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# MEET THE

# APRIL 12, 2022

#### To all members and their guests – *Come to Candidates Night* at the Chateau from 5 to 8 pm.

We hope you come and hear and meet the Candidates.

The cost will be our regular meeting price of \$32. You can pay by "Square" or by check (see link below).

Please remember that all RSVP's must be in by *April 8th at Noon*. We will have a wonderful Appetizer Buffet and a No-Host Bar.

Please send your RSVP as soon as possible to Nancy Carlson at 650-255-1435 or email at <u>nmcarlson@yahoo.com</u> if you plan to attend.

See you there!

Shirley Appel 🙀

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







#### **PRESIDENT'S** MESSAGE

'm sitting here writing this to you on the first day of Spring, and it's a beautiful spring day which promises to get better the pine needles are starting to

get raked and the flowers are starting to pop out! But before I go any further, I would like to ask all of you to say a prayer for the many people of Ukraine that have been displaced and are without their homes and way of life. So many lost their lives! Think how lucky we are to live where we do.



Well, here we go! The deadline for Candidates to

Friday, March 18th. We have already confirmed with several candidates for our first Meet and Greet on April 12th. I hope that you received our electronic Save The Date notice and will be sending Nancy Carlson your RSVP and payment (by check or by Square) soon. Remember that this is an evening event from 5-8 pm. As we get closer, I will send out an alert informing you who the candidates will be that wish to attend our first event. Over the next months we will be see and hear from as many candidates as possible before the Primary on June 14th. Also, just a reminder that our club, along with Douglas County Republican Women and Sierra Nevada Republican Women will have a Governor's Forum in Minden on May 14th. This event is Free and will be in the afternoon from 3-6 pm. If you have not received the flyer, please email me at mrsradar@aol.com and I will send it to you. We just need to know how many people to plan for, so let me know if you wish to attend.

The Washoe County Central Committee Convention met on Saturday, March 19th at Boomtown in Verdi. Several of us attended. This was a very important meeting because it went over the proposed Platforms that the Republican Party of Washoe County wants to see for our County, State, and Nation. They included the many areas that we as Republicans would like to see changed. Once all the Proposed Platforms have been edited and finished, I will make sure to send this out to

all of you. Those that attended were Nancy Carlson, Saundra Beretta, Celine Nugent and myself. Nancy Carlson signed up and was elected to represent our club at the State Convention in Las Vegas at the end of April. When Nancy returns, she will share lots of important information with us.

Our new and returning membership is coming along very well. We are always looking for new members. Attention Members and Associates -what better time and year this is to bring your likeminded friends to a meeting and get them to join!

We are still looking for someone to take over the Boutique, so if you would like to volunteer for this, please let Linda Smith or myself know. Cretia is hard at work putting our events together for this allimportant election year. We will keep you up to date of any changes as we go through the rest of 2022.

Beginning this summer, I would like to start having



extra activities such as "happy hours" and other get-togethers at the beach or at our favorite restaurants. We could also get together in member homes as the summer goes on. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

The time is slipping away, and I want to get this to our newsletter

editor for publishing, so I will just say, hope to see you at our first Meet and Greet the Candidates evening event on April 12th.

Cheers.

Shirley Appel

 $\mathbf{X}$  hen half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work, because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work, because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation!

## The IVCB Republican Women Legislative Committee: Open for Business!

By Patricia Moser Morris

O ur club managed without a Legislative Committee for years, meaning that our legislative chair had to monitor and send us alerts on local, regional, state and federal issues. Having been the club's legislative chair previously, I can tell you that this was difficult enough without what is going on this year -- what I would describe as crises (usually provoked by the left), especially on the regional, state and federal levels. This year, very fortunately, several of our members stepped forward to help, joining the newly re-formed IVCBRW Legislative Committee. There are five of us, and we have divided up the work.

Nancy Carlson is serving as vice chair of the committee with a focus on the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County. Cherie Anderson will focus on the Washoe County School District (WCSD) Board of Trustees. Suzi Cornell will focus on the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). Ann Williams will also be active on the committee focusing on a functional area to be determined. Patricia Moser Morris chairs the Legislative Committee and will focus on the Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) Board of Trustees.

Each of us will monitor the policymaking boards we have been assigned, draft "Alerts" as issues arise, and send the drafts to either me or Nancy Carlson for review, editing and transmission to our members interested in receiving such alerts. A good example of this process is the alert that we recently sent out urging County GOP convention delegates to support adding a plank to the 2022 GOP platform opposing the teaching of Critical Race Theory. Cherie Anderson did an excellent job writing the alert, and I edited and sent it out via Constant Contact. We committee members would greatly appreciate it if you would advise us of any issues in our subject areas that happen to come to your attention. Please email, text or call us. Following are our email addresses. Some of us prefer that our cell numbers not be posted here (where they are accessible to anyone on the internet), but we are willing to provide them to you directly on request.

