

NEWSLETTER

Doing your best is more important than being the best

President's Message

Happy New Year to everyone -- hope you had a great Holiday.

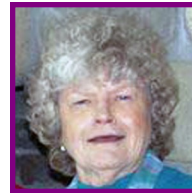
Our annual Holiday party we shared with the Central Committee was a huge success and the Monday luncheons are bringing out the past and new members. Welcome and thank you

It is not too early to think about the new officers for next year. If you would consider serving as an officer or chair, please let us know.

A big thank you to all the board and all the members for being there.

Please Stay Well and Happy

Ruthie Strand



A man is a person who will pay two dollars for a one-dollar item he wants. A woman will pay one dollar for a two-dollar item she doesn't want.

William Binger

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Membership

We are all pieces of the giant jigsaw puzzle of life. Each member of DCDW is a contributing piece of that puzzle. If we are to grow from a small 500 piece puzzle to a larger 1500 piece puzzle, we need to increase our membership. A large number of Democratic voters living in Nevada need to know more about our organization and how important they are to our future growth. If we are to elect Democratic candidates in Douglas County as well as a Democratic Governor, our organization has to grow.

Tell your friends about us, encourage them to attend our functions. You can start by bringing a friend to our Membership luncheon on Monday, March 7th at Carson Valley Inn.

If we want to maintain hope and change and not let the Republicans transform the country, all of us will need to give a few more minutes of our time to insure President Obama is re-elected in 2012. We can focus on keeping Republicans from being elected and/or we can focus on getting

Democrats elected. According to MSNBC, the future of Nevada is Democratic. Let's prove them correct.

Jeanne Larson,
Membership Chair

Welcome

New Members

Pat De Sota – Returning member
Wendy Jepson
Sharon Roose
Barbara Rudz
Kathleen Slavin

The Douglas County Democratic Women's group meets once a month for lunch in Carson Valley.

We also have interesting fundraisers throughout the year.

Visit our website for current information at

<http://www.dcdwomen.net>

To join our group contact

Jeanne Larson at
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Write to us at:

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Minden, NV 89423

Sue Coffey, DCDW Member Profile

In 1969 Sue Coffey's mother, Mary Coffey, moved her three youngest children (out of seven), including 13-year-old Sue, to Carson City. After high school, Sue worked for the State of Nevada, then as a page for the Nevada Assembly at age 20. At 21, she was hired by the Carson City Sheriff's Department as the Sheriff's secretary.

Within six months, she became a special deputy and dispatcher and later passed the deputy test. She became the first woman assigned to the patrol division, where she spent five years before being promoted to detective. She spent six years investigating all types of crimes, specializing in child sexual abuse cases. It was at the Sheriff's Department she met her husband of nearly 30 years. They worked side by side for many years.

She had her three children, Morgan, Sarah and Alyce, while serving in the detective division. She took early retirement in 1990 to stay home and raise them. During that time she earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts with minors in psychology and sociology. She worked on numerous political campaigns, including Jill Derby's run for Board of Regents (about 15 years ago), and many sheriff's campaigns.

Sue's husband, Bill Kugler, was a sheriff's sergeant, but they also were involved in many businesses, including real estate investments. They also created a quality, thoughtful development on their

property where people could raise their children in a safe, country environment. The development was on the Douglas/Carson border where they lived for almost 20 years.

The family moved to Gardnerville over five years ago and built the 5-Star Ranch off Foothill Road, where Sue has a small horse-boarding business. Alyce and Sue also own and manage the Clear Creek Storage complex in Carson City. Bill, now retired from the sheriff's office, owns and manages a car lot in Carson City with their son, Morgan. Their passion is classic cars.

Oldest daughter Sarah graduated with degrees in political science, sociology and economics, and starts law school this summer. Youngest daughter Alyce is getting her degree in accounting and plans to be a CPA. Alyce and her 6-month-old daughter live with Sue and Bill. Sue says, "They bring us joy every day." Alyce was the Nevada High School Rodeo cutting champion during her last two years at Douglas High and is an accomplished horseman.

How long have you been a member of the DCDW?

When I moved to Douglas County, I began sporadically attending DCDW luncheons and events. My schedule and time are limited, but I try to support the local Democrats. I really enjoy the members, topics and agenda. The luncheons are my favorite and the speakers are always informative, relevant and inspiring.



Why did you get involved?

Many speakers I knew from 30 years ago when my mother was so involved in the party and worked tirelessly for women's issues. I was happy that she lived long enough to see President Obama sign the pay equality law, which she championed in Nevada many years ago. She was invited to the White House by President Carter for her efforts.

