

# Winter 2017 Newsletter

## Douglas County Democratic Women

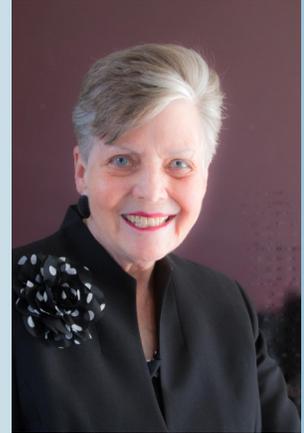


### President's Message

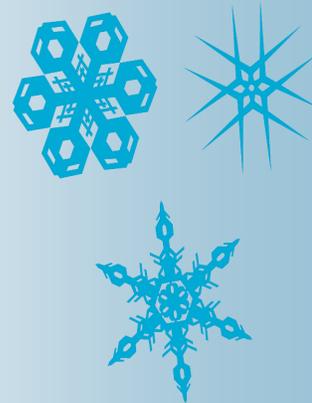
The mixture of thoughts and feelings I have had about the recent election and the following cabinet choices make it difficult to put into words. Like many of you, I have at times been totally immobilized with strong emotions, but the strongest have been the emotions of grief and sadness. I find myself going through the seven stages of grief, namely shock or disbelief, denial, bargaining, guilt, anger, depression, acceptance/hope. My sadness is for the seeming set-back of acceptance of all races, gender, identity differences, ethnicities, and religions; but more importantly, sadness at the realization of my disillusionment that we were in a time of acceptance; sadness at the discontent in our government and in our country; sadness about the apparent divisions in our country; and sadness about our Democratic Party overlooking a whole group of people.

With time for reflection, evaluation, and assessment, I've come to determine that the saying is true, "With every great challenge, comes great opportunity." We have been given the opportunity to lead by example, to stand up for our values, and stand out as those who stand up for the dignity of all people. We've been given the opportunity to make assessment of our party and to change what may need changing. We've been given the opportunity to renew the belief that the Democratic Party is the "party of the people" by being that. We've been given the opportunity to act on new awareness and use our voices collectively. We are in an excellent position to use our voices right here in our own state with the gift of having our state legislature next door to us. We can "Be the change we want to see."

Plans are already underway to be involved citizens in the 2017 Legislature Session. On January 30, Stacey Shinn, lobbyist for PLAN, will be facilitating a training on "How to Advocate" from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at 88 Cups. Our February speaker, Annette Magnus from Battle Born Progress has agreed to stay after the meeting and provide training on using social media for the Legislative Session. Our January speaker, Amy Pason from UNR will guide us on having civility in our public discourse. We intend to be involved in Grass Roots Lobby Days, March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> where we receive more training in working with our legislators, and actually talk to our legislators.



Nancy Stiles, President



## President Message Cont'd

Our outstanding DCDW board is in place to make our organization stronger and more involved. They are connecting with groups like Nevada Women's Lobby and Nevada's Coalition for Women's Equity and others to use their knowledge and strengths. In fact, all our present chairs want to stay in place for another term to continue what they've started. Their continued leadership will make us stronger and more effective.

Let's go back to something we heard a long time ago from an author long forgotten:

I am only one, but still, I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
But still I can do something,  
And because I cannot do everything,  
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

And let us once again say, "Yes, we can!"

Nancy Stiles, President

## Public Relations

DCDW is now active on Social Media. Our reason for getting involved in social media is to reach more of our fellow Democrats in the community and to provide an additional platform for sharing common political ideologies and posting information on DCDW events. You may now follow us on Twitter at [DCDW@DCDW\\_Nevada](https://twitter.com/DCDW_Nevada), and on Facebook at [Douglas County Democratic Women@DCDW.Nevada](https://www.facebook.com/DouglasCountyDemocraticWomen@DCDW.Nevada).

The Public Relations and Legislation committees are joining forces to put together an information network on the 2017 Nevada Legislative Session which begins on February 6. Look for Nevada Legislative resources and activities on our website at [www.dcdwomen.net](http://www.dcdwomen.net). We will be feeding current information on all our sites. Don't know the difference between a tweet and a post? We are very excited to announce that a quick social media training will be presented to DCDW members immediately following the February 6 luncheon. Hope to see you there!

by Vickie Kieffer, Public Relations Chair

Visit our **website** at: <http://www.dcdwomen.net>, Check out our 2016 Luncheons' pictures.

