

SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER

DOUGLAS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I transition into a member role from a president's role, I'll remain ever mindful of the boards' dedicated work behind the scenes to make each meeting, each project, and each event meaningful, successful, and enjoyable, and I'll remain ever aware of the importance of a member's role in our organization. The board gives us roots, and the members give us wings. A member's financial help is essential for all we do. A member's presence at luncheons and/or other events provides the heart and soul of the organization. A member's expression of attitude about our group resounds through the community and back to us as his/her thoughts, opinions, and comments reverberate. Each part is equally valuable — both the board and the membership.

My term as president has given me both the challenge and the growth that was pre-paved with my goals. I have become more knowledgeable about leadership in theory, practice, and experi-

ence. I have acquired more self-confidence and have lessened my self-doubt as a leader. I have learned more about the political process (sometimes to my dismay), and have promoted democratic principles and ideals through my office in various ways. My office gave me the playing field to improve my skills in communication, collaboration, coaching, catalyzing, and to facilitate teamwork. What I've gained far outweighs what I've given, and I am grateful.

Together our accomplishments are plentiful. Our voices have been heard through our signing petitions, writing letters to the editor and to our representatives, through our elections, our voter registration, our GOTV efforts, our participation in grass roots lobby days and in other organizations supportive of women and our democratic principles, and through our staying informed. In a recent exchange with a Washoe Dem from Harry Reid's office, and I quote: "You guys (DCDW) really kick butt!" [That

was not Yolanda, by the way]. Our presence is beginning to be known, and now we can concentrate on making it stronger. One of the ways we've exposed our presence is with our educational outreach programs, "The Art of Political Conversation", "Cyberbullying", "Building Bridges of Understanding", and we have opportunities to continue such programs with speakers already volunteering to give their time and knowledge for future programs.

Our greatest accomplishment is our **unity**. As Lincoln said, "United we stand, divided we fall." We stand together, and we stand tall as an organization.

Having been president of DCDW has been an honor, for it is a group where something is happening and **EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT**. Thank you for the opportunity.

Nancy Stiles
Outgoing President of DCDW



Nancy Stiles President

Inside this issue:

Member Profile	2
News from DCDCC	4
Grassroot Lobby Days Equal Pay April 9	5
Membership	6
Calendar	7



Our Valentine's Day non-event fundraiser added \$575 to our treasury.
A big thank you to all who participated.

MEMBER PROFILES

DCDW members recognized at the March 8 Keep Nevada Blue Dinner for their contributions to Douglas County.

Vicki Bates

Vicki was instrumental in the creation of Douglas County's World Class Gardnerville Skate Park. She and Pat O'Sullivan worked more than two years with the County Commissioners, Parks Department, Planning Department, community organizations, schools and the business community to see this project completed. It's rated the best skate park in Nevada and attracts skateboarders from across the country and around the world.

Without Vicki's vision and dedication Carson Valley would not be holding its 7th Annual Green Living Festival. Her efforts in building community support and forming education and business partnership have resulted in continued success in bringing sustainable living education to the area.

Vicki is a vital part of the core group in Main Street Gardnerville's successful Heritage Park Community Garden and has been a Substitute Teacher at Douglas High School for twelve years.



Cindy Trigg congratulating recipients of Senator Harry Reid's Recognition Certificates for outstanding community service, Vicki Bates, Marion Barritt, and Donna Leveck.

Marion Barritt

Marion Barritt, who joined DCDW in 2004 at the very beginning, moved to the Carson Valley 30 years ago and started enriching her community by making improvements to the Minden-Tahoe airport while owner of SOAR Minden. (Marion has been a glider instructor for 50 years). Her improvements to the airport increased tourism to the valley by bringing pilots from all over the world and organizing the National Soaring Championships.

Seeking to improve our state's environment, she was an active citizen lobbyist in the late 1990s, helping write the Renewable Energy Portfolio and Net Metering bill. In 1997 she built the first net metered house in Nevada with solar tiles taking advantage of the abundant sunny days here in Gardnerville.

Recently she has been busy as the President of the Young at Heart organization at the Senior Center. Marion serves on the board of the Senior Advisory Committee and is a member of the Design Committee for the new Community & Senior Center to be completed in 2015.

