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This country was founded and built by people with great dreams and the courage to take great risks. . . . We have every right to dream heroic dreams. Those who say that we're in a time when there are no heroes, they just don't know where to look. . . . The ultimate determinant in the struggle now going on for the world will not be bombs and rockets but a test of wills and ideas – a trial of spiritual resolve: the values we hold, the beliefs we cherish and the ideals to which we are dedicated." (Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States, 1911-2004)

Welcome to a New Year of Resolutions. Time to reflect on the accomplishments of the Trump Administration and the promise to "Make America Great Again." In 2017 President Donald Trump reminded us, "We will make our hopes, our dreams – our limitless potential – a reality."



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Such a lovely occasion! Fifty-one of our members, associates and guests got together on December 12th for our Christmas Holiday Luncheon and Officers Installation. Our member and Nevada State Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner installed our 2018 officers – me as president, Phyllis Plugge (First Vice President – Programs), Ellie Dobler (Second Vice

President – Membership), Ronnie Bayduza (Secretary) and Kathi Congistre (Treasurer). Thank you, everyone, for stepping up. I look forward to working hand-in-glove with you in 2018.

Lisa told us about her remarkable record of success during her first legislative session this past year. Even though she was only in her first term as a legislator, she proposed and shepherded three bills into law – one to protect a veterans' cemetery; a second to lengthen the period of time that victims of sexual abuse as children have to file a civil lawsuit to recover damages; and a third to revise provisions governing the process for a legal change of name to better protect the privacy of people who may be victims of domestic violence or stalking. She also successfully sponsored Assembly Joint Resolution 3 that recognized the strategic partnership and bond of friendship with, and expressed the Nevada Legislature's support for, the State of Israel.

Quite an accomplishment for a freshman legislator! And even though there will not be a legislative session in 2018, Lisa will still be hard at work considering possible bills to introduce in the 2019 session and serving on the Committee on Veterans, Seniors and Persons with Disabilities as well as the Committee on the Administration of Justice.

Lisa, who was accompanied by her (proud!) mother Margaret, also told us about her plans to run for reelection in November 2018. Apparently, someone is

considering running against her; and this possibility adds to the importance of expressing our support by donating to Lisa's reelection campaign before December 31st so that our donations will be included in her fourth-quarter report of contributions. A high level of support, as demonstrated by this report, tends to discourage potential opponents. Several of us responded to this heads-up by donating on the spot, and others sent a contribution before the end of December.

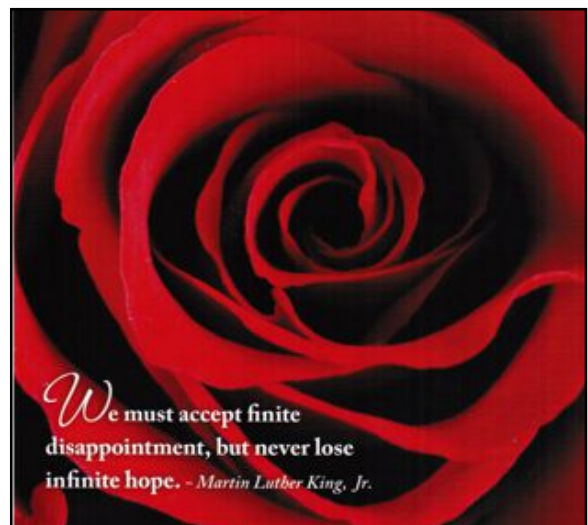
Speaking of the 2018 elections, Lisa reminded us of the importance of electing Republicans to state and national offices. As we enter our 53rd year as an active Republican women's club campaigning for and electing Republicans, let us resolve to work even harder than ever before! Happily, the Washoe County Republican Party has recovered its momentum and is implementing a new initiative to recruit new Republican voters, about which we will hear more soon.

