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Douglas County Central Committee Newsletter

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Lincoln/Reagan Day Celebration

Saturday February 14th at the Carson Valley Inn. Flyer with sign up form at end of this newsletter. Support DCRCC's major fund-raiser.

CHAIR'S CORNER, FEBRUARY 2009

Our Lincoln Day Dinner is Douglas County Republican Central Committee's big FUND RAISER for the year. Please plan to attend, get your reservations in as soon as possible. The price of admission has been reduced significantly from years past acknowledging the economic slow-down and encouraging our political upswing.

Our next membership meeting will be March 12 at Headquarters, 1516 Hwy 395, Gardnerville. Elections will be held for Chair, Valley and Lake Vice Chair, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries. (All DCRCC officers). Also the election for Valley Member at Large and State Central Committee Representative, where vacancies exist. I'd like to see more of our members stepping forward to take over some of the responsibilities of the ongoing operation of DCRCC.

In November 2010 all Nevada State Constitutional offices will be up for re-election as well as many legislative positions. One of our focuses this year should be organizing our precincts in such a way that once we get moving towards the 2010 election, we'll be able to easily mobilize Douglas County Republican voters. Precinct Captains are necessary towards this effort. Our Lake and Valley vice Chairs have the responsibility of organizing and coordinating these activities and certainly can't do the job alone. They will be calling on each of you to help.

In March 2007 in Douglas County there were 7,794 registered Democrats and 15,984 registered Republicans. December 2008 there were 9,748 registered Democrats and 17,078 registered Republicans, an increase of nearly 1950 Ds and an increase of 1094 Rs. We all know Douglas is a "Red" county, but the increase of so many Democrats is threatening. The state must unseat Harry Reid and he knows the Republicans will be putting great effort towards this end.

Maggie Benz

**DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN
CENTRAL COMMITTEE GENERAL
MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2009**

The regular general meeting of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee called to order by Chair Maggie Benz, January 8, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. at the Republican Headquarters in Gardnerville, Nevada.

Wes Rice gave the Invocation and Regent Ron Knecht led the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag of United States of America.

52 members present and quorum met. Chair introduced Commissioner Mike Olson, Tax Assessor Doug Sonnemann, Chairman Waldo Walker of the Washoe Nevada and California Tribe, Regent Ron Knecht and Dave Cook from State School Board.

Minutes of November 13, 2008 meeting approved as printed in newsletter. **MSC.**

Treasurer's report – Report attached to copy of secretary's minutes and will be filed for audit.

Program:

Regent Ron Knecht discussed state budget and the cost of living.

Reports:

Valley vice chair –Susan moved the following for membership: Garritt Fauria and Stephan DeGraffenreid. **MSC.**

Secretary Sherry asked members to complete info on the roster so she can email it to members.

Unfinished business:

Lincoln Day Dinner – Sherry stated still working on a speaker. Will not be a dinner but a celebration at a cost of \$25.00 per person. Please contact Sherry with

any donations you have for the silent auction.

New business:

Nominating chair Wes Rice stated committee met and will present a slate for the March elections.

Rural caucus chair Wes Rice summarized the resolution regarding Yucca Mountain at state party meeting. Wes was appointed chair to revise the resolution by state chair.

Jack Van Dien asked again regarding publishing of agenda. Discussion followed with no decision made. Chair will try to post agenda ahead of meeting.

Announcements:

Cheryl Van Ocker and Aaron Sims discussed the youth group. DCRCC donated \$100.00 to the youth group per the executive board.

Waldo Walker discussed his job and how the Republican candidates did not contact tribe regarding trying to post signs.

JR Stevens discussed November elections and how we need to get with the internet now.

Chair thanked Sally Wiley for all of her work as hospitality chair.

Raffle collected \$116.00 that was split with winner.

Next regular general meeting will be March 12, 2009 at the headquarters at 1516 Hwy. 395, Suite G, Gardnerville, Nevada.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Submitted by,

Sherry Dilley
Secretary



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with our By-laws, we will be electing our board of officers at our March meeting. Your Nominating Committee met to consider those offices that will be open as well as those who contacted the committee members to relate their interest in running for office. Here is the slate of officers as determined by the committee.

Chair - Maggie Benz

Valley Vice-Chair - Cheryl Van Ocker

Lake Vice-Chair - Barbara Nelson

Treasurer - Linda Colavechio

Recording Secretary - Sherry Dilley

Corresponding Secretary - Cindi Osowski

Valley Member-at-Large - Georgia McArdle

NRSCC Representative - Nancy McDermid

There were several candidates discussed for most of the offices. Unfortunately, the committee can only select one person for each position. Our decision was not made any easier due to having several folks we believe would do outstanding jobs. We thank those who expressed interest in serving.

All offices will be open to nominations from the floor prior to the election. For those offices having more than one nominee, each candidate will be given two minutes to address the membership.

Wes Rice, Chairman

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Please contact Sherry Dilley at 267-3784 with any items you have for the Lincoln/Reagan Celebration as soon as possible. Quality items are needed for the silent auction in order for DCRCC to make money. Remember the ticket cost is low this year so we need to make money on the auction.

DOUGLAS COUNTY R.W.

For information read the Record Courier calendar section.

SIERRA NEVADA R.W.

