

NC NEVADA C O U N T Y DEMOCRATS

May Newsletter

From the Editor

We welcome anyone to write for the blog or the monthly newsletter. You don't need to be a "perfect" writer – just write from the heart about issues that interest you. Please, however, get your newsletter submissions, event flyers, photographs, etc., to me (finleyjacqueline@gmail.com) **no later than the 20th of the month** if you want your submission to be included in the next month's edition. It takes several days to pull together the newsletter, and we are a very small staff!

Thanks,

Jackie Finley, Communications Committee Chair

P.S. Nevada County resident, Bob Gould, who currently lives in London, will be contributing feedback from across the pond. Watch the blog and/or upcoming newsletters for his contributions.



First Tuesday Summary - By Michele Spencer

Candidates Cliff Newall, incumbent District Attorney, and Glenn Jennings, opponent criminal lawyer, participated in a debate to be elected June 5th for Nevada County District Attorney. The forum was very well attended.

The District Attorney is the chief prosecutor of criminal law for the county who must establish priorities regarding what to prosecute with limited resources.

PREFACE: Given this campaign has been described as "...one of the county's most contentious races" (Union



4/7/18), a brief explanation of a primary basis for such contention is in order. It revolves around disputes concerning Sheriff Narcotics Task Force Officer Jason Mackey's competency and/or honesty in the preparation of search warrants in particular marijuana cases. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

Upcoming Events

[First Tuesday Educational Forum - Board of Supervisors Candidate Forum](#)

May 1st, 5:30 PM - Peace Lutheran Church. Join us for a candidate forum for the Board of Supervisors- Hilary Hodge vs Dan Miller for District 3 and Sue Hoek for District 4. This forum will be moderated by Pascale. Bring your questions for the Board of Supervisors on the issues important to you. As always, pizza and salad will be provided. We hope to see you there!

The Board of Supervisors
make decisions every day that affect the lives of Nevada County residents. Bring your questions to a forum moderated by Pascale Fusshoeller to hear the candidates views on economic development, cannabis, homelessness, affordable housing and other pressing issues.

VOTE by JUNE 5!

HOW WILL YOU VOTE FOR THE FUTURE OF NEVADA COUNTY
Learn about the values and priorities of the candidates for the
NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hilary Hodge, D3 Candidate | Dan Miller, D3 Incumbent | Sue Hoek, D4 Unopposed

Tuesday, May 1, 5:30 pm
Peace Lutheran Church

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[Democratic Women's Club - 2018 Annette M. Gillett Memorial Scholarship Luncheon](#)

May 5th, 9:30 AM - Alta Sierra Country Club. Please join us as we honor the two high school students who are the recipients of the awards this year that represent the best and brightest hope for the future. Our speaker will be our next supervisor, Hilary Hodge!

We will have updates on past Gillett award recipients and past Emerge recipients and what they are doing in life.

A silent auction will be held at the event and all of the proceeds go into the 2019 scholarship fund. This is one way to make a difference in a young woman's life!

RSVP: Mail to DWC at P.O. Box 1573, Grass Valley, CA 95945

Scholarships

Nevada County Democratic Women's Club

The Nevada County Democratic Women's Club invites you to the 2018 Annette M. Gillett Memorial Scholarship Luncheon
to be held on May 5th, 2018 at 11 am at the Alta Sierra Country Club, 11897 Jimmy Way, Grass Valley, CA!

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[Health Care for All](#)

May 26th, 11:00 AM - UU Community of the Mountains. Come find out what's happening in our work to save us all money and more importantly, save lives. We educate the public about Single Payer, comprehensive Healthcare for all Californians. We support the passage of the Healthy California Act, SB 562, through the California State Legislature. Not sure you support it? Come find out what it's all about and our many strategies for bringing it to fruition. Bring your curiosity, your questions, and your ideas. Newcomers are always welcome and new ideas as well.

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

Latest Blog Entries

Interview with Hilary Hodge - By Lisa Schliff

Hilary Hodge is running for county supervisor in District 3 this year. Nevada County Democrats has endorsed her. Here in her own words are the answers to key questions that will illuminate the voters.

What inspired you to run for county supervisor? Have you ever done this before?