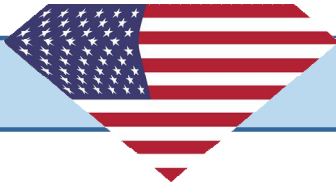
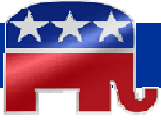
"Thank you" to our members who recruited and brought to our meeting two new members, three new associate members and three new "maybe's"! Keep talking up our club to your friends and neighbors!

During this happy and holy season, may we all enjoy a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Patricia Moser Morris

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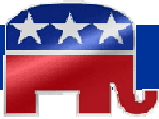
MAKING AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!

Here's a list of President Donald J. Trump's accomplishments in 2017

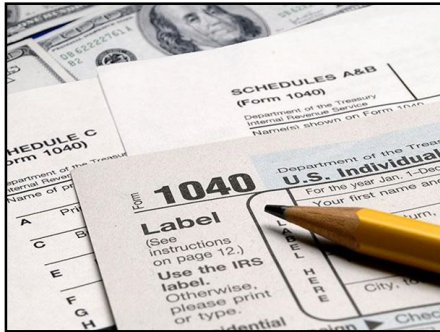
1. He got conservative judge Neil Gorsuch on the Supreme Court.
2. The stock market is at an all-time high.
3. Consumer confidence is at an all-time high.
4. Gutted 800 Obama era regulations thus freeing up companies to hire again and get the economy moving once again
5. Created nearly 2 million jobs by undoing Obama's regulations
6. Mortgage applications for new homes at 7 year high
7. Unemployment rate is at a 16 year low
8. Signed the promoting women in entrepreneurship act
9. Ended the war on coal and caused a new mine for coal mining to open that will mine clean coal. He also put the miners back to work.
10. Weakened Dodd-Frank regulations
11. Promoted buying and hiring American
12. Investments from major businesses such as Foxconn, Ford, Toyota, Intel and others will build here now.
13. Reduced illegal immigration by over 70 percent
14. Bids for the border wall are underway
15. He's fighting back against sanctuary cities
16. Changed the rules of engagement against ISIS
17. Drafted a plan to defeat ISIS
18. Worked to reduce the cost of the F-35 fighter jets.
19. Imposed a five year lobbying ban plan
20. Sanctioned Iran over its missile program
21. Responded to Syria's use of chemical weapons
22. Reduced tax reform plan
23. He's renegotiating NAFTA
24. He withdrew from the Trans Pacific Partnership thus keeping jobs here
25. He pulled us out of the Paris Climate Accords thus saving us millions of dollars every year.
26. Created a task force to reduce crime
27. The DOJ is targeting dangerous gangs like MS-13
28. Signed independence and economic growth law
29. Signed an executive order to protect police officers and target drug cartels
30. Signed an executive order for religious freedom
31. His administration is working on sending education back to the states.
32. He's fixing the department of Veterans Affairs so now vets can choose their own doctors and be covered. This also protects whistle blowers and allows VA to terminate bad employees.
33. Authorized construction of the Keystone and Dakota pipelines. The Dakota pipeline is up and running without harming the environment.
34. Created commissions on election fraud and opioid addiction
35. Food stamp use is the lowest level in seven years
36. Reduced the White House payroll saving taxpayers millions of dollars
37. He's donating his salary to various causes.
38. Signed 52 pieces of legislation
39. Cut 600 billion from UN peacekeeping mission
40. Gas prices lowest in more than 12 years

You won't hear about the many accomplishments of the Trump Administration's agenda to "Make America Great Again." In fact many in the mainstream media and most Democrats in Washington D.C. are bent upon a scheme to destroy, distract and damage the Trump agenda. In the areas of economics and national security, President Trump is in the midst of healing this country's true woes. Indeed, he has started something in motion that will ultimately prevail. He has turned the ship around. That's moral victory. That's making America great again!

Source: <https://www.conservativedailynews.com/2017/08/trumps-accomplishments-so-far-and-they-are-many/>



UNDERSTANDING THE TAX REFORM BILL



By Sam Kumar

Contrary to the negative press and partisan opposition, the recently passed tax reform bill is an excellent

Christmas gift to America. Several claims have been made by partisans who are opposed to the tax cuts. Let us examine some of those central claims.

