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# The Elephant's Tale

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#### **OUR MAY 12TH LUNCHEON HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

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



#### Tuesday, JUNE 9, 2020

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



Come and hear our speaker,

BILL WHALEN, noted Hoover Institute Fellow and Fox News Commentator

We will also present our 2020 winner(s) of our Maryanne Ingemanson College Scholarship Awards featuring essay theme, "Victory through Hard Work." Longtime member of IVCBRW, Maryanne Ingemanson was a local civic leader and community advocate that worked for many years on causes to improve Incline Village.

Special precautions will be taken to ensure diners are spaced apart and all food is individually served.

Tickets are \$30 per person and include lunch and non-alcoholic beverages. No host bar available. Advanced reservations are required.

Please RSVP to Cretia Eyster at <u>cretiaeyster@earthlink.net</u> or call (cell) 415-515-1883 no later than Friday, June 5.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Governor Sisolak, the IVCBRW will **NOT be holding our May luncheon.** It is unlikely that the Chateau will be able to open until later in May, and it is also unlikely we will be able to

gather together until the "all clear" signal is issued in Nevada. So, we are planning for our **June 9th luncheon at the Chateau.** 

We remain cautiously optimistic! That is the guiding principle being followed by your IVCBRW Board of Directors as we plan for the future. It was a delight to hear the voices of our Board members and committee leaders as we "met" virtually in mid-April. **Claire Price**, chair of the Scholarship Program, has worked with the Incline Village High School to circulate our 2020 essay question to eligible seniors; even though school is being held "on-line."

**Shirley Appel,** First Vice President in charge of programs, has arranged with the Chateau to provide appropriate spacing at our lunch tables and individual servings of food at our June 9th luncheon, so that we take the proper precautions as the nation and world gradually re-opens for business.

Our June luncheon will feature both our Scholarship essay winner as well as a presentation on the political climate going into the November election by noted Hoover Institute Fellow and Fox News Commentator, **Bill Whalen.** Mark your calendars now and consider this your "coming out party."

In the meantime, your club members have used this confinement time well. A big shout-out for **Kathryn Kelly** who re-designed our website (<a href="http://ivcbrw.org/">http://ivcbrw.org/</a>) and **Yolanda Knaak** who double checked the links and content. See the article in this newsletter about our new site and please give it a look. Also, a number of us have been using this at-home time to make phone calls for the Trump Victory campaign. If you are interested in getting trained to be a Trump Victory Team member, please contact Kevin Riska at 702-468-0620 or via e-mail at <a href="https://kevin.riska@nevadagop.org">kevin.riska@nevadagop.org</a>. Or you can let me know at 775-400-3700. It's fun and easy and you "meet" all kinds of people on the phone.

Additionally, the Presidents of the Northern Nevada Republican Women's clubs are calling registered Republicans to alert them to the new vote-by-mail procedures for the June 9th primary election. Please see **Washoe County Commissioner Marsha Berkbigler's** letter in this newsletter and the concerns we have regarding this voting process and the susceptibility to fraud that could occur! And if

you don't receive a ballot in the mail by the <u>2nd week of May</u>, please let me know so that we can ensure you can exercise your Constitutional rights to cast your vote.

As **President Donald Trump** has stated, it is important to get this nation back to work. The President did not close down the country – it was the Governors, many of them Democrats, who shut down businesses – large and small. I have been impressed with the way grocery stores, banks, hardware supply companies, and other firms that are still allowed to operate, have been able to respond to the virus and take steps to remain open, but protect their employee and customers. I believe many other businesses could have done the same if they had not been forced closed by Governor Sisolak. If you feel the Governor has been too draconian in his use of government force to restrict activities in our State, please consider signing a petition to Recall Sisolak. I did so outside the Costco in Carson City. You can find out where and how to sign by calling our local Washoe County Republican Party headquarters at 775-827-1900 or emailing them at secretary@washoeGOP.org. The deadline to sign is May 14.

I hope to see many of you in June as we start to resume normal activities and reenergize our economy and our country. In the meantime, stay well and, as I said at the outset, cautiously optimistic!

#### Linda L. Smith

#### **GREAT TRUTHS...**

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress. — John Adams
A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. — Thomas Jefferson







## About our Speaker, BILL WHALEN

native of Washington, D.C., Bill Whalen was steeped in politics before relocating to California. From 1985 to 1991, he was a political correspondent for *Insight Magazine*, the

national newsweekly and sister publication of the *Washington Times*, where he was honored for his profiles and analyses of candidates, campaigns, Congress, and the White House. Whalen appeared frequently on C-SPAN, National Public Radio, and CNBC. The 1992 Media Guide said Whalen is one of its "top ten" political reporters stating, "*The New York Times* could trade six of its political writers for Whalen and still get a bargain."

