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The Elephant's Tale

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

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

at The Chateau, 955 Fairway Boulevard,
Incline Village | 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Join us and meet
BRUCE PARKS, the newly-elected Chairman of the Washoe County Central Republican Committee. Mr. Parks will present to us the structure of the newly organized Committee and share the goals and plans for the coming year to ensure Washoe County has fair elections.



Tickets are \$30 per person (plus credit card fee) and includes lunch. You can send a check to IVCB Republican Women's Club, PO Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450. A no-host bar is available. Advanced reservations are REQUIRED. Attendees without advance reservations will not be able to have lunch.

Reservations and payment must be received by Friday, February 4th by 12 noon. For more information and reservations, please contact **Nancy Carlson** at 650-255-1435.

TO ORDER TICKETS: <https://incline-village-crystal-bay-republican-women.square.site>



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



January was a busy month around here. The weather finally calmed down and was beautiful but cold, and from what I hear the skiing has been wonderful.

As Republican women we are off and running with many political meetings and a year of making sure that we once again make

Nevada RED again. We are going to be riding the RED WAVE. We have new leadership in NvFRW as well as the Washoe County GOP Central Committee; Caroline Smith, the newly-elected President of NvFRW came to our January 11th luncheon and installed our Executive Officers (see the enclosed pictures). Our Guest Speaker for February will be the newly-elected Chairman of the GOP Central Committee, Bruce Parks – so save the date of February 8th. Bruce will be giving us an update on what the Central Committee does and how we can all get involved.

Our club had a wonderful turnout at the Northern Nevada Leadership Conference at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City on January 15th. Both the outgoing and incoming officers as well as other board members attended. It was very informative for all of us. Our own Connie Skidmore, who has been chosen State Parliamentarian, gave us all the proper procedures for conducting meetings and how to interoperate the bylaws. Connie has always been a big help to me.

We will be changing the way we conduct our "donation" prize fundraiser. I guess we have been doing it incorrectly according to the rules of Nevada. Beginning in February, we now will have either a "live" or a "silent" auction to raise the funds for our club. The Executive Board will decide which way to conduct the auction. Here's how we will do it: We will continue to give the description of the item being auctioned off at the beginning of the meeting, and then you can decide

how much you want to pay – either on the paper list or verbally – and the final bid wins the item. The door prize will remain the same with the winning ticket drawn from the basket.

Cretia Eyster, our First Vice President in charge of Programs, will provide a schedule of events for the rest of this 2022 year. We plan to have many meetings beginning in April (after the Candidate Registration in March) with Republican candidates running for office. In April we will have an evening event inviting both local and regional candidates to come and meet with us. This way we can hear how their platforms will make our community and the rest of Northern Nevada conservative again. As a club we cannot endorse one candidate over another running for the same office, which is why we are

inviting all Republican candidates to speak at this event so as individuals you can make up your mind who you want to vote for. I will be sending out a "SAVE THE DATE" notice regarding this event.

As I mentioned at our January meeting, we need to be more informed as to how we can help our community. In the past I have shared with you how to get the monthly newsletter from "Community First," written by IVGID Trustee Sara

Schmitz, who is a member of our club. Here is the website -

<http://www.ivcbcommunity1st.org>

Another very informative group is the Community Forum, which takes place at the Incline Village Library every other Friday from 9 to 10 am. This meeting can be attended in person or on Zoom. The Zoom ID# 815-3612-1755 password is 1864.

Another way to get the information is to request the minutes of the meeting by email: rondatyceer@aol.com.

We are looking for someone to take over the Boutique now that Weesie Daniel has moved to Southern California, so if you would like to volunteer for this job, please let Linda Smith or me know.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Membership renewal has been going great; however, we have not yet reached our goal of surpassing last year. I have asked Nancy Carlson, our new Membership Chairman, to write an article in this newsletter about membership. Nancy has many great ideas on joining or renewing IVCBRW membership.

The Budget Committee will meet towards the end of January to do the 2022 budget and will be presented to the Board and membership in February.

Well hopefully I have included all that is happening this month. Stay healthy and will see you at the February 8th luncheon meeting. Oh and HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Shirley Appel

Thank you **WEESIE DANIEL** for your service as our Boutique Coordinator. We wish you well in your move to Southern California – and we will miss you!