As a member, what do you like to participate in—meeting programs, specific community projects, fundraising, special events, etc...?

Working or managing a campaign is more than a full-time job, and while at this time I am unable to devote the amount of time required to successfully manage a campaign, I like to help with brainstorming and publicity.

However, I managed a few of my own social advocate campaigns: I worked two years trying to stop the Nevada Department of Agriculture from randomly pulling horse trailers over in very dangerous situations, just to see if the drivers had horses, and if they did, if they possessed brand inspections for those horses. Having been a police officer I knew this was against the Fourth Amendment right of prob-

Profile cont'd.

able cause and search and seizure. My daughter, Alyce, and I worked with Senator Amodei on this and requested an opinion on the legality of these random stops, which of course they found illegal. Nevada was the only state to engage in this harassment, and the Department of Agriculture, who strongly resisted my efforts, had to agree on the Senate Floor that they would abide by the law, just like every law enforcement officer in the country.

I also was heavily involved in promoting safety regarding the owning of ferrets by people with small children. I investigated a case where a ferret escaped his crib and attacked and ate the nose off a 29-day-old baby. Upon investigating whether a ferret had the capacity to do this amount of damage in a small amount of time, I found two other babies locally who had been attacked in the same fashion, with witnesses. I put an APB out to the entire country and received information on hundreds of cases around the world. I worked with two veterinarians and compiled this data, which was used for public safety information disseminated nationwide. Subsequently, I got a law passed in Carson City making it illegal to own a ferret in a home with a child 3 years and under. Fifteen years later I testified along with a victim who had lost her nose as a baby at the California Legislature urging retention of that state's law banning the ownership of ferrets.

After I left the Sheriff's Department, I got calls from medical ex-

aminers and psychologists reporting that children were being revictimized by the system by some untrained, insensitive police officers who destroyed cases before they got the district attorney's office. So, I went to the Legislature and got a bill passed making it mandatory for law enforcement officers to obtain a minimum amount of P.O.S.T. training in child sexual abuse cases if they would be responsible for investigating them.

What are your special interests and/or hobbies?

Besides my family, horses are my passion. My daughters and I competed in barrel racing and rodeos. In the past five years we have switched to just cutting and trail riding. I was the Douglas County High School Rodeo Director when my daughter was competing. I have chickens providing us with fresh, healthy eggs, and I would like to start a small community garden next spring. I would also like to raise grass-fed cattle again, which we used to do. I also compete in cutting competitions and train with Tom Long, who lives here.

What else would you like us to know about you?

Another interest of mine is to ensure that Douglas County continues to have good, thoughtful and meaningful growth—growth that accommodates different needs—and infrastructure that is efficient and functional. I would like to see growth controlled but not stifled. It is our job to ensure that we can trust the planning commission and

officials to continue to develop and foster our community's long-term development goals. After all, they have done a great job so far, and that is why our community is so attractive and people move here. We, as citizens, have an obligation to make sure our local government is effective in achieving those goals. Development in itself has the potential to contribute to the betterment of our community if it is properly managed.

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Rhinestone donkey pin \$20. and DCDW cloisonné membership pin \$7. are available for sale at the DCDW luncheons and online at our website via PayPal, internet purchases are delivered via USPS at an additional charge of \$3. per pin. For more information contact Dinah Jordan at 881-8238 or sf9erdmj@sbcglobal.net.

Backpack Buddies Update

Thank you, democrats, for your contributions to the Backpack Buddies! The proceeds from the raffle at the holiday party will supply 60 bags of food for hungry children! In addition, we were given a large load of food items giving us even more bags of food.

Thank you, also, to all of you who went to the Amazon gift-wrapping fundraiser. You helped

make \$600.00 for the cause! Pa Wau Lu is being added to our list of schools being served this January. At present we are supplying approximately 222 bags of food a week for hungry children in seven Douglas County schools. Your contributions make that possible.

A group of 15 volunteers packed close to 800 bags of food on Dec. 28. hopefully that will supply

us for a month of deliveries. We'll be looking for more volunteers to help pack bags next month, so let us know if you'd like to help with packing. We just can't thank you enough for your continued support. You **do** make a difference!

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How Far We
Have To Go."*

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*March first time
luncheon guests
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discount price of
\$10.*

DCDW Members Share their

Experience and Knowledge at Upcoming Programs

On **February 7th** our guest speaker will be DCDW member Rosa Alvarez. Rosa works for the Douglas County Social Services Division; as one of her duties she is responsible for the **Family Mentoring Program**. The goals of this program are to match families with support systems that will lead to increased family success and independence and encourage community involvement. Rosa will share with us how families get involved with this unique opportunity and how we as individuals can use our personal and professional skills to support families in need. If

you do not have time to volunteer, there are other ways you can support the Family Mentoring Program. Be sure to attend our February luncheon and learn about local opportunities to help the community.

