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You're invited by the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women to a luncheon

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

at The Chateau, 955 Fairway Boulevard, Incline Village | 11:30 am - 2:00 pm





Come meet and

JOHN TSARPALAS, President of the Nevada Policy Research Institute, speak on "The Nevada Political Universe."

Tickets are \$30 per person and include lunch. A no-host bar is available. Advanced reservations are REQUIRED. Attendees without advance reservations will not be able to have lunch.

Please RSVP to Cretia Eyster at cretiaeyster@earthlink.net or call (cell) 415-515-1883 no later than Friday, March 6.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

e are off to a roaring start! Not only did we celebrate the demise of the bogus Impeachment fiasco, but **Kevin Magee**, the Trump Victory

Campaign Field Coordinator for Northern Nevada, gave us a game plan of how we can make Nevada **RED** again.

At our February luncheon Kevin pointed out that President Trump lost Nevada by only 1.6 percent of the vote – 27,000 ballots. If we count all the people who voted for libertarian candidate Gary Johnson and who voted for "none of the above," this totaled 66,000 votes. If we focus on identifying these voters and encourage them to vote for President Trump in 2020, plus hold our current Trump voters, **then we can WIN!**

But it will not be easy, and we know the opposition party to going to spend lots to get Nevada's 6 electoral votes. Kevin Magee's team is focused on voter registration, voter identification, and voter contact, including phone banking and door-to-door solicitation. Each of us in IVCBRW will want to help.

Due to the excitement and energy in the lunch meeting room we had a member, **Celine Nugent**, volunteer to lead our voter registration initiative here in Incline Village. Please join me in thanking Celine and volunteering to help her staff our voter registration table. A schedule will be coming out in March. And to re-enforce the enthusiasm and optimism, new member **Susan Calfa** shared that she has already made her hotel room reservations for the 2021 Trump Inauguration! Way to go Susan!

Our luncheon also included a presentation by **John Sullivan**, owner of Sunshine Deli and a good Republican, who shared with us his idea to start a Conservative Welcome Wagon for new residents in our community. A copy of John's suggestion is included in this newsletter. I will be reaching out to find just the right person to implement this program. If you are interested, please contact me at llsmith2650@aol.com.

To keep the positive momentum going in March, we will have **Mr. John Tsarpalas**, President of Nevada Policy Research Institute (NPRI), as our featured speaker on March 10th. The NPRI is the leading think tank in our State and

John has a power-point presentation that will help us understand "The Nevada Political Universe." Please mark your calendars to join me.

In addition to hearing from the CEO of the Nevada Policy Research Institute, we will have a brief presentation by **Melissa Clement** of the Nevada Right to Life Committee. Melissa will be talking to us about recent state legislation that allows young girls to seek an abortion without parental consent.

Finally, I am proud to announce a new program suggested and backed by **Maureen Dudley.** Maureen has offered a \$10 Starbucks gift certificate to anyone who attended the February meeting and who brings a guest to the March meeting. And John Sullivan has agreed to match the offer with a \$10 gift certificate to his deli. **Each One Bring One!** now comes with \$20 in gift certificates. Thanks to Maureen for inspiring us with her generous offer and thanks to John for joining her. I look forward to seeing even more new faces at our March 10th luncheon at the Chateau.

Linda L. Smith

s of January 1st The Chateau has increased the cost of their food by 20 percent. Your IVCBRW Board



regrets that we will need to pass along the higher cost, otherwise we will lose money. Effective with the March 10th event, the monthly luncheon program will cost \$30. per person. *Thank you for your understanding*.

"The American Dream is freedom, prosperity, peace-and liberty and justice for all. That's a big dream. It's not always easy to achieve, but that's the ideal. More than any country in history we've made gains toward a democracy that is enviable throughout the world. Dreams require perseverance if they are to be realized, and fortunately we're a hard-working country and people. We are the luckiest people in history, just by the fact that we are Americans."

– Donald Trump





About our Speaker, JOHN TSARPALAS

John Tsarpalas is the President of the Nevada Policy Research Institute (NPRI). As President John is

deeply committed to promoting limited government ideas and policies that create a better, more prosperous Nevada for all Nevadans.

John spent the first 25 years of his career as a commercial construction contractor in Chicago. As government regulations and state and local taxes expanded exponentially in his home state of Illinois, John realized that he had to become more active in the world of politics.

