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

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

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

Please join us for our very important Scholarship and Education Meeting. Come and hear guest speaker, **JOHN EPPOLITO**, who will speak to us about the New Curriculum being adopted by our school district that focuses on diversity training. Scholarship Chairman Claire Price will be awarding our scholarship winners.



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, May 7th.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is my pleasure to welcome back many of our "Snow Birds." And, it looks like we are getting close to having our lives back! Many of our favorite

organizations and events are returning to life and we can once again begin to socialize with friends – although we will still be wearing masks unless eating or drinking.

Our May luncheon is our Scholarship and Education meeting. Claire Price, our Scholarship Chairman, is actively reading the essays submitted from our local high school seniors and we will choose three winners, who will split the \$4,000 College Scholarship funds. Good luck to our winner! All three winners will be reading their essays at the luncheon.

This past year has been difficult for all of us, and even more so for our young people. Because of this, our Scholarship winner will be even more deserving of this gift. Let's hope that by the start of the new 2021-2022 school year the school will return to "in-person" learning and the young people able to resume socializing with friends and play sports again.

Along with the reading of the winning Scholarship essay, we will have one or possibly two speakers speak on how our educational system in Nevada has failed our students. Our speaker will be John Eppolito, and we hope to also have Jeff Church, who is a board member on the Washoe County School Board.

The last three months have been busy ones for our Nevada Legislature. It is a shame that so many well-introduced Good Bills have been neglected and Bad Bills introduced by the other Majority side have passed with little or no Bipartisan input. I am asking our members to call our Nevada Senators at their direct phone numbers in Washington D.C. and let them know how you feel about the Bad Legislation

(such as HR1), that is being considered by our elected officials.

Senator Catherine Cortiz-Masto 202-224-3542 and Senator Jackie Rosen 202-224-6244.

We will soon have some wonderful summer events! Namely, our July evening Garden Party with feature Dr. Robin Titis, and in August our evening Garden Party will have speaker John Cochrane from the Hoover Institute. Then in September, we will once again have our wonderful Fashion Show which is our once-a-year fundraiser for our Scholarship program. Our events will take place at The Chateau and should be lots of fun.

So, let's get together and enjoy our fun and educational summer together!

Shirley Appel

ABOUT OUR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Each year Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women awarding \$4,000 from the Maryanne Ingemanson Award for the BEST ESSAY written by an INCLINE HIGH SCHOOL graduating senior.

IVCBRW member Maryanne Ingemanson was a local civic leader and community advocate that worked for many years on causes to improve Incline Village. This year we are very proud to award our winner with the coveted prize at the MAY 11th luncheon.

Imagine being a Democrat and having to pretend Joe Biden is competent, Hillary Clinton was innocent, and Barack Obama did a good job.



About our Speaker,
JOHN EPPOLITO

John Eppolito is a former K-12 teacher who taught at a Montessori elementary school and middle and

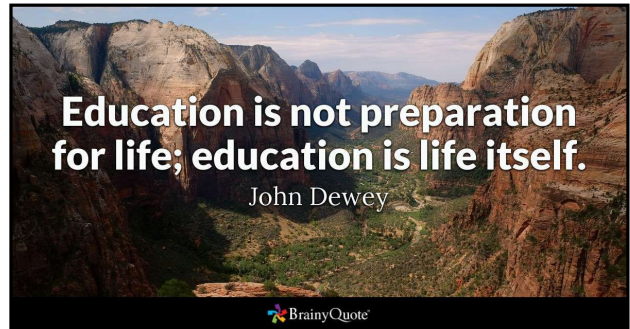
high school math in two California public schools. John and Teresa have four children currently from 10th grade to first year out of college. Teresa still teaches and John is now a real estate broker in both Nevada and California.

John has been intimately involved with Washoe County School District since 2009 when he lead the charge to stop the District from implementing the International Baccalaureate Programme in Incline Village.

Since 2014 John has worked with Protect Nevada Children at the Nevada State Legislature attempting to protect the data and future of Nevada's students. In the 2019 legislative session Protect Nevada Children had two bills: one sponsored by a Democrat and one sponsored by a Republican. You can find Protect Nevada Children on Facebook.

In 2020 John ran for the Washoe County School Board, he did not win. That's the best thing that could have happened because John is very busy selling real estate on the North and West shores of Lake Tahoe in both California and Nevada. And that's a good thing, because he has 10 more years of college to pay for!