March is Women's History Month and Jill Derby, one of our founding members, will speak on **How Far We Have Come; How Far We Have To Go**. Jill will trace the progress of the women's movement over the past four decades and will talk specifically about two areas of progress

"Microfinance: Pulling Women out of Poverty Worldwide; and Sex Trafficking: Losing Ground. The term "microfinance" refers to the practice of providing financial services to people in impoverished countries who have no collateral, credit history, or access to traditional lending services. Join us on **March 7th** as we pay tribute to generations of women and their contributions to the women's movement and learn new ways to improve the lives of women.

Dinah Jordan
VP/Program Chair

News from the DCDCC

I'm pleased to announce the newly elected 2011-12 Douglas County Central Committee officers.

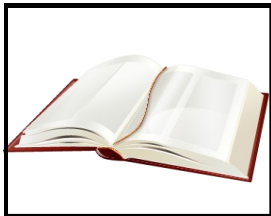
- Cindy Trigg - Chair
- Katherine Winans- Vice Chair
- Michelle Keven/Nancy Downey - Co-Secretaries
- Eric Griffin - Treasurer

Thanks again to all our great Democrats in Douglas!

It's been challenging and rewarding

Nancy Epstein,
Immediate Past Chair DCDCC
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On the Web
Nevada Rural Democrats
<http://www.nvrdc.wordpress.com>

Book Review by Constance Alexander

DCDW founding member Julie Joldersma, writing as Juliana Linscheid, has published her first novel and it's a great read.

Against a backdrop of international politics and intrigue, ***Into The River*** is an action packed, suspenseful and deeply moving love story set in post French colonial Cambodia. As the country is inextricably pulled into the deadly maelstrom of the Vietnam War, Christina Wyatt, a young American woman listing in an increasingly strange and stultifying marriage, struggles to find her footing in the glittering diplomatic world

of Phnom Penh. Dismayed by how the foreign policy of her country impacts the people of Cambodia, she is equally shocked to discover how little she knows about her husband or his secrets. Christina is catapulted from saving her marriage into saving her life as she flees her home through the shadowy back streets of the city to the man she loves. From deserted white beaches on the Gulf of Siam to the Citadel of Women near the ancient holy city of Angkor Wat, from a houseboat on the vast Mekong River to a freighter across the South China Sea, Christina's journey is a modern tale of love and loss, betrayal and forgiveness. It is a

powerful testament to a young woman's tenacity and growth, both spiritual and psychological.

Into the River is a debut novel by Juliana Linscheid who was born in California, lived in Asia for a number of years and is now a Canadian citizen who resides in Victoria, British Columbia, with her husband. She is currently writing a sequel to *Into The River*, which is set in France and Cambodia twenty five years later.

Fundraising

Our Bunco games, held on the last Wednesday of each month, are totally fun. This is a great opportunity to win some cash, enjoy great company, and help in filling the DCDW coffers. We even play with ghosts sometimes when our maximum number of 12 is not achieved. If you would like

to join us, we are looking to shore up our substitutes list, email or call

Lucie Johnson at luciejohnson@yahoo.com – 775-783-4074.

Be on the lookout for a flyer about our next event,

an English Tea. We are currently scouting for a very inexpensive venue for the affair. To our members who volunteered for Fundraising/Event, you will be hearing from Lucie about this very soon, to those of you who would like to participate in the planning, donations, and food prepara-

tion for this event, just call or email Lucie.

Lucie Johnson
Fundraising Chair

Our Next Garage Sale in May

We are preparing for our annual GARAGE SALE fundraiser to be held in conjunction with the Saratoga Springs Annual Garage Sale sometimes in late May. As you are cleaning and reorganizing your “stuff” keep us in mind and start saving your surpluses for us (no big furniture pieces or obsolete electronics). Details to come as the date and place becomes available. For now we are asking you to save for us.



Liz Yost demonstrating how to make pasta at the January 28 cooking class.



DON'T FORGET RALEY'S GIFT CARDS!

DCDW earns 3% on each card purchased and used at Raley's Supermarkets.



Raley's Cash Cards can be purchased at DCDW luncheons each month, or you can order cards to be sent directly to you at home.

For more information and to order Raley's cash cards, contact

Dinah Jordan at
(775) 841-3948 or by email
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Scholarship News

The 50/50 Scholarship Raffle Ticket was drawn at the DCDCC/DCDW Holiday Celebration on December 8. The lucky winner was Cindy Trigg. The total amount raised for our next scholarships with this raffle was \$700.00. Congratulation Cindy! A big thank you to all who participated in this effort. This was an opportunity for Democrats to give to our community and win something at the same time.