Since 1999 Bill Whalen has been a fellow with the Hoover Institute, and writes and comments on campaigns, elections and governance with an emphasis on California and America's political landscapes. He is a columnist for the *Sacramento Bee* newspaper and also writes on politics and current events for Forbes.com. His commentary can also be seen on the opinion pages of the *Wall Street Journal*, Real Clear Politics, *Los Angeles Times* and the Fox News' website. You can read his current commentaries from his blog at <a href="https://www.forbes.com/sites/billwhalen/#78ced15e6146">https://www.forbes.com/sites/billwhalen/#78ced15e6146</a>.

Whalen has been a guest political analyst on the Fox News Channel, MSNBC and CNN. He's a regular guest on the nationally-syndicated radio shows hosted by John Batchelor, Larry Kudlow, Lars Larson, and the Bay Area's Michael Krasny.

Whalen has served as a media consultant for California political hopefuls and aspiring policy leaders. His past clients have included former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, former congressman Tom Campbell, and former Los Angeles mayor Richard J. Riordan. Prior to joining the Hoover Institution, Whalen served as chief speechwriter and director of public affairs for former California governor Pete Wilson. In that capacity, he was responsible for the governor's annual State of the State address as well as other major policy addresses.

In addition to his time in Washington as a political journalist, Whalen served as a speechwriter for the Bush-Quayle re-election campaign and was a senior associate with the public relations firm Robinson-Like/Sawyer-Miller, offering media and political advice for domestic and foreign clientele.

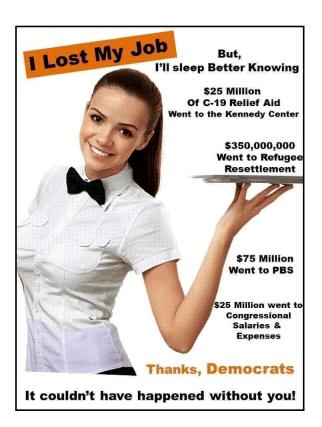
Whalen currently resides in Palo Alto, California.



## About the Hoover Institute

Founded in 1919 and headquartered in Stanford, California, the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace is an American public policy

think tank and research institution located at Stanford University in California. It began as a library founded in 1919 by Stanford alumnus Herbert Hoover, before he became President of the United States. The library, known as the Hoover Institution Library and Archives, houses multiple archives related to Hoover, World War I, World War II, and other world history. According to the 2016 Global Go-To Think Tank Index Report, Hoover is No. 18 in the Top Think Tanks in the United States.





#### Announcing IV-CB Republican Women New Website

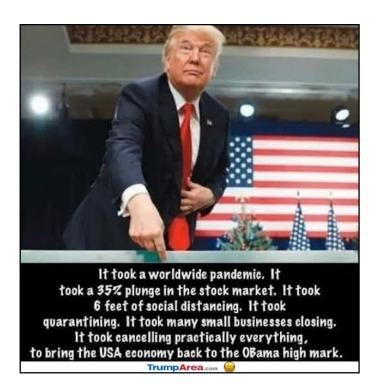
big thank you to Kathryn

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Kelly who has re-designed and refreshed our Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's Club website. Not only do we have a new look with photos and event content, but we also have links to other key Republican organizations including the Washoe County party, the Nevada Federation of Republican Women, and the National Federation.

Yolanda Knaak helped proof the new site and also ensured all of the links work. You will see her name among the list of candidates on the site that will appear on the June 9th ballot and her photo celebrating her mom's 95th birthday!

Please take a few minutes to explore our site by going to <a href="http://ivcbrw.org/">http://ivcbrw.org/</a>. I know Kathryn would welcome any photos you want to share from our club activities or Republican events. We also welcome suggestions for how to improve the website. Send them to kkelly@ischools.us.





## *To:* Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women

From: mlberkbigler@charter.net

#### My Fellow Republican Women:

I hope you and those you care about are keeping safe and healthy during this crisis. As we focus (and rightly so) on how the coronavirus is tearing the social and economic fabric of our communities, it can be easy to forget that other concerns are vital and ongoing.

One essential concern —in good times and bad — is conducting free and fair elections. In Nevada, voting in the 2020 primary will largely be through mail-in ballots because of the pandemic; that's also going to be the case in jurisdictions across the country.