About our Speaker,
BRUCE PARKS



Mr. Bruce Parks of the Washoe County Republican Central Committee (WCRCC) will join us Tuesday, February 8th.

Come and meet Bruce Parks, the newly-elected Chairman of

the Washoe County Central Republican Committee. He will present to us the structure of the newly organized WCRCC and share the goals and plans of the committee for the coming year to ensure Washoe County has fair elections.

Mr. Parks is retired from the US Army from the 101st Airborne Division where he was a Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Operations Specialist. Since his retirement he has been very active in the community at various levels including being the co-founder of the Nevada Patriot and Secretary of Battle born Patriots.

The Washoe County Republican Central Committee's mission is to "Keep Washoe County Red"



The Central Committee is the governing body of the Washoe County Republican Party. Joining the Central Committee is your chance to guide the direction of your local, state and national Republican Party. The Central Committee:

- Elects all party officers
- Elects state party members and state convention delegates
- Controls the party platform
- Controls the party bylaws
- Is the voting body for all party business

The Central Committee meets monthly to conduct the aforementioned business, and to enjoy the company of other freedom-loving Americans. We are growing rapidly and are fired up to make Nevada free again. For January and February 2022, in order to join the Central Committee, simply attend your local precinct meeting which will be held on February 19th. At that time, you may be elected to become a member of the Central Committee.



Our Founding Fathers and those who wrote the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights were men of great courage and for 246 years these documents have been our safety net helping “We the People” to protect our country from tyranny.

Let's Unmask America!

By Susan A. Schnetz

Today, the very freedoms that our Constitution established are under assault.

Many of us understand that socialism/communism/Marxism are government choices and ideologies that destroy freedom and liberty as we know it in America. Today we are watching a minority of radicals, progressives and Marxists lead our country into a maze of violence, disharmony and a dishonest rewrite of history as they attempt to tear down and burn our nation's historical statues and monuments. Now our very own government is winking at the once “hands-off policy” of spying on our personal emails and social media, censoring those who do not comply with their liberal thought policies, and even jailing those who attended the rally in Washington DC on January 6, 2021. Indeed, we are now seeing our public schools transformed from traditional learning to include non-traditional sex and gender education for very young children. And the steady stream of radical ideologies has invaded our colleges and universities. Many of our defense and law institutions have adjusted their agendas to comply with cancel culture and other extreme thinking, attempting to purge the religious beliefs of others including those who embrace Judeo-Christian principles and mores.

Those who thought that America would never bow a knee to socialism, communism or Marxism are now very concerned. -- And we should be!

So let's take a journey together, back to when Barack Obama was our 44th President of the

United States (2009-2017), and compare his policies with our current President Joseph Biden. We'll compare the progress we made when Donald Trump was President for only 4 years. During those 4 years, he was harassed, ridiculed, sued and impeached twice by the U.S. House of Representatives, but he did not waver. President Trump transformed America – not radically against our Constitution like Obama and continuing under Biden – but strategically used Executive powers to lead us once again back to our Constitutional beginnings.

Before we embark on our journey into Unmasking America, it must be pointed out that the ideologies of socialism-communism-Marxism ideology began many years ago with Joseph Stalin, former premier of the Soviet Union from 1927 until his death in 1953. -- Some say these radical ideologies began even before then.

We now know that in order to defend our country, we must again march to the tune of American Exceptionalism and not ruminate on our past ignorance of how this ideology invaded the United States of America. It's here now, and we must courageously defeat it!

To be continued in our March issue . . .

“Nothing is more essential to the establishment of manners in a State than that all persons employed in places of power and trust be men of unexceptionable characters. The public cannot be too curious concerning the character of public men.”

Samuel Adams: Letter to James Warren, November 4, 1775.





Why should I Join? Benefits of Membership

By Nancy Carlson

Membership in the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women (IVCBRW) club gives you the opportunity to meet with like-minded women on a regular basis to educate yourself, become better informed about the issues of the day, contribute to your community and country – and have fun! The goals of the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women are to promote the principles of the Republican Party by influencing the education of our youth, promoting conservative legislation and promoting the election of conservative political candidates. We want to take back our country for our children and grandchildren!