We found home when my partner and I moved to Nevada County nearly ten years ago. We love our community and want to spend the rest of our lives here. Last year, we bought a house in Grass Valley and moved my mother in with us. Year after year, since calling Nevada County home, we've watched our friends and other young people leave our community in search of better opportunities.



As a young person living and working in Nevada County, I have seen my peers struggle to find affordable housing and jobs. As a volunteer for many of Nevada County's service organizations, I have seen our fixed-income seniors struggle to make ends meet. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

A California State of Mind - By Lang Waters

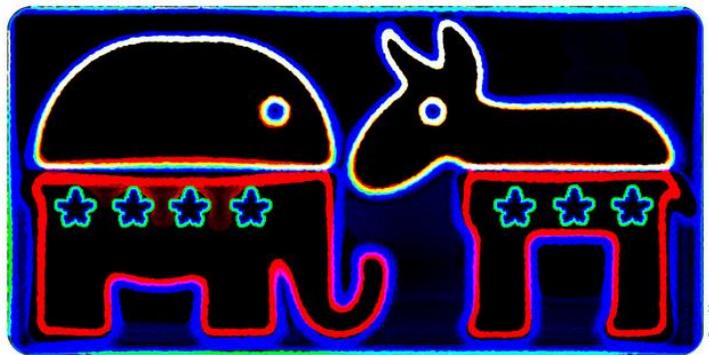
While many of us thought that the State of Jefferson had receded from a high point about two to three years ago, in fact we can see that it is re-invigorated and active. The State of Jefferson and similar groups that wish to separate rural California into a new state are important to be aware of and understand. The point is not whether these groups will be successful in creating a new state; they won't. The point is that they have successfully branded and exploited a mindset in rural California. They are culture warriors and the SoJ flag represents a state of mind. Candidates that wish to represent CA D1 don't need to waste their time speaking directly to the group and their representatives, but they should understand the mindset and be prepared to respond to SoJ concerns because they are compelling to a lot of rural folks. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



Some Claim the Cart is Pulling the Horse...Really? - By Richard Stormsgaard

A common myth is that the Democratic Party has abandoned certain voter groups, and that this has either caused or contributed to the conservative ascendancy to power. The right-wing is ecstatic about this false narrative, and some groups on our left have adopted this idea as well. Though I generally agree with Bernie Sanders's political views, I find the fact that he uses this falsehood deeply disturbing. He just had another Town Hall about Economic

Inequality March 19 where major parts of the discussion involved trashing main stream liberal Democrats and major corporate donors rather than addressing the corporate right-wing take-over of our institutions as described in books like *Dark Money* by Jane Mayer and *Democracy in Chains* by Nancy McClean. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



Funding Cuts for Mental Health - By Lisa Schliff

It is no secret that Nevada County has people with no homes and suffering from mental illness. There are several mental health clinics that offer free or low-cost services. Nevada County Health and Human Services has an entire department dedicated to children and juveniles. Adults are assisted in acquiring social, eligibility and employment training under the auspices of the DDS (Department of Social Services). Chapa-De Health Care Center serves more than 24,000 patients, with about 29 percent being Native American and facilities in Grass Valley and Auburn. Janella Kirkman, Executive Director of the Spirit Center, estimates 55% of their clientele are without homes. Clearly, there is a need for mental health services for homeless and low-income residents in Nevada County. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



Democrats Aren't Anti-Christian - By Nancy Eubanks

There is a voter mailer that has been sent out to many people in our community that states, “If the radical anti-Christian Left manages to retake the Senate or the House in 2018, the Trump Presidency will effectively be over.” As a proud progressive Democrat, I take great offense at the implication that since I don’t support Trump I am somehow anti-Christian. So please let me explain my moral values and show you why they are definitely pro-Christian values. First Jesus believed that we (as a civilized society) should feed the poor, and take care of those less fortunate Therefore, I support food stamps, MediCal, Medicare, Social Security and Universal Health Care (as all other industrialized societies do). It is the moral thing to do. Second, Jesus said, “Love thy neighbor as thy self,” and “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” He taught love, compassion and empathy. Therefore, I am appalled at the hateful anti-immigrant rhetoric and demonization of “the other” that Trump does in his many speeches. Third, Christians claim to be pro -family. I am too. That’s why I support the DACA program because it keeps families together. That’s why I support paid family leave for both mothers and fathers. All research shows the first two years of a child’s life are the



most important developmental years for a child to learn about love, trust, empathy, and security. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

Fake News? Propaganda? Disinformation? Vote It Out! - By Milan Vodka, Ph.D.