Personal Background: John has traveled extensively throughout the United States. In 1988 he moved to Lake Tahoe and decided to make this his home. His hobbies include snow and water skiing, flying, previewing property, and securities trading. One of his long-term goals is to hang-glide. He has a private/multi-engine rating of 230 hours.



EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN

“Every child in America should be acquainted with his own country. He should read books that furnish him with ideas that will be useful to him in life and practice. As soon as he opens his lips, he should rehearse the history of his own country.”

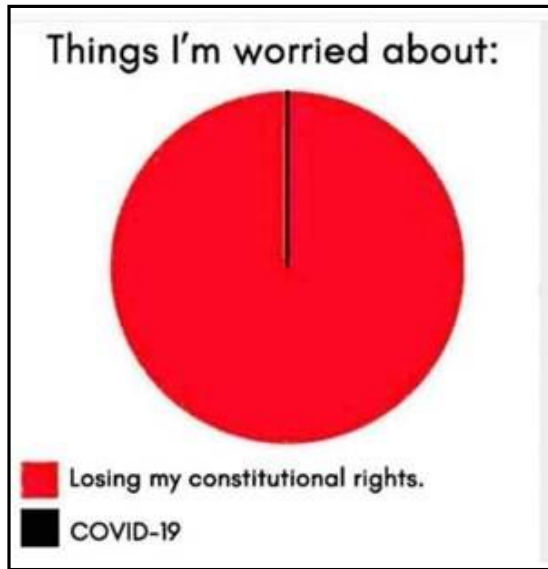
– Noah Webster (1788)

“Do not train a child to learn by force or harshness; but direct them to it by what amuses their minds, so that you may be better able to discover with accuracy the peculiar bent of the genius of each.”

– PLATO

Call me crazy, but I think we should open every U.S. school, small business and restaurant before we open the U.S.

border 🧑🏻



Heads Up! Trouble Brewing on the Washoe County School District's Board of Trustees

By Patricia Moser Morris

Several of our club officers and members met recently with Jeff Church, the only conservative Republican trustee on the Washoe County School District (WCSD) Board of Trustees. We were aghast to learn of some issues facing the school district now. For example, biological males are being allowed to use female restrooms and locker rooms, to compete against female athletes and play on previously all-female sports teams; and share rooms with females on overnight trips. Electives such as Spanish and orchestra have been eliminated and replaced with mandatory lessons in critical race theory and transgender ideology.

When Jeff Church was elected to the WCSD Board of Trustees late last year, it was well known that he is a conservative and planned to focus on quality of education and fiscal responsibility. Almost immediately on taking office, Mr. Church found himself marginalized by the other six trustees as well as administrative staff. When Jeff has tried to focus the WCSD Board of Trustees on quality of education and fiscal responsibility, he has been accused of violating Board Policy 9051, which blatantly violates

the free-speech, First Amendment rights of trustees. Some examples:

- Board Policy 9051 (1) (b) requires trustees to "... avoid open debate focused on activism or special interests and value collective consensus over individual viewpoints in decision-making..." Who decides whether "open debate" is "focused on activism or special interests"? And aren't trustees elected to share their individual viewpoints?
- Board Policy 9051 (1) (b) (i) forbids trustees to "... publicly criticiz[e] the Board or individual Trustees regarding [a] decision" with which they disagree. How can a trustee campaign for reelection without criticizing the Board or individual trustees?
- Board Policy 9051 (1)(c) requires trustees to "... focus on common interests by seeking to understand the multiple and varied positions of all District constituencies but supporting shared, mutually beneficial solutions that can be applied to many students and achieved through various means." What solutions are "shared, mutually beneficial" and applicable "to many students," etc. is obviously debatable. Attempting to limit a trustee's advocacy or support to what someone else or a majority of the Board of Trustees considers a "focus on common interests," etc. is obviously a violation of the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of speech.
- Board Policy 9051 (1)(e) requires trustees to "... ensure that their deliberations, requests, and reports are focused on solutions to improve student learning," obviously a matter that is open to debate. Again, attempting to limit a trustee's advocacy or support to what someone else or a majority of the Board of Trustees considers to be "focused on solutions to improve student learning" is a violation of the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of speech.
- Board Policy 9051 (1)(g) requires trustees to "... use their voice to seek to hear and understand each other's interests and support mutually beneficial

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resolution and reconciliation. Again, whether a trustee's statements "seek to hear and understand each other's interests and support mutually beneficial resolution and reconciliation" is open to debate; and attempting to limit a trustee's advocacy or support to what *someone else* or a majority of the Board of Trustees considers to "hear and understand each other's interests and support mutually beneficial resolution and reconciliation" is a violation of the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of speech.

