



Blue Notes



Douglas County Democrats

The voice of Douglas County, Nevada Democrats

November, 2013

RIGHT: Nate Helton, president of Young Democrats of Nevada, addresses the Douglas County Democratic Central Committee Oct. 24. His talk ranged from marriage equality and immigration to women's rights and student political apathy.

BELOW: Douglas County Democrats gather before the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City Oct. 26. More photos on the next page.



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Nevada Day Parade (Democrat style)



TOP LEFT — Rural Dems on the move!

TOP RIGHT —Melanie Meehan-Crossley and Mike Crossley

BOTTOM LEFT — Our beloved Donkey

BOTTOM RIGHT — Kimi Cole, proud Douglas Democrat



(Left) — Rural Dems waiting eagerly to take our place in the parade.

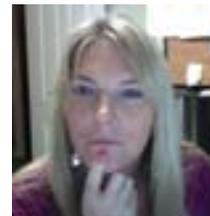


(Left) — Moving forward

(Below) — Cory Hernandez and Elvira Diaz lead the way for comprehensive immigration reform.



From the Chair ...



It's a matter of perspective

It doesn't really matter what career or profession we choose. Invariably there will be challenges, especially if what we do requires dealing with other people. I actually have many perfect days, with no challenges from other people whatsoever- yet, invariably my alarm clock goes off and blows that fantasy right out of dreamland.

So, post alarm clock, the reality is that different people have different backgrounds, different perspectives and different opinions regarding just about any topic imaginable.

I've learned people even have different opinions regarding politics. Imagine that!

The question and challenge remain: when two or more people disagree on a topic or issue, is it ever perfectly clear that one side of the argument is correct and the other side is absolutely wrong? Arguably it may be to the party advancing a position, but it seems to me if it was that clear, there wouldn't be an argument to begin with.

One thing I have learned for certain: when two or more people begin a discussion or debate with the firm belief that the other is absolutely wrong, or even worse an enemy, the potential for productive discussion is essentially doomed from the beginning. The question I ask myself: am I interested in investing in the conversation far enough to seek common ground, or am I only interested in proving my own point?

For example, consider ubiquitous political discussions being waged, whether on news programs or at a local restaurants or events. Where did everyone get his or her information? Did they simply watch one news program and think they have everything figured out? Or perhaps they "heard a friend" say something. Or is the foundation, "I heard *somewhere*"...? I think of "somewhere" as a magical place over the rainbow that possibly only Dorothy and Toto have seen. Where did they hear it? Who said it? Do they believe the source? Did they research any further to determine the merit of the thought after what they thought they heard? Logic does not seem to be a big factor in many political discussions these days; e.g., to some, the Affordable Care Act has some good features, but "Obamacare" is a terrible thing.

If we plan to have a logical discussion, what happens if the other person does not follow the same logic?

There's certainly a possibility any discussion or argument may reach an impasse. When the same argument begins repeating with no progress or common point, it may be best to agree to disagree and move along to other topics or activities.

Will we eventually agree? Maybe or maybe not; however, when we attempt to have a discussion in good faith, there's a far greater possibility of getting something positively accomplished.

Kimi Cole

Next Central Committee meeting;

Thursday, Nov. 21. Social at 6:30 p.m. Business at 7 p.m.

(Democratic Headquarters, 1513 Hwy 395 S., Suite 1C, Gardnerville)

Speaker: Kate Marshall, Nevada State Treasurer

Member profile:

Katherine Winans

(Editor's note: Each edition of your "Blue Notes" features a profile of one the Democratic leaders in Douglas County.)

Katherine Winans moved to Minden from California in September 2001 and hasn't looked back.

Since then she's made her mark with several organizations, including Douglas Democrats. She is a past Central Committee first vice chair and currently serves as secretary.

"This was a place we all agreed to move to. A place where our mother could live with us," she said.

Katherine moved to Carson Valley with her husband, John ("JB"), who plays violin with the Carson City Symphony and Carson Valley Pops, and her sister, Jan Walls.

