they have strengthened our pride in our Democratic principles, values, beliefs, and commitments in our Democratic party and our Democratic Credo. The contrasting Democratic convention has strengthened our pride and our resolve to stand by our principles, values, beliefs, and commitments. As proud democrats, our Douglas County Democratic Women to continue educating ourselves, and staying informed through our strong programs at our luncheons, through our offering workshops like "The Art of

Political Conversation", through supporting the RAP forums, through hearing candidates speak at our events, and through passing on communications on issues by email. We are standing up, but we are not standing still. We stand up by being concerned and involved in our community projects like Backpack Buddies, by availing ourselves to our community with participation in the Thirsty Third Thursday Wine Walks, by writing our letters to the editor and to our leaders, by signing petitions to right the wrongs, by showing our presence at Occupy Carson, rallies, and community events like Farmers Market, Carson Valley Days, Nevada Day Parade, and Candy Dance.



Opportunities continue to abound to assert ourselves and stand up for our values as Democrats. We will not stand by while others attempt to assert their values on to us. We will man the phones, walk the districts, wave the signs, write the letters, attend the meetings, donate to our causes, have the difficult conversations, and present ourselves as proud Democrats with every opportunity. When asked, "What did you do?" We are prepared to answer, "Everything we knew how to do and more".
**Nancy Stiles,
President**



"The Art of Political Conversation" Workshop

The August workshop was so powerful and so successful it was decided another one needed to become available for the many who voiced an interest. Kim Pandergrast and Chip Evans will repeat the workshop on September 23, at Nancy Stiles' home, 3422 Alpine View Ct., Carson, 89705, from 4 – 6 pm. **Seating is limited and**

reservations are required.

Email reservations are being accepted at nancyjos-tiles@gmail.com. Reserve soon as we are filling up quickly. There is no cost, and light refreshments will be offered at break. Your reservation will be confirmed with an email reply to yours .

"Bullying and Cyber bullying"

A presentation by Nevada State Attorney General, Catherine Cortez Masto, is being offered to the community on November 10, sponsored by DCDW. The time and location are being determined, and when they are, you will be notified by email and newspaper announcements. Bullying and Cyberbullying has become a major concern community-wide, state-wide, and nationwide. It is something that needs to be brought to the attention of all citizens, and most certainly parents, and that is why the DCDW board decided to have our State Attorney General speak to our entire community, and not just to our members. We are extremely pleased she consented to do so, and proud to sponsor the event. Look for future announcements, but save the date for Saturday, November 10.

This is not to be missed!

Young Democrats

In an effort to involve more young people in the political process, a committee will meet in September with Briana Fuentes, a dynamic young lady from Douglas High School, to brainstorm ideas for establishing a Young Democrats group at Douglas High. The committee consists of Vicki Bates, Carol Lark, Nancy Epstein, and Nancy Stiles. Stay tuned for further developments in this project.

Nevada Day Parade, October 27



...a perfect opportunity to show Nevada there are Democrats in Carson and Douglas counties. Our Douglas Democrats are joining the Carson City Democrats in the parade, all wearing blue. If you have not already signed up to show up, you can still join us. By RSVPing to Katherine Winans at jkw@fbis.com or 775.267.0539 you will be notified of the time and location to rendezvous on October 27.

Sheila Leslie for State Senate

I'm writing to ask you to contribute to one of the most dedicated and progressive legislators in Nevada history, Sheila Leslie. She's in a tough fight in a new district that has 2% more R's than D's. She works harder than anyone I know. She is employed full

time and is out walking her district every night and every weekend.

The race could determine control of the State Senate and even whether Obama wins or loses in Nevada. The mining industry and other powerful corporate

interests are doubling down against her. Can you imagine what it would be like in the Legislature without her voice on tax fairness, water planning, civil liberties, mental health and disability issues?