Let's start with the deficit. The CBO incorrectly claims (discussed in my opinion piece on November 26, *Laying out the broad principles for tax reform*) that this bill will increase the deficit by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years. It is interesting to see some feign concern about the potential deficit. Where were these deficit hawks when President Obama increased the national debt by \$1.5 trillion a year while he was in office? When it comes to deficit spending to grow welfare, they are all in, but when it comes to putting money in people's pockets, deficits suddenly become a concern.

The next claim: This is a tax break for the rich. If you define "rich" to include anyone who pays taxes, that would be accurate. For starters, the standard deduction essentially doubles, resulting in lowered taxable income. This bill "progressively" benefits those with lower incomes. Consider someone working at the Amazon warehouse or the Tesla factory making \$15 an hour (\$31,200 a year). Not paying any taxes on the first \$12,000 makes a bigger difference to that worker than it would to someone who makes \$250,000. On top of that, every single one of the seven tax brackets will see a tax cut. The child tax credit doubles under this reform, again benefiting lower income families. Come February, the vast majority of Americans will see an increase in their paychecks.

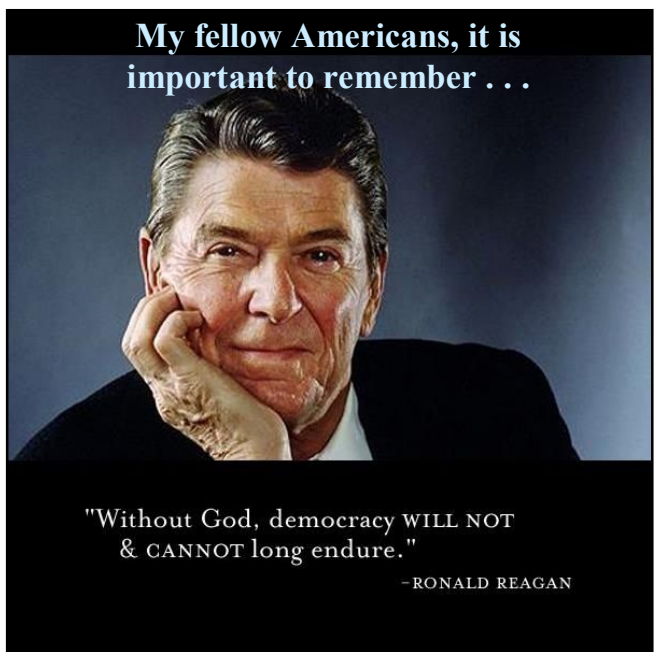
In addition to the above points, increasing the standard deduction will also simplify the filing process for many,

reducing the number of filers who itemize from 33 percent to approximately 11 percent. Complexity benefits the wealthy who can hire accountants and lawyers and a reduction of complexity evens the playing field.

They claim this is a tax break for corporations. The current corporate tax rate of 35 percent is the highest in the industrial world. This tax bill drops it to 21 percent (which is still very high). Compare that to Ireland, where the corporate tax rate is 12.5 percent. Wonder why tech companies like Apple have a strong presence in Ireland? Apple's website states that they pay 7 percent of all corporate income taxes paid in that country. Wouldn't it make sense to lower our corporate taxes so companies like Apple expand and create jobs in the U.S. instead of in Ireland? Besides, if lower corporate tax rates are such a bad idea, why are liberal states like New York running TV ads touting themselves as business-friendly

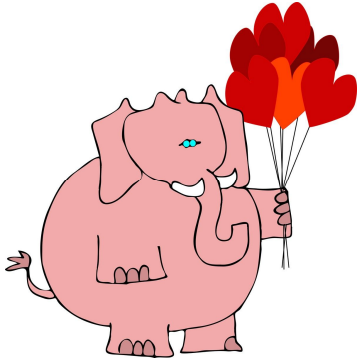
One final point: Based on the most recent data available, the top 1 percent of filers pay 38 percent of all federal income tax and the top 20 percent of filers pay close to 70 percent of all federal income tax! Success should be rewarded, not punished. Killing the goose that lays the golden egg may be good politics, but it is poor economics.