Mail-in ballots, as a matter of course, invite concerns about privacy and improper influence in the absence of the seclusion of the voting booth. Those concerns only increase in 2020 with the huge increase in mail-in ballots.

Also, given the disruption to government services caused by the coronavirus, it's important to emphasize that the enormous number of mail-in ballots must be returned safely, stored properly, and counted efficiently and securely.

Even with most voting done through mail-in ballots in the 2020 primary, at least one in-person polling place will be allowed in each Nevada County to accommodate a new law that allows people to register and vote on the same day. In Washoe County that location will be the office of the Voter Registrar at 1001 E. Ninth Street in Reno Building A, 1st floor.

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#### From Marsha Berkbigler

Same-day registration incorporates its own set of issues. For those who have not registered they may go to the Ninth Street office and register and vote either during the early-voting period or on election day. Some concerns about same-day registration include - Can identity be adequately verified on the spot? Will it be left to county officials to determine identity in "close calls?" What about voter safety at the polling place in each county? Will surfaces have to be sanitized between each voter? Will even a slight inconsistency in same-day registration and voting be grounds for legal action after an election?

I don't have all the answers, but as a Washoe County Commissioner who represents thousands of Nevadans, it's my responsibility to raise the issues and ask the questions I've discussed above.

I wish you all the best during this crisis and look forward to a time when we can all get together again. As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns.

#### Marsha Berkbigler

Washoe County Commissioner, District 1 775-843-0150





### PARTIAL LIST OF CANDIDATES AND OFFICES

OFFICE	NAME
REP IN CONGRESS #2Incumbent	Mark Amodei
REP IN CONGRESS #2	Joel Beck
REP IN CONGRESS #2	Jesse Douglas Hurley
DISTRICT OFFICES	
STATE SENATE DIST.15 (REP)Incumbent	Heidi S. Gransert
STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 25 (REP)	Jill Tolles
Incumbent STATE ASSEMBLY DIST 26 (REP) Incumbent	Lisa Krasner
STATE ASSEMBLY DIST 26 (REP)	Dale Conner
STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 27 (REP)	Barbara Hawn
STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 30 (REP)	Randy Hoff
STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 31 (REP)	Jill Dickman
STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 31 (REP)	David Espinosa
STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 31 (REP)	Sandra Linares
STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 32 (REP) <i>Incumbent</i>	Alexis Hansen
STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 40 (REP)	Phillip "PK" O'Neil
STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 40 (REP)	Day Williams
STATE ASSEMBLY DIST. 40 (REP) Incumbent	Al Kramer

#### **WASHOE COUNTY**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. 1 (REP).....Marsha Berkbigler *Incumbent* 

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DIST. 4 (REP).....Vaughn Hartung Incumbent

#### INCLUDE VILLAGE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, REPUBLICAN

Mathew Dent, Incumbent
Blane Johnson
Yolanda Knaak
Sara Schmitz
Michaela Tonking
Frank Wright

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#### SPEAKING FOR NEVADA

#### Save Lives: Get Nevada Back to Work

By Former Attorney General of Nevada, Adam Laxalt

The coronavirus outbreak has unleashed unimaginable fear and heartbreak upon our Country and the world. At the beginning of this crisis, each of us worried that either we or those close to us would get sick. That concern remains today, and justifiably so. No one wants to suffer or see our loved ones suffer.

That concern also includes not wanting to endure the financial pain this virus has caused for so many of our citizens and workers, from the widespread, forced shutdown of businesses deemed non-essential by governments. The hardship this has caused already is staggering – and will become more so, particularly in Nevada, if our economy doesn't open up soon.

In 1933 at the worst point of the Great Depression, America's national unemployment rate peaked at 24.9 percent. More recently, it reached 10 percent during the Great Recession in 2009, with Nevada's economy hit especially hard; the Silver State endured the worst unemployment, bankruptcy and home-foreclosure crises in the nation. Our unemployment rate hit 14.9 percent.

Yet as awful as the Great Recession was, the consequences of our current economic shutdown threaten to be far worse. Economists estimate our national unemployment rate could be between 32 and 41 percent. This would not only dwarf what we saw during the Great Recession, but would significantly exceed even the Great Depression figure. Nevada's tourism-driven economy

would once again suffer the most. Indeed, we are already on our way down that road. In the past month, Nevada has seen more than 300,000 new unemployment claims, and approximately 20 percent of Nevada's workers have lost their jobs. This data already substantially exceeds the national unemployment rate.

