



# Blue Notes



*Douglas County Democrats*

The voice of Douglas County, Nevada Democrats

March 2014

## Keep Nevada Blue dinner is March 22

The VIP guest list for the March 22 Keep Nevada Blue dinner reads like a “Who’s Who” of Democratic leaders in northern Nevada.

Keynote speaker Nevada State Treasurer Kate Marshall, our Democratic candidate for Nevada Secretary of State, will be introduced by State Senator Debbie Smith.

Marshall was first elected Treasurer in 2006. Smith represents State Senate District 13 and was elected in 2012. She served as an Assembly member in District 30 and was named Speaker Pro Tem in 2011.

Other Democratic notables confirmed to attend the KNB dinner Chris Hyepock, candidate for Governor, *(continued on Page 5)*



**ABOVE:** Nevada State Controller Kim Wallin addresses Douglas County Democrats Feb. 27.

**BELOW:** Cindy Trigg and Kimi Cole at the beam signing for the new Senior Center. DCDW and DCDCC contributed a combined total of \$1,000 to the project.



Please share this newsletter with your Democratic friends



## Take The HOUSE Back!

March 22, 2014  
Carson Valley Inn  
Doors Open 6:00PM - No Host Bar  
Dinner at 7:00PM

*Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Kate Marshall  
Introduced by the Honorable Senator Debbie Smith*

**RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE  
40 INCH SMART TV  
WHEELBARROW OF WINE and other great prizes**

Choice of: Prime rib, Salmon, Vegetarian plate  
\$65.00 per person / Table rate \$60.00 per person

Kindly reply by March 18th to:  
Katherine Winans - 1171 Chaparral Court  
Minden, NV 89423

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*Keep Nevada Blue Dinner reservation form on Page 4*

## Candidate for State Treasurer

# Kim Wallin addresses Central Committee

Kim Wallin is ready to change jobs at the state capitol. Currently the Silver State's controller, Wallin told the Douglas County Central Committee she is best qualified to be the next Treasurer.

Education is high on her priority list. "If Nevada is going to diversify its economy, it will need to have an educated work force," she states in her "Report to Our Citizens." But that requires better funding at all levels of education, and despite continued efforts at improvement in key areas, the state continues to have the lowest graduation rate in the nation (63 percent).

Funding for education will take some hard work. "We need to empower schools," she said. "We need more money for education."

She said the goal is for every child to be able to read by grade 3.

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Nevada State Controller and candidate for State Treasurer Kim Wallin addresses the Democratic Central Committee (above) and poses with DCDCC Chair Kim Cole (left) following the meeting.

# From the Chair ...



By Kimi Cole



## Who could be PROUD to be a Democrat? Count me in!

Recently at the gym, I overheard a couple people discussing their political views. I'd bet nearly everyone in the gym heard the highly vocal rants ... the discussion sounded as if it came spinning straight out of the no-spin zone.

One person commented loudly, "I can't understand how anyone can stand to be a Democrat at all. And I especially can't understand how anyone could say they are proud to be a Democrat!"

As I often do when listening to such acidic conversation, I tuned out temporarily and began to think.

I thought about a recent fundraising event when the Douglas Democrats gathered a contribution for Backpack Buddies, a group dedicated to helping Douglas youths with food when they have too little. When a group such as Backpack Buddies can have a positive impact in the community and help some who are less fortunate, I feel a tremendous sense of

appreciation for their efforts. And I'm very proud that Douglas Democrats were able to contribute in some way!

I thought about a recent invitation to a ceremonial signing of the top beam on the new Community Senior Center. The project has been in the works from concept to structure over the course of many years and now it's on track to soon be a completed community asset.

Some incredible Democrats seriously discussed a level of participation and chose to contribute to such a worthy cause. The type of people I really enjoy associating with — those who are constantly looking for opportunities to make a positive impact in the Carson Valley — happen to be my friends, the Democrats.

And yet another thought occurred to me as I continued to push my body and mind — Democrats enjoy having a good time! They like to laugh, to share their contagious senses of

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**Douglas County Democrats' 2014 Keep Nevada Blue Dinner Reservation Form**

*Turn the House Blue*

**March 22 Carson Valley Inn 6:00p Social 7:00p Dinner**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select your entrée(s):**  Prime Rib  Salmon  
 Grilled Portabella Mushroom w/Gluten Free Pasta

\_\_\_ Check here if you have any dietary restrictions; please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Check here if you will require special ADA accommodation to fully participate in this event. Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

(Table of 10 rate) \$60 x \_\_\_\_\_ tickets = \$\_\_\_\_\_. **Indicate your table group name** \_\_\_\_\_

(Individual rate) \$65 x \_\_\_\_\_ tickets = \$\_\_\_\_\_. **Please provide names/meal selections by 3/12.**

Requesting to be seated with \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with payment payable to DCDCC to  
 DCDCC Dinner c/o Katherine Winans, 1171 Chaparral Court, Minden NV 89423  
 Information contact Katherine Winans: [kwi@qjobs.com](mailto:kwi@qjobs.com) or 267-0539

**To get the Table Rate of \$60, all names, entrée selections and payment must be received by Wednesday, 3/12.**

**Wallin — (continued from Page 3)**

Nevada faces critical economic challenges with only a moderate recovery after its worst recession. Sales taxes and gaming taxes, the main sources of state revenue, remain below pre-recession levels, off by more than \$253 million.

Although Nevada's housing market has shown signs of recovery, the state still has one of the highest foreclosure rates in the nation. Unemployment is the highest in the country.

Wallin is a native Nevadan and the first CPA to be elected to the office of state controller in half a century.

The UNLV graduate has numerous awards for her work at the capitol and in 2003 was named one of the 100 most influential people in accounting in the country by "Accounting Today." She was selected as 2006 national CPA of the year by the American Women's Society of CPA's.

