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JULY, 2023

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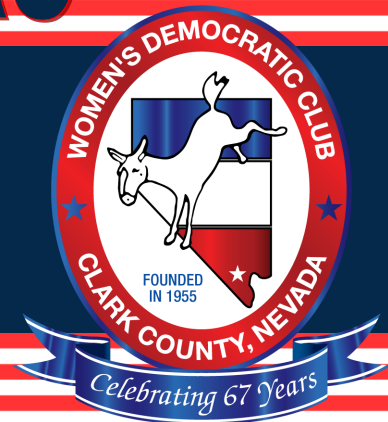
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A Message from the President



Hi Everyone,

As a victim's advocate for Southern Nevada's sexual assault and human trafficking crisis center, the stories I hear from clients are chilling. One in particular sticks in my mind: a 17-year old runaway had been sexually assaulted and beaten by a 40 year-old man she met on Tinder. He lived in another state and came to Las Vegas to meet her. An altercation with a gun ensued and she shot and killed him. She was arrested and taken to a juvenile facility to await formal charges. At the time of her sexual assault exam, she was being viewed by law enforcement as more a perpetrator than victim.

There were many unanswered questions. But regardless, at the end of the day, a 17-year old girl was sexually assaulted by an adult male who she killed. Her future is going to be an uphill battle for the rest of her life.

A survey of more than 2,300 adults conducted by Time Magazine in 2017 revealed "a stark partisan divide in how Americans view sexual assault allegations. Democrats are more likely than Republicans to believe accusers: 93% of Democrats say they believe the women alleging sexual harassment, compared to 78% of Republicans. Republicans are also twice as likely as Democrats to think that accused men are being unfairly treated by the media (52% of Republicans think the media coverage of the sexual allegations is unfair, compared to 20% of Democrats). And while 77% of Democrats say the #MeToo movement will lead to meaningful change, 55% of Republicans say the movement is a distraction."

A 2021 study from Syracuse University Newhouse School of Public Communications revealed a relationship between political biases and attitudes about sexual assault. It found that "sexual assault myth attitudes were significantly higher among Republicans than Democrats and among men than women. We also found that our participants aligned more closely by party than gender, such that Republican women more closely aligned with Republican men and Democratic men with Democratic women."

With political partisanship influencing our perceptions of sexual assault, we have one more reason to believe that elections matter, that who we elect is critical to the likelihood of dealing with our concerns. 493 days to go until the 2024 election. How will you contribute to Democrats' successful outcome?

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

Marla Turner, President
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We'll supply the grub and the beverages,
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ALL DEMOCRATS WELCOME!

JULY 15, 2023

11AM - 5PM

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Aug 10, 2023 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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**and Senate Majority Leader Nicole
Cannizzaro, recipient of the Thalia
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Carol's Corner

By Carol Chesnut



Democrats, The Rule of Law, and Pernicious Pleas to Pardon Donald Trump

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The American Bar Association asserts that the Rule of Law is a foundational principle of the US justice system. “No one is above the law, everyone is treated equally under the law, everyone is held accountable to the same laws, there are clear and fair procedures for enforcing laws, there is an independent judiciary, and human rights are guaranteed for all.”

That system is an absolute necessity for maintaining any hope of a government by, for, and of the people. And it is under attack. Those attacks are mainly by Republicans, but I am hearing rumbles and seeing trial balloons that the Democratic Party “overburden”, the party infrastructure in DC and elsewhere, is beginning to campaign for a Trump pardon. That would be a blow against democracy of monumental proportions if it happens. As would re-electing Donald Trump or Ron DeSantis with their aspirations of ruling a complete dictatorship.

The excuse is that it would calm the far right. In the first place, to believe that takes fantasy to MAGA-GAGA proportions. Bullies and fanatics are not quieted by catering to their outrageous demands. They are encouraged to grow ever more outrageous. And, in the second, it further weakens the voice of the everyday citizen in policy and amplifies the growing inequality between the super-rich, super-powerful and the middle class and poor.

Pardons of convicted criminals for political reasons weaken the certainty of punishment and vitiate the deterrent value of that certainty. And Donald Trump has said he would pardon those who participated in the January 6th insurrection he promulgated; and Republican Governors have pardoned or have said they would pardon state criminal convictions of those who supported their lies. Missouri Governor Mike Parson pardoned a couple who brandished guns at protestors for racial justice, and Texas Governor Greg Abbot has said he intends to pardon a felon convicted of murdering a Black Lives Matter protester. These avowals and pardons undercut the ability of police forces and our intelligence community to deter extremism and the selling out of our whole system. One achieves maximum deterrence with sure, swift punishment; they weaken and retard both. Making punishment less swift and sure encourages violence and scoff-law behavior. I believe that President Ford’s pardon of President Nixon is what led Donald Trum to believe that, as president, he was untouchable.

