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## *The Elephant's Tale*

### **2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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*Oh Come All Ye Faithful!*

**Incline Village-Crystal Bay  
Republican Women**

*Christmas Holiday Luncheon  
and Installation of 2018 Officers*

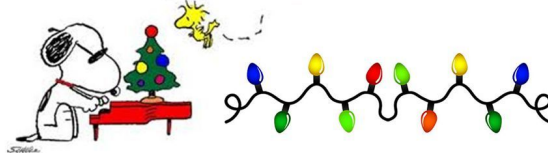
**by Lisa Krasner, Assemblywoman**

***Tuesday, December 12th***

**At The Chateau in Incline Village**

**11:30 Social – 12:00 Noon Lunch**

\$25 per person with advance  
reservations, \$30 without



**Please RSVP to Shirley Appel**  
at [mrsradar@aol.com](mailto:mrsradar@aol.com) or (cell) 818-266-4402  
or (home) 775-831-1505 *by December 8th*



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our 2018 slate of officers for IVCBRW. I am pleased to announce that **Patricia Moser Morris** has been elected

President; **Phyllis Plugge**, First Vice President; **Ellie Dobler**, Second Vice President; **Ronnie Bayduza**, Secretary; and **Kathi Congistre**, Treasurer. Thanks to each of you who cast your ballot, either electronically or by mail. We had a very good response.

I will become your Immediate Past President and have agreed to try to fill the shoes of **Bunni Kneller** by stepping into the role of Boutique Committee chair. This is my final column as your President and if there were enough space I would love to thank each and every one of you by name who has made my Presidency a rewarding and enjoyable two years.

During my Presidency I am particularly proud that two of our members were elected to office in 2016 – **Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner** and **Higher Education Regent Carol Del Carlo**. I am also proud of the exceptional programs we have offered to our club members, the well-coordinated Presidential Caucus we held in 2016; the hours we gave to candidates; the exceptional club publicity we received from the National Federation in May 2016; and the Gold Achievement Award we earned in August 2017. Additionally, we awarded over \$5,000 in scholarships over the past 2 years to promising young ladies graduating from Incline High School. And we also ran a major clothing drive for homeless veterans. None of this would have been possible without the talents and time of so many of you.

Our annual Christmas Party and Officer Installation will take place on December 12th at the Chateau. **Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner** has graciously agreed to administer the oath of office to the incoming slate as well as share her views on her first term as an Assemblywoman. Please RSVP soon to Shirley Appel and wear your holiday attire for a fun and informative lunch meeting.

And that afternoon (December 12th) starting at 4:00 PM please join me at my home for a holiday open house. I want to thank as many of you in person as I can for the support and encouragement you have given me over the past 2 years – and what better way than to celebrate with a buffet dinner, lake views, and holiday cheer at my residence. And I welcome you to bring your spouse or a guest. Please see the flyer on page 3 of this newsletter for details.

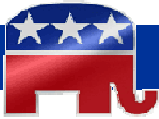
Lastly, I want to acknowledge our IVCBRW associate members who frequently do the behind the scenes work at our events and, as spouses, give us the moral and physical support to keep your club operating. The Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Womens' Club is starting our 53rd year as a volunteer organization. On December 12th let's raise our glasses in the spirit of the Christmas season and count our blessings to everyone, past and present, who has made this milestone possible.

*Linda L. Smith*



We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we give.

- Winston Churchill



President Trump presided over the annual lighting of the national Christmas tree on Thursday, his first time at the ceremony as president.

Now, as president of the United States, it's my tremendous honor to finally wish America and the world a very merry Christmas," Trump said before counting down the lighting of the "very beautiful" tree.

First lady Melania Trump, who joined him on a decorated stage at the Ellipse near the White House, threw the switch to turn on the tree's blue and yellow electric lights.

"For Christians this is a holy season, the celebration of the birth of our lord and savior Jesus Christ," Trump said in his remarks. "There's hardly an aspect of our lives today that His life has not touched - art, music, culture, law and our respect for the sacred dignity of every person, everywhere in the world," he said.

President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to preside over the national Christmas tree lighting at its current location in 1923.

*Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.*  
— Calvin Coolidge



*You're Invited to a Thank You Holiday Party*

*Hosted by Linda Smith*

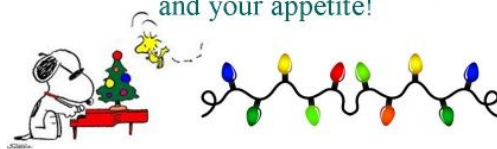
**At the home of Linda and Paul Smith**  
1437 Tirol Drive, Incline Village, NV

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017**  
**4 to 7 PM**

*Buffet dinner catered by A Catered Affaire*  
*– Holiday Attire –*

Parking is limited, so please carpool if possible.