Like us on **Facebook** at: **Douglas County Democratic Women**

Go **Tweet** with us: at **DCDW@DCDW\_Nevada**

## Fundraising

The DCDW Fundraising Committee is tasked with raising the money needed to pay for our priorities, special projects, scholarships, rent at the Democratic headquarters and operations not covered by our dues.

Special thanks goes to Joanne Carpenter, Michele Jackson and Nancy Stiles for organizing and making lots of goodies for our December bake sale. Thanks also to others who made or purchased candy and baked items. Our final total came to \$674, half of which goes to scholarship and half to DCDW operations.

The next opportunity will be a progressive auction for two concert tickets from the Carson Valley Arts Council at our January meeting. DCDW is one of their sponsors. Watch for details on other opportunities in the future like a tour of the Stewart Indian School, Jewelry Jamboree Sale, tour of historic Woodford and more. Any fundraising suggestions or ideas would be welcome, so contact Sharon Hoelscher Day, chair of the committee at [shoelscherday@gmail.com](mailto:shoelscherday@gmail.com).

Sharon Hoelscher Day, Fundraising Chair



## Membership

I am happy to report that DCDW keeps adding members every month! Each one has signed up for at least one committee. As of mid December we have a roster of 83 talented, strong, and committed members with amazing skills. That includes 4 terrific men. It is more difficult for members not yet retired, but they manage to get to our luncheon meetings when they can and serve on committees. Some even re-arrange their business to do so. The December meeting/Holiday party/bake sale was a wonderful opportunity for us all to get to know one another better, especially the new faces, and 2017 brings even more.

Melanie Meehan Crossley, Membership Chair

## Officer Elections

Officer elections take place at the April membership meeting. We are very fortunate in that the present officers and chairs have declared that they would all serve another term in their present capacity with the exception of JoAnn Carpenter. After three years of dedicated service, JoAnn has decided she will remain on two committees, but would like to pursue other areas of her life, and to do so would mean giving up her Vice President/Program Chair position. We will be actively looking for a program chair to replace her. We encourage any of you who would be interested in a board position to respond to the following letter and to our Nominations Chair, Katherine Winans. All responses must be in by March 6.

**January 1, 2017**

### **Douglas County Democratic Women 2017 Call for Nominations & Elections**

**Deadline to respond: Monday March 6, 2017**

The 2017 DCDW Nominating Committee is asking any DCDW member interested in helping deliver the organization's Mission and Purpose to members and to the community at large, to toss her hat in the ring.

*Mission Statement:*

*To promote security, equality, justice and opportunity for all.*

*Purpose:*

*To be an effective action forum supporting those candidates and issues the DCDW has 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.*

You may place your name in nomination for President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer from the floor.

If your interest lies in serving as a committee chairperson, please let the nomination committee know as well. DCDW Standing Committees are Fundraising/Events, Legislation/Platform, Membership, Program, PR/Publicity, Community Service, and Scholarship. ***These positions are voting members of the Executive Board and require attendance at the monthly Executive Board meetings.***

There are also Ad Hoc Committees: Bylaws/Policies & Procedures, Elections/Endorsement, Nominating, Hospitality, Newsletter and Web Master.

**Elections will be held at the April 3, 2017 meeting.**

**Please respond with your offer or questions to Nominating Committee Chair, Katherine Winans at [jkw@gbis.com](mailto:jkw@gbis.com) or 267-0539. Please find attached a nominating form to be completed and returned to Nominating Committee Chair, Katherine Winans, by March 6 if you are declaring your desire for a position.**

**Douglas County Democratic Women Nominating Form**

Complete this form and return to the Nominating Committee Chair by **Monday March 6, 2017.**

NAME OF CANDIDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK

**ELECTIVE OFFICE** BEING SOUGHT:

- PRESIDENT
- VICE PRESIDENT
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER

**STANDING** COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENT BEING SOUGHT:

- Fundraising
- Membership
- Programs
- PR/Publicity
- Scholarship
- Community Service

**AD HOC** COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENT BEING SOUGHT:

- Bylaws/Policies & Procedures
- Elections/Endorsements
- Nominating Committee
- Webmaster/Newsletter
- Hospitality

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to serve as \_\_\_\_\_ if elected by the DCDW membership. I pledge to uphold the Democratic principles as reflected in the DCDW Mission and Purpose Statements.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:  
 Katherine Winans  
 DCDW Nominating Committee Chair  
[jkw@gbis.com](mailto:jkw@gbis.com)  
 267.0539 – phone and fax

## Legislation

GREETINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE!! Our committee accomplished a great deal in the latter half of 2016. Our membership is in the double digits and we are looking forward to the opening of the 2017 Legislative Session in February.

