



Douglas County Democratic Women Fall 2018 Newsletter

**DCDW Mission: To promote social and economic security,
equality, justice, and opportunity for all.**

President's Thoughts

By
Janice Noble, Ph.D.

**"Every election is determined by the people who show up."
Sabato**

I'd be preaching to the choir when I say you need to get out there and vote! But I know everyone who reads this message will do so either by early voting or at the polls on November 6th. What I am concerned about are those who do not see the importance and significance of this election. Mid-term elections are often ignored as unimportant to the big picture. As we have so often heard in the past year, there is an attack on our American democratic values and culture by those who do not respect the foundation upon which our country and its people stand.

So, this message is not about reminding you to vote; this message is asking to you to ask every person of voting age to use their right and privilege and cast their vote. Many have said this election is the most important midterm election in modern times. Please don't let anyone sit on the sidelines for this one!

As Abraham Lincoln said, "Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters." I'm asking you to ask your friends and neighbors, no matter their political leanings, to accept their American democratic responsibility and cast their vote. Help them to avoid having to "sit on their blisters".



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President



Scholarship

By
Sandra Paul

Since the last report, the three seniors from Whittell High School and Douglas High School who received our scholarships have headed off to college. Makena Snipes from Whittell H.S. is at Chapman University in Southern California working towards a double major in creative writing and creative film production. Simranjit Kaur from Douglas H.S. is taking biology, chemistry, and bio chemistry at the University of Nevada in Reno. She is in an honors program and will be doing a lot of volunteer work. Ann Keasling from Douglas H.S. is pursuing a political science degree at Mills College in Oakland, CA. She was very active at Douglas H.S. in the Young Democrats and will be continuing that interest in college.

A big THANKS to our group of volunteer ladies who did a great job going over the qualifications of these students who needed our support. The application review involved looking at their academic performance, financial need, their involvement in school and community activities, and their "credo" essay. We enjoyed meeting the scholarship winners in June and hope we have helped in their college pursuit.



Community Service

By
Mary Martin

October brings the beginning of a busy season. At the October luncheon, we will be collecting money donations for our quarterly support to The Backpack Buddies. Thank you for your continuing support. The second Monday, October 8th at 9am we will be packing the Backpacks at the old Gardnerville Elementary School. Planning will be underway for the trek to River Fork Ranch for their Fall cleanup. Finally this month, we will begin planning for the annual Christmas tree theme and decoration at the museum.

Programs

By

Melinda Spitek

November 5—Helping Douglas County's Less-Fortunate Kids—Learn about all the great programs in Douglas County for Kids-in-Need. First Lin Larson, Director of Back Pack Buddies will tell us about how this program makes sure children are getting enough to eat on the weekends. Then Gary Dove from Project Santa Claus will explain how this non-profit organization has made a huge difference for needy kids at the Holidays and incarcerated young men at China Spring Correctional Facility throughout the years. Learn about how five of Douglas County's Service Clubs have band together to lend a helping hand in our own County. These programs will make you proud.

December 3 —DCDW First Holiday Tea—that's right we're trying something new to kick off the Holiday Season. First, we will not have a luncheon—so the hours for this meeting have changed to 2:00 to 4:30. We will have an actual Tea with finger sandwiches and delicious pastries and of course tea (coffee and iced tea, as well). Cost is \$25.

Another new change will be a **"Virtual Bake Sale"**. In years past a few diligent member-bakers have spent their money and time to donate bake goods for our Holiday Bake Sale. Then member-buyers purchase those goodies. The funds raised support our projects. Well, why not put your money to good use and cut back on those holiday calories? This year we are asking every member to make a donation to DCDW (not tax deductible—but then neither is baking nor buying cakes, pies, cookies and candy). Your donation will help fund projects DCDW supports, such as scholarships. You will receive an invitation to the Holiday Tea by U.S. Mail which will include an envelope for your donation—no amount is too small or large—whatever you can contribute.

In the spirit of holiday fun, we will have two contests with prizes for **the most festive Holiday Hat or the Ugliest Holiday Sweater**—whichever seems most fun to you. We'll be entertained with Holiday music provided by the Douglas High School Mistral Choir. Come enjoy the fun and start your Holiday Season off right!

Please be sure to make your reservation with Katherine Winans by Thursday at noon before each meeting by emailing dcdw@gbis.com or call 775.267.0539. Bring a friend so they too can enjoy these programs.



Legislation

By
Beth Mancl

We're counting down to the mid-term elections. The Legislation Committee will focus its efforts in the mid-terms on women drop off voters and new women voters. Canvassing, will begin in October followed by phone calls closer to the election. The committee will coordinate with the Central Committee in compiling voter lists, canvassing and telephone banking training.

With John Novak's resignation as the Voting Rights/Elections and Government Issue Subcommittee Chair, we have a vacancy to be filled, hopefully, prior to the Legislative Session in 2019. The Health and Welfare Issue Subcommittee Chair is also vacant with Luella Novak's departure.

At our August meeting, Sandy Paul provided the committee with information about the power of local prosecutors. Prosecutors hold the most powerful, unaccountable, and least transparent office in the criminal justice system. Since there are over 1000 prosecutors up for election in 2018, Sandy encouraged voters to review biographical information before casting that very important vote. Cheryl Arguile provided the group with information from the ACLU about the Trump Administration's anti-immigrant agenda and an article regarding how members of some religious groups have an arm of their organization that deal with social justice issues.

Also, at our August meeting, Lucy Dupertius provided the committee with a very informative PowerPoint presentation on Question 3 and Question 6. Considering this information, the committee re-confirmed the importance of the postcard campaign at our August meeting. Postcard participation at the DCDW monthly meetings has continued to increase.

Sandy's information regarding the power of local prosecutors and Lucy's PowerPoint presentation can be viewed on the DCDW Legislation website, dcdwresources.net.

In order to really make a difference in the mid-term elections and implement our plan, we need volunteers to canvass and make telephone calls. If you're interested in learning more about the activities of the Legislation Committee, please contact Susan Schmid susan@tetoneditorial.com, Beth Mancl bethmancl@prodigy.net, or JoAnn Carpenter jac78x@gmail.com

“Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost”. -John Quincy Adams

Calendar **GREAT ACTIVITIES COMING THIS FALL**

OCTOBER 2018

- 2 Nevada Women's Lobby, Reno
- 9 LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
- 11 DCDW Meet and Greet – 5 – 6:30 El Aguila Real, Garderville
- 20 – 11/2 Early Voting
- 25 DCDCC Meeting at HQ 6:30
- 27 Nevada Day Parade, Carson City
- 27 Nevada Day Parade After Party, Brewery Arts Ctr, Carson City
- 31 Halloween

Phone Banks: Tuesdays and Thursdays – 5 – 8 p.m. Democratic Headquarters Contact Lori McKimmey at lmckimmey@hotmail.com

Weekend Canvassing: Shifts will be available beginning this weekend to accommodate your schedule. Contact KimiMCole@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 2018

- 5 DCDW Luncheon 11:30 Carson Valley Inn
- 6 ELECTION DAY – MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND VOTE!
- 6 Nevada Women's Lobby, Reno
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 15 DCDCC Meeting at HQ 6:30
- 22 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2018

- 3 DCDW Holiday Tea – 2:00 p.m. Carson Valley Inn
- 4 Nevada Women's Lobby, Reno
- 14 DCDCC Holiday Party – Carson Valley Inn

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