Just bring yourself, a spouse or guest and your appetite!



*RSVPs are appreciated to*

[LLSMITH2650@aol.com](mailto:LLSMITH2650@aol.com)

*or call 775-833-2509. Hope to see you there.*

"On Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Christ with prayer, feasting, and great merriment. But, most of all, we experience it in our hearts. For, more than just a day, Christmas is a state of mind. It is found throughout the year whenever faith overcomes doubt, hope conquers despair, and love triumphs over hate. It is present when men of any creed bring love and understanding to the hearts of their fellow man. The feeling is seen in the wondrous faces of children and in the hopeful eyes of the aged. It overflows the hearts of cheerful givers and the souls."

— Ronald Reagan Christmas Message 1981





About our Speaker,  
**Lisa Krasner**



**L**isa Krasner learned her work ethic from her father who immigrated to the United States, the legal way. He stood in line, filled out the forms, and taught himself how to read, write and speak English, and he worked hard to provide for his family. From her father Lisa learned that she could accomplish anything if she worked

hard enough.

Education is important to Lisa. She was the first in her family to attend and graduate from a four-year university and receive a Bachelor's Degree, as well as the first in her family to receive a Doctorate degree. Lisa balanced her studies while working her way through U.C.L.A. and Law School. She has a Bachelor's Degree and Juris Doctor Degree

Lisa's love for education led her to join the faculty of the University of Phoenix, teaching courses on Political Science, the United States Constitution, NV Constitution, Advocacy and Mediation, State and Local Political Processes, Critical Thinking, and Business Law. She currently teaches U.S. Constitution and Nevada Constitution courses in the Political Science Department at Truckee Meadows Community College.

Lisa believes in creating strong communities. She served as a Commissioner on the State of Nevada Commission on Aging and Disability for three years helping with issues that relate to senior citizens. She is also a former member of the Nevada Commission on Aging Subcommittee Concerning Legislative Issues. In addition, Lisa also served as a Commissioner for the City of Reno's Recreation and Parks Commission for seven years, where she advocated for a family-friendly environment in the City of Reno.

Through her love of the arts, Lisa served on the Reno

Philharmonic Association Board of Trustees and as the President of the Reno Philharmonic Guild. She is a member of the Alliance with Washoe County Medical Society, and former First Vice President of the Board. She is a member of the Washoe Republican Central Committee and a member of the Incline Village Republican Women's Club. She is an Associate member of the Mt. Rose Republican Women, the Republican Women of Reno, the Washoe Republican Women, and the Republican Men's Club of Northern Nevada.

During the 2017 Legislative Session, Lisa served on four committees: Judiciary; Education; Corrections, Parole and Probation; and Natural Resources and Mining. During the interim session Lisa will be serving on the Legislative Committee for Veterans, Seniors and Person with Disabilities; and the Administration of Justice Committee.

Lisa is married to Charles Krasner, M.D. and they have two children.

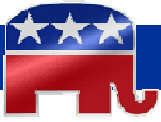


**American History:  
December 2, 1823**

**P**resident James Monroe introduced his "Monroe Doctrine" during his annual message to the Congress, prohibiting any further colonization of the American continents by

European powers, stating, "We should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety..."

James Monroe was an American statesman who served as the fifth President of the United States from 1817 to 1825. Monroe was the last president among the Founding Fathers of the United States as well as the Virginian dynasty; he also represented the end of the Democratic-Republican Generation in that office. Born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, Monroe fought in the American Revolutionary War. He was wounded in the Battle of Trenton with a musket ball to his shoulder. After studying law under Thomas Jefferson from 1780 to 1783, he served as a delegate in the Continental Congress.



CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS



Carol Del Carlo receiving the award for the most volunteer hours at the Nevada State Republican Women's convention.



Nevada State Republican Women Officers for 2017 and 2018 and the Presidents of the 17 Nevada clubs.



Celine Nugent, Achievement Awards Chair, holding the Gold Certificate earned by IVCBRW

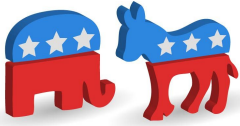


Club President Linda Smith presenting the Gold Achievement Award certificate to Celine Nugent, Awards Chair.



