



# NyE Communities Coalition February 2011



## Nevada Marijuana Summit

The Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership hosted the Nevada Marijuana Summit. The mission of the Summit was to educate key stakeholders on the broad impact that marijuana has on the state, region and nation.



Experts were brought together to present a variety of views related to the use of marijuana.

Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez -Masto provided the opening address.

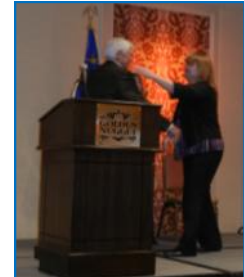
During her tenure as an Assistant United States Attorney she prosecuted criminals for felony possession and distribution of drugs.

**Because of the vast amount of information and its importance, each topic will be discussed in detail in future newsletters.**

The following were the speakers and their very interesting messages:

- The Meaning of Medical Marijuana -Alice P Mead JD, Consultant
- Impact of Marijuana Dispensaries -Joseph Esposito, State Prosecutor, Los Angeles County District Attorney
- Synthetic Marijuana - Mark Jackson, District Attorney , Douglas County and Neil Rombardo, District Attorney, Carson City.
- Impact of the Production and Growing of Marijuana - David Durst, of Folsom California Provides technical support to law enforcement agencies across the United States and abroad regarding clandestine drug labs
- Treatment Response for Marijuana - Garry Rubenstein, Nevada Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor
- Youth Culture - Edward DeJesus, CEO, The Youth Development and Research Fund in Florida.
- Science of Marijuana - Dr. Eric Voith, M.D., F.A.C.P. of Drug Watch International
- Marijuana Impact on Business and the Oregon Economy - Paula Barran, Ph.D.

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# February 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 National Job Shadow Day	2 	3	4	5
6	7  YO! Meeting	8	9 Community Outreach	10	11 Holiday Task Force 	12
13	14  SATF	15	16 NyECC Tri-Annual	17	18 Teen Night	19
20	21  President's Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 NAH Care-giver Workshop					

- 7th Youth Organization Meeting - West Care Office 1161 S Loop Rd B (ACE parking lot) 3:30 PM
- 9th Community Outreach - Oasis Outreach - 1061 E 2nd Street A - 11:30 AM
- 11th Holiday Task Force - Central Valley Baptist Church 3170 S Blagg Rd - 9:30 AM
- 14th Substances of Abuse Task Force - Nye County School District Office 848 S West Street 11:30 AM
- 16th NyE Communities Coalition Tri-Annual Meeting - Beatty Community Center 10 AM (carpooling from NyE Communities Coalition Office at 8 AM) Training - noon to 2 Pm *Brief Tobacco Intervention*
- 18th Teen Night - see details below
- 28th Nathan Adelson Hospice -Caregiver Workshop: 9:30am-Noon Supporting Those Who Are Caring for a Loved One 1480 E. Calvada Blvd #900 Pahrump, NV 89048 778 751-5642

**Teen Night At**  
**The Pahrump Community Library**  
 FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>  
 5:30pm-8:00pm  
**FREE Karaoke, Wii Games, Food, Fun!**  
**Open to Middle School through**  
**High School Age Students**



**Sponsored by: St. Martin's Episcopal Church**  
**NyE Communities Coalition**  
**The Pahrump Community Library**

**FOR MORE INFO CALL (775)727-9970 or (775) 537-1115 This is an alcohol, tobacco, and drug-free event**

Marijuana Summit continued

- Impact of the Medical Marijuana Program in Hawaii - Chief Keith Kamita, Administrator, Hawaii Narcotics Enforcement Division.
- Marijuana From a Policy Perspective: Why Should we Care? - Sue Thau, Public Policy Consultant, Communities Against Drugs Coalitions of America
- Medical Marijuana from a Law Enforcement Perspective - Sergeant Jim Gerhardt, North Metro Task force, Colorado.
- Marijuana: Perspective from the bench - District Judge David R Gamble, Ninth Judicial District, Douglas County
- Marijuana: Nevada Response Nevada's Medical Marijuana Law - Linda Anderson, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Department of Health and Human Services.
- Law Enforcement Experience - Detective Ryan Kraft, Lead Investigator, Las Vegas Metro Police Department Narcotics Bureau.

Closing the Summit was State Senator Sheila Leslie. She is in her first term representing urban Reno and Sparks after serving six terms as State Assemblywoman. Senator Leslie is employed by the 2nd Judicial District Court as the Specialty Courts Coordinator, managing the Adult, Family and Juvenile Court and the state's first Mental Health Court. She was previously employed as the Executive Director of the Children's Cabinet in Reno.