So let us hear no excuses for the notion of a pardon of convicted criminals of whatever rank, no matter how much money the party might get from the super-wealthy for following their dictates. The idea should disgust all of us!

Got Wine?

Can we have some?

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IN OCTOBER 2023.**

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Stephanie Alvendia

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Kevin Wong

February

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Chloe Moore
Emilia "Amy" Nicolas
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March

Marbella Alfonso
Blanca Ortiz
Sabrina Torres

April

Edith Cardiff
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2023

MEETING SCHEDULE



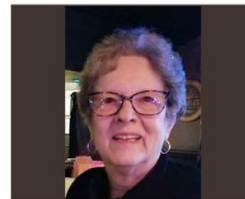
JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
July 15 Annual Daytime BBQ Pool Party - NO MEETING	August 10 LUNCH Meeting - Women's Equality Day Awards	Sept 14 EVENING Meeting	October 14 Annual Spotlight Dinner - NO ♡ MEETING	Nov 9 LUNCH Meeting and Officer Elections	Dec 9** Annual Holiday Party - NO Meeting



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the Date*



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Bonnie Bryan Award Recipients



Spotlight Honorees

**SPOTLIGHT DINNER
SATURDAY EVENING
OCTOBER 14, 2023**
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Peggy's Place ***By Peggy Maze Johnson***

Yep, here I am again, riding my bike around the Trails of the Coeur d'Alene in Kellogg, Idaho. This is my sixth trip and I love every minute of it and to do that, I have to close my eyes to the political reality of Idaho!

Remember when face masks were mandatory to halt the spread of COVID? I went into a local establishment on one of my walks just to see if I could use their restroom! I noticed a small group of folks sitting at the bar, very close together and I mentioned that none of them wore masks. The bartender yelled at me to mind my own business and, further, I was informed that I was banned...for life! A few blocks away from where we stay, every year, was a Trump poster, the size of which I had never seen before! It covered the whole front of a house, except for the door to enter the home!

Those of you who know me understand that in the 60+ years that I've been voting, political talk is my favorite but, not in Idaho, my friends!

We go to the grocery store to get the newspaper every morning and this year...more drama! In three editorials I smell even more drama and outrageous actions by the GOP!

A coup!

The Freedom Caucus strikes again! The newly, or somewhat newly, Chair is tied to the Idaho Freedom Foundation and her husband is on the National Council of the John Birch Society! The author of the Editorial on the Opinion Page of the Coer d'Alene newspaper and she is a Republican State Senator and was denied a spot as a Delegate to the State Convention! This does not bode well for the Republican Party that I have known over the years! Hell, I even dated a Republican, a State elected official, back in the day! He would be appalled at what has happened to his Party and would be joining Chris Christie lamenting the death of the GOP!

Sharing Our Legacy

By Judy Klein



Our Spotlight Committee is continuing to hold monthly meetings in preparation of our Saturday evening, October 14, 2023 event.

We will continue to remind our members that they have a Fifty (\$50.00) Dollar discount on their ticket plus one, for their significant other, which is \$125.00 per person. Our non-members/guests will have a Twenty-Five (\$25.00) discount for Early Bird sales, lasting from now to September 14th. Their Early Bird price is \$150.00. After September 14th through October 14th, the price will be \$175.00 per person. We are hoping this entices those interested to buy the Early Bird special!

"SHOWCASE A BARREL OF WINE"

A SILENT AUCTION SUPER ITEM



Our Silent Auction, chaired by our President, Marla Turner is well underway. One of the special items will be a half-barrel filled with various bottles of wines. We are asking our members, who can, to donate to this barrel and bring your wine to our BBQ and August/September meetings. If you need someone to pick up your bottle, please email womensdemoclarkcounty@gmail.com. On subject line, please put "Judy". We appreciate all donations.

We will need volunteers for various activities the evening of the event. If you have done check-in before, we need you! If you have worked the Silent Auction as runners, we need you! If you are able to volunteer, please let me know and we will accept your volunteerism graciously.

Our honorees are:

- Justice Elissa Cadish, Justice Linda Bell, Judge Nancy Allf, Judge Gloria Sturman, Judge Joanna Kishner, Judge Tierra Jones, Judge Ann Zimmerman, Judge Karen Bennett-Haron (retired), U.S. District Court Judge Christina Silva, Judge Carolyn Ellsworth (retired), Judge Valorie Vega (retired);
- Barbara and Michael Aupperle are the Bonnie Bryan Award recipients;
- Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Rachakonda Prabhu, M.D.