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Our club member **Yolanda Knaak** is also the Nevada Federation of Republican Women's legislative chair and will handle state and federal issues. You can reach her at

Yolanda7777@rocketmail.com.



"If men of wisdom and knowledge, of moderation and temperance, of patience, fortitude and perseverance, of sobriety and true republican simplicity of manners, of zeal for the honour of the Supreme Being and the welfare of the commonwealth; if men possessed of these other excellent qualities are chosen to fill the seats of government, we may expect that our affairs will rest on a solid and permanent foundation." —Samuel Adams (1780)





# Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women 2022 Primary Election Forum Schedule

### April 12th – 5-8 pm Appetizers and No-Host Bar May 10th – 11:30—1:30 pm Luncheon June 7th – 11:30—1:30 pm Luncheon

#### All registered candidates for

#### Nevada State, Washoe County, and Incline Village offices are invited!

Each candidate will have 5 minutes to present their agenda to our membership, followed by a 5-minute Q&A session in a "Town Hall" format. We will provide individual tables for each candidate to display their marketing literature. After presentations we encourage candidates to remain at their tables to answer questions and chat with our members and guests. Order tickets at:

https://incline-village-crystal-bay-republican-women.square.site/

**LOCATION:** The Chateau at the Championship Golf Course

955 Fairway Blvd, Incline Village, Nevada

**RSVP:** Nancy Carlson, <u>nmcarlson01@yahoo.com</u>, (650) 255-1435 Cost = \$32 per person

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	RSVP DATE
April 12th	Regional and IVGID Candidates Night	The Chateau	Fri April 8tł
May 10th	Luncheon with Candidates	The Chateau	Fri May 6tł
MAY 14th	Afternoon Governor Candidate Forum	Valley Christain Center CC	ASAP
June 7th	Scholarship Luncheon/Open to all Candidates	The Chateau	Fri June 3ro
July 12th	Evening BBQ on the Golf Course at Home of Ellie Dobler	Home of Ellie Dobler	Fri July 8th
August 9th	Luncheon/Open to all Candidates	The Chateau	Fri Aug 5th
Sept 13th	Fashion Show and Silent Auction	The Chateau	Fri Sept 9tł
Oct 11th	Luncheon/Open to all Candidates	The Chateau	Fri Oct 7th
Nov 15th	Victory Luncheon/Vets Day	The Chateau	Fri Nov 11t
Dec 13th	Christmas Party and Officer's Installation	The Chateau	Fri Dec 9th

#### THE ELEPHANT'S TALE • APRIL 2022



# The bad old days: Biden's America is a throwback to the 1970s

By Ronna McDaniel

hen people think of the 1970s, bell-bottom jeans, The Brady Bunch, and Led Zeppelin come to mind. But they also remember the debilitating inflation, skyrocketing crime, and weakness on the world stage. Sound familiar?

# Thanks to President Joe Biden, we're going back to the bad old days of Jimmy Carter.

Under Carter, the country saw double-digit inflation. Meat prices surged, with beef up 39 percent in one year. Energy prices were so high that Carter urged the public to put on a sweater and turn down their thermostats. The cost of gas doubled between Carter's first year in office and 1981.

**Today, a similar situation is unfolding.** Biden's reckless spending is making everything more expensive. New data show that consumer prices spiked by nearly 8 percent over the past year, the fastest rate in 40 years. Gas and electricity are respectively up 38 percent and 9 percent over last year. Staples such as milk and eggs are up 11%. And used cars will cost you 41% more — if you can even find one. These prices are hitting the public in the pocketbook. Sixty-four percent of people say they are now living paycheck to paycheck. And voters rank rising prices as one of their biggest concerns.

The Biden administration's response to surging energy prices? Buy an electric car.

Meanwhile, a crime wave to rival the 1970s is sweeping the nation. Fourteen major Democratic-run cities set all-time homicide records last year. Police officers have seen a 115 percent surge in ambush-style attacks since 2020. And on top of the surge in violent crimes, there's been an uptick in carjackings and organized "smash-and-grab" robberies in stores.

Democrats cheered Biden when he claimed to denounce the defund-the-police agenda in his State of the Union Address. But Democrats' undeniable support for the movement is what created the crime surge in the first place, and Biden refuses to condemn soft-on-crime Democratic district attorneys. Much like the Carter years, our neighborhoods are less safe thanks to Democrats' soft-on-crime policies.