NyE Communities Coalition Director **Stacy Smith** received the Marion Morrical Award "In recognition of service, commitment and innovation in alcohol and drug treatment 2010".

The presenter is Deborah McBride, Agency Director, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency. Nye County Sheriff Tony DeMeo looks on.



Youth from the Coalitions presented their plan for launching "Weed it Out", a counter marijuana campaign.



They gave each attendee a packet of wild flower seeds to take back to their communities to be planted during their observation on April 19, 2011.

Jake Smith and Sheriff Tony DeMeo hold the Anti-marijuana pledge



Photos at left by Stacy Smith

***All other photos of the summit courtesy of Brian Mendiola of For Recovery...Thank you!***

# AMERICORPS-NER



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AmeriCorps Members assisted in producing the program and volunteering at the Annual People's Breakfast in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. They helped with door prizes, the raffle and silent auction. Over 200 people attended.

The scholarship fundraiser was held at the Pahrump Nugget. The well attended event raised over \$2,000.



Pictured above from left: front row Jake Trice, Intern Alora Hewitt, Andrew Gonzales  
Back row: Kaylee Harker, Alex Glynn, event organizer Delores Joyner, Vanessa Warner (Team leader on this project) and Diana Alvarez



Some of the entertainment was provided by Salvation Army Praise Dancers.



**" I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character".**

**Martin Luther King, Jr.  
1929-1968**



Music was provided by The MLK Mass Choir directed by Geri Atkins, Minister of Music at the Church of the Redeemed.



# Woman to Woman Empowerment Conference

The conference focusing on domestic violence issues was held at the Pahrump Nugget on January 22, 2011.

Organizer Antoinette Rabb welcomed a group of 40 women and 6 men from different organizations. Mistress of ceremony Laurayne Murry introduced many speakers including key note speaker Catherine Cortez-Masto, Nevada Attorney General (she was sworn in to a second term on January 3, 2011).



Here are some highlights from various presenters:

- ★ Anna Siefer, Operations Manager for Nevada Microenterprise Initiative - micro lending beginning on March 15th including certification for federal government funding.
- ★ Robin Shope from No to Abuse described a new multi-agency task force to assist victims of sexual abuse. The participants include the sheriff's office and district attorney as well child protective services. Kaylee Gaines said a Child Advocacy Center is being developed.
- ★ Dina Williamson-Edrag from the League of Women Voters informed the group about the NVRA, National Voter Registration Act, and the need to get more women registered through public agencies like the DMV or Welfare.
- ★ Tonya Brum of Soroptimists talked about scholarships available to women re-entering the workforce.
- ★ Attorney Ross Moynihan from Stovall & Associates offered to assist women in domestic violence situations at no cost to the victim.
- ★ Devin Brooks from Stepping Stones Behavioral Health discussed their programs and said most are covered by insurance.
- ★ Maria Hurst of WIC (Women, Infants and Children) talked about the service they provide.
- ★ Catherine Cortez-Masto gave some grim information. Last year Nevada ranked number one in the number of women murdered. Through a federal grant, she is establishing tri-county prosecution of offenders.
- ★ Cece Alvarado-Sallee of NyE Communities Coalition talked about the Coalition's role in bringing organization's together for the betterment of the community.

Event organizer  
Antoinette Rabb



**What kids need to succeed - asset #21- Achievement Motivation Kids are motivated to do well in school**

- ★ Clearly communicate to your children that you value learning- that you think school is important, and you want and expect them to take it seriously.
- ★ Model lifelong learning. Show an ongoing interest in learning new things, making new discoveries, and exploring new topics.
- ★ Stay in contact with teachers about your children’s progress in school. Don’t wait for report cards.
- ★ Encourage motivation from the inside out. Tap into your child’s interests and passions, and try to connect them to what he or she is learning in school. Don’t “pay” your child to learn with money, rewards or excessive praise; that’s motivation from the outside in.
- ★ Learn along with your children. Go someplace new together and explore. Read the same books and discuss them afterward, or take turns choosing books for everyone to read. Take a community education class together. Brainstorm a list of questions you’re all curious about, then visit the library to find the answers.
- ★ Encourage your kids to do their best at school, but don't expect perfection, and leave room for mistakes.
- ★ Relate what your child is learning in school to real-life situations. Example: Visit your state’s capital.
- ★ If your kids seem apathetic about school or resist going to school, try to find out why. Is school too easy for them, or too hard? Are they getting the help and support they need? Do they feel safe at school? Talk with their teachers. Do what you can to change things, working with other parents and school staff or switch schools.

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**Solution: Frankenstein**

**February Boggler**

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