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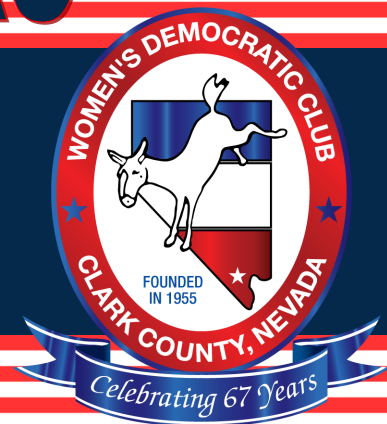
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A Message from our President

Hi Everyone!

When you listened to Governor Joe Lombardo's State of the State address the other night, did you find yourself alarmed at some of his proposals?



Lombardo announced details of his proposed two-year \$11 billion budget which includes lowering taxes on families and business – while also saving \$1 for every new dollar spent from the general fund. Left with a healthy surplus courtesy of Governor Sisolak, Lombardo also said he would put over \$600 million in the Rainy Day Fund and invest another \$730 million into an education-specific rainy day fund called the Education Stabilization Account.

Doesn't sound awful, right? Except for the part where there's no discussion of where or how these monies will come from or how they will be sustained.

On crime, the former sheriff stated he is submitting proposed legislation to enhance charges for repeat offenders, empower judges and probation officers to impose tougher sanctions for parole violations, and increase penalties for fentanyl possession by making possession of the drug a category B felony, punishable by 1-20 years imprisonment.

On elections, Lombardo said he would eliminate universal voting by mail, require ID at the polls, and require those who do vote by mail to have ballots in by election day, and that if the legislature doesn't help him accomplish these things, he will take them to the public for ballot initiatives. This undoes everything we fought for in 2019 and 2021.

The Democratic rebuttal was beautifully [delivered by Assembly Speaker-Elect Steve Yeager](#).

Senate Majority Leader [Nicole Cannizzaro responded strongly](#) to Gov. Lombardo's speech and his executive order that new regulations be frozen and each department propose 10 regulations to be cut.

Roll up your sleeves. We've got more work to do.

Note: Our February meeting will be held at 5:30 PM at Wealthy Ministries. Check your email for meeting information.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marla".

Marla Turner
President

Women's Democratic Club of Clark County



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Critical Race Theory

What exactly is it and
why do we need it?

Join us for what is sure to
be an illuminating and
informative evening.

February 9, 2023

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Wealthy Place Ministries
902 W Owens Ave
Las Vegas, NV 89106



WOMENS DEMOCRATIC
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Guest Speaker: Claytee White

**All Democrats
welcome!**

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Women's Democratic Club of
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HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF MEMBERSHIP IN ANY ORGANIZATION

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Guest Speaker: The
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11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

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Carol's Corner

By Carol Chesnut



How To Be a Smart ALEC-Aware Voter

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ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) is a corporate wolf in the hen house of Democracy. It is a wildly successful corporate lobbying organization passing itself off to the IRS as a charity. It is funded by some of the most lucrative corporations in America: including Altria, Koch Industries, UPS, FedEx, Pfizer, Duke Energy, Charter Communications, Comcast, and Anheuser-Busch. Over 100 other leading corporations in America have bailed out on funding the organization since Common Cause began shining a spotlight on ALEC's activities.

The corporate and lobby members funding the group meet to draft "model" bills which promote corporate benefits over citizen's needs. These "model" bills are then presented to state legislators whose attendance at ALEC conventions in lavish resorts is paid for with corporate funds. These funds are, in turn, ultimately paid for by the American people as write-offs to those corporations for charitable "educational" donations.

Legislators who present those bills to their state's legislatures are then rewarded with campaign donations from the funding corporations and their PAC's. Under the Citizens United Supreme Court holdings, those donations are permissible as "free" speech for corporate "persons".

If you have ever wondered how individual citizens got left out of benefitting from government programs, this is the blueprint for how it happens. ALEC's model bills support and enable voting restrictions, are anti-environmental responses to global warming which hold corporations legally accountable for their actions, they are anti-regulatory curbs on corporate actions which harm the public, and their model laws have enabled corporate marauding which strips funds meant for retirement and health benefits from corporations and leaves their corporate moribund carcasses to be tapped to make restitution for the harm they have done.