During the 2004 elections a neighbor "drug me to the first meeting of the Douglas County Democratic Women," she recalled. "There were some really dynamic and exciting women there."

She realized her expertise as an association administrator could help the fledgling Democratic women's organization. Only one problem: she wasn't a Democrat. She was registered as nonpartisan.

"But I joined DCDW and changed my registration to Democrat," she said.

Katherine wears many other hats. Today she serves the DCDW as parliamentarian, chair of the public relations committee, a member of the bylaws/policy and procedures committee, and the newsletter editor. She also is a past president.

"I'm really excited about what Kimi is trying to do," she said of Central Committee chair Kimi Cole. "She's doing a fantastic job, and I don't mind supporting her in any way I can. We make a good team."

She praised Kimi's efforts to get more community involvement and to let people know "it's OK to be a Democrat in Douglas County."

Looking to the future, Katherine said she'd like to see more Democrats elected to local office, including the Board of County Commissioners, and appointed to boards and commissions. "We have three dynamic Democrats on the school board," she noted.

Katherine acknowledged, however, it can be difficult for some businesspeople to be public about being Democrats and not lose customers. "This county is soooo red," she said.

She has been a member of the California Federation of Business and Professional Federation for more than two decades.

She is active with the Sustainable Living and Renewable Energy Roundup, which hosts the annual Green Living Festival and Lacavore Dinner, as well as educational tours and workshops throughout the year.

Katherine graduated from Sacramento State College in 1972 with a degree in social sciences with a concentration in geography and anthropology.

Somehow she finds time to run her own business, Katherine Winans, CMP (Certified Meeting Professional), which specializes in professional planning for meetings, conferences, and seminars as well as association administration.

"Political activity and rah-rah issues are not my primary focus," she said. So what is?

"The Equal Rights Amendment...women's issues, that kind of thing. I can get fired up," she said.



Spend an Evening ^{like you're} in Hawaii !!

Non-Election Election Night Rib Cookoff **

Tuesday November 5, 6:00 pm, DCDCC Headquarters

Enter your favorite rib recipe,
Bring a side dish, or just
join us for the feast!

Democrats are seeking to keep Senate majority and gain House seats—
what better way to spend the evening than with great friends
and great food while celebrating Democrats' successes!

- No fee to enter cookoff • \$2 drink tickets
- Prize for winning ribs entry!!

\$10 buys a ballot to vote for the winner!

When: Tuesday November 5, 2013, 6 pm to 9 pm

Where: Douglas County Central Committee HQ

1513 Highway 395 N, Gardnerville

More info: Kimi Cole kimimcole@gmail.com

775.721.1212



** Official "Bring Your Own Coconut" Event



You're invited to celebrate the season with



Douglas County Democratic Central Committee & DC Democratic Women



Thursday – December 5, 2013
6:00 – 9:00 pm
Carson Valley Inn
Cost: \$20

Please RSVP by
Friday November 29 to
Katherine Winans
775 267 0539 or
jkw@gbis.com

Please join us in a casual holiday celebration with old and new friends.
Light Buffet (Pasta) and a No-host Bar.
Prizes and surprises are planned. A good time is guaranteed!

Community Project: We will be collecting for Backpack Buddies

There are approximately 350 children at 10 schools who receive weekend meals through the Backpack Buddies Program at these schools. The food items that we are in most need of are: individual box juice drinks, Mac & Cheese, microwave popcorn, individual hot cocoa packets, and any healthy snacks. Also please donate your saved hotel toiletry items like shampoo, conditioner, and lotion.



Number in your party: _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

Names(s): _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please mail this form with payment, payable to DCDCC, or

Katherine Winans

1171 Chaparral Court – Minden NV 89423

www.douglasdems.wordpress.org

www.dcdwomen.net

Young at Heart Project Santa - Homebound Seniors' Christmas Bags

Every Christmas, the Young at Heart (YAH) group at the Douglas County Senior Center continues our tradition of wishing homebound seniors a personal Christmas greeting and giving them a bag of holiday goodies. We will be doing 150 bags this year (women & men of whom 20 are diabetic) and will be sorting things on Nov. 16, 30, and Dec. 11 with final packing Dec.12. Delivery is the following week with the help of a lot of our Douglas teens.