As a hard-working Mom with three children, I never had the time to support my conservative beliefs other than by voting. Since my children are grown now, I have the time to confront the real and present danger to our political system, that guardian of our liberties which has endured for almost 250 years. The time is **NOW**, the threat to our country is **REAL**, and we must all work to save this great nation from threats arising from both outside and within. If we work together, there is **NOTHING** we cannot do!

If you have skills in any of the following areas, we can use your help: Membership, Chaplain, Scholarship and Youth Programs, Newsletter, Website, Public Relations, Budget/Finance, Legislative Affairs, Boutique management, and Fund-Raising.

Our Vision and Mission Statements...

Vision: To support individual freedom and responsibility under the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence by making Nevada a Red State again and keeping it that way.

Mission: To promote the principles and philosophy of the Republican Party at the local, state, and federal levels by taking action to:

- Support the election of conservative Republican candidates.
- Educate club members and local voters.
- Communicate with local, state and federal legislative bodies to enact constitutional, conservative legislation.
- Collaborate with Nevada Republican women's clubs to leverage best practices to improve club effectiveness.
- Promote Republican and conservative values through social media, print media, and community participation.
- Effect change in our schools to support conservative and constitutional values.
- Protect the integrity of local, state, and federal elections.

Membership runs from January through December and is renewed at the beginning of each year. Please contact me if you would like to join our club or renew your membership!

Second Vice President Nancy Carlson is the Membership Chair of Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women. (650) 255-1435



“Our country is in danger, but not to be despaired of. Our enemies are numerous and powerful; but we have many friends, determining to be free, and heaven and earth will aid the resolution. On you depend the fortunes of America. You are to decide the important question, on which rest the happiness and liberty of millions yet unborn. Act worthy of yourselves.” —Joseph Warren (1775)



How to Best Protect your Computer and your Personal Information Online

1. **Download a good antivirus program.** Using antivirus software is the easiest way to stay safe online (example: Norton Antivirus).
2. **Always go to the source.** Always try to confirm that the information you're getting is authentic by using a trusted contact method like giving that agency, company or friend a call.
3. **Use different passwords.** The best way to keep online accounts safe is to use different and complex passwords for each account and to change them regularly. The simpler the password, the easier it is to compromise. A "password manager" program can help to keep your passwords safe (example: NordPass, Keeper, 1Password).
4. **Keep your computer system updated.** Keep your computer operating system and programs updated as software developers are constantly patching security risks. You can set your computer to automatically install updates when they become available.
5. **Don't click on links and don't download anything.** If you're even slightly suspicious don't follow any links or download any files. Unsafe links and files can steal your data, damage your devices, and much more.
6. **Check the email address and not just the sender name.** It is easy to deceive someone with a fake sender name on an email. When this happens, the sender name may be familiar, but the email address doesn't match the sender name.
7. **Look for typographical errors in the email address.** For example "amazn.com," or "support@micr0soft.com" can be used to fool users.
8. **Have a technical support friend or company ready if you need them.** Whether it's a family member, friend or neighbor, don't be afraid to reach out and ask for help if you think you may be the subject of an online attack.
9. **Turn your computer off when not using it.** Some

computer hacking or "malware" programs can infect your system when it is in "sleep" mode.

10. **Tape over your "camera" on your computer when not actively using it.** This way, no one can see you when you don't want them to.

How to Spot Online Scams

Some of the most common online fraud scams are:

- **Lottery and charity scams.** Hackers appear to represent legitimate charities, lotteries, or sweepstakes and then convince people they have won a contest or persuade them to make a donation.
- **Tech support scams.** Criminals claim to be technical support and indicate you have a fake computer or mobile device issue. They offer to solve the problem by using a program to take over your device to gain your personal information.
- **Grandchild/friend scam.** Criminals pose as grandchildren or friends who ask for financial assistance (gift cards, checks, wired funds).
- **Government impersonation scam.** Criminals claim to be government employees and demand payment or personal information regarding taxes, social security, pensions, etc.

If You Think You have Already been Hacked

- Notify your bank. Your bank will immediately freeze your accounts, preventing any further losses, and it will also begin the process of reimbursement for the funds stolen from your account.
- Run an antivirus scan. It will detect and remove any surveillance malware from your device that could be used to steal future financial information and prolong the identity theft attack.
- Change your passwords. Once your system is free of malware, change your passwords.

