



Blue Notes



Douglas County Democrats

The voice of Douglas County, Nevada Democrats

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2013 Democratic BBQ a huge success



(More pictures by Wendell Jenness of our barbecue on pages 2 , 3 and 4)

From the Chair...



It's OK to Be a Democrat in Douglas County!

By Kim Cole, DCDCC Chair

We have seen t-shirts and bumper stickers. We have spoken the words. "It's OK to be a Democrat in Douglas County."

And yet I still encounter those who feel that they are alone or isolated, that the difference between the

number of Republicans and Democrats in Douglas County is somewhat insurmountable. I say, "Poppycock!"

Democrats are young in spirit! That means we are delightfully open to possibilities, possess a willingness to learn about issues that face us, and thrive on an energy that says "We can make this world a better place!" Being young in spirit also means we are resilient, willing to push for ideals we believe in and

not easily dissuaded from standing for those convictions.

We care about our children, our environment, our infrastructure, and our quality of life. If ever it was implied those are somehow negative concepts that only "liberals" believe in, I beg to differ! Of course, I'm always open to debate- if someone wants to challenge me by saying, "Darn you for caring about our children; darn

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Our 2013 Democratic Barbecue....



Eric Griffin, DCDCC Treasurer; Chip Evans, “Nevada Matters” Radio program; Nyla Howell, Chair, NV Democratic Rural Caucus; Marty McGarry, Chair, Carson City Democratic Central Committee; Roberta Lang, Chair, NV State Democratic Central Committee; Katherine Winans, DCDCC Secretary; James Brown, 1st Vice Chair NV State Democratic Central Committee; KimCole, CDCC Chair; Paul Belt, DCDCC1st Vice Chair; Cindy Trig, DCDCC 2nd Vice Chair.



Kim Cole and James Brown



Nevada State Democratic Party Chair Roberta Lange





Guests enjoying the great weather and conversations

Special THANK YOU from the Chair to: BBQ Coordinator, Katherine Winans. Gim Hollister for donating and cooking the fabulous tri-tip. Gary Kendrick and his logistics crew Eric Griffin, Lloyd Murray, Avery Litin, Sue Knight. Ruthie Strand in charge of food and beverage prep and service and her assistants, Jan Moran, Joyce Hollister, Nancy Epstein, and Paul Belt. Dotty Dennis and Star Carpenter for their help with registration. Melanie Meehan-Crossley, Nancy Stiles, Cindy Trigg and Christie Aldinger for putting together a great auction and raffle. Mike Crossley for delivering all the baskets on BBQ day. An extra special thank you to the 100+ people who came to enjoy the food and company!



Dotty Dennis receives a letter of recognition from Senator Harry Reid, presented by his Regional Representative Yolanda Garcia, and Kim Cole.

**“It’s OK to be a Democrat
in Douglas County!”**



Chefs Gary Kendrick and Gim Hollister



Nyla Howell, Marty McGarry, and Roberta Lange



A special guest cameo appearance



Silent Auction and Raffle bounty.

Member profile: Kim Cole

Editor's note: Each edition of your "Blue Notes" will contain a profile of one the Democratic leaders in Douglas County. Our first is Kim Cole, Chair of the Douglas County Democratic Central Committee.



KIM COLE

Kim Cole says she was “pleasantly naive” most of her life, especially when it came to politics. Not any more.

“I walked into a (Douglas) County Caucus and started raising my hand for everything.” She got noticed, and today serves as chair of the Douglas County Democratic Central Committee. She’s never looked backward.

“Kimi,” as she prefers to be called, was born in Casper, WY, and moved to Reno with her parents in 1956. She grew up there, then moved to Carson Valley in 1990.

Along the way she attended the University of Nevada, Reno and Truckee Meadows Community College. She also earned Contracting, Insurance and Real Estate licenses in addition to advanced leadership training recognition.

For years, Kimi says, she paid little attention to politics other than to vote. “But with all the issues facing us in the United States and the world, I was just exposed to more and more things that were not going well. I don’t believe complaining alone resolves issues, and I could no longer sit silent.”

She said she was seeing things that needed to be fixed, “so the natural byproduct was to get involved in a way that I could do something about it.”

Almost immediately she involved herself with the Central Committee and soon participated in both county and state Democratic Conventions.

“I happened to be in the right place at the right time,” she said.

For six months, little happened. But in the fall of 2012, “I met some young men from the Obama campaign and said I’d like to help. They found something for me to do, and everything took off from there,” she recalled.

Very quickly she was “directing traffic”, familiarizing canvassers with local neighborhoods and running phone banks. “I got a lot of attention doing that, but more importantly, we had a very successful ground campaign in Douglas County.”

Her main goal today is to see more local Democrats become active in the community. “The Douglas Democrats have been quietly, yet enthusiastically involved in many community activities, which is great. There are issues in the county that don’t need to be so heavily politicized; one of my goals is to reach out and encourage more Democrats from Douglas County to be involved in local events and activities.”

She said many people think of politics as “contentious” but that doesn’t have to be. Kimi envisions local Democrats helping with community issues such as food programs for needy children and projects that benefit seniors. “I see us as an involved community contributor, not simply a political group that meets every once in a while,” she said.

“We’re challenging some previous boundaries ... and I think the Central Committee is getting ready to expand tremendously,” she added.





NEVADA STATE Democratic Party

‘Campaign for Path to Citizenship’ plans August 20 meeting in Reno

The Campaign for a Path to Citizenship is launching a public assembly on Tuesday, August 20th, from 6:00pm to 8:15pm at Little Flower Catholic Church, 875 E Plumb Lane, Reno, to build support from Congress for the Path to Citizenship for the 11 million aspiring Americans.