In 1996 when Newt Gingrich drafted the *Contract with America*, John became active in Republican political campaigns. In 2005 after five campaigns where candidates he backed and promoted were the only Republicans elected in Democrat districts, he was recruited to become the Executive Director of the Illinois Republican Party. As Executive Director he graduated from the Republican National Committee's Campaign College and the RNC's Field Management School.

After being disappointed by Republican votes in the Illinois State House and Congress, John left the Party to pursue alternate routes for initiating change. As President of the Sam Adams Alliance he focused on helping to educate activists and build limited government support organizations that promoted free enterprise in 10 states. On the national level he was part of the team that started the Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity and American Majority with chapters in 23 states.

After the Sam Adams Alliance, John partnered with the following educational not-for-profits: Think Freely Media, the Haym Salomon Center for Jewish American Thought, and Midwest Speaking Professionals.

About three years ago due to his outstanding record of accomplishments, John was recruited to lead the Nevada Policy Research Institute. NPRI has been at the forefront of promoting sound, limited government policies for our State including school choice and allowing public

employees to opt out of unions and lobbying efforts that do not reflect a public employee's personal views. NPRI has worked hard through TransparentNevada.com for open and transparent government records and decision-making. This project is dedicated to making sure Nevadans keep more of their hard-earned money by exposing wasteful government spending and promoting low-tax solutions to Nevada's economic challenges.

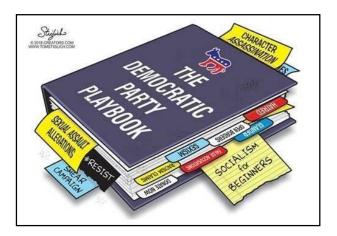
A former native of the economically and politically bankrupt state of Illinois, John now lives in Henderson, Nevada, with his wife of 41 years. Join John and the IVCBRW on March 10th for an engaging and informative program.



THE NEVADA POLICY RESEARCH

INSTITUTE (NPRI) is a private non-profit, free-market and limited-government policy research organization based in Las Vegas, Nevada. NPRI seeks to promote private, rather than government solutions to issues facing Nevada and the western region of the United States. NPRI researches education, tax and fiscal policy, and labor issues related to Nevada public policy.

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Conservative Welcome Wagon

A "Hearts and Minds" Concept by John Sullivan, Owner of Sunshine Deli

s Nevada's population continues to expand, our communities are under relentless pressure to embrace "progressive" blue state policies, programs and politics. This population surge is transforming Nevada's social landscape into something indistinguishable from big-city life, a fate many of us have fled.

Our "Hearts and Minds" concept proposal is aimed at new arrivals that leave their blue states and come to Nevada in hopes of reconnecting with dreams that have faded with each passing election. What's needed is a **Conservative Welcome Wagon** to greet their arrival here. While this idea has been around for a while, it has never actually been implemented – so we'll be breaking new ground, so to speak.

With that in mind, I'm proposing the following:

- 2. Identify newcomers and arrange to meet them within a month of their arrival. *
- 3. Ask (and most importantly, LISTEN) to why they left their former home and want to move here.**
- 4. Introduce them to a select circle of conservatives.***
- 5. This circle of friends can begin the process of explaining Nevada's conservative American values: belief in personal responsibility, limited government, free markets, individual liberty, and a strong national defense. ****

The list needs to be fleshed out, but it provides a good starting point.



From left to right: Yolanda Knaak, Jane Barnhart, Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner, Kevin Magee – Trump Team Field Coordinator and our February luncheon speaker, Kay Lehr, and Linda Smith.



^{*} This info is available online.

^{**} A list of specific questions will be necessary.

^{***} This circle is critical. If members are too strident, they will scare off the newcomers.

^{****} Again, a scripted conversational outline will be needed.

DMV Nevada voter rolls swell as automatic registration takes effect

Thirty-year-old construction worker Jesse Speights recently walked into the Reno DMV, not knowing if he was even registered to vote. When he walked out shortly afterwards, he was officially a registered nonpartisan, one of the first customers to undergo what he called a "quick and easy" process under Nevada's new automatic voter registration law. But while he affirmed that "voting's cool" because you can pick the leader of the U.S., he wasn't sure he would do it in November. "Maybe – we'll see," he said.

Speights is among thousands of new voters added to the rolls in January, driven primarily by new nonpartisans, but also by a smaller number of Democrats and Republicans. The surge of well over 6,000 new voters in Clark County during the first 10 days of January was close to the average amount the County saw in an entire month under the prior system. The increased registrations appear to be because under the new law, people who complete DMV transactions automatically have their voter records updated unless they opt out.