If you can follow these steps you can decrease your risk of losing your savings and/or bank account funds. There are tremendous benefits of using technology to simplify banking and shopping, but you must take steps to improve your internet security!

Article by Nancy Carlson



The 2022 Executive Committee — Membership Chair Nancy Carlson, Vice President Cretia Eyster, President Shirley Appel, President of the NvFRW Caroline Smith, Secretary Connie Skidmore and Treasurer Susan Calfa.

Dear Members,

We are hoping to have members become Poll Workers. Would you like to be a poll worker? Here's the link to the election poll worker application for Washoe County to the Washoe County website:

https://www.washoecounty.gov/voters/get-involved/election_workers/electionworkers_form.php

Election Worker Qualifications

In order to be a election worker in Washoe County you must:

- Be a United States citizen and be a registered voter in the State of Nevada.
- Be a Minimum age is 16 years old (student program)
- Physically be able to endure the long hours of Election Day (approximately 14 hours +).
- Physically be able to set up equipment that is approximately 35 lbs. in weight.
- Have a professional demeanor.
- Have access to reliable transportation.
- Able to attend the required poll worker training and pass a hands-on evaluation in order to work.
- Complete and pass the online poll worker training.



déjà vu

Something overly or unpleasantly familiar, illusion of remembering scenes and events when experienced for the first time, a feeling that one has seen or heard something before.

February 2021

"Gas prices, as of October, were up 50 percent compared to a year ago. Used cars cost 26 percent more. Hamburger meat ran 13 percent more than it did the previous fall. Americans are facing some of the steepest price increases in over a decade. Three-quarters of people retirement age say the rise in prices has hurt their finances, according to the financial website Bankrate." – Source: MoneySaver, page 30 of AARP Magazine.

AMERICANISM

The Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981

(ERTA), or Kemp-Roth Tax Cut, was an Act that introduced a major tax cut, which was designed to encourage economic growth. The federal law enacted by the 97th US Congress and signed into law by US President Ronald Reagan. The Accelerated Cost Recovery System (ACRS) was a major component of the Act and was amended in 1986 to become the Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System (MACRS).

Representative Jack Kemp and Senator William Roth, both Republicans, had nearly won passage of a tax cut during the Carter presidency, but Jimmy Carter feared an increase in the deficit and so prevented the bill's passage. Reagan made a major tax cut his top priority once he had taken office. The Democrats maintained a majority in the US House of Representatives during the 97th Congress, but Reagan was able to convince conservative Democrats like Phil Gramm to support the bill. The Act passed the US Congress on August 4, 1981, and was signed into law by Reagan on August 13, 1981. It was one of the largest tax cuts in US history, and ERTA and the Tax Reform Act of 1986 are known together as the

Reagan tax cuts. Along with spending cuts, Reagan's tax cuts were the centerpiece of what some contemporaries described as the conservative "Reagan Revolution."

Included in the act was an across-the-board decrease in the rates of federal income tax. The highest marginal tax rate fell from 70 percent to 50 percent, the lowest marginal rate from 14 percent to 11 percent. To prevent future bracket creep, the new tax rates were indexed for inflation. Also reduced were estate taxes, capital gains taxes, and corporate taxes.



President Ronald Reagan signs the bill at Rancho del Cielo in 1981

Critics of the act claim that it worsened federal budget deficits, but supporters credit it for bolstering the economy during the 1980s. Supply-siders argued that the tax cuts would increase tax revenues. However, tax revenues declined relative to a baseline without the cuts because of the tax cuts, and the fiscal deficit ballooned during the Reagan presidency.

Much of the 1981 Act was reversed in September 1982 by the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA), which is sometimes called the largest tax increase of the postwar period.

Source: Wikipedia.



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,
_____ OR any man registered as a Republican
Primary Club Membership

CHECK AREAS OF INTEREST:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art or Graphic Art Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter at Meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Email |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Coordination | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |

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



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February Member Birthdays

Patricia Moser-Morris	1
Constance Skidmore	5
Peggy Poindexter	8
Joyce Brock Anderson	9
Judy Romans	9
Lorri Waldman	22
Christi Nelson-Beckstead	24
Ann Behm	26



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