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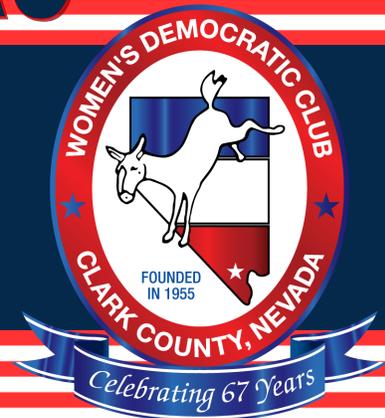
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A Message from our President

Hi Everyone!

I am sad to tell you that our First Vice-President and Second Vice-President both resigned last month. That said, I am very excited to announce that your Executive Board has appointed **Rhonda Nolen** as First Vice-President and **Margie Gonzales** as Second Vice-President to fill the positions for the remainder of each respective term. Ms. Gonzales is a well-known Democratic activist in the AAPI community and is the former chair of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Democratic Caucus. Ms. Nolen is a small business owner, Executive Assistant to the President of 100 Black Men, and most recently served as the Director of Black Outreach for Nevada Democratic Victory in 2022. Both bring a wealth of experience and talent to their new positions. Please help make them feel welcome and wish the former officers well in their new journeys.



On March 4th, the Nevada State Democratic Central Committee will elect officers for the 2023-2024 term. If you are a member of the State Central Committee, I ask you to consider the following before you cast your vote:

[The word democracy](#) comes from the Greek words "demos", meaning people, and "kratos" meaning power; so democracy can be thought of as "power of the people": **a way of governing which depends on the will of the people.**

The dictionary says this about the word, "**Democrat**":

[A Democrat](#) is a person who believes in the ideals of democracy, personal freedom, and equality.

What are those ideals? A **Democrat** is a person who [believes in and upholds government by the people](#); an advocate of rule by the majority; and who believes in and practices the principle of equality of rights, opportunity, and treatment. From workers' rights to protecting the environment, equal pay to fighting the special interests, Democrats believe [we can and should make life better for families across our nation](#). fairness, justice, and equality for all by standing up for all middle-class Americans and those struggling to get there.

And finally, while socialism and social democracy can co-exist, [they cannot be compared](#) "because socialism is an economic system while democracy is a political ideology."

If you are a voting member of the State Central Committee, do your homework and decide who will best represent Democracy - and who has the skillset to do the job.

We'll see you at our monthly meeting on the 9th when our guest speaker will be the Honorable and inimitable Shelley Berkley.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,



Marla Turner
President

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- Leadership
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- Employment
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Guest Speaker: The
Honorable Shelley Berkley

March 9, 2023
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Mardi Gras Hotel
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Congresswoman Susie Lee

Congresswoman Susie Lee's (NV-03) Submission for March 2023 Donkey Tracks This past month began with President Biden's State of the Union Address - his first since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade last June. As Kevin McCarthy has taken the Speakership and brought his anti-choice agenda to the House floor in his very first months, I wanted to make it clear that we will not be silenced in our fight to protect a woman's right to choose.

I was honored to invite Misty Tzugaris as my guest to the State of the Union. After the fall of Roe, Misty was one of the many women who felt compelled to share her deeply personal story and I was honored to share her story on the floor of the House following Dobbs. As our fight continues, we will not give up. We will not let this extreme political agenda to ban abortion nationwide advance. These decisions have real consequences for real women.

President Biden made his commitment to this issue clear, and he also took the opportunity to pave the road forward in this House. The reality of this Congress is different. January marked the start of my first term serving in the House minority. With a Republican majority in the House and a Democratic majority in the Senate, the need to come together for the American people has never been stronger.

Many will call this divided government, but it's our job to prove them wrong. I've been frustrated at Speaker McCarthy's focus on political stunts and an agenda that caters to many of the fringe extremists who helped elevate him to this position. Right now, the focus needs to be on the issues that we can agree on - many of the issues that President Biden laid out in his address and the unity agenda that he has advocated for since his first address to Congress. From lower costs for hardworking families to investments in mental health care and improved services for our veterans, there are plenty of areas where we can come together.