Although the early numbers could foreshadow a strong turnout and possible trouble for the Republican Party, which is seeing its ranks grow more slowly relative to other party registrations, it is uncertain how many of the newly registered voters will show up at the voting booths.

Professor David Damore, chair of UNLV's political science department, said turnouts for elections in Nevada are low and voting process reforms making it easier to vote usually have "marginal" effects. For example, Nevada's voter participation rates remain low even after the expansion of early voting and addition of competitive races and heavy campaign spending, he said.

"The best predictors of voting are residential stability, age, and education and Nevada is a very transient state, is 45th in college grads, and some segments of the state's population, particularly Latinos, are relatively young," he said. "Most people who are interested in politics, understand the process, and are in the habit of voting, do participate. There are just fewer of those types here than in other states."

Nonpartisans turn out at lower levels than those affiliated with a major party. Voter turnout for registered voters in Nevada's 2016 general election for Republicans was 73.6 percent, for Democrats was 67.6 percent, and for third-party and nonpartisan voters was 57.5 percent.

Voter turnout rates are usually higher for elections held during a presidential or on-cycle election. The DMV said



DMV voter registration – People wait at the DMV office in Henderson on January 2, 2018.

it does not have estimates for how many voting-age Nevadans who are unregistered will become registered through the new law, although Clark County Registrar of Voters Joe Gloria testified in 2017 that he estimated up to 120,000 new voters in Clark County would be registered through AVR, based on Oregon's experience with the policy.

In Clark County, which holds the bulk of registered voters totaling over 1.1 million, roughly 6,100 new nonpartisans, 3,400 Democrats and 1,700 Republicans were added to the pool of active registered voters as of January 18. That translates to a 0.76 percent increase of new registered Democrats, a 0.54 percent increase in Republicans, and a 2.4 percent increase in nonpartisan voters.

A Trump Victory spokesman recently said in an interview that the campaign is not worried about the sheer numbers of newly registered Democrats and nonpartisans because the party predicts that in terms of proportions, the percentage breakdown of party affiliations will stay more or less the same. In fact, Trump campaign spokesman Keith Schipper also hinted at a plan to reach out to conservative-leaning nonpartisans and lauded the GOP's sophisticated voter information database, saying it "gives us that much more of an advantage understanding which issues resonate with nonpartisan voters."

Since Nevada is a swing state, it has gone for the winning candidate in every presidential election in the last 108 years except for the elections of 1976 and 2016, when Nevada voted for Gerald Ford over Jimmy Carter and

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Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump. Nevada's vacillations between parties in presidential elections have demarcated the state as a swing state. However, a growing non-white electorate – which tends to vote more Democratic – combined with the fact that Nevada went blue in the past two election cycles have left some wondering whether the swing state designation is still accurate.

Many Democrats and Republicans, however, still view Nevada as a battleground state. Nevada's pivotal early state status in the presidential nomination process – the Silver State is the third state to vote in the upcoming Democratic caucuses and primaries – mean a steady flow of candidates are including Nevada on their campaign stops.

Republicans point out that Democrats winning statewide in Nevada typically take more moderate stances than their peers in other states. For example, "If Gov. Sisolak would've run on gun confiscation and health care for illegals, I think you would say he would've lost this race ... This is what the Democrats nationally are running on," Rick Gorka, a spokesman for the Trump Victory Campaign, told The Nevada Independent in an interview in Nov. 2019. Gorka said he believes the state is still in play in spite of Democrats' marquee victories in Nevada in 2018. "When you look at where the 2020 field is now, I think Nevada is a much more competitive place today than it was a year ago. That's just me being honest about it," Gorka said.

Damore, however, said Republicans will struggle not just with a numbers disadvantage, but a Democratic Party that has been relatively successful turning out even hard-to-turn-out voting blocs. "Participation among many Democratic constituencies is uneven and requires a good deal of investment in [get out the vote efforts]," he said. "The problem for the GOP is that there are not enough Republicans to offset the Democrats' demographic advantage and the party's superior machinery."

The proposal to automatically register voters at the DMV faced setbacks before it ultimately became law. Though it passed the Democrat-controlled Legislature in 2017, Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval vetoed the so-called "motor voter" petition when it appeared on his desk. Sandoval said he vetoed the measure over concerns the law would "increase the possibility of improper registration" and change the DMV process, which already includes access to voter registration. Under the prior "optim" system, voters had the opportunity to register at the

DMV; the new system updates a person's registration unless they proactively "opt out." Sandoval also said that he wanted the public to decide the matter because the new law would affect them directly. A majority of Nevada voters approved the automatic voter registration measure when it was on the statewide ballot in 2018, sending it to victory with a margin of 19 percentage points.