Note: Sam Kumar is the former chairman of the Washoe County Republican Party.





Why I am A Republican



By Shirley Appel

I have thought about this for some time . . . I guess the first time I voted was when Ronald Reagan was running for the Governor of California. My family has always been Republican, and I guess that I was just

part of that growing up. Since I was skating with an ice show during those years and not yet old enough to vote, I believed just do as my mother and father did.

I had my first experience of knowing about what I did *not* want to see happen in our country in the 1960's when I had the opportunity to skate in Russia on a cultural exchange. The Russian Circus came to the United States and the ice show went to Russia. At the age of 19, I saw what it was like to be a Communist and the way they lived. Spending three months there definitely taught me a very important lesson.

After I left the ice show and returned to the United States I became more aware of our political system and how it worked. I saw that what Democrats believe is very much like what I had seen in Russia. In other words, the government giving everything away instead of encouraging people to work for what they have! Through the years the Russian government crushed people's initiative and allowed their citizens to go on welfare and not work since they can get as much staying at home as going out and working and being productive.

It wasn't until I moved to Incline Village and joined the Republican Women's club that I realized how important it was to be a part of the Republican Party. I have seen a different side of politics during the past eight years, and it really made me realize how important it is to be on the right side of politics. There is much corruption in government so it is very important to educate ourselves and others to take a stand against any abuse of power.

I can see how so many people have a negative attitude towards our President and the Republicans from watching

the slanted news shows. I try to watch both the "drive-by media" and the conservative news and make my own conclusions, but fortunately I now know which I believe.



Why Martin Luther King Was Republican

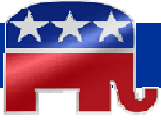
Each year on January 15th we celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday.

It should come as no surprise that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a Republican. In that era, almost all black Americans were Republicans. Why? From its founding in 1854 as the anti-slavery party until today, the Republican Party has championed freedom and civil rights for blacks. And as one pundit so succinctly stated, the Democrat Party is as it always has been, the party of the four S's: slavery, secession, segregation and now socialism. It was the Democrats who fought to keep blacks in slavery and passed the discriminatory Black Codes and Jim Crow laws. The Democrats started the Ku Klux Klan to lynch and terrorize blacks. The Democrats fought to prevent the passage of every civil rights law beginning with the civil rights laws of the 1860s, and continuing with the civil rights laws of the 1950s and 1960s.

Dr. King said, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

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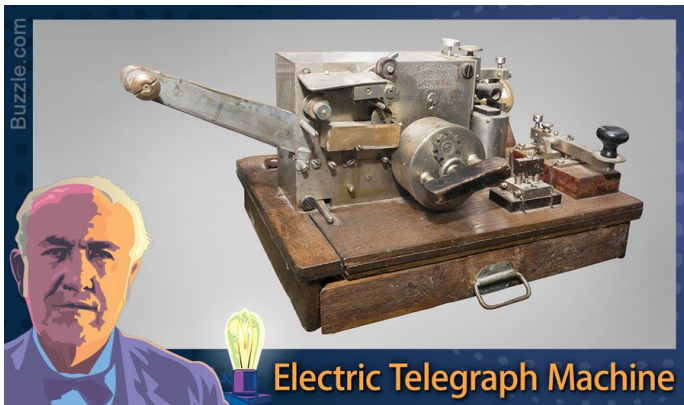
Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Baptist minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using the tactics of nonviolence and civil disobedience.



EVENTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY

January 1838: Samuel Morse Demonstrates Telegraph

Electronics have come a long way since the telegraph was invented



Electric Telegraph Machine

On this day in 1838, Samuel Morse's telegraph system is demonstrated for the first time at the Speedwell Iron Works in Morristown, New Jersey. The telegraph, a device which used electric impulses to transmit encoded messages over a wire, would eventually revolutionize long-distance communication, reaching the height of its popularity in the 1920s and 1930s.

