

Distinguished Nevadan Nomination Form

Deadline: December 31

Please send all nominations to:

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1. **Salutation:** Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr.

2. **Nominee's Name** (*Please ensure correct spelling.*)

Carolyn M. Sparks

3. **Nominee's Mailing Address:** _____

4. **Nominee's Phone Number:** **Work:** _____

5. **Employment History** (*Attach additional material if necessary.*)

Please see biographical information (attached).

6. **Educational Background** (*Attach additional material if necessary.*)

Please see biographical information (attached).

7. **Reasons for Nomination**)*Please include outstanding accomplishments, achievements, and contributions to Nevada and its people. Please be specific and provide considerable detail. You may attach additional pages if necessary.*

Please see biographical information (attached).

8. **Other NSHE Awards** *(Please list other awards this individual has received.)*

9. **Nominated by*:** Regent Michael B. Wixom (District 6)

* Candidates for the Distinguished Nevadan Award may only be nominated by a current member of the Nevada Board of Regents. (Added 6/05)

CAROLYN M. SPARKS

As a lifelong resident of Clark County, Carolyn Sparks' humanitarian efforts for the community are many and varied, from her earliest involvement as area chairman for the American Cancer Society and fund-raiser for Junior Mesquite Club and Home of the Good Shepherd to her current work with the Nevada Children's Center, and span 35 years. She started the Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation (now known as the University Medical Center Foundation), the Children's Miracle Network Telethon and the Nevada Children's Center (formally called the Las Vegas Center For Children) and the Nevada Children's Center Foundation. She has had a longtime commitment to the University & Community College System of Nevada and served two six year terms, 1984-1996, on the Board of Regents. Her work with Junior League of Las Vegas over the last 34 years has allowed her to work on two historic preservation projects (the Beckley House and the Morelli House), along with many advocacy and hands-on projects for children. She was an original board member of the State Parks Cultural Arts Board and has served on the boards of Southern Nevada Best Coalition, Las Vegas Museum of Natural History, Nevada Ballet Theater and the Clark County Panhellenic Association.

Mrs. Sparks and her husband, Kenneth, founded International Insurance Services, Ltd. in 1966 and she is still acting President. Mrs. Sparks was appointed by then Governor Richard Bryan to the Statewide Committee for the Funding of Higher Education in 1987. She was also appointed by Governor Bob Miller as the Statewide Co-Chairman of the State of Nevada's 125th Anniversary Committee for 1989-1990 and in 2004, she was appointed to the Nevada State Taxi Cab Authority by Governor Kenny Guinn.

In 1982, Mrs. Sparks was honored as the "Clark County Community Service Mother of the Year." In 1981, she received the Community Volunteer Service Award and "Person of the Year" for the University Medical Center Auxiliary in 1978.

Mrs. Sparks served on the Board of Directors for the Showboat Hotel & Casino from 1991 until it was sold to Harrah's. She followed her father, Fred Morledge, who was one of the builders and original partners and served on the Board until his retirement at age 89. She was on the Board of Directors of PriMerit Bank from 1988 until it merged with another banking institution and she was a long-time member of the Board of Directors of Southwest Gas Corporation.

She remains active with the International Women's Forum and the Rotary Club of Las Vegas. She is also a Past President of the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

She was born January 7, the daughter of Frederick L. and Malvina W. Morledge. She attended the University of California, Berkeley where she earned a B.A. degree in Speech and Communication Arts. She was married to Kenneth Sparks (deceased) on June 27, 1964, and is the mother of four children, Katherine Elizabeth, Robert Kenneth, Jonathan Frederick (deceased) and Patricia Marie. Mrs. Sparks is a native of Southern Nevada and graduated from Bishop Gorman High School.

CAROLYN MORLEDGE SPARKS

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PERSONAL

Lifetime resident of Clark County, Nevada.

Married to Kenneth D. Sparks, June, 1964 (deceased 2003),

Children: Katherine Lang (1965), married to Charles Lang (1995), daughter Shandee (22).

Graduated from Clark High School, Las Vegas, NV, 1983.

Graduated from University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1987.

Presently Sr. VP/Adminstration, International Insurance Services, Ltd., Las Vegas, NV.

Presently Co-Owner (with husband Charles), Driftwood Entertainment Production Company.

Robert Kenneth (1967), married to Tiffany (2003), daughter Alyssa (13), son Kenneth (2).

Graduated from Bishop Gorman High School, Las Vegas, NV, 1985.

Graduated from University of San Diego, 1989.

Graduated From University of San Diego School of Law, 1992.

Presently Attorney, Black LoBello & Associates, Las Vegas, NV.

Jonathan Frederick (1971), deceased, 1973.

Patricia Walsh (1976), married to Dean Walsh (2005).

Graduated from Bishop Gorman High School, Las Vegas, NV, 1994.

Attended University of Utah, Salt Lake City, 1994-1995.

Graduated From University Of San Diego, 1997.

Masters In Education, Regis University, Las Vegas, NV (2000).

Presently Fifth Grade Teacher, Olinda School District, Orange County, California.

EDUCATION

Graduated from Bishop Gorman High School, Las Vegas, NV, 1959.