Any help you can give

would be greatly appreciated. Can you please go to this website TODAY and make a contribution in whatever amount you can? <http://www.sheilaleslie.org/contribute> or volunteer for a phone bank

**Thanks,
Maggie Tracey**



Douglas County Backpack Buddies
November is the next DCDW Collection

Fundraising

We're still selling Raley's Cash Cards. Use them yourself, give them as gifts, or donate them to a charity. The Family Support Council could certainly make good use of them and DCDW gets a small, but

helpful, percent of your purchase.

Donkey pins are available at the luncheons and other DC Dem events for only \$20.

Recipes for our holiday cookbook can be submitted until October 1st...then we need to go to press to ensure delivery in time for holiday delivery. We're hoping you will purchase them as gifts for



family and friends. Thank you to all who have already submitted your recipes.

**Ruthie Strand,
Fundraising Chair**

Legislation/Issues/Policy

On occasion we have the opportunity to have an influence in government with a simple signing of a petition. Such is the case at present with the electronic signing of the petition for the Women's National History Museum sent to you through email, and now with the signing of the petition on The Education Initiative. This petition is an initiative sponsored by the Nevada State Education Association and the Nevada State AFL_CIO to provide approximately \$800 million annually in new funding for Nevada's

K-12 public schools. Once the required 72,352 signatures are collected and the petition is qualified with the respective county election departments, the measure will appear before the 2013 Nevada Legislature. Legislators will have the option to enact the proposal. This would be the right and responsible thing for them to do since the electorate is sending a strong message by signing – virtually a mandate of the people. The Education Initiative would impose a 2% margin tax on business revenue

taken in after deducting salaries or cost of goods. Businesses that earn \$1 million or less will be exempt. Funds raised through the Education Initiative will go directly to the Distributive Schools Account – the education budget – in the state's general fund. This will allow for additional funding that can be used to reduce class sizes, more tools and technology, early childhood education, a safe and supportive learning environment, and the ability to attract and retain quality educators. This statutory amendment will send a strong message to law-

makers that Nevadans are ready for them to invest in our K-12 public schools. Petitions will be available at our October luncheon. Lynn Warne, president of NSEA, will be coming to the October luncheons to explain the initiative further and to answer your questions.

**Nancy Stiles,
President**

Membership

2012 being an election year it should be easier to recruit new members for our organization. Let's all join together and make an extra special effort to RECRUIT. I know there are women out there who belong to your other club(s) be it swimming, yoga, red hat etc., women that believe in our cause and would very much enjoy our camaraderie, lunches and other activities. Go out there and make an extra effort to reach out and welcome them!

Lucie Johnson, Membership Chair

Welcome New Members

Carol Dillingham – 1769 Fish Springs Road, Gardnerville 89410 – 775.790.3067 walkdoc@clearwire.net

Avery Litin – 2670 Buckboard Court, Minden 89423 – 775.443.5050 averylitin@gmail.com

Bo Stathan – 1224 Springtime Drive, Gardnerville 89460 – 775.392.2321 bostatham@me.com

Sharon Hoelscher Day - 1878 Milkweek Ct, Gardnerville 89410 - 775-392-2396

Welcome back Renewing members

Patty Brissinden – 14255 Hwy 88, Hope Valley, CA 96120 – 530.694.2203 jpbriss@yahoo.com

Star Carpenter – 880 Canyon Creek Lane, Gardnerville 89460

Jill Derby – 1298 Kingsbury Grade, Gardnerville 89460 – 775.782.3949 jjderby9@gmail.com

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Let's Recruit!

Minden 89423 – 775.267.5107

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Lorraine Frolich – PO Box 711, Gardnerville 89410 – 775.782.7032

Irene Gailkowski – 2895 Hot Springs Road, Minden 89423 – 775.267.9387

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Arline Zeidler – 2957 Santa Maria, Minden 89423 - 775.267.9458

Programs

The Executive Committee strives to provide you with interesting speakers and topics at our monthly luncheons. In October we will have Nevada Rural Delegates talking to us about the Democratic Convention. In November, we are fortunate to have Kate Marshall, Nevada State Treasurer, speaking to us on the importance of re-electing President

Barack Obama. In December we will not have a luncheon, but instead, we will be holding a joint Holiday Party with the Central Committee.

