

NCD NEVADA COUNTY DEMOCRATS

July Newsletter

From the Chair

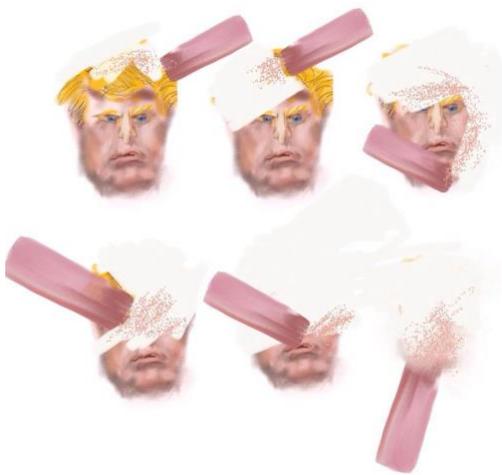
DEMOCRATS GAINING GROUND

What a Primary! One of our two endorsed candidates won. That doesn't sound impressive until you realize that, around 90% of the time, incumbents win. And, the second race, Hilary's run for the Board of Supervisors, was determined by 160 votes out of more than 7,000 ballots cast – that's terrific for a new candidate running against an established incumbent with nearly three decades of service behind him.



Nevada County turned out 57% of registered voters, up from 45% in the last midterm primary (2014). That is also huge. The state as a whole saw somewhere in the mid-20s.

Looking quickly at the governor's race, Nevada County cast 19,457 votes (51.2% of total votes cast) for the top four Democrats running, while only casting 16,598 votes for the top two Republicans – I only counted the six candidates who each got over a thousand votes.



We will be working hard to get Democrats much better represented locally. Nevada County is becoming a genuinely purple county. Better times are ahead.

Peter Minett, NCDCC Chair

Newsletter and Calendar Deadlines

Please keep in mind that creating the monthly newsletter and maintaining the calendar take a great deal of time and energy. Send your newsletter submissions to Finleyjacqueline@gmail.com **no later than the 19th of each month** for the following month's newsletter edition. If

you want an event or activity included in the calendar, please send it to the above email address with a clear subject line so that we know it is to be included.

Thanks,

Jackie Finley, Communications Committee Chair

Upcoming Events

"Run for Something" Workshops

July 10th and July 28th

Filing for over 80 possible elected positions opens July 16th and closes August 9th (or the 15th if the incumbent decides not to run). These positions are on the Grass Valley City Council, Truckee Town Council, Nevada Irrigation District, Sierra College, County Board of Education, all other school districts, fire districts and special districts.

The first workshop "Should I Run?" held on July 10, from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm will give you critical information to help you decide if serving on a board or council is for you. How much time will it take, what are the major concerns, what skills do you need, etc. will be covered. Resource people will include Reinette Senum, six-year Nevada City Council current member, Trevor Michael, six-year County Board of Education former member, Jeanne Michael, eight-year current member of the Grass Valley School Board, and Bruce Jones, twelve-year member of the Higgins Fire District Board will be among our resource people to answer one of your most important question, "What am I getting into?" Time is set aside for presenting information, asking questions, and personal reflection.

On July 28, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, our popular "Candidate Campaign Workshop" which was presented three times will be presented. If you are thinking about being a candidate, wanting to be able to

help candidates win, or protecting your current position on a board or council, don't miss this workshop. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

[TTDems Summer Picnic](#)

July 10th, 5:00 PM - Truckee River Regional Park - Leisure Picnic Site in Truckee, CA.

BYOB and bring something to grill and something to share. Last name A-G Dessert, H-M Side or



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"Run for Something" Workshops

Should I Run?

What's Expected of Board & Council Members

July 10th, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Reservation required by July 7th

Campaign Workshop

Basics for Candidates & Potential Campaign Staff

(A repeat of last year's very successful workshop)

July 28th, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Reservation required by July 25th

Seats up in November: Grass Valley Council & Truckee Town Council, all school boards, fire districts & special districts
Filing July 16 - August 10, extended to August 15 if the incumbent doesn't run

Reserve your seat by going to NevadaCountyDemocrats.com



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Salad, N-Z Appetizer (Chips). We'll provide charcoal, grilling implements, lemonade & a limited amount of plates, cups and utensils. (We encourage you to bring your own reusable plates, etc.).

[BBQ and Fundraiser](#)

August 7th, 5:00 PM - Roth Estate. Details coming soon

To check out the full calendar [on our website, click here, then scroll down.](#) Please note: The July calendar will be on full display as of July 1st. Until then, scroll to July by using the little triangle arrows at the top left of the calendar.



Latest Blog Entries

Support Audrey Denney - By Jackie Finley

Doug LaMalfa is again using the slogan, "He's one of us," in his campaign rhetoric. In previous campaigns he's used that same slogan to solidify his base of conservative, rural Californians in order to create a divisive and "us vs. them" mentality. If you're not in the "us" category, your opinions on CD1's future don't hold much water.

LaMalfa should pay attention to what is happening in this country, especially in Washington. If he did, he might realize that advocating a "black or white"

approach to solving problems only separates constituents into rigid, stone-throwing camps and results in a chronic angry stalemate.

We need a new representative in Washington, someone who realizes this district is becoming more diverse than LaMalfa acknowledges. Taking a divisive approach and ignoring those who don't walk a narrow, conservative path isn't the way to bring communities together.