The coalition is expecting a large number of supporters to attend this event, which will include the key speakers including: Episcopal Bishop, Dan Edwards, St Therese of the Little Flower Pastor, Father Jorge Herrera, Muslim Community of Northern Nevada leader, Abdul Barghouthi and Nevada Senator Ruben Kihuen, testimonies from immigrants and prayers for unity.

The Path to Citizenship is a partnership of community organizations throughout Nevada working on an immigration reform campaign for a path to citizenship. This includes earned citizenship that is fair, just and affordable for all eleven million undocumented immigrants, keeping families together by reducing detentions/deportations, and avoiding third class citizens.

The Coalition includes: St Teresa of Avila Catholic Community, a member of ACTIONN; the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Nevada, a member of ACTIONN; St Therese of the Little Flower Catholic Church; the Muslim Community of Northern Nevada, a member of

ACTIONN; Immigration Reform for Nevada; Nevada State AFL-CIO, ACLU, and others.

The Campaign for Citizenship held a previous public assembly in May where 1,200 persons including Senator Harry Reid the U.S. Senate Majority Leader, called for a Path to Citizenship. Senator Reid took a leadership role in the Senate passing of the immigration reform legislation.

Senator Heller also voted to pass this reform. Now the campaign is focused on convincing Congressman Mark Amodei to support the Path to Citizenship. In addition to the upcoming Public Assembly on August 20th, strategies will include regular, repeated phone calls, emails and texts to the members of the Nevada Congressional delegation who are not yet publicly supporting the immigration reform proposed by the Campaign to Citizenship.

The U.S. is now facing a third generation of children growing up in homes with undocumented family members. The Path to Citizenship reforms proposed by the coalition promotes citizenship for all as an American value that is good for our families, communities and economy.

Increasing the opportunity for immigrants to legally enter the U.S. is important to the social fabric and long-term economy of our country, and to sustain a coherent immigration system. Federal policy should promote the value of family unity.



Highlight Moments*

Douglas County Democratic Central Committee Meeting- July 25, 2013 DCDCC Headquarters – Gardnerville, NV

- DCDCC proudly announced they have joined Nevada Women’s Lobby as a supporter. NWL is a statewide non-partisan coalition of organizations, and individual women and men who work on issues affecting women and families.
- Bylaw change was adopted to add “Second Vice Chair” to the title “Campaign Liaison”. Currently holding the position is immediate past Chair, Cindy Trigg, who brings her vast experience and knowledge of candidates and organizers to the position.
- New Central Committeepersons approved: Paul Belt, Pct. #14; Brian Dempsey, Pct. #20; Pat Stanley, Pct. #21 and James Brown, Pct. #29.
- Katherine Winans, Pct. #22 and Bo Statham, Pct. #25 submitted their names as Central Committeepersons to be elected at August 22 Central Committee meeting.
- Paul Belt agreed to fill the 1st Vice Chair position. Cindy Trigg placed his name in nomination and he was elected to the office.
- A powerful documentary, “The Dream is Now” was presented full length, showing consequences of failing US Immigration Policy. Julieta Márquez and Theresa Navarro, both representing Justice For Immigrants (sponsored by the Catholic Diocese), shared moving personal stories about how US Immigration policies have negatively affected friends, family members and themselves.

* Fully approved minutes will be available at our next Central committee meeting



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you for treating our environment conscientiously; darn you for encouraging the maintenance of necessary infrastructure and supporting equality of life!”, then I would be the first to say, “Darn me, too!”

We recognize that society in our beautiful Carson Valley is diverse, resourceful, tenacious and full of hope! And immensely interconnected.

While one person builds our homes, another teaches our children and yet others watch our neighborhoods to insure their safety. Some devote their lives to caring for us when we are ill.

Others operate the businesses, both large and small, that, by their sheer existence, boldly exclaim to the Carson Valley, we are a society that lives together, learns together and works together for a better day tomorrow. We are striving to do our part and know you are striving to do yours.

It’s really OK to be a Democrat in Douglas County. Let’s continue not only being OK but FANTASTIC- together!

Central Committee Program

Lyn Gorrindo, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services (Douglas County Schools) will discuss the All Students Pursuing Integrity Responsibility and Education (ASPIRE) program at the Central Committee Meeting Thursday, Aug. 22 at Democratic Headquarters, 1513 Hwy 395, Suite 1C, Minden.

Time: 7 p.m.
(Social at 6:30 p.m.)



Your 2013 DCDCC Officers ...

Chair of DCDCC: **Kim Cole**

First vice Chair: **Paul Belt**

Second Vice Chair (Campaign Liaison): **Cindy Trigg**

Secretary: **Katherine Winans** (minutes, corresp. agendas, blast-outs, etc)

Treasurer: **Eric Griffin**

Member-at-large: **Melanie Meehan- Crossley**

Member-at-large: **Gim Hollister**

Chair of Standing Committees:

Administration Committee: **Nancy Downey** (data base maintenance, etc)

Publicity/ Public Relations: **Pat Stanley**

Fundraising/Finance: **Pending**

Membership: **Pending**

Candidate recruitment: **Pending**

Political Action/ Programs: **Pending**



YOUR BLUE CALENDAR

Aug. 19: DCDCC Executive Committee. Guest speaker: Lyn Gorrindo to talk about ASPIIRE High School

Aug 20. Campaign for a Path to Citizenship (see P. 6 for story)

Aug. 22: DCDCC Central Committee

Aug. 26: Sustainable Living & Renewable Energy Roundup - Locavore Dinner at Tahoe Ridge Winery, 6 p.m., \$40 per person

Sept. 7: Nevada State Democratic Party Central Committee Meeting
Carson City Time: 1 p.m. Meeting location to be disclosed at a later date

Nov. 5: "Non-election, election Day" Hawaiian Rib Cook-off at DCDCC Headquarters



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