

Region 4 Report - Nevada and New Mexico

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Nevada

1. On January 8, 2016, the LP of Nevada held a press conference. They announced that Republican Assemblyman John Moore was changing his party affiliation to Libertarian. They also announced that Moonlight Bunny Ranch owner and star of HBO's Cat House Dennis Hof will be running for State Senate as a Libertarian. The press conference received coverage from 2 local television stations.
2. The LPN is fighting for solar energy companies via "Team Solar." The Nevada Utilities Commission is a quasi-public body that suppresses competition from companies that provide solar and other forms of alternative power.
3. LPN has started Women in Nevada (WIN) to increase the number of women running for public office as Libertarians.
4. They held an event in Goldfield, NV. This is the county seat of Esmeralda County. This county yielded 3% for Gary Johnson in 2012. I am glad that the LP of Nevada is willing and able to hold an event in a county of 783 people. In a county that small, just a dozen people could literally organize the Libertarian Party into a major force in county politics.
5. LPN is fighting against laws that would make it more difficult to buy a gun, or to give one as a gift.
6. The Libertarian Party of Nevada held its first Staff Training and Volunteer Appreciation day. LP Nevada had over 50 attendees participate in staff training and volunteer training.
7. The LP of Nevada Convention is March 12, 2016. They are using technology to reduce the amount of travel that LPN members have to undertake. A meeting in Las Vegas will be linked via video with a group in Mound House, which is just East of Carson City. After the event, in both locations, they will hold their Inaugural Franklin Day Dinner. They are planning on making this one of the main fundraising events of the year for the LP of Nevada.

8. The very professional looking, Internet-based LP of Nevada Newsletter now has over 28 contributors.

New Mexico

1. The LP of New Mexico Convention is April 16, 2016 in Albuquerque. Lily Tang Williams is the keynote speaker.
2. They are working with the Drug Policy Alliance to get the State House to put an initiative on the statewide ballot to legalize marijuana for recreational use.
3. They have found a contact in Carlsbad who wants to organize an affiliate party in Eddy County.
4. The state party is setting up a monthly pledge program.