The Legislation Committee has developed its 2017 goal and objectives for action this year. During two meetings this Fall, the committee crafted the following goal and action objectives to keep us focused and on target for an effective 2017 legislative session and beyond.

### GOAL

ENGAGE MEMBERSHIP IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

### ACTION OBJECTIVES

Report to membership Re: events/bills

Attend Grassroots Lobby Days - coordinate carpools/phone calls to encourage participation

Develop a road map to encourage participation

Send Broadcast e-mails (upcoming events)

Attend legislative hearings - Develop phone tree to inform members

Develop a summary of Bills being followed

Use legislative website - instruct members and encourage use

Develop lunch table topics for discussion

Prioritize bills to be followed using allies to help - Nevada Women's Lobby, PLAN, Planned Parenthood, Women's Coalition

Develop Mini Training for the Legislative Committee members and invite all members - present by February 2017

Share information with the Central Committee

**ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT** how a bill becomes law and what you can do to support the Democratic platform in our legislature? What are the various ways you can have your voice heard in the Capital? What can you do to make a difference in Nevada?

**FIND OUT ALL THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS** and so much more by attending a **FREE** workshop January 30, 2017. Stacy Shinn, lobbyist for PLAN, will present a free workshop at 88 Cups Coffee and More in Minden Village from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Stacy will offer information on how you can get involved in making a difference for Nevada through advocacy during the State Legislative Session.

Beth Mancl and Janice Noble, Legislation Co-chairs

## Programs

### **January Program – Amy Pason**

Dr. Amy Pason received her PhD from the University of Minnesota (2010), and is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Nevada, Reno in the Department of Communication Studies. Dr. Pason specializes in persuasion and social justice advocacy, and recently taught a course centered on persuasive strategies of the recent Presidential Election.

Amy Pason is a critical rhetorician studying dissent from the perspective of social movement and counter public theories to understand the ways dissent is enabled and constrained. She explores the structural, organizational, and material dimensions of protest in order to understand meaning-making and identity formation of dissenters. Her recent work has explored the instrumental and symbolic strategies of movement tactics related to Occupy Wall Street as well as organizing practices of anarchist-feminist based women's movements.

### **February Program – Annette Mangus**

A graduate of Emerge Nevada's first class, Annette graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2007 with a degree in political science and is a well-known progressive activist. A native Nevadan, she worked the 2005 and 2007 Nevada legislative sessions as an intern and then as an executive assistant to now Congresswoman Dina Titus. In 2008, Annette became the Public Affairs Manager for Planned Parenthood of Southern Nevada where she worked on political issues, media, and managed the volunteer department for Southern Nevada.

In 2013, Annette was one of two honorees to receive the Emerge Nevada Alumna of the Year award for her work on behalf of women's issues. She joined the Board of Emerge Nevada in 2013 and became an officer in 2014. In 2013, Annette became the Executive Director of Battle Born Progress, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating, empowering, and engaging Nevadans on how to build a state where everyone has a fair opportunity to succeed. Additionally, she serves as the co-chair of the Nevada Women's Lobby. She is a proven leader in our community with deep roots and a great understanding of Nevada's progressive landscape.

### **March Program – Anne Macquarie**

Anne Macquarie is the Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club, and a member of the excom for the chapter. The Sierra Club Toiyabe Chapter, with over 5,000 paid memberships and an additional over 40,000 supporters throughout Nevada, is the largest and oldest grassroots environmental advocacy organization in the state. Sierra Club volunteers have played and continue to play key roles in statewide environmental advocacy and policymaking, working on issues including sage grouse habitat protection, wilderness designation, public lands management, clean energy, proposed military airspace withdrawals, the protection of Lake Tahoe, national monument designations, and more. In the 2017 legislature, Club volunteers and staff will be engaged in legislation on clean energy, water management, public lands, hunting and trapping - to name a few key issues.