Samuel Finley Breese Morse was born April 27, 1791, in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He attended Yale University, where he was interested in art, as well as electricity, still in its infancy at the time. After college, Morse became a painter. In 1832, while sailing home from Europe, he heard about the newly discovered electromagnet and came up with an idea for an electric telegraph. He had no idea that other inventors were already at work on the concept.

Morse spent the next several years developing a prototype and took on two partners, Leonard Gale and Alfred Vail, to help him. In 1838, he demonstrated his invention using Morse code, in which dots and dashes represented letters and numbers. In 1843, Morse finally

convinced a skeptical Congress to fund the construction of the first telegraph line in the United States, from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore. In May 1844, Morse sent the first official telegram over the line, with the message: "What hath God wrought!"

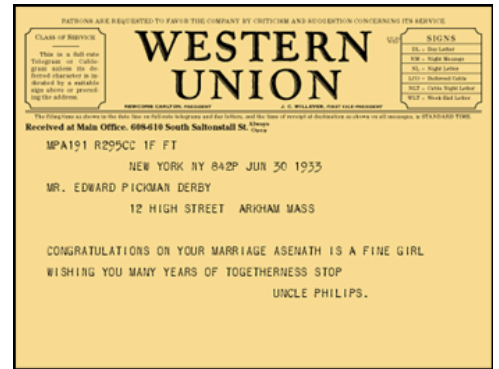
Over the next few years, private companies, using Morse's patent, set up telegraph lines around the Northeast. In

1851, the New York and Mississippi Valley Printing Telegraph Company was founded; it would later change its name to Western Union. In 1861, Western Union finished the first transcontinental line across the United States. Five years later, the first successful permanent line across the Atlantic Ocean was constructed and by the end of the century telegraph systems were in place in Africa, Asia and Australia.

Because telegraph companies typically charged by the word, telegrams became known for their succinct prose – whether they contained happy or sad news. The word "stop," which was free, was used in place of a period, for which there was a charge. In 1933, Western Union introduced singing telegrams. During World War II, Americans came to dread the sight of Western Union couriers because the military used telegrams to inform families about soldiers' deaths.

Over the course of the 20th century, telegraph messages were largely replaced by cheap long-distance phone service, faxes and email. Western Union delivered its final telegram in January 2006.

Samuel Morse died wealthy and famous in New York City on April 2, 1872, at age 80.





Membership Application

New Member Renewing Membership

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NAME as it appears on VOTER REGISTRATION: _____

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SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS(es): _____

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Fax Number: _____ Birthday (Month, Day) _____

Email address (for roster and newsletter):

Please print

MEMBERSHIP STATUS , PLEASE CHECK ONE:

Active \$35, any woman registered as a Republican

Associate \$15, any woman with a full membership in another Republican women's group,

Primary Club Membership OR any man registered as a Republican

CHECK AREAS OF INTEREST:

Art or Graphic Art Work

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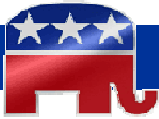
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Always more information for you at our website: ivcbrw.org



Nevada Federation of Republican Women reminds you to . . .
Come to Our Annual Northern Leadership Conference
at the Governor's Mansion, Nevada Room, Carson City

Saturday, January 27, 2018, 8 AM to about 3:30 PM

- ◆ Come meet your new NvFRW Executive Committee for 2018-2019!
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January Member Birthdays

Table listing January member birthdays: Jalyne Leonhart (Jan), Carol Del Carlo (2), Judy Miller (9), Clyde Kowallis (12), Karen Kuehnis (12), Chet Curtis (14)

Table listing birthdays: Yolanda Knaak (18), Ellie Dobler (19), Maurice Leach (27), Loren Obley (27), Annette Summers (29)



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