Graduated From University of California, Berkley, 1963. Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech.

BUSINESS

Claims Secretary, Royal Insurance Company, Las Vegas, NV, 1963-64.

Co-Founder (with husband Kenneth), International Insurance Services, Ltd., Las Vegas, NV, 1966.

Independent Insurance Adjusting business which has grown from a 3 person to a 10 person office with many major accounts. Currently President.

Board of Directors, PriMerit Bank, 1988-1996.

Board of Directors, Southwest Gas Corporation (NV, AZ & CA), 1988-Present.

Board of Directors, Showboat Hotel & Casino, 1990-1997.

HONORS

Person of the Year, Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital Auxiliary (University Medical Center), 1978.

Carnation Community Volunteer Service Award, Voluntary Action Council, 1981.

Clark County Community Service Mother of the Year, 1982.

Distinguished Alumnae of the Year, Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority, 1990.

Special Recognition Award, UNLV Center for Religion & Life, 1990.

Distinguished Women in Southern Nevada, 1990-1999.

National Association for Female Executives, 1995-2000.

Honorary Associated Degree, Community College of Southern Nevada, 1997.

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, Lifetime Honorary Member.

President's Medal, UNLV, 1997.

Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Community Achievement Award Finalist, 1998.

Association Of Fund Raising Professionals, Outstanding Fundraiser, 2002

Nevada Ballet Theater, Above & Beyond Award, 2002.

Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Dino Ball Philanthropy Award, 2004.

National Association of Women Business Owners, Women of Distinction, 2003 Award/Philanthropy.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

17 Year Active Member, Junior League of Las Vegas. Presently Sustaining Member.
 Member, Junior Mesquite Club, 1964-70.
 Past President, Home of the Good Shepherd Auxiliary (Member since 1983).
 Past President, Clark County Panhellenic Association, 1967.
 Past Area Chairman, American Cancer Society, 1968-70.
 President, Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary (University Medical Center), 1975. Member 1960-Present.
 Founding President (2 terms), University Medical Center Foundation, 1982-2005.
 Founding Chairman, Children's Miracle Network Telethon, 1983-85.
 Founding Co-Chairman, UMC Foundation's Nevada Days Celebration 1983-90.
 Chairman, Beckley House Historic Restoration Project (Junior League), 1980.
 Advisory Board Member, Southern Nevada Best Coalition, 1990-92.
 Advisory Board Member, Las Vegas Museum of Natural History, 1990-93 and 1998-2005.
 Founding Member, Las Vegas Center for Children Board of Directors 1993-94. Board Secretary, 1994-95.
 Chairman, Nevada Children's Center Foundation, 1996-2002. Presently Board Member.
 Founding Member, UNLV Center for Women, 1994.
 Founding Member, UNLV Women's Sports Foundation, 1991-1999. Chairman, 1997-98.
 Founding Member and Chairman, State Parks Cultural Arts Board (now Super Summer Theater), 1978-88. Currently on Advisory Board.
 UNLV President's Associates, 1993-95.
 UNLV President's Inner Circle, 1996-Present.
 Founding President, Nevada International Women's Forum (37 Countries), 1997-2001. Presently Board Member.
 Vice President, Nevada Ballet Theatre, 2000-Present.
 Member, Salvation Army Advisory Board, 1999-Present. Chairman 2004-2005.
 Las Vegas Rotary, 2003-Present. Paul Harris Fellow, 2004.

ELECTED/APPOINTED POSITIONS

Elected to Board of Regents, Bishop Gorman High School, 1990-1995.
 University of Nevada System (UNS) Board of Regents, 1984. Elected for 6 year term, then re-elected in 1990 to a second six year term.
 Elected Co-Chairman, UNS Board of Regents, 1989-91.
 Elected Chairman, UNS Board of Regents, 1991-93. Name changed to University & Community College System of Nevada (UCCSN). Sat on and chaired various committees.
 Appointed by Governor Richard Bryan to a Statewide Committee for Funding of Higher Education, 1987-88.
 Member, UNLV Law School Study Committee, 1988-90.
 Founding Member, UNLV Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, 1990-2003.
 Member, UNLV Beautification Project Committee, 1985-88.
 Member, UNLV Housing & Greek Row Project, 1987-90.
 Appointed by UNLV President to Future Planning Committee, 1990.
 Appointed by Governor Bob Miller as Statewide Co-Chairman, Nevada 125th Anniversary Commission, 1989-90.
 Chairman, Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN) International Students' Program Task Force, 1997.
 Member, CCSN Capital Campaign Cabinet, 1997-98.
 Member, UNLV-NCAA Certification, Governance & Compliance Committee, 1997-98.
 Member, University of San Diego Parents Advisory Council, 1996-98.
 Nevada Woman Magazine Community Council, 1996-Present.
 Member, UNLV Foundation Board, 1997-Present (Various Committees).
 Member, Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN) Foundation Board, 1997-Present.
 Appointed by Governor Kenny Guinn to Nevada Taxi Cab Authority, 2004-Present.
 Elected to University of California, Berkely Graduate School of Education Advisory Board, 2005.
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