Often overlooked is the array of other maladies always accompanying financial strife. Our job-loss numbers are not merely statistics; they are tragedies — individual, personal tragedies — of lives damaged, sometimes ruined. During times of chronic unemployment, people suffer in ways beyond, though largely driven by, their financial difficulties. We see increases in crime, substance abuse, domestic violence, depression, even suicide.

And we must be mindful of this truth: It is the low-income individuals among us, already struggling financially and least able to sustain further hardship, who suffer disproportionately. CEOs and high-level executives aren't the ones on the phone all day, on hold, waiting for somebody from the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to take their call and hear their claim. It's the workers who are the backbone of our economy. The human toll resulting from our self-imposed financial collapse is not theoretical; it can and will be every bit as tragic as that caused by a public-health threat.

Those who are setting public policy in the face of this crisis must reject the false, binary choice that many opinion-shapers are trying to present. This is not a matter of weighing lives against our economy. We're weighing lives against lives. Acting otherwise, and taking an unbalanced, all-or-nothing approach may be the politically expedient road, but it's not what this situation demands. A purely maximalist approach is not statesmanship — and it will not only cost Nevada financially, it will cost us more lives.

It is time for Nevada to begin the process of reopening our economy. The latest data from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation indicate our state has passed the peak of our death rate, and that our hospital-bed situation — a major area of concern since the beginning of this crisis — is under control, with 2,247 beds available and only 386 needed.

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#### SPEAKING FOR NEVADA

Re-opening our economy, of course, doesn't have to — and shouldn't — mean taking the same kind of all-ornothing approach we see in the current shutdown. It should look more like a toggle than a light switch. As businesses open, we can still intervene and close things down if and when we see spikes in coronavirus cases in specific areas or communities.

Our elected leaders and public officials will continue to face difficult decisions during the process of re-opening, and they must meet the challenges ahead. But they won't be alone. Nevada's entertainment industry has long been a world leader in entrepreneurial dynamism and innovation, and as economic activity resumes, we can and should trust our business leaders and workers to lead us back to prosperity — responsibly and safely. They don't want to get sick, or see their co-workers and customers get sick, any more than the rest of us do. We should trust them to take the necessary pre-cautions within their own places of business to promote good public health, and to protect their fellow citizens as best they can. And we should trust small businesses all across

Nevada to exercise the same good judgment.

We cannot and must not compound this tremendous public-health crisis by pursuing a course that does not adequately consider the personal tragedies our policies are causing for unprecedented numbers of our fellow citizens.

It's time for Nevada to get back to work.

Adam Laxalt is the former Attorney General of Nevada.

Source: https://www.nevadabusiness.com/2020/04/save-lives-get-nevada-back-to-work/?mc cid=55d1f8a76d&mc eid=d7e8c1d0b3

"The prosperity of commerce is now perceived and acknowledged by all enlightened statesmen to be the most useful as well as the most productive source of national wealth, and has accordingly become a primary object of its political cares." – Alexander Hamilton (1787)

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

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	RSVP BY
June 9	Monthly Luncheon and Scholarship Presentation	The Chateau	June 5
July 14	Dinner with the	Ellie Dobler's Home	July 10
•	Candidates	995 Fairway Blvd	-
August 11	Annual Dinner Party	The Chateau	August 7
September 8	Fashion Show Lunch	The Chateau	Sept 4
October 13	Monthly Luncheon	The Chateau	Oct 9
November 10	Victory Luncheon	The Chateau	Nov 6
December 8	Christmas Party and Officers' Installation	The Chateau	Dec 4

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



## Women Who Made a Difference During the Months of May and June (1810 to 1983) Around the World and in America

#### -MAY-

May 23, 1810 – Journalist Margaret Fuller (1810-1850) was born in Cambridgeport, Massachusetts. She became the first American woman to serve as a foreign correspondent, reporting for the *New York Tribune*. Her book, *Women in the Nineteenth Century*, published in 1845, is considered the first feminist statement by an American writer, and brought her international acclaim. Sailing from Italy to the United States in 1850, she died, along with her husband and infant son, in a shipwreck off Fire Island, New York.

May 12, 1820 – British nurse and public health activist Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) was born in Florence, Italy. She volunteered to aid



British troops in Turkey where she improved hospital sanitary conditions and greatly reduced the death rate for wounded and sick soldiers. She received worldwide acclaim for her unselfish devotion to nursing, contributed to the development of

modern nursing procedures, and emphasized the dignity of nursing as a profession for women.

