



BLUE NOTES

Happy Blue Year — Welcome 2015!



(ABOVE) — DCD Chair Kimi Cole addresses the annual Christmas party held at the Carson Valley Inn Dec. 3. For more photos of the event, plus photos and stories about 2014 and a look ahead at the New Blue Year, see inside this

(RIGHT) — Allison Smith directs the Douglas High School Madrigal Singers at the annual Christmas party. The performance earned a standing ovation from an appreciative audience of Douglas County Democrats.



A few memories from 2014



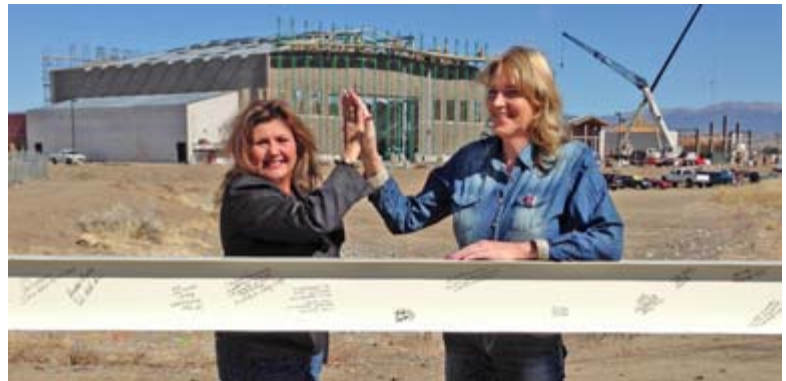
Kimi Cole and Gim Hollister were ready for the annual barbecue.



Our annual barbecue at Mormon Station State Park.



Katherine received the Democratic Star Award.



Cindy Trigg and Kimi Cole at the beam-signing ceremony for our new Senior/Community Center.



Paul Belt and Cindy Trigg unveiled the "Smart People VOTE!" banner.



Kimi Cole marched with the Kim Wallin campaign in the Nevada Day Parade in Carson City.

Douglas County Community and Senior Center
Ribboncutting, Saturday, December 6, 2014



Gim Hollister, Katherine Winans, Janet Adams, Marion Barritt, Jan Walls,
and Mary Hamilton- Democrats supporting our community!



From the Chair ...

By Kimi Cole



Must be present to win!

Wherever you are, be there! The first time I heard this at a training seminar many years ago, I laughed, as did many of the other people listening. But think about it — how often are we doing one thing, possibly only half-heartedly, because our mind is somewhere else? Go where you are able to BE. There's more to life than just going through the motions, attending when and where expected. The choice is always there — can we (or will we) commit to being somewhere, where we're totally present and engaged? Unless the answer is yes, it might be better to make another choice.

Live in the moment. Sure, this is another overused cliché, but it's a bit more difficult than it sounds. When practiced, it can give a whole new clarity to life and situations. Have you ever been traveling in a new area and found yourself in wonder at the unique surroundings and scenery? This is because the mind takes a break from ordinary, often repetitive routines and concentrates *in the moment*. It's this condition of being fully engaged that often distinguishes trips to new vacation spots, a new restaurant, or even a new activity as wonders that are unique from routine, often repetitive activities. And it's fun!

These, among other concepts, have helped carry me through the most grueling pace of the campaign and election seasons. The days when an article had to be written in the morning, emails and phone calls had to be exchanged all day, followed by meetings or presentations after work, occasionally felt nearly overwhelming. But here and there a schedule changed or a calendar cleared when there were a few hours, or even a day, when nothing was absolutely pressing on the agenda. My home was there for me, begging for some long overdue attention. I vacuumed, mopped, dusted and straightened, often with my favorite music playing above commonly accepted volumes. In those moments, I thought about how fortunate I was to have a house to maintain ... a place to live. As I was preparing meals, anywhere from semi-gourmet feasts to hot dogs and buns, I reflected on how fortunate I was to have food to eat. In those moments, and many others like them, I realized life was absolutely perfect — as it should be.

I often hear people make statements during really hectic times such as, "I really have to get away for a bit!" Me too. It just doesn't necessarily require leaving town to accomplish that. Some of the best vacations I've ever taken only required a good book and several quiet hours to myself.

Must be present to win! I think I'm detecting a working theme here!

Warmest regards, happy holiday wishes and wishing many joyful moments to all!





**DCDCC Secretary
Katherine Winans
(above) and chair Kimi
Cole (right) during the
annual Christmas Party
wish all a Happy
Holiday and a
prosperous, Democratic
New Year!**



Member Profile: Lucie Johnson



Lucie Johnson

Editor's note: Blue Notes regularly profiles one of our Douglas County Democrats.

Lucie Johnson has only been a U.S. citizen since 2002, but already she's a die-hard Democrat. And proud of it.

"I've always been a liberal," she said. "I believe in the (Democrats') credo."

Lucie was born in Baie-Comeau, a small city of just under 28,000 residents located northeast of Quebec City in the Cote-Nord region of the province of Quebec, Canada.

She met her first husband, who worked on lake boats for U.S. Steel, and they settled in Chicago. Later, her home became San Francisco.

She married her current husband of 20 years, Lee, and moved around the Bay Area, living in Alameda, Crockett, and finally moving to the Silver State in 1991.

Douglas County became her home in 2001.

Lee has his own employee recruiting company. He was able to move anywhere, anytime, but they waited until she retired from the information technology field to make their final move.

"We used to ski at Heavenly all the time, so started looking (for a home) in this area," she said. After buying one home, then selling and moving, the couple settled in the East Valley area.

"I couldn't imagine ... I could never be a Republican," she said, when asked why she choose the Blue party.

Noting how Democrats statewide lost "big time" in the November elections, she said, "Politicians should not have tried to distance themselves from Obama." She also suggested the best way to win an election is to get people to get out and vote. "That's the main reason we didn't win," she said. "It's hard to convince (potential voters)."

Lucie "went to school with the nuns," having had a Catholic education. She later attended a teachers' college in Canada.

She volunteers with the Carson Valley Trails Association, which, according to its website, "is a volunteer based nonprofit organization working with partners to provide access to public lands through a recreational trail system for present and future generations to enjoy."

Her hobbies range from scuba diving to skiing and cooking. But her favorite hobby is helping the Democratic Party in Douglas County.

The next time you see Lucie at a Democratic event, say "Hi" and "Thanks for your hard work."

Your 2014 DCDCC Officers ...

Chair of DCDCC: Kimi Cole (KimiMCole@gmail.com)
First Vice Chair: Nominations being accepted
Second Vice Chair (Campaign Liaison): Nominations being accepted
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.)

Timely Ticklers

Thursday, Dec. 25
Merry Christmas!
(No Central Committee Meeting)

Thursday, Jan. 1
Happy New Year!

Monday, Jan. 5
11:30 a.m. registration
Democratic Women's Lunch
Democratic HQ 1513 Hwy 395

Monday, Jan. 12
6 p.m.
DCD Executive Board
Democratic HQ 1513 Hwy 395