John & Donna Leveck

Donna and John Leveck founded the **Carson Valley Vanguard Coalition Inc.**, a non profit group, in 2000. The experience of their work in California to mitigate the adverse effects of the Expansion of the John Wayne Airport led to their concern over the direction of the future growth of the Minden Airport.

The goal of CVVC was to redirect the trajectory of the Minden-Tahoe Airport from uncontrolled growth and service to outsiders to more modest growth serving County needs as a general aviation and soaring airport, and to preserve the tranquility

and environmental quality of life in the Valley. In May of 2007 the D. C. Commissioners unanimously voted to approve a Resolution to this effect; the CVVC played a significant part in this as they did in the airport runway weight management ordinance.

As a people's 'Watchdog' organization, CVVC continues to maintain, protect, and promote the Minden-Tahoe Airport as a community airport in a manner consistent with an environmentally friendly quality of life. Donna has served as a Director and Treasurer from the beginning.

DCDCC 2013 Star Award recipient — Melanie Meehan-Crossley

At the Keep Nevada Blue Dinner our own Melanie Meehan-Crossley was presented with the 2013 prestigious Star Award by the DCDCC Executive Committee in gratitude for her service, her fierce determination and dedication to the Douglas County Democrats and the noble causes behind the Democratic Credo.



*DCDCC 2013 Star Award recipient
Melanie Meehan-Crossley*



*Assemblymembers James Obrenschall
and Lucy Flores*



Guy Rocha and Nancy Epstein



*Sally Jaspersen and Marion
Greeting KNB Dinner guests at
registration*



*Kim Cole,
DCDCC Chair 2013-2015*

NEWS FROM THE DCDCC

Thank you all for the tremendous turnout and show of support for our Keep NV Blue Dinner, Douglas County Democratic Central Committee's version of the Jefferson Jackson Dinner. A special shout out to Assemblywoman Lucy Flores and Assemblyman James Ohrenschall for taking the time to stay in town to attend. We appreciate Guy Rocha for his attendance as well as local dignitaries.

I would like to thank our dinner committee Chair Katherine Winans, Nancy Stiles and her beautiful decorations, Cindy Trigg in charge of the programming and everyone who participated in the planning and the execution of our annual fundraiser.

Congratulations to Vickie Bates, Marion Barritt, Donna Leveck and John Leveck, posthumously, for special recognition by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid for their work in our community.

It was a wonderful evening and adding a DJ and dancing was thoroughly enjoyed by many. A sincere thank you to all who donated to our silent auction and raffle. We look forward to thanking all personally in the near future.

"Don't ever let anybody else apply their limits to you when you are capable of doing or comprehending something they don't. People have different capabilities and skill sets. Let others be good at what they do, and go ahead and be good at what you do!"

Kim Cole
 Chair- DCDCC
[\(775\) 721-1212](tel:7757211212)
kimimcole@gmail.com



Kim Cole
DCDCC Chair

CONGRATULATION TO THE NEWLY ELECTED 2013-15 OFFICERS AND CHAIRS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Chair — Kim Cole
 1st Vice Chair — Bo Statham
 2nd Vice Chair (Campaign Liaison) — Cindy Trigg
 Secretary — Katherine Winans
 Treasurer — Eric Griffin
 Member-at-Large — Gim Hollister
 Member-at-Large — Melanie Meehan-Crossley

Administration Chair — Nancy Downey
 Public Relations Chair — Pat Stanley

GRASSROOT LOBBY DAYS

The seven DCDW members who attended Grassroots Lobby Days are Christie Aldinger, Kimi Cole, Sharon Day, Gim Hollister, Melanie Meehan-Crossley, Nancy Stiles and Katherine Winans.

Grassroots Lobby Days provided wonderful education and experience, helping me to better understand the legislative process and how to more effectively communicate with legislators. With online session viewing and input access, the Nevada system allows for effective citizen input, which is such an important part of participating in legislative decisions that may impact our lives. I would highly recommend Grassroots Lobby Days to anyone wishing to better understand and be involved in our state governing process. *Kimi Cole*