Our theme is, "The Balance of Justice". Our event will feature our Silent Auction and cocktail reception, giving our guests time to purchase items, socially mingle and take photos, followed by our dinner and program.

Hopefully, we can see each other at our Annual BBQ at Assemblywoman Shea Backus and her husband Marc's home on Saturday, July 15th. This is a family event and you can RSVP by reading the information on the BBQ graphic, within this edition. It's always a fun time and gives us a break in the hot Summer weather.

Women's Democratic Club gifted Gail Kaczmar, past president and webmaster for thirteen (13) years, a clock to always remember us. Gail, selflessly, has been our webmaster, free of charge and out of her own pocket for hosting our site and other expenses for more than a decade. This is a past president that has given much to our Club and we appreciate her beyond words.



June 28, 2023

By Heather Cox Richardson

In Chicago today, President Joe Biden gave a historic speech at the Old Post Office Building downtown. In it, he was crystal clear that he has launched a new economic vision for the United States to stand against that of today's Republicans. As he has said since he took office, he intends to build the economy "from the middle out and the bottom up instead of just the top down."

His vision, he said, "is a fundamental break from the economic theory that has failed America's middle class for decades now."

That theory is "trickle-down economics," the idea that cutting taxes for the wealthy and for corporations while shrinking public investment in infrastructure and public education will nurture the economy. Under that theory the most important metric was a company's bottom line, Biden pointed out, so companies reduced costs by taking factories and supply chains overseas to find cheap labor, leaving "entire towns and communities...hollowed out." It also meant cutting taxes, which led to dramatic cuts in public investments in infrastructure, research, social programs and so on, with the idea that concentrating money in a few hands would prompt private investment in the economy. That investment would, the theory went, provide more jobs and enable everyone to prosper.

This is the worldview that the Republicans have embraced since 1980 and that, Biden said, has "failed the middle class. It failed America. It blew up the deficit. It increased inequity. And it weakened...our infrastructure. It stripped the dignity, pride, and hope out of communities one after another.... People working as hard as ever couldn't get ahead because it's harder to buy a home, pay for a college education, start a business, retire with dignity. [For] the first time in a generation, the path of the middle class seemed out of reach," Biden said.

Biden came into office determined to reverse this policy by investing in the American people rather than in tax cuts. With the help of a Democratic Congress, the president backed legislation that invests in infrastructure, repairing our long-neglected roads and bridges, and in supply chains and manufacturing. Rather than scaring off private investment, as the trickle-down theory argued, that public investment has attracted more than \$490 billion of private money into new industries. Manufacturing is booming. Together, infrastructure and manufacturing have created new jobs that pay well.

Central to Biden's vision is the idea that the prosperity of the United States rests on its working people, rather than its elites. In Chicago he emphasized his administration's focus on training and education, as well as its emphasis on the trades and unions. He also emphasized economic competition, noting that business consolidation has stifled innovation, reduced wages, made supply chains vulnerable, and raised costs for consumers.

To reduce the deficit that has exploded in the past decades and to pay for new programs, Biden reiterated the need for fair taxes on the wealthy and corporations after decades of cuts. "Big Oil made \$200 billion last year and got a...\$30 billion tax break," he said, while billionaires pay an average of 8% in taxes, less than "a schoolteacher, a firefighter, or a cop." He called for "making the tax code fair for everyone, making the wealthy and the super-wealthy and big corporations begin to pay their fair share, without raising taxes at all on the middle class."

"We're not going to continue down the trickle-down path as long as I'm president," Biden said. "This is the moment we are finally going to make a break.... Here's the simple truth about trickle-down economics: It didn't represent the best of American capitalism, let alone America. It represented a moment where we walked away... from... how this country was built.... Bidenomics is just another way of saying: Restore the American Dream because it worked before. It's rooted in what's always worked best in this country: investing in America, investing in Americans. Because when we invest in our people, we strengthen the middle class, we see the economy grow. That benefits all Americans. That's the American Dream."

Biden often points to the New Deal of the 1930s as his inspiration. In that era, under Democratic president Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Congress responded to the economic crash spurred by unregulated capitalism by passing a wide range of laws that regulated business and

protected workers, provided a basic social safety net including Social Security, and promoted infrastructure.

In his speech accepting the 1932 Democratic presidential nomination, FDR condemned the policies of his predecessors that turned the government over to businessmen, declaring that “the welfare and the soundness of a nation depend first upon what the great mass of the people wish and need; and second, whether or not they are getting it.” He pledged to give the American people a “new deal” to replace the one that had led them into the Depression, and to lead a “crusade to restore America to its own people.”