"We have to do better," she said, vowing to continue the hard work of the state's current treasurer, Democrat Kate Marshall. "I want to build on her record," she said.



**KNB Dinner — (continued from Page 1)**

and 2nd District Congressional candidate Brian Dempsey.

The Star Award will be presented to a worthy local Democrat.

"Take the House Back" is the timely theme as off-year elections approach.

Raffle prizes include a 40-inch smart TV and a wheelbarrow of wine.

Doors at Carson Valley Inn open at 6 p.m. There's a no-host bar. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

The menu is a choice of prime rib, salmon or vegetarian.

The price per person is \$65 (\$60 if at a group table). Be sure to place your reservations by the March 18 deadline with Katherine Winans. You can send the form that appears on Page 4 of this newsletter to her to 1171 Chaparral Court, Minden 89423. For more information call her at (775) 267-0539 or email at [jkw@gbis.com](mailto:jkw@gbis.com).



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humor. In fact, it always seems to me another party is being planned! I appreciate that tremendously!

And then my little daydream was interrupted by a sudden calm, a break in the incessant vocal rampage. One of the aforementioned participants remained at the machine a few feet away from me. I couldn't resist, and walked over to him.

My words were to the point: "That was an interesting conversation you were having. I realize that people have different perspectives and opinions, formed by the sum of their experiences. People expressing and debating different perspectives can be good for progress, as long as there's opportunity to have a discussion that allows considering others' points of view as well. That's the way I feel and I'm always open to talk. By the way, my name is Kimi Cole, chair of the Douglas Democrats and I'm very proud to be a Democrat in Douglas County!"

As I was leaving the gym, I looked back. I think his jaw was still dragging on the floor. And maybe, just maybe, there is another person in the Carson Valley who now realizes Democrats are here and plan to be counted!

Member profile:

## Meet Pat Stanley, retired journalist

*(Editor's note: Each edition of your Blue Notes features a profile of a Democratic leader in Douglas County.)*

By Kimi Cole

Pat Stanley knows what spurred his interest in politics. It was 1961 just after graduating from high school when Pat spent the summer with his uncle, former Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

“It was quite a thrill for a kid my age to meet some of the nation’s movers and shakers,” he recalled. “I even got to spend a day at the White House and photograph President Kennedy signing a bill. I was in awe.” The following year, as a freshman at Hartnell College in Salinas, CA, he founded and was the first president of the Monterey County Young Democrats. He also got to shake hands with another of his political heroes — Gov. Pat Brown.

Registering as a Democrat was a no-brainer. But he had to wait until he became a U.S. citizen, because he was born Canadian.

Then he moved on to Fresno State, where he graduated with a degree in journalism, and immediately went to work as a newscaster at the local CBS television affiliate.

Pat was news director for a Bay Area radio station, press officer for a large school district, and a writer/columnist for a newspaper in Napa Valley.

As a journalist, he’s photographed Presidents Barack Obama and Ronald Reagan, Vice President Joe Biden, and former Senator and White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger.

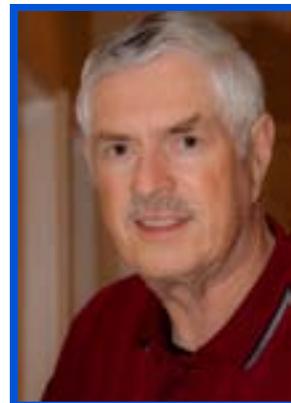
But journalists aren’t supposed to show their politics, so he laid low until retirement seven years ago, when he moved from Napa Valley to Carson Valley.

“My desire to be more active politically was rekindled when I attended a Douglas County Democratic caucus a few years ago,” he recalled. “Next thing I knew I was on the Central Committee.”

Pat now serves as the public relations chair for the DCDCC Executive Committee. You’ve probably spotted him lugging his camera along at various Democratic events.

How can we get more interest in Central Committee activities? “I truly believe just one Democrat talking to another Democrat will result in more interest,” he said. “We all need to invite our Democratic friends to our activities. They’ll see we are a pretty good bunch of folks.”

Asked how he feels the local party is doing, Pat responded: “I’m really impressed. But we should never let good get in the way of best.”



**Pat Stanley**





## **Candid moments ...**



# *Timely Ticklers*



- *Keep Nevada Blue Dinner*  
*March 22 at the Carson Valley Inn.*  
*See article on Page 1 and registration form on Page 4.*
- *Douglas County Democratic Convention.*  
*May 3 at Douglas High School library.*
- *State Democratic Party Convention*  
*June 26 in Reno*



ABOVE LEFT: Democratic gubernatorial candidate Chris Hyepock with DCDCC Chair Kimi Cole and congressional candidate Brian Dempsey at the recent Democratic Caucus.

RIGHT: The Douglas High School library is filled with Democrats during the Caucus.

# Your 2013 DCDCC Officers ...

Chair of DCDCC: Kimi Cole (kimimcole@gmail.com)

First Vice Chair: Paul Belt

Second Vice Chair (Campaign Liaison): Cindy Trigg

Secretary: Katherine Winans

Treasurer: Eric Griffin

Member-at-large: Melanie Meehan-Crossley

Member-at-large: Gim Hollister

## Chairs 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

**March 22 — Saturday**

Keep Nevada Blue Dinner

6 - 9 p.m.

Carson Valley Inn

**March 27 — Thursday**

DC Democratic Central Committee

6:30 p.m.

Democratic Headquarters

**May 3 — Saturday**

DC County Convention

Douglas High School Time TBA

**June 21 — Saturday**

State Democratic Party Convention

Time TBA

Reno

**July 26 — Saturday**

DCDCC annual Barbecue

Mormon Station State Park

Genoa — Time TBA