Clearly, Board Policy 9051 unconstitutionally infringes on the free-speech rights of WCSD trustees and must be rescinded or substantially amended.

Item 1.05 on the agenda of the WCSD Board of Trustees' regular meeting of April 27th stated that, "Pursuant to Board Policy 9051(4)(c), in order to ensure the Trustees continue to follow Board Governance and Board Policies that protect the integrity, proceedings, and reputation of the Board, it has become necessary for the President to remind the Trustees of their commitment to said governance model and policies and to ask the Trustees to take action to affirm that commitment." This is the fourth step of a seven-step "[Balanced Governance Progressive Response Process](#)" that may culminate in the censure of a trustee for failure "...to follow governance process policies, either during or outside of a Board meeting...." (See Board Policy 9051 (4) (a) through (g).) At the April 27th meeting, six of the seven trustees voted to affirm their commitment to these policies; Jeff Church's was the only vote against. Jeff told me, "I voted my conscience against an unconstitutional policy. I remind folks that I took an oath to support and defend the Constitution, both as a military officer and a trustee."

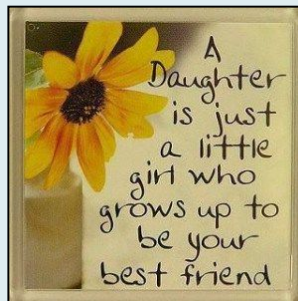
Agenda item 1.05, as step four in the "Balanced Governance Progressive Response Process," is essentially a threat to censure Jeff Church for violating a Board Policy that unconstitutionally infringes his freedom of speech.



Dear IV/CB RW Board Members and Club Members,

Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and the

beautiful card that you gave me in remembrance of my mothers' passing. My mother, Jenny Wiehe (a former member of our club) passed away on March 11, 2021. It's interesting that March 11 was her husband's birthday, he had passed away 11 years ago. So she went to be with Jesus and her husband (my dad) on his birthday. Then we had my mothers' service celebrating her life at my church on my mothers' birthday on March 14th. She would have been 96 on her birthday this year. Lastly, because the Southern Nevada Veterans Cemetery is so busy, the mortuary had to wait until April 2nd for her burial. So she was buried on Good Friday this year.



She was buried with my dad who was a Veteran of WWII. All these special dates makes it clear to me that it was all God's timing. Most of you know that my mother had dementia and had

been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease many years ago. I was honored to manage her care for the last 7-1/2 years and she lived with me for the last 4 years. I am also thankful for the many caregivers who helped enormously.

Thank you again for the flowers and the card,

Yolanda Knaak



Portrait Gallery: When the museum reopens May 14, the portrait of the 45th President will be on view in the “America’s Presidents” exhibition



By Gia Yetikvel
smithsonianmag.com

When the Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery reopens on May 14 after being closed because of the Covid-19 pandemic, it will do so with a new work—a photograph of former President Donald J. Trump. Installed in the museum’s signature exhibition, “America’s Presidents,” the portrait will hang in a space reserved for the nation’s most recent former president and will be a part of the permanent collections.

The 2019 image of Trump is one of many captured by the award-winning photographer Pari Dukovic, while on assignment for *Time* magazine. Taken on June 17, after Trump officially announced his plans to run for reelection, the image depicts him perched at the edge of a maroon chair with one hand resting on the historic Resolute Desk in the Oval Office.

In the background, five flags can be seen, each representing the branches of the Armed Forces (from left: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard). A portion of Asher B. Durand’s 1835 portrait of Andrew Jackson can be seen joined by the c. 1785 portrait of Benjamin Franklin by Joseph Duplessis, which is on loan to the White House from the Portrait Gallery.

“America’s Presidents” is home to the nation’s only complete collection of presidential portraits outside the

White House, telling the story of American leadership and the challenges of office, highlighting historical eras from “Building the Presidency” to the “Contemporary Presidency.” Holding pride of place in the exhibition is the iconic Lansdowne Portrait of George Washington by the American artist Gilbert Stuart. Other prominent works include Elaine de Kooning’s portrait of John F. Kennedy, Norman Rockwell’s painting of Richard Nixon and Chuck Close’ quilt-like portrayal of Bill Clinton, an abstract painting that uses a grid system of visual images.