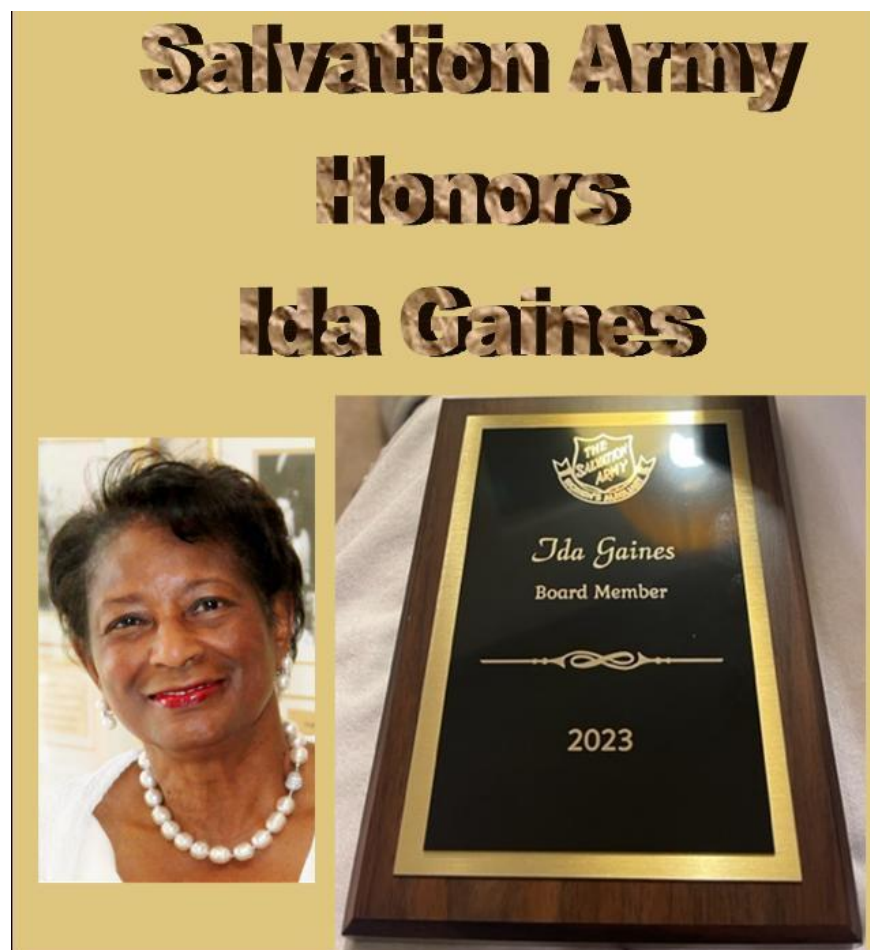
But FDR was not the first president to see ordinary Americans as the heart of the nation and to call for a government that protected them, rather than an economic elite. FDR’s distant relative Theodore Roosevelt, a Republican, made a similar argument as president thirty years earlier. Responding to a world in which a few wealthy industrialists—nicknamed “robber barons”—monopolized politics and the economy, he called for a “square deal” for the American people.

“[W]hen I say that I am for the square deal,” TR said in 1910, “I mean not merely that I stand for fair play under the present rules of the game, but that I stand for having those rules changed so as to work for a more substantial equality of opportunity and of reward for equally good service.” He called for conservation of natural resources, business regulation, higher wages, and “social” legislation to create a “new nationalism” that would rebuild the country. Overall, he wanted “a policy of a far more active governmental interference with social and economic conditions in this country than we have yet had, but I think we have got to face the fact that such an increase in governmental control is now necessary.”

But TR didn’t invent the idea of government investment in and protection of ordinary Americans either. In his New Nationalism speech, TR pointed back to his revered predecessor, Republican president Abraham Lincoln, who believed that the government must serve the interests of ordinary people rather than those of elite southern enslavers. When South Carolina senator James Henry Hammond told the Senate in 1858 that society was made up of “mudsills” overseen by their betters, who directed their labor and, gathering the wealth they produced, used it to advance the country, Lincoln was outraged.

Society moved forward not at the hands of a wealthy elite, he countered, but through the hard work of ordinary men who constantly innovated. A community based on the work and wisdom of farmers, he said in 1859, “will be alike independent of crowned-kings, money-kings, and land-kings.” In office, Lincoln turned the government from protecting enslavers to advancing the interests of workingmen, including government support for higher education.

Biden has recently embraced the term “Bidenomics,” a term coined by his opponents who insist that their embrace of tax cuts is the only way to create a healthy economy. But Bidenomics is simply a new word for a time-honored American idea.





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