But fears that the automatic system might sweep up non-citizens still persist, including for Brandon Blankenship, a 55-year-old Libertarian from Sparks. "My largest concern is registering voters who are not legally here in the country or who may have some other restrictions that aren't vetted properly here at the DMV," he told The Nevada Independent outside the DMV earlier this week. Originally from California, Blankenship cited accidental ineligible voter sign-ups in California as a reason for caution regarding automatic voter registration.

Nevada DMV spokesperson Kevin Malone said there are safeguards in place to ensure that ineligible voters are not registered. Per Nevada DMV procedures, eligible voters, also referred to as "electors," are provided an "Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) Options" form after filling out their application for driving privileges, renewal, or change of address. The form enables customers to opt out of AVR, in which case the transaction will not be used to register to vote or to update their party affiliation with the secretary of state. In fact those who do not opt out, do not already have a party affiliation, or who do not specify a party affiliation on the AVR Options form, are registered with the secretary of state as well.

Customers who submit documents that deem them ineligible to vote, such as a permanent resident card or any documentation indicating the person will not be 18 years old by the next election, are excluded from the AVR system and their documents are not sent to the secretary of state. Instead, the customer receives a Notice of Ineligibility print-out, with information on alternative ways to register (such as through the secretary of state website) if the customer believes they are indeed eligible. There is also a checkbox on the DMV application that asks whether the applicant is a citizen. A negative answer would result in exclusion from AVR.

The exclusion of Driver Authorization Card (DAC) holders from AVR has raised concerns among voting

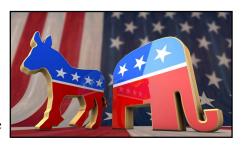
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rights groups. DACs, which authorize a person to drive but cannot be used as formal government identification for other purposes, are commonly used by non-citizens. Last year, Mi Familia Vota, the national Voting Rights Project of the ACLU, Demos and the Brennan Center for Justice raised concerns that excluding DAC holders and applicants might exclude eligible voters from AVR. Advocates said that AVR should not be denied based on whether a customer holds a DAC, but rather that DAC holders should be allowed to affirm eligibility to vote, under penalty of perjury.

Although the DMV moved forward with excluding DAC holders from AVR after the public comment period, the process is such that documents submitted in past transactions indicating that the customer is a non-citizen, are not considered by the AVR system for new transactions, allowing for the possibility of AVR for those whose status has changed since their last transaction.

DMV spokesperson Kevin Malone says that eligible DAC applicants who want to register or update their registration



"will be provided assistance by staff in completing a voter registration form that is processed separate from the AVR System." Furthermore, applicants will be screened out of the AVR process during a transaction based only on the identification they present during that same transaction. "This approach ensures that someone who has naturalized since their last DMV transaction will not be improperly denied the opportunity to participate in the AVR process, based on the identification they presented prior to being naturalized," said a letter submitted by the Brennan Center for Justice in October 2019.

Source: Article by Jeff Scheid/The Nevada Independent, January 2020.

INCLINE VILLAGE/CRYSTAL BAY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	RSVP BY
March 10	Monthly Luncheon	The Chateau	March 6
April 14	Monthly Luncheon	The Chateau	April 10
May 12	Candidate/Scholarship	The Chateau	May 8
-	Evening		-
June 9	Monthly Luncheon	The Chateau	June 5
July 4	Community Fair	Village Green	NA
July 14	Dinner on the	Ellie Dobler's Home	July 10
	Golf Course	995 Fairway Blvd	
August 11	Annual Dinner Party	The Chateau	August 7
Sept 8	Fashion Show Lunch	The Chateau	Sept 4
Oct 13	Monthly Luncheon	The Chateau	Oct 9
Nov 10	Victory Luncheon	The Chateau	Nov 6
Dec 8	Christmas Party and	The Chateau	Dec 4
	Officers' Installation		

RSVP by the deadline to Cretia Eyster at <u>cretiaeyster@earthlink.net</u> or by calling 415-515-1883 (cell).

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2020 promises to be the most crucial and pivotal year for America, if not, certainly in our lifetime. This new year will either produce our best chance for a stable social, political, and financially-secure future, or it will radically alter everything this country stands for – our values, and the freedoms we have come to enjoy and take for granted. The Democrat Party is not your grandfather's or even your father's Democrat Party. It has morphed into a deranged radical leftwing adversarial group, resolved to transform America into a secular, socialist/communist system.