Sierra Nevada Republican Women meet the second Wednesday of each month at Two Guys From Italy, Gardnerville, for lunch. Doors open at 11:30, the meeting is from 12:00 – 1:00pm. The speaker for February is County Manager Michael Brown. He will be discussing his position and duties for the county and the current progression of county issues. Email Nancy Jarvis to RSVP in advance at nancyjarvis@charter.net or call at 267-6937. Our March meeting will be a dinner in honor of St. Patrick's Day held at the CVIC Hall in Minden on Sunday, March 15th. The no host bar will open at 5pm with dinner at 6pm. Susie Biaggini is the St. Patrick's Day chair and can be reached at 775-782-8719, and she would appreciate any volunteers willing to assist.

LITERACY PROGRAM

Our "Little Ones" in Douglas County are waiting for you to listen to them read to you one hour a week. Volunteers are truly needed. We have schools waiting just for **you!** Please step forward and make a difference in the life of our youth. There will be a \$10.00 fee to cover a background check on each volunteer. Reading leads to better test scores, which results in great report cards! Contact: Douglas County Literacy Volunteer Coordinator Sherry Dilley—267-3784.

Businesses Need Temporary Tax Relief John Ensign 01.15.09, 2:20 PM ET

Our economy is hurting and is in need of help more than ever before. No state understands these hard times better than my home state of Nevada. Unemployment is rising, and families are struggling to make ends meet. As we consider what to include in an economic stimulus package, we need to focus on sound and broad-based policies that will help retain jobs, create new opportunities and grow our economy over the long term. As part of this process, we should look toward tax relief that will help thaw the frozen credit markets and, as a result, boost our economy.

One of the major underlying problems still dragging our economy down is a weak and deteriorating housing market. In one swoop, this issue alone hurts seniors preparing for retirement, students heading off to college, families planning for their future and businesses everywhere. There is wide agreement that a key component to resolving our economic trouble lies in loosening up the credit markets.

Last week I introduced a bill to help do just that by suspending certain cancellation of indebtedness (COI) tax rules for two years. This temporary tax relief would provide businesses with the incentives they need to grow, hire employees and remain solvent. We know too many companies have too much debt, and our economy is immobilized until this problem is resolved.

Here's how my bill works and why it would be effective during these trying times, when our economy is so far over-leveraged. Under current law, if a company purchases its own debt at a discount, it is required to pay income tax on the amount of the discount. That is, if a business owes \$1 million but negotiates a discounted repayment amount with its lender--say \$750,000--so that it does not default, it would have to pay taxes on the \$250,000 difference.

First, without a discount, too many companies couldn't repay the debt at all. Second, any attempts to improve an over-leveraged balance sheet should be encouraged, given today's difficult and unusual economic situation. But current law puts a hurdle in the path of the economy's recovery.

This is an approach endorsed by 34 groups, ranging from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to the Real Estate Roundtable. Collectively, these groups represent hundreds of thousands of companies with tens of millions of workers.

Government does have a role to play, and it is putting in place the right policies, ones that will create and save jobs and grow our economy. It has to be both broad-based for the long term and deliberate enough to inject help exactly where it is needed--into the frozen credit markets.

My legislation reflects the original purpose and vision of the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). Creating this temporary incentive for businesses to de-leverage and reduce their debt should be part of the stimulus plan to help get our economy back on track.

Nevada Sen. [John Ensign](#) is a member of GOP leadership as chairman of the Republican Policy Committee and is a member of the Finance Committee. A veterinarian by profession, Ensign served on the Ways and Means Committee during his tenure in the House and was first elected to the Senate in 2000.

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Doug Mathews, Barbara Nelson, Sharon O'Berg,
Eileen Rice, Brenda Robertson, and Maren Young
(one opening)

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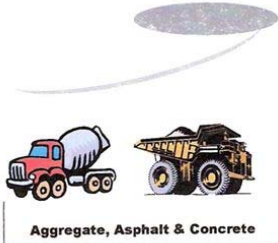
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January 8th meeting

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Guest speaker - Regent
Ron Knecht



First time guests Tim and Nancy Blaich

NEVADA LEGISLATURE

The 75th Session of the Nevada Legisla-
 ture will begin on February 2, 2009.

Nevada 1864, Preamble We the people
 of the State of Nevada, grateful to Al-
 mighty God for our freedom establish
 this Constitution.

Ronald Reagan quote:

"The most terrifying words in the
 English language are: I'm from the
 government and I'm here to help."



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Douglas County Republican Central Committee
Cordially invites you to attend our
Lincoln/Reagan Day Celebration!
Saturday February 14, 2009
Carson Valley Inn, 1627 Hwy 395 N, Minden, Nevada

\$25.00 Per Person

Social and No Host Bar - 4:30 P.M.
Light Refreshments - 5:30 P.M.

Guest Speaker: CAROL A. COHEA
THE RONALD REAGAN LIBRARY & MUSEUM
Volunteer and Visitor Services Supervisor



Reception Honoring:
President Abe Lincoln -16th President
February 12, 1809-2009 - 200 years old

President Ronald Reagan - 40th President
February 6, 1911-2009 - 98 years old



Deadline to sign up Tuesday February 10, 2009

Silent Auction will be held

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I/We are attending and payment is enclosed \$ _____

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