## WHY I AM A REPUBLICAN

By Phyllis Plugge



I was a Democrat just like my whole family. It was almost like a religion. I never thought about being anything else. I voted for John F. Kennedy (of course!) and loved that whole era. The sense of patriotism that filled the country then seemed very good to me. Then Kennedy was assassinated, and that changed everything as far as I was concerned. I decided to stand up and get involved and not just on the sidelines by voting only. It was my way of dealing with the pain and the loss.

Shortly afterwards, I went to a rally for a man named Pete McCloskey. He was young, energetic and had thrown his hat in the ring for the same reason I had. I didn't even know what party he belonged to until I got to the rally and realized he was a Republican. I thought, "Oh no ! I can't back him!" but I stayed anyway and listened to him.

Pete McCloskey decided to run for Congress and I decided to volunteer for him. The more I got involved as a Democrat, the more I realized that there were a lot of people that stood by him who also were crossing party lines. He was like us. He was

charismatic, honest and wanted to pick up the pieces and move on. He was a war hero too. When he saw how much of myself I gave to his campaign, he asked me to be his Daly City (California) town chairman. Daly City was totally Democratic and never ever went Republican. Pete said Daly City was a "must," and he needed it to be canvassed and changed. I took my baby in her stroller and all the dedicated workers, and started the campaign. We went to every house and apartment in Daly City. We kept at it even though we received many rejections. We didn't give up, and lo and behold, Daly City went Republican for the first time ever! Even though Pete won, and I kept volunteering for him, I never registered as a Republican. I was a "Democrat for Pete."

Pete took me to lunch one day for two hours, and he, being a lawyer and a scholar of the Constitution, explained to me why the party I belonged to was not what it used to be, and was no longer going in the right direction. He made so much sense that I became a Republican right then and there. But I still didn't register as a Republican. Finally in 1976, because I was forced to vote in the Democratic primary (if I was to vote at all) did I afterwards decide to re-register as a Republican. I have never regretted it!



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.

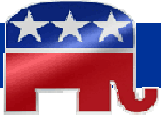
- ◆ Come meet your new NvFRW Executive Committee for 2018-2019!
- ◆ Breakout Training Sessions for new Club Officers!

**Keynote speaker: Parliamentarian Ralph McMullen on basic Robert's Rules for everyone!**

Lovely catered luncheon for all | Ideas, Brainstorming, Updates, Plans, Networking  
All club members are welcome | We want your input, ideas and suggestions  
for an even more powerful Federation!

**Once again, this is a FREE EVENT for all club members due to the generosity of our Regents.  
We hope to see you there.**

**REGISTER by contacting: Cher Daniels, NvFRW Northern Director, 2018-2019  
Email: [cherdanielsgop@yahoo.com](mailto:cherdanielsgop@yahoo.com) – 775-224-2262**



## Remembering the Christmas Truce

*A True Story by David G. Stratman*

**I**t was December 25, 1914, only 5 months into World War I. German, British, and French soldiers, already sick and tired of the senseless killing, disobeyed their superiors and fraternized with “the enemy” along two-thirds of the Western Front (a crime punishable by death in times of war). German troops held Christmas trees up out of the trenches with signs, “Merry Christmas.”

“You no shoot, we no shoot.” Thousands of troops streamed across a no-man’s land strewn with dead soldier’s corpses. They sang Christmas carols, exchanged photographs of loved ones back home, shared rations, played football, and even roasted some pigs. Soldiers embraced men they had been trying to kill a few short hours before. They agreed to warn each other if the top brass forced them to fire their weapons, and to aim high.

A shudder ran through the high command on either side. Here was disaster in the making: soldiers declaring their brotherhood with each other and refusing to fight. Generals on both sides declared this spontaneous peacemaking to be treasonous and subject to court martial. By March 1915 the fraternization movement had been eradicated and the killing machine put back in full operation. By the time of the armistice in 1918, 15,000,000 million would be slaughtered.

Not many people have heard the story of the Christmas Truce. On Christmas Day, 1988, a story in the *Boston Globe* mentioned that a local FM radio host played “Christmas in the Trenches,” a ballad about the Christmas Truce, several times and was startled by the effect. The song became the most requested recording during the holidays in Boston on several FM stations. “Even more startling than the number of requests I get is the reaction to the ballad afterward by callers who hadn’t heard it before,” said the radio host. “They telephoned me deeply moved, sometimes in tears. You can probably guess why the callers were in tears. The Christmas Truce story goes against most of what we have been taught about people. It gives us a glimpse of the world as we wish it could be and says, “This really happened once.” It reminds us of those thoughts we keep hidden away,

out of range of the TV and newspaper stories that tell us how trivial and mean human life is. It is like hearing that our deepest wishes really are true: the world really could be different.