This writing is about trust. Trust as “a firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something,” according to the dictionary. It follows that in order to be trustworthy, that “someone or something” has to be credible. Herein is the challenge – how do we know who or what is credible?

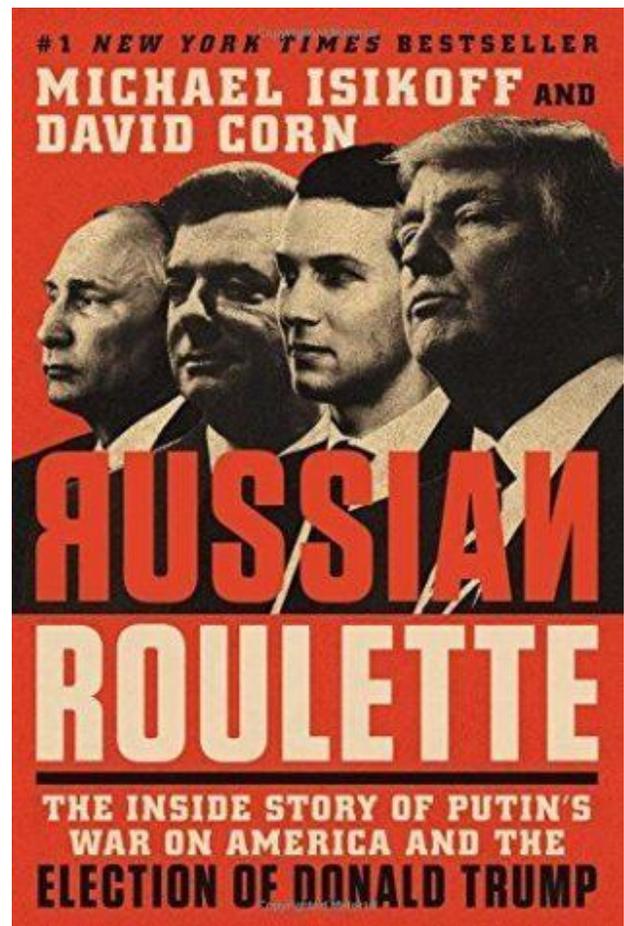
The following is a true story from my life. It most vividly demonstrates the utmost importance of trust in relationships (and, therefore, the effects of its presence or non-presence).

Here is the story: Once upon a time there was the best runner in the world. In fact, the best known athlete in the world. The time was the 1950s and the name of the athlete is Emil Zatopek. Look him up – google “Zatopek.” [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



Russian Roulette- Authored by Michael Isikoff and David Corn, Reviewed by Rev. Karyn Packard

After starting to read two other possible books, I changed my mind and waited until *Russian Roulette*, was released. If I am to be honest, I hoped to read the nail in the coffin that would put this whole Russia investigation six feet under. I was hungry for conclusive details, even to finding out what was in the letter in the lacquered box given as a gift to Trump by Putin at the Miss Universe Pageant. I must admit, there were some intriguing facts presented, but overall there is no foolproof evidence of Putin’s involvement in the election or his motives in this book. There was no answer to the letter mystery either. In the last two pages of the book, they say, “there was still much about Putin’s cyberattacks that was cloaked in mystery, especially what had happened in Russia.” It is a challenging task to present data when the



evaluation of the data has not yet been completed.

However, there was a great deal of information related to Christopher Steele and the dossier, from its inception through the attempts to get something done in the Obama administration, the FBI and the congress. I hadn't realized that Steele had planned to come to Washington to discuss his finding with members of Congress, and perhaps hold a press conference on the steps of the Capitol. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)

LaMalfa Watch - By Robert Provanzano

Who is Mr. LaMalfa trying to kid, and are we going to fall for his bluff?

H.R. 1 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed 227-205

LaMalfa voted Yea

Provides a tax cut that will lead to a deficit increase greater than \$1,400 billion; reduce corporate and individual taxes; raise the standard deduction and repeal or reduce many individual deductions. It would also allow pass-through companies to deduct 20% of their income, double the child tax credit, allow business to deduct 100% of equipment expenses, and lower taxes on overseas earnings. [To read more, click here, then scroll down...](#)



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