I was excited to see so many young women and men who came to lobby for the Comprehensive Sex Education proposal... and lobby they did. They were as impressed with the event as we were of them and they expressed with enthusiasm their impression of all they learned from attending. These are young people to watch. Our group was seated with our Legislators on the Senate and Assembly floors — Kimi, Gim, Melanie and Nancy sat with Senator Settlemeyer and Sharon Day and I sat with Assemblyman Wheeler. Kim and I had a two-on-one conversation with Senator Settlemeyer and Gim, Melanie, Nancy, Kim and I stopped in for a visit with Assemblyman Wheeler. Everyone was very polite. I sat in on the Judiciary Committee to observe Assemblyman Wheeler in action and same for Senator Settlemeyer in the Commerce, Labor and Energy Committee. Interesting to observe but nothing exciting happened. All in all Douglas County was well represented. *Katherine Winans*

EQUAL PAY DAY APRIL 9



When the Equal Pay Act was signed into law by President Kennedy in 1963, women were earning an average of 59 cents on the dollar compared to men. While women hold nearly half of today's jobs, and their earnings account for a significant portion of the household income that sustains the financial well-being of their families, they are still experiencing a gap in pay compared to men's wages for similar work. Today, women earn about 80 cents on the dollar compared to men — a gap that results in the loss of about \$380,000 over a woman's career. For African-American women and Latinas, the pay gap is even greater.

Each year, National Equal Pay Day reflects how far into the current year women must work to match what men earned in the previous year. On National Equal Pay Day, we rededicate ourselves to carrying forward the fight for true economic equality for all.

For more on Equal Pay, including tools, resources and recently announced Apps, go to <http://www.dol.gov/equalpay/>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS MAY 2013

May is the month for renewing your membership in the Douglas County Democratic Women for the 2013-2014 year.

DCDW and individual members were very active in 2012-2013 and much was accomplished:

- We keep our membership informed on current affairs regarding women's issues through our monthly luncheon programs and newsletters;
- Our fundraising efforts will again provide two \$1,000 scholarships;
- Our website is upgraded frequently (www.dcdwomen.net);
- Our tradition of donating time, funds and products to the Backpack Buddies Program continues;
- We remain visible in the community through our participation in the Douglas County Historical Society's Gallery of Trees and Carson Valley Days;
- We continue to support DCDC Headquaters with a portion of the rent.

From time to time we offer participation in community outreach programs like "Building Bridges" with Jo Etta Brown, and special events like our very popular High Tea coming up May 4th 2013;

Politics in non-election years is just as important as in election years. With Nevada State Legislature in session there is still much to do and we need your continued support and participation. Nevada and the nation all need your continued support.

To continue your much appreciated membership in DCDW, please print and complete the 2013-2014 DCDW Application/Renewal form from <http://dcdwomen.files.wordpress.com/2013/03/ap-2013-14.pdf> , and return along with your payment to: DCDW — PO Box 939, Minden, NV 89423 **by May 31, 2013.**

Lucie Johnson

TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP USE <http://dcdwomen.files.wordpress.com/2013/03/ap-2013-14.pdf>

WELCOME BACK — Barbara Zaroff — 1073 Cedar Crest Dr — Minden 89423 392.1184 halzbar@gmail.com

ROSTER CHANGES

Jeanne Larson has a new email address jmlarson45@gmail.com



WEB

Check out our updated **website** at <http://www.dcdwomen.net>. The site is kept current about our group's activities, our monthly luncheon place and speaker, and tons of links to both state and national political websites. We also have a Gallery of photos and all past newsletters can be printed or read online. You will also find contact information on this organization's chairs.

CALENDAR

April 1 – DCDW Luncheon & Elections 11:30a at Carson Valley Inn – Frankie Sue DelPapa

April 4 – DCDW Executive Board 10:00a DCDC Headquaters

April 20 – Pay Equity Day

April 25 – DCD Central Committee Meeting 6:30p DCDC Headquaters

May 4 – DCDW Victorian High Tea (Scholarship fundraiser)

May 6 – DCDW Luncheon 11:30a at CVI

May 9 – DCDW Executive Board – 10:00a at Headquaters

May 12 – Mother's Day

May 23 – DCD Central Committee Meeting 6:30p DCDC Headquaters

May 27 – Memorial Day

June 3 – DCDW Luncheon 11:30a at CVI

June 7-9 – Carson Valley Days

June 27 – DCD Central Committee Meeting 6:30p DCDC Headquaters

*Equal Pay Day April 9, 2013
Wear Red and/or Carry Red Purse*