As a leader of the Problem Solvers Caucus, the tenth most bipartisan member of 435 in the House, and Co-Chair of the Bipartisan Women's Caucus, I am determined to roll up my sleeves and find areas of common ground across the aisle. This past month, I introduced bipartisan legislation to improve access to telehealth services, to increase transparency at VA medical centers, and to crack down on organized retail crime that raises costs for consumers and small businesses alike. With full Democratic control last Congress, we led on the issues that brought our country together from historic investments in infrastructure to policies that boost American manufacturing and improve public safety. Now, it's time for Republican leaders in this Congress to demonstrate that they too can put the American people over a political agenda.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Susie Lee

Carol's Corner

By Carol Chesnut



Secretary Granholm vs Governor Lombardo

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US Secretary of Energy, Jennifer Granholm, appeared in Northern Nevada at an announcement of a two-billion-dollar grant from the Biden administration to Nevada's Redwood Materials to develop and build a factory in Reno to make batteries for US vehicles from materials recycled from used batteries. She explained the chemistry and physics of the process in some detail.

Governor Joe Lombardo, displaying his characteristic dismissal of intelligence and authority in women, said, "Let's give a round of applause to the secretary there. She gave me a good science lesson." He continued, "Do you actually understand the science, or did you just memorize all that?"

Secretary Granholm, who does know the science, responded with the perfect counter thrust. She said, "Big words can be intimidating, I understand. All the governor needs to know is that two billion dollars and thousands of good-paying jobs are coming to Nevada thanks to POTUS."

But despite the governor's discomfort with women in powerful positions and those who are better educated than he is, we Democratic women need to take him up on the one good goal he mentioned to Jon Ralston at the Indy Talks. He wants funding for mental health sufficient to put that back in the hands of mental health experts and take it off the plates of the police, who were left with the task when there was no one else left to handle it when Reagan closed mental health facilities and never built the community ones he had promised in order to get the bill passed. That should be one of the rare topics upon which Democrats can agree with the governor. Let's get it done. Both the community and the police will be safer.



Peggy's Place ***By Peggy Maze Johnson***

It's getting very difficult to open up my newspaper every morning! The Bakersfield Bastard is so power hungry that he's cutting deals with Jim Jordan, Marjorie Taylor Greene, Matt Gaetz, etc etc., etc., etal!

He's allowing the most celebrated psycho liar, ever elected to Congress, George Santos to walk the halls of Congress and co-sponsor Bills!

I just saw that Trump is leading by a significant number over Republicans who have indicated that they might run in 2024!

WHAT?

Will we ever go back to the Country that I grew up in, that I loved and considered to be the best Country in the World? I was proud to call myself a proud American! Not now and unfortunately probably not anytime soon.

Every day something is happening that makes me first, shake my head in disbelief and then I scream an "F" word at the top of my lungs and still don't feel any relief. I have mentioned to friends that I want to start a contest where folks can nominate a word to take the place of that "F" word that doesn't really reflect the shock and anger that we're feeling! It's sounding like "darn it". Nothing!

And can you believe that so called comedy show Fox NonNews, knew the Election was not stolen, that it was an honest election and Dominion election machines gave correct vote totals! So Dominion is now suing Rupert Murdoch and his false news for broadcasting lies, that they knew to be lies and stirring folks up so that they would still continue contributing to the Network! And where is the shock? Why aren't we demanding action that the FCC move to shut them down?

The 2024 Presidential Election is critical! We need to start now to take our Country back! We need to start now to take the House back! We need to start now to get even more Democrats elected to the Senate to give our Party an even stronger majority! We must not allow good Democratic electeds to be primaried if they are truly representing their constituents. We are all Democrats with different ideas, values but we elect Democrats like Manchin and Tester because they are true Democrats, just different!

Time to take to the streets, knock on doors, make phone calls and find good candidates that reflect the needs and views of their constituents!

I'm challenging Nevada to step out of that space that makes you a purple State! Step up to make Nevada deep blue! It's time!

Get involved in the State Democratic Party and take it over! It's time!

New Members

January

Nicole Bhat
Jennifer Brown
Forrest Darby
Francine Green
Stephanie Alvendia

February

Cecia Alvarado

2023 Luncheon/Program

March 9th	11:30 am – 1:00 pm “How to Make the Most of Membership in Any Organization,” with guest speaker the Honorable Shelley Berkley. 3500 W. Paradise Rd., Mardi Gras Hotel, banquet room.
April 13th	To be announced.
May 11th	To be announced.
June 8th	To be announced



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Past WDC Presidents and Current Students: \$15 Annual Dues Paid By: Check [] Money Order [] Cash []

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