JoAnn Carpenter, Program Chair

## Community Services

DCDW members decorated a tree for the Gallery of Trees at the Carson Valley Historical Museum on December 1. Members Jan Walls, Nancy Larsen, Kathryn Winans, Nancy Stiles, and Sandy Kelley decorated the tree with the theme "Unity for a Better Future". The Gallery of Trees is a fund raising event for the Carson Valley Historical Society. Visitors vote for their favorite tree by making donations with one vote for every 25 cents given. Thank you to the group who decorated and another thank you to the volunteers who will take the tree down on December 29.

January 9 is the next opportunity to bring food for the Backpack Buddies program. This program provides weekend food for children in need. Suggested donations for January include: tuna, chicken, chili, pork n beans, refried beans, chicken noodle soup, corn, green beans, fruit cocktail, apples, peaches, and pears. Money is always welcome as it can be used to purchase food in quantity at favorable prices. Please bring your donations to the January meeting, January 9.

Sandra Kelley, Community Service Chair



**Our 2016 Christmas Tree  
"Unity for a Better Future"**

## Women's March on Washington, Reno, and all over the Country

**On January 21<sup>st</sup>**, the day after the Inauguration, women, men, young and old will be coming together in "a peaceful demonstration of solidarity, inclusion, and unequivocal rejection of hateful rhetoric displayed and espoused by the pending Administration. As an assembled group, we choose to stand by all persons marginalized by the divisive and prejudiced rhetoric currently driving the impending Inauguration. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND:** All races, gender identities, religious beliefs and cultures. Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN) has offered vital training in the art of nonviolent protest and peaceful demonstration. Details for this early January training are forthcoming. Inspiring local progressive and inclusive speakers to be announced soon. Please refer to the Facebook link for information updates on this event.

The City of Reno has given us permission to walk down Virginia Street from the Court-house to the City Plaza. Please be at the Courts House by 9:00 a.m. **THIS IS A PEACEFUL GATHERING.**

Please invite like-minded friends! We look forward to standing and marching in solidarity and peace with our beautifully diverse community for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and ALL families.

**THIS IS A GENDER-INCLUSIVE EVENT FOR ALL GENDER IDENTITIES.** The hosts have chosen to name this event Women's March in order to promote cohesive solidarity with the other Women's Marches taking place on January 21, 2017, across our country. For more information, please visit Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1116188931827687/>

## Calendar

### January, 2017

January 1	New Year's Day
January 3	11:30 Nevada Women's Lobby Luncheon in Reno
January 9	11:30 DCDW Luncheon "Civility in Public Discourse"
January 9	Backpack Buddies donations at luncheon
January 9	Announce nominations chair
January 16	Martin Luther King Day
January 18	9:00 DCDW Executive Board Meeting @ HQ
January 20	President's Inauguration
January 21	Reno Women's March on Washington
January 26	6:30 Douglas County Central Committee Meeting @ HQ
January 30	"How to Advocate" Training @ 88 Cups by Stacey Shinn

### February, 2017

February 6	2017 Legislature Opens
February 6	11:30 DCDW Luncheon "Money in Politics"
February 6	Social Media Training for 2017 Legislature with Annette Magnus
February 7	11:30 Nevada Women's Lobby Luncheon in Reno
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	9:00 DCDW Executive Board Meeting @ HQ
February 20	President's Day
February 23	6:30 Douglas County Central Committee Meeting @ HQ

### March, 2017

March 6	11:30 DCDW Luncheon "Environmental Issues in Legislation"
March 6	(nominations announced)
March 7	11:30 Nevada Women's Lobby Luncheon in Reno
March 12	Daylight Savings Time begins
March 15	9:00 DCDW Executive Board Meeting @ HQ
March 15	Newsletter articles due for Apr., May, June
March 19, 20	Nevada Women's Lobby Grassroots Lobby Days
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 23	6:30 Douglas County Central Committee Meeting @ HQ

### DCDW 2016-17 Officers & Chairs

President: Nancy Stiles	Fundraising Chair: Sharon Hoelscher Day
Vice President JoAnn Carpenter	Membership Chair: Melanie Mehan-Crossley
Secretary: Janet Adams	Legislation Co-Chairs: Beth Mancl & Janice Noble
Treasurer: Betsy Strohl	Scholarship Chair: Sandra Paul
	Public Relations Chair: Vickie Kiefer
	Hospitality Chair: Jan Walls