Our next scholarship fundraiser is now on as we need to raise \$2,000.00 for this Spring's High School graduates. We are fortunate to have a very generous donation from Mr. William Earnhardt. William has given us a Thomas

Kinkade's lithograph (with a certificate of authenticity) valued at \$800.00 to \$900.00. See side bar for details. Drawing will be at the Democratic Picnic in July. Tickets @ \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00 can be purchased at our various events, online at <http://www.dcdwomen.net>, or by emailing or calling

Lucie Johnson at luciejohnson@yahoo.com - 775-783-4074.

The Carson Valley and South Lake Tahoe community thanks you for your support.

Lucie Johnson
Fundraising Chair

Thomas Kinkade
"Everett's Cottage" 1998
24" x 30"
Registration No. 126872

Offset lithograph in color on premium paper
Signed with the artist's DNA matrix signature authentication system and numbered.



Cooking Class

The January 28, Traditional Italian Cooking Class Fundraiser participants, Lucie Johnson, Jo Springle, Ruthie Strand, Sue Coffey, Kay Ross, Barbara Rudz, Melanie Mehan-Crossley, Gillian Ferranto. Missing from the picture are Wendell Jenness photographer, Gina Hames, Ute Dietrich and the gracious & generous hostess Liz Yost.

Nevada's Future

Jan Gilbert,

Advocate Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, the Progressive Voice of Nevada since 1994



Nevada's government provides essential state services for all Nevadans through state and local employees, including teachers, police officers, and social service workers. Prior to the economic turn down in 2007, in comparison to other states, Nevada already had the smallest number of state employees per capita and ranked near the bottom of many indicators of health/well-being. Since 2007 our state government has experienced four rounds of budget cuts. We believe it is time to stop cutting essential services and start on the path to economic recovery through thoughtful, responsible management.

Any responsible approach to addressing the current budget shortfall requires a hard and balanced look at both how we spend money and how we bring it in. Taxes need to be part of the equation.

It is important to look at the positive effect of raising revenues during a recession. The following article explains how government spending helps boost the local economy – both the public and private sector – as every dollar goes into the Nevada economy.

Elliott Parker: The Economic Principles of State Budget Cuts

<http://business.unr.edu/faculty/parker/Parker-memo-budget-cuts.pdf>

There is great concern at what budget cuts will do to our local communities, not only from the impact on local providers and clients, but also the financial impact to the private sector of less spending in the community. The proposals to shift spending from state to the local counties and cities will not solve the important problems we face.

Jan Gilbert

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Support PLAN's work at: www.thedatabank.com/dpg/295/donate.asp?formid=donate

President & VP
Role Changes

Bylaw Correction

Please make the following correction to your copy of the DCDW Bylaws. Both are on page seven (7).

Delete: Duties of the President of the DCDW

I. Serve as Program Chairperson.
(Revised March 2009)

Keep: Duties of the Vice President of the DCDW

I. Serve as Program Chairperson.
(Amended March 16, 2009)

If you want a copy of the DCDW bylaws, please contact Katherine Winans at jkw@gbis.com or 267-0539.

Legislation/Issue/Policy

The DCDW Legislation/Public Policy/Issues Committee has been preparing for the 2011 Nevada legislative session. We have recruited members to monitor issues of interest to our group and we will be sending updates and alerts as necessary.

Six members attended the December website training to learn how to navigate the Nevada State Legislature (www.leg.state.nv.us) and

Douglas County (www.douglascounty.gov) websites. On behalf of those attending this Chair gives a Big Thank You to Nancy Epstein and Vicki Bates for the excellent instruction.

At the January DCDW luncheon, the member-

ship authorized renewing our membership in Nevada Women's Lobby and again sponsoring **Grassroots Lobby Days set for March 13, 14 and 15** at the Plaza Hotel in Carson City. This is a great way to learn about and participate in the State legislative process.

If you plan to attend or have questions please contact me at jkw@gbis.com or 267-0539.

Katherine Winans
DCDW Legislation Chair

Grassroots Lobby Days March 13, 14 and 15

Carson City Plaza Hotel and Conference Center and the Nevada State Legislature

Join women and men from across the state to learn about important issues, become part of the legislative process, network with like-minded people, and interact with and influence your legislators!