So be very wary of ALEC, its influence, and its activities. The laws it promulgates are quite unlikely to benefit you, your family, or your community. And, they are almost certainly going to damage our environment, the Rule of Law, and the ability of the public to prevail in public policy. The politicians it finances are unlikely to support the Public Good over their own personal interests. Do a deep dive into the funding of local campaigns. You need to know who is paying to get those folks in the office! And why!



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

The lust for Power is scary and dangerous, especially when it's the main agenda of the opposition Party, the scary and dangerous GOP!

Let me be perfectly honest with you! I love Power and especially when its purpose is to make change, when needed, to help people in need! Not for revenge. Not for divisiveness. Not for widening the wealth gap that gets wider every time the GOP is in charge and has the majority at any level of governance!

Let's talk about the Now! I don't know how many of you stayed glued to your televisions watching the debacle that elected Kevin McCarthy Speaker of the House of Representatives! It took 15 ballots and watching the machinations in action on the floor was the epitome of seizing power for the opportunity to abuse power!

What is happening not only in Washington, DC, but all over our Country is the abuse of power for power's sake by the GOP. This has to stop! To be clear, we must recognize that there are instances where Democrats have abused the power entrusted to them by their constituents, but I have never seen in all of my years involved in politics, the level of the abuse of power that is happening and that we are witnessing in our Country these days!

Kevin McCarthy is even more incompetent than we thought! He embarrassed himself in his zeal for power by getting votes from some of the most reprehensible members of his Party. Do the names Matt Gaetz, Lauren Boebert, Marjorie Taylor Green come to mind? And, the list goes on!

There's an old cliché that comes to my mind! "Power can corrupt, an absolute power corrupts absolutely"!

Unfortunately for us, as Democrats and especially for women, we are living in scary and dangerous times! And the worst is it could end Democracy as we know it!

Okay, time to act and let our voices be heard! Start by reaching out to Republicans who you know are not usually acting crazy, and let them know we are watching!

How the hell did we get here?

Sharing Our Legacy

By Judy Klein



Women's Democratic Club of Clark County ("WDC") is celebrating our 68th anniversary, this year, as the oldest chartered democratic club in Nevada!

The stories our founders could tell us would reveal women are the core of home, family, community, economy, and faith. On that, we, like our founders, still can agree. While times change, the fight continues and women are at the core of any progress we have celebrated across our Nation!

Today, our democracy has suffered as unhinged domestic terrorists have gone from their compounds to Congress! We are in a bucket of hurt as these individuals are seated on the most crucial committees and will receive critically important information on national and international security. When Robert Kennedy said, "it's the enemy within..." he was speaking of this very day!

Ladies, warrior sisters, we are in a call to action!

The fight for the very soul of this Country is now!!! We are going backwards on voting rights, justice and equality, reproductive rights, human rights, the environment, and on and on. As a mother and grandmother, I don't want to cry another tear at the loss of life for driving while black! These are our children! This is not a color line. This is a human line! We can't allow this in our Country. We can't sit back; sit quiet; or, take a breath.

WDC has many options for you to become active and share your skills as we work toward a better community, state, and country. Please, seriously consider volunteering for the many committees our president, Marla Turner and the board have put together to pro-act instead of react! The 2023 board is steadfastly working hard to educate, activate, and make us ever more potent this cycle. We have lots to do and lots to work on. Please, please join us! Together we can make changes. Together we are strong!

New Members

January

Nicole Bhat
Jennifer Brown
Forrest Darby
Francine Green
Stephanie Alvendia

February

Cecia Alvarado

2023 Luncheon/Program

February 9th

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

“Critical Race Theory,” with guest speaker Claytee White. 902 W. Owens Ave., Wealthy Place Ministries.

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



WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF CLARK COUNTY

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2023

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(Only a registered Democrat can be a member)

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

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(you will be notified if there are vacancies available)

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