British and German troops meeting in no man's land during the unofficial truce (British troops from the Northumberland Hussars, 7th Division, Bridoux-Rouge Banc Sector)

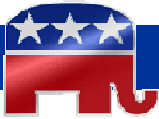


Re-enactors Peter Knight and Stefan Langheinrich, descendants of Great War veterans, shake hands at the 2008 unveiling of a memorial to the 1914 Christmas Truce.

**O**n Christmas Eve and Christmas Day (24 and 25 December) 1914, Alfred Anderson’s unit of the 1st/5th Battalion of the Black Watch was billeted in a farmhouse away from the front line. In a later interview (2003), Anderson, the last known surviving Scottish veteran of the war, vividly recalled Christmas Day and said:

**I** remember the silence, the eerie sound of silence. Only the guards were on duty. We all went outside the farm buildings and just stood listening. And, of course, thinking of people back home.

All I’d heard for two months in the trenches was the hissing, cracking and whining of bullets in flight, machinegun fire and distant German voices. But there was a dead silence that morning, right across the land as far as you could see. We shouted ‘Merry Christmas,’ even though nobody felt merry. The silence ended early in the afternoon and the killing started again. It was a short peace in a terrible war. *Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas\\_truce](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_truce)*



## Join us on National Wreaths Across America Day, December 16, 2017

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,200 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.

A person dies twice: once when they take their final breath, and later, the last time their name is spoken. When we lay wreaths on veterans' graves, **we say their names.**

We encourage every volunteer who places a wreath on a veteran's grave to say that veteran's name aloud and take a moment to thank them for their service to our country. It's a small act that goes a long way toward keeping the memory of our veterans alive.

We are not here to "decorate graves." We're here to remember not their deaths, but their lives.

Karen Worcester  
Executive Director of Wreaths Across America

### A Message from the Fernley Federation of Republican Women

Dear FRW members, associates and friends,

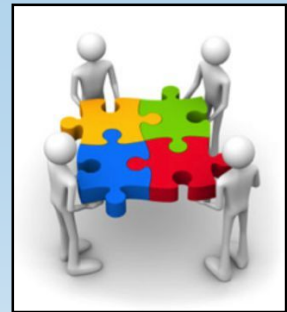
This morning at Walmart, I ran into Brett Palmer from the Nevada Veterans Coalition. He told me that they are still very short on wreaths for both the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Fernley and the Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Boulder City. For the last several years, the Fernley cemetery has covered every grave with a wreath and it would be a shame to not do that this year. Also, the wreaths will be placed on the graves on **Saturday, December 16th**. There is a brief ceremony at 9:00 a.m. and then the community places the wreaths on the graves. It is a very moving experience, so please join us on December 16th. The FRW will be helping out at the Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery.

Anita Trone, Publicity Chair

**WE MISS YOU!**

**W**e need you! With your continuing our work and

goals are enhanced and together we make a difference in our community, county, state and nation.



Please renew. We are in the 4th quarter of our fiscal year. Some of our members have not renewed and *we miss you!* Do renew today. You can use the membership renewal on page 9 of this newsletter and update your membership information. We have had a fabulous year so far and this momentum will continue to the end of our fiscal year!

Cheers,

**Ellie Dobler,**  
IVCBRW Second Vice President  
Email: [ijosa@aol.com](mailto:ijosa@aol.com)



NOTE: IVCBRW donated \$150 to the Wreaths Across America. If you would like to donate a gift, please send to the Fernley Federation of Republican Women at PO Box 412, Fernley, Nevada 89408.





### Membership Application

New Member     Renewing Membership

*If you receive this application/renewal form via email, please print a copy and mail with your check to the address below.*

NAME as it appears on VOTER REGISTRATION: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME as it appears on your NAMETAG: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS(es): \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Budget/Finance

Bylaws

Campaign Work

Community Service

Fundraising

Membership

Publicity

Public Relations

Youth Coordination

Greeter at Meetings

Legislative

Phone Committee

Email

Newsletter

**MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK** to the following address:

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P. O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450

*Always more information for you at our website: [ivcbrw.org](http://ivcbrw.org)*



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**Member December Birthdays**

Alice Balfrey .....	Dec 3
Jane Barnhart .....	3
Joanellen Slocumb .....	4
Earline Jones .....	6
Micki Napp .....	9
Elisa Bernt .....	11
Patti Clark .....	12
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