- Sunday, March 13th -- Participate in sessions such as Hot Topics and Cool Issues, Legislators' Panel, Lobbying...The Other "L" Word and more!
- Monday, March 14th -- Breakfast and Lunch at the Legislative Building, Meet with Legislators, Attend Committee Hearings and General Sessions, put into practice your lobbying skills!
- Tuesday, March 15th -- Final day to Meet with Legislators, and Attend Committee Hearings and General Sessions as part of GLD!

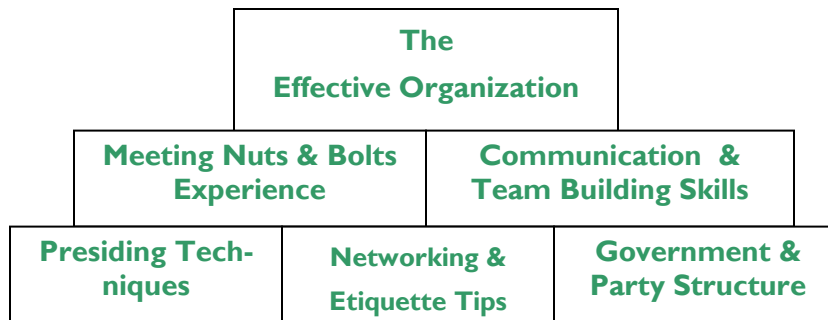
Registration available at www.nevadawomenslobby.org Cost \$40+meals.

Please let DCDW Legislation Chair (Katherine Winans) know which day's you'll be attending.

DCDW is offering an opportunity for self-discovery with its new program

Personal & Organizational Development

This invaluable series will enhance both your community and business relationships. Start now to ensure 2011 will be different for you and the community. The course offers the opportunity to join other interesting and active women and men who, although individually they have only “one voice”, want to make it as powerful as possible.



In addition to developing and refining skills you will heighten your awareness of the political process. Democrats need to help each other so we can be effective in the community. You, the DC Democrats and Douglas County will benefit from your participation.

Please join us.

The 6-week course is scheduled to **begin Monday, February 22, 2011 from 10:00-1:00pm** at the **DCDCC Headquarters** (1315 Hwy 395-Gardnerville) with subsequent sessions determined by the participants.

This five-week course costs only \$35 for DCDW members and \$45 for non-DCDW members (to cover the cost of printed material).

Course facilitators currently include:

Vicki Bates, Jo Etta Brown, Nancy Epstein, Dinah Jordan and Katherine Winans

Please make checks payable to DCDW and mail to
Katherine Winans at 1171 Chaparral Court, Minden 89423

If you have question please contact Katherine at 775 267 0539 or jkw@gbis.com

Website News



Our website will soon change, we will join www.wordpress.com in the near future giving us the opportunity to blog and to continue posting news about our organization. In addition, we will save in hosting fees. Watch for announcements about the changes, our web address will remain the same.

www.dcdwomen.net

Help Wanted!

We need a newsletter production person. If you are interested please contact Katherine Winans 267-0539 jkw@gbis.com. Unless someone is interested in taking on this task, sadly this will be our last newsletter.

Executive Board 2010-11

President = Ruthie Strand (775) 267-4182
 Vice President = Dinah Jordan (775) 841-3948
 Secretary = Open
 Treasurer = Christie Aldinger (775) 267-3982
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 Legislation = Katherine Winans
 Membership = Jeannie Larson
 Public Relations = Open
 Scholarship = Bonnie Rogers

Ad Hoc Committees

Bylaws and Policies & Procedures = Katherine Winans
 DCDCC Liaison = Melanie Meehan-Crossley
 Douglas High School Young Democrats = Open
 Historian = Open
 Newsletter Editor = Katherine Winans
 Newsletter Production = Lucie Johnson
 Sunshine = Open
 Webmaster = Lucie Johnson

Calendar

Jan 10 - DCDW Luncheon – 11:30a – CVI
 Jan 24 - DCDW Exec Board – 10:00a – DCDCC Headquarters
 Jan 17 - MLK holiday.
 Jan 27 - DCDCC Central Committee – 6:30p – DCDCC Headquarters (Elections)
 Jan 28 - A Traditional Italian Dinner—Cooking Class 2 p
 Feb 07 - DCDW Luncheon – 11:30a – CVI
 Feb 07 - 2011 - 1st Day of 76th Session of Nevada Legislature
 Feb 21 - DCDW Exec Board – 10:00a – DCDCC HQ
 Feb 21 - President's Day Holiday
 Feb 24 - DCDCC Central Committee – 6:30p – DCDCC Headquarters
 Mar 07 - DCDW Luncheon – 11:30 – CVI
 Mar 13 -15 – Grassroots Lobby Days – Plaza Hotel, Carson City
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Bunco at DCDCC Headquarters on the last Wednesday of each month at 1:30p