The National Portrait Gallery’s addition of the recently acquired photograph will carry on the tradition of updating the permanent exhibition as each new leader is elected to the highest office in the land. The museum recently announced that the official portrait of the 44th President Barack Obama by artist Kehinde Wiley, along with Amy Sherald’s

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portrait of Michelle Obama will depart for a five-city tour from June 2021 to May 2022. The collage poster from Obama's historic first 2008 campaign, entitled Hope by the Los Angeles graphic designer Shepard Fairey will go on view in the exhibition.

President Trump, who lost the election last year to Joe Biden, was born and raised in Queens, New York. He attended Fordham University and the University of Pennsylvania, and later took over his father's real estate business, building several hotels, skyscrapers and golf courses. Trump turned to entertainment and hosted the reality television series, "The Apprentice," for 14 seasons. He also purchased and operated the Miss Universe beauty pageant brand for almost 20 years.

The New-York based Dukovic has worked across the publishing spectrum from photojournalism to fashion and for such publications as *GQ*, *Vanity Fair*, *WSJ Magazine*, among others. Dukovic has won awards for his work since 2012.

"America's Presidents" is a permanent exhibition, located on the second floor of the National Portrait Gallery at 8th and G Streets, NW in Washington, D.C. The museum reopens on May 14 and visitors must acquire in advance free, timed-entry tickets.

African Americans in the United States Congress

From the first United States Congress in 1789 through the 116th Congress in 2020, 162 African Americans have served in Congress.

The first African Americans to serve in the Congress were Republicans elected during the Reconstruction Era. After the 13th and 14th Amendments granted freedom and citizenship to enslaved people, freedmen gained political representation in the Southern United States for the first time. In response to the growing numbers of Black statesmen and politicians, White Democrats turned to violence and intimidation to regain their political power.

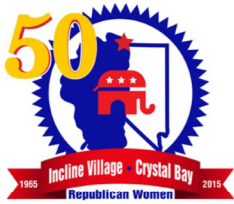
By the presidential election of 1876, only three state legislatures were not controlled by whites. The Compromise of 1877 completed the period of Redemption by white Southerners, with the

withdrawal of federal troops from the South. State legislatures began to pass Jim Crow laws to establish racial segregation and restrict labor rights, movement, and organizing by black people. They passed some laws to restrict voter registration, aimed at suppressing the black vote. From 1890 to 1908, state legislatures in the South essentially disfranchised most black people and many poor white people from voting by passing new constitutions or amendments or other laws related to more restrictive electoral and voter registration and electoral rules. As a result of the Civil Rights Movement, the U.S. Congress passed laws in the mid-1960s to end segregation and enforce constitutional civil rights and voting rights.

As Republicans accommodated the end of Reconstruction becoming more ambiguous on civil rights, African Americans began shifting away from the Republican Party. During two waves of massive migration within the United States in the first half of the 20th century, more than six million African Americans moved from the South to Northeastern, Midwestern, and Western industrial cities, with five million migrating from 1940 to 1970. Some were elected to federal political office from these new locations, and most were elected as Democrats. During the Great Depression, many black voters switched allegiances from the Republican Party to the Democratic Party, in support of the New Deal economic, social network, and work policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration. This trend continued through the 1960s civil rights legislation, when voting rights returned to the South, to present.

Source: From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.





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): _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

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 \$50, any woman registered as a Republican
- Associate \$20, 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:

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MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK to the following address:

Membership Chairman
IV/CB Republican Women
P. O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450

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



US Customs and Border Patrol have arrested record numbers of illegal immigrants in the first months of Joe Biden's presidency, as his rumored "open door policy" enticed more new arrivals than in any period in 20 years.

Worse, the real numbers are likely higher. Three CBP officials familiar with the data told the Washington Post that "nearly 1,000 people per day" are sneaking past border agents overwhelmed by the need to process arriving families and unaccompanied minors.

By the end of March, more migrants crossed the US-Mexican border than at any time since March 2006, and the number includes a record 19,000 teens and children arriving without parents, according to preliminary figures seen by Reuters. The Department of Homeland Security expects border crossings will surge to a 20-year record in 2021.

Source: <https://www.rt.com/usa/520013-border-crossers-record-mexico-biden/>



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