It is time for thoughtful voters to oust the LaMalfa machine. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

The Bad and the Good - By Richardt Stormsgaard

Two recent Ipsos/Reuters polls are quite interesting. The first one raises serious questions about the faith some Democrats have in young voters as the key to stopping the right-wing onslaught on our institutions, indeed democracy itself. The second one gives us



hope that the Trump/Republican Party finally has gone too far for the tastes of their more moderate supporters that were overwhelmed by the Trump/Cruz/Tea Party majority before the 2016 election.

A poll of young voters published April 30, 2018 of more than 16,000 registered voters ages 18 to 34 shows their support for Democrats over Republicans for Congress slipped by about 9 percentage points over the past two years, to 46 percent overall. These voters increasingly say the Republican Party is a better steward of the economy. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



Fascist USA? Concentration Camps? For Kids? - By Milan Vodicka, Ph.D.

Let me start with a disclaimer - in my writings I try to be “above the fray.” Which is to say, non-partisan, respectful of all opinions and reasoning, even to the ones that were or are contrary to my own. It still stands - the arbiter of my take on everything is the truth and truth only, validated by proof.

Yet - and I have reached this point - there are truths that hurt, truths harmful to oneself and others, truths that make “one’s blood boil.” Regretfully, such truths are about the USA these days, as represented by a shameful “government” of Mr. Tweetler and all of his mindless, heartless, and indeed, criminal followers (remember “crimes against humanity?”). For the ones of you who do not follow the news, about two thousand children were deprived of the company of their parents on the US - Mexico border in the last two months. The “government” decreed that it is lawful, “mandated by law” to separate innocent children from their parents. Who knows what is next for them? [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

What's a "Liberal"? - By Carol Kuczora

Ever notice that when a word is pronounced with a sneer enough times, publicly, it turns into a pejorative? That, even when it used to be a word everyone wanted to be associated with. I'm old enough to remember that that was the case with the word "liberal." I'm still proud to be a liberal, though I never use the word anymore, precisely because it has become semantically contaminated.

I prefer to use the word "ethical." Think about what so-called liberals care about: compassion, fairness, sustainability, avoidance of anyone's undeserved pain or loss. And what makes something ethical? Isn't that the same? [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



Defining the "Religious" Right - By Richard Hurley

“Evangelical Christians in America” is a pretty broad category that includes people of sincere belief – like Jimmy Carter. If what you really mean is the “Religious” Right, perhaps it would be better to employ that term.

What the “Religious” Right stands for is power – political power, to be exact – because there is an authoritarian streak in the movement a mile wide. Believing that God speaks to you directly and that you represent his will on earth is pretty heady stuff. Some people like the rush that comes with that and will bend reality to any degree to achieve it.



If Michelle Obama shows some shoulder wearing a summer dress, she is wicked. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



SNAP & Farm Bill: LaMalfa - By Lisa Schliff

As an advocate for ending poverty both in the U.S. and globally, I have been following the Farm Bill proposals and votes in 2018 for the 2019 federal fiscal year. The first House of Congress version of the Farm Bill proposed a large cut to funding SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program), formerly known as food stamps. I am very

concerned about keeping SNAP available to all who may need it. This is one of the first lines of defense for people on the brink of homelessness. SNAP/food stamps has always been embedded in the Farm Bill, and until now has been funded well enough to aid Americans struggling to put food on their table. In our incredibly wealthy country, it is simply inexcusable to allow any individual to go hungry. With the dominance of Republicans in the Senate and Congress, SNAP funding is now under attack. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

To End a Presidency- Book Review By Rev. Karyn Packard, Authored By Laurence Tribe and Joshua Matz

This may not be the most spellbinding book that I have ever read. However, I believe it is important and timely for all of us to understand the constitutional history and broad interpretations in our U.S. impeachment process. I find myself saying...let's just get rid of him...quickly... But constitutional law professor at Harvard, Laurence Tribe and constitutional lawyer Joshua Matz, our authors, counsel caution.



Clearly it is a complex process. *To End a Presidency* is an objective walk through history from the time of the Founding Fathers to our current dilemma. It takes us to a time where the Senate could execute or imprison a President on conviction or considerations of oversight by state legislatures. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



View From Abroad - By Bob Gould

Note: Bob Gould, a Nevada County resident currently residing in London, is a member of *Democrats Abroad London*. He writes that the group is continuing efforts with voter registration, activism and education. We included some information about the group's work in a previous newsletter.

Following is a list of books that *Democrats Abroad London* selected for reading and discussing during the upcoming fall. Check them out!

1. ***War on Peace: The End of Diplomacy and the Decline of American Influence***, by Ronan Farrow. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

LaMalfa Watch - By Robert Provanzano

H.R. 5895 Energy and Water Development passed 235-179 LaMalfa voted Yea This bill appropriates funding for Energy and Water projects as well as Department of Defense and Legislative budgets. This bill does not authorize any spending, it simply budgets amounts of tax dollars that can be spent on various items. Part of this bill appropriates \$13.42 billion for fossil fuel research to advance the use of coal, natural gas, and oil while reducing funding for renewable energy research by \$243



million. This bill also prohibits new nuclear nonproliferation projects in Russia, allows guns on Corps of Engineering lands, and freezes Congressional paychecks for 1 year. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

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