If you are attending any of our Democratic events in November, such as our lunch on Monday, Nov. 4, consider bringing an item for the Xmas bags. Marion Barritt, YAH President, will be there to pick them up. Items can also be left at the Douglas Senior Center, 2300 Meadow Lane, Gardnerville (in office).

Ideas on "Santa's" list include: socks (mens/womens), gloves, hats, scarves, lap blankets, soap, lip balm, shampoo, shaving foam, body/hand lotion, hand sanitizers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, towels, dishtowels, candy (regular & for diabetics), small boxes of cookies/crackers, small hand held magnifying glasses, night lights, puzzles, puzzle books, calendars and, of course, because it is Xmas – any special little Xmas gift.

Signed Xmas cards are really enjoyed by our homebound seniors, as are handmade items such as knitted gifts like scarves, hats, lap blankets (big enough to cover and tuck in around elders sitting in a recliner or wheel chair). Just think about what your grandparents or elderly friends would take joy in receiving at the holidays.

Money donations are welcomed also, payable to Young at Heart (YAH) & marked Xmas Bags. YAH is a non-profit group so we can purchase items without paying sales tax. Checks should be payable to YAH and mailed to: YAH, c/o Douglas Country Senior Center, 2300 Meadow Lane, Gardnerville 89410.

Call or email Marion if you need more information 782-7353/marionbarritt@charter.net.

Highlight Moments*

Douglas County Democratic Central Committee Meeting- October 24, 2013

- Douglas County was well represented at recent Summit Training by NSDP. Major topics covered were VAN (Voter Activation Network) training and effective use of social media such as Facebook & Twitter. Use of these platforms will continue to be improved and pursued to gain more participation among Democrats.
- Kim reminded everyone about the Hawaiian Barbecue Rib Cook-Off on November 5, celebrating anticipated Democratic victories in this Non-Election Election Year
- Our website, www.douglasdems.org has been significantly updated recently. Kim recognized and thanked Lucie Johnson for all her help and sharing her time and expertise.
- Special guest speaker, Nate Helton, President of Young Democrats of Nevada, UNR Campus, spoke to DCDCC regarding specific challenges and areas of interest for young adults. Ideas were also discussed regarding engaging more active involvement at the high school, community college and young adult levels.
- The Chair explained the need for a minor bylaw change to remain consistent with historic practice. The suggested change in to allow a voice vote or election by acclimation when a position only has one nominee. There was consensus to have second reading and a vote at the November DCDCC meeting.
- Kim announced very special guest speaker Kate Marshall, Nevada State Treasurer and candidate for Secretary of State, will be speaking to DCDCC at November 21 DCDCC meeting.
- Ross Miller, Secretary of State and candidate for Attorney General, has indicated his willingness to address DCDCC in early 2014, as has Senator Debbie Smith from Reno. Kim continues to seek informative, topical presentations by knowledgeable speakers.

"It's GREAT to be a Democrat in Douglas County!"

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

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, correspondence, agendas, blast-outs, etc)
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

NOVEMBER 2013

November 5 - Tuesday

“Nonelection, Election Day” Hawaiian
Rib Cook-off at DCDCC Headquarters

November 16 — Saturday

Nevada State Democratic Party Central
Committee meeting, Pahrump, NV

November 21 — Thursday

DC Democratic Central Committee
Headquarters, 1513 Hwy 395,
Gardnerville

(Guest speaker is Nevada State
Treasurer Kate Marshall, a candidate
for Secretary of State)

6:30 p.m. Social
7 p.m. Call to Order

DECEMBER 2013

December 5 — Thursday

DCDW/DCDCC Christmas Party
at CVI

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Info: jkw@gbis.com or 267-0539

NOTE: There is no Central
Committee meeting in December



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