May 23, 1846 – The first American female attorney Arabella Mansfield (1846-1911) was born near Burlington, Iowa (as Belle Aurelia Babb). She was certified in 1869 as an attorney and admitted to the Iowa bar, but never practiced law. Instead she chose a career as a college educator and administrator. She was also instrumental in the founding of the Iowa Suffrage Society in 1870.

#### May 21, 1881 -

The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton. The organization today provides volunteer disaster relief in the United States and abroad. Community services include collecting and distributing donated blood, and



teaching health and safety classes.

**May 4th, 1898** – Golda Meir (1898-1978) was born in Kiev, Russia. She was one of the founders of the modern state of Israel and served as prime minister from 1969 to 1974.

#### May 20, 1932 –

Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. She departed Newfoundland, Canada, at 7 p.m. and landed near Londonderry, Ireland, completing



a 2,026-mile flight in about 13 hours. Five years later, along with her navigator Fred Noonan, she disappeared while trying to fly her twin-engine plane around the equator.

May 14, 1942 – During World War II, an Act of Congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC), the Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES), Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), and Semper Paratus Always Ready Service

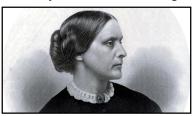
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(SPARS), the Women's Reserve of the Marine Corp.

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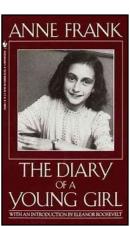
**June 6, 1872** – Pioneering feminist Susan B. Anthony was fined for voting in a presidential



election at Rochester, New York. After voting rights had been granted to African

American males by the 15th Amendment, she attempted to extend the same rights to women. She led a group of women that voted illegally, to test their status as citizens. She was arrested, tried and sentenced to pay \$100, which she refused. Following her death in 1906 after five decades of tireless work, the Democratic and Republican parties both endorsed women's right to vote. In August of 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was finally ratified, allowing women to vote.

June 12, 1929 – Anne Frank (1929-1945) was born in Frankfurt, Germany. She is perhaps the best known victim of the Nazi Holocaust. Anne and her family moved from Germany to Amsterdam to flee Nazi persecution and went into hiding in a small attic after Holland was invaded by Nazis. Anne, a girl on the verge of womanhood, was unable to go outside for any reason. In 1942, she began a diary to cope with the boredom, fear, annoyances, and loneliness



of captivity. Her family's hiding place was eventually discovered and Anne and her family were deported to Nazi concentration camps. She contracted typhus and died at Bergen-Belsen in 1945. After the war, her father published her diary, which inspired the

world, revealing a young woman who had managed to remain hopeful, despite it all.

**June 18, 1983** – Dr. Sally Ride, a 32-year-old physicist and pilot, became the first American woman in space, beginning a six-day mission aboard the space shuttle Challenger, launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Source: <a href="http://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/">http://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/</a>



The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a

memorial for her mother at Saint Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Saint Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine.

Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world."

In 1908, the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to proclaim a "Mother-in-law's Day." However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day in 1910 as a local holiday – the first being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state.

In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

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### **QUARANTINE**

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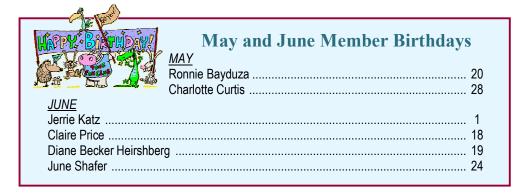
# Think having to quarantine for two months is bad?

this moment, imagine you were born in 1900. On your 14th birthday, World War I starts, and ends when you are 18. Later in the year, a Spanish Flu epidemic hits the planet and runs until your 20th birthday. On your 29th birthday, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25 percent, the World GDP drops 27 percent. That runs until you are 33. The country nearly collapses along with the world economy. When you turn 39, World War II starts. You aren't even over the hill yet. And don't try to catch your

breath. On your 41st birthday, the United States is fully pulled into WWII until you are 45. At 50, the Korean War starts. At 55 the Vietnam War begins. When you are 62 the Cuban Missile Crisis threatens to end life on our planet as we know it. When you turn 75, the Vietnam War finally ends.

Perspective is amazing. Yes, we are in a challenging time nowadays. Try to remember everything those born in 1900 endured and accomplished, and have faith that we will endure as well. We will get through all of this.

- Submitted by a friend of IVCBRW member, Jane Barnhart





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