In 2013, we will be covering subjects such as Nevada's financial situation with Kim Wallen, Nevada's State Comptroller; Elder Law and Estate Planning with Cassandra Jones who specializes in Elder Law; Women's His-

tory; Domestic Violence with former Attorney General as well as Secretary of State, Frankie Sue Del Papa; and Nuclear Energy with Micheon Mackedon, candidate for Regent District 9 and author of the award-winning book, [Bombast: Spinning Atoms in the Desert.](#)

Bring your friends and plan to attend all of these interesting events.

Jeanne Larson,
Vice-President, Program



Roster Changes

Orla Onken – no longer has email
 Cindy Trigg – 775.338.1561

Officers

Nancy Stiles, President - 775.783.0562
Jeanne Larson, Vice President - 775.267.4182
Renee Thayer, Treasurer - 775.265.6364
Louise Bell, Secretary - 775.267.3982

Calendar

September 13	DCDW Board meeting @HQ 10 am
September 20	Thirsty Third Thursday - 4:30-8:00p at Headquarters
September 22	NV State Democratic Central Committee Meeting - Reno
September 23	Workshop "The Art of Political Conversation" 4-6 pm reservations required nancyjostiles@gmail.com
September 27	DCD Central Committee Meeting - 6:30p at Headquarters
September 29 & 30	Voter registration at Candy Dance
October 1	DCDW Luncheon - 11:30a - Sharkey's
October 3	Special DCDW Board meeting (budget & review goals) 10 am @ HQ
October 11	DCDW Executive Board - 10:00a at Headquarters
October 27	Nevada Day Parade
October 25	DCD Central Committee Meeting - 6:30p at Headquarters
November 5	DCDW Luncheon - 11:30a CVI
November 6	Election Day
November 8	DCDW Executive Board - 10:00a at Headquarters
November 10	Catherine Cortez Masto's Presentation on "Bullying" - location and time to be determined and announced
November 15	DCD Central Committee Meeting - 6:30p at Headquarters
November 22	Thanksgiving
December 6	DCDW-DCDCC Joint Holiday Gathering - CVI
December 15	DCDW Newsletter Deadline for January-February-March
December 25	Christmas

Our Website address is:

<http://dcdwomen.net/>



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Minden, NV 89423**

Please join us for lunch and learn for more ways to be involved as a Democrat. DCDW meets regularly usually on the first Monday of the month. Guests are welcome. Members for whom cost is a deterrent, please contact our President Nancy Stiles at 775-783-0562 or nancy.stiles@gmail.com

Other Programs & Fundraising events are also planned during the year, check your email and our website at <http://dcdwomen.net> for timely announcements.

Executive Board meetings are open to all DCDW members. Please contact our president for place and time.

DCDW's Mission is: To promote security, equality, justice and opportunity for all. To be an effective action forum supporting those candidates and issues the DCDW have voted to endorse. To provide "grass roots" input into the political process by identifying and promoting local, regional, state and national political issues and positions that have been endorsed by the DCDW membership.

**Democratic Convention: September 3 - 5.
WOW! FANTASTIC! RIVETING! INSPIRING!**

Reported to be the best convention ever by some of the media! We were moved to tears, delighted beyond containment, and inspired to our feet with applause, and that was just in front of our televisions. Can you even imagine what it was like being there in the convention hall! Well, you will get to hear first-hand experiences of the convention at the October 1 luncheon at Sharkey's from our Nevada Rural Delegates, Cindy Trigg, Jo Etta Brown, and Theresa Navarro. Re-live the experience through their eyes, ears, and emotions – join us on October 1st.

