

GENERAL MEETING September 25 2013

President Dan Kruger called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Roberta Lange, the Chair of the Nevada State Democratic Party, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Candidates running for office presented themselves, then Roberta Lange, and Chris Miller, Chair of the Clark County Democratic Party, talked about the importance of grass-root work, specially registration of voters as well as a State Training in Reno for activists.

The President introduced the speaker, Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto. She thanked everybody who had supported her and explained how the Attorney General's Office is the greatest law-firm in the state with offices everywhere. She chose to talk about consumer protection and the latest scams that are going around.

<u>Mortgage fraud</u> is still around. Beware of mortgage companies that promise services and demand money up front. Let them provide services before you pay. You can file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office. Here you can get free services with a housing counselor.

<u>Telephone calls</u> where someone says that f. ex. a grandchild has been arrested and needs a wire transfer of money. NEVER wire money.

<u>Door-to-door salesmen</u> who sell vacuums that are refurbished but are sold as new.

<u>Insurance services for health care needs</u>. A man and wife operating in San Diego but living in Las Vegas were busted for this after having scammed millions.

<u>Medicaid/Medicare fraud</u>. An average of 10% of Medicaid money goes to fraud. Many Home Health Care aides have billed Medicaid for services not provided. Always look at the lists you get from Medicaid/Medicare and check that you actually got the services billed.

<u>Computer-fraud</u> is rampant. Someone will call up and say they are from Microsoft, saying there is a problem with your computer and offering to fix it.

During questions and answer E-cigarettes were brought up but here it is too early to tell what the impact will be.

At the next meeting in October we will have a silent auction; if you have donations, please contact Frank Fopiano.

Nominations for the Board are still open: the only condition is that the nominee is a paying member of the club. Please contact George Trachtman.

The Pot of Gold was won by Leila Birmie. The meeting was adjourned at 8.25

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