Donald Trump is at the head of a political crusade, a movement, one of the greatest in our history. Although Donald Trump is at the center, it is not completely about him. It is primarily a push to return to constitutional principles, away from the skulking and stealth of creeping communism and secularism. It is a movement of restoration and renewal.



What started in whispers is now appearing in print – American Thinker, Market Watch, Huffington Post,

Washington Times, National Review, Daily Wire, Breitbart, Real Clear Politics, and The New Yorker, among others. They are writing about the possibility of a second civil war in this country, a redo of Democrats' nullification of federal law, the insistent opposition and rejection of the lawful election of a president, the movement of many of our citizens to a more agreeable state, and acts of violence.





Photos and commentary by **Ray DiLorenzo**, a career pilot who after retiring as a contract fire pilot with the California Department of Forestry (Cal-Fire), is now affiliated with Stand Up America US Foundation founded by Maj. Gen. Paul E. Vallely (Ret). https://canadafreepress.com/members/1/RayDiLorenzo/978



The Origins of the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon – March 17, 1983



Image courtesy of the U.S. House of Representatives
Photography Office

hough often political adversaries,
Democratic Speaker of the House Thomas
P. (Tip) O'Neill and President Ronald W.
Reagan share a light moment at the 1983
inaugural St. Patrick's Day lunch.

Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill of Massachusetts hosted the first St. Patrick's Day lunch. President Ronald W. Reagan and other House and Senate Members attended the event.

The House arranged the festivities to ease tension between the two Irish-American leaders, who embodied distinctive conservative and liberal political persuasions. By excluding the press for most of the event, O'Neill fostered the feel of an informal bipartisan celebration rather than a political summit. "I'm going to cook you some Boston corned beef and I'm going to have an Irish storyteller there," O'Neill promised Reagan. "I'll have to polish up some new Irish jokes," the President quipped.

The luncheon became an annual event on Capitol Hill for people of all political affiliations and ethnicities. It did not, however, mark the first celebration of St. Patrick's Day at the Capitol. In 1884, Members donned green ribbons – distributed on the floor by Representative John O'Neill of Missouri – in honor of the Irish holiday.

Source: https://history.house.gov/HistoricalHighlight/Detail/35980?current_search_qs=%3Fsubject%3DHolidays%26PreviousSearch%3DHolidays%252cSubject%252cFalse

Draining the Swamp

In a meeting with Republicans after President Obama was elected in 2009, he said, "Elections have consequences." In case there was any doubt, Obama emphasized, "I won."

When Ronald Reagan became president (January 1981-January 1989), Democrats complained about being surrounded by so many Reagan appointees. They had to be reminded that they lost the election.

In 2020 when President Trump wins re-election, he will have to remind his opposition that "elections have consequences," and continue to drain the Swamp. In the meantime Democrats are continuing their fight for what they see as their very existence in the "swamp," where they have lived for so long and grown so comfortable.

- Susan Schnetz, Editorial comment



	Membership Application
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You are Cordially Invited to a Cocktail Reception

with

Senate Republican Leader James Settelmeyer

Please Join Us for Cocktails, Hors D'Oeuvres & Conversation

Thursday, March 5, 2020 5:00pm - 7:00pm Carson Valley Inn 1627 U.S. Hwy 395 N Minden, NV 89423

> Suggested Contribution \$50 - \$100 - \$250

However, All Contributions Gladly Accepted

Contributions Payable to:

Settelmeyer Campaign Account 770 Highway 395 - Gardnerville, NV 89410

Kindly RSVP to

Danielle Cherry 775-410-0358 or dcherry@nvfundraiser.com

In order to defend our state constitution put in place by the voters, keep their oaths of office, and defend our representative system of government, the Senate Republican Caucus, led by Senator James Settelmeyer, filed a lawsuit to invalidate a pair of tax hikes that were passed without the constitutionally required two-thirds vote.

If legislators can simply ignore the Nevada Constitution to allow for tax increases on the Modified Business Tax (MBT) and on DMV fees this year, what's to stop them from raising other taxes like property tax and sales tax by a majority vote next session?

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"We were on vacation in January and my husband, Michael, shot this photo of the spontaneous Trump parade at Clearwater Beach, Florida."

- Cvnthia "Candy" Perine

<u>For your information</u> – Clearwater Beach includes a resort area and a residential area on the Gulf of Mexico in Pinellas County on the west central coast of Florida.



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