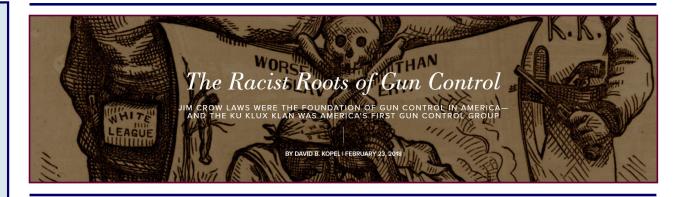
Then there's Biden's weakness on the world stage something all too familiar for those who remember the '70s. Carter projected weakness, and America suffered for it. Iran held our citizens hostage, only to release them minutes after Ronald Reagan was sworn in as president. The Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan, unleashing destruction and chaos. **Now, it's Biden's America-last agenda that has emboldened our enemies.** His disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan embarrassed us in front of the world, abandoning Americans behind enemy lines and leaving billions of dollars in military equipment to the Taliban.

His refusal to hold the Chinese Communist Party accountable for its lies about COVID-19 has shown that Biden isn't serious about keeping our enemies in check. And Biden's decision to lift sanctions on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline handed Russia important leverage, giving them the green light to invade Ukraine. It's no coincidence that Iran released the hostages when Carter left office, and it's no coincidence that Russian President Vladimir Putin waited until Biden was president to invade Ukraine.

It didn't have to be this way. Under Republican leadership and President Donald Trump, America

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B efore the Civil War, the great antislavery writer Lysander Spooner used the Second Amendment to argue that slavery was unconstitutional. Since a slave is a person who cannot possess arms, and the Second Amendment guarantees that all persons can possess arms, no person in the United States, therefore, can be a slave. "The right of a man 'to keep and bear arms,' is a right palpably inconsistent with the idea of his being a slave," Spooner wrote.

On the other hand, in the infamous *Dred Scott decision*, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger B. Taney announced that free blacks were not citizens; if they were, he warned, free blacks would have the right "to keep and carry arms wherever they went."

Immediately after the Civil War, Southern states enacted Black Codes, designed to keep the ex-slaves in de facto slavery and submission. Mississippi's provision was typical: No freedman "shall keep or carry fire -arms of any kind, or any ammunition" without police permission. In areas where the Ku Klux Klan took control, "almost universally the first thing done was to disarm the negroes and leave them defenseless," recounted the civil rights attorney Albion Tourgée, who represented Plessy in Plessy v. Ferguson. The Ku Klux Klan was America's first gun control group, as well as America's first domestic terrorist organization. Congress responded with the Freedman's Bureau Act, insisting that "the constitutional right to bear arms, shall be secured to and enjoyed by all the citizens."

Congress followed up with the Civil Rights Act, and the Fourteenth Amendment, to ensure that no state could ever again violate the civil rights of Americans. Repeatedly the congressional proponents of the Fourteenth Amendment announced that a key purpose of the Amendment was to guarantee that freedmen could exercise their Second Amendment right to own guns for self-defense, especially against gun control organizations such as the KKK. Senator Samuel Pomeroy (R-Kan.) explained the three "indispensable" "safeguards of liberty under our form of government": the sanctity of the home; the right to vote; and "the right to bear arms...[so] if the cabin door of the freedman is broken open and the intruder enters...then should a well-loaded musket be in the hand of the occupant to send the polluted wretch to another world "

Reconstruction and the Fourteenth Amendment forced Southern states to repeal laws explicitly forbidding blacks to have guns. So the white supremacist legislature in Tennessee enacted the 1871 "Army and Navy" law, barring the sale of any handguns except the "Army and Navy model." The ex-Confederate soldiers already had their high-quality Army and Navy guns. But cash-poor freedmen could barely afford lower-

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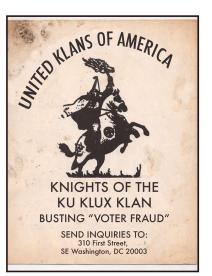
cost, simpler firearms not of the Army and Navy quality.

Many Southern states followed Tennessee's lead, with facially neutral laws banning inexpensive guns, or requiring permits to own or carry a gun. As one Florida judge explained, the laws were "passed for the purpose of disarming the negro laborers . . . [and] never intended to be applied to the white population." (Watson v. Stone, Florida, 1941).

Jim Crow laws became the foundation of gun control in America. These laws spread north in the early decades of the twentieth century, aimed primarily at immigrants (Italians and Jews in New York City) or labor agitators (California), or in response to blacks having defended themselves against race riots (Missouri and Michigan).

In the 1950s and 1960s, a new civil rights movement arose in the South. White supremacist tactics were just as violent as they had been during Reconstruction. Blacks and civil rights workers armed for self-defense. John Salter, a professor at Tougaloo College and chief organizer of the NAACP's Jackson Movement during the early 1960s, wrote, "No one knows what kind of massive racist retaliation would have been directed against grass-roots black people had the black community not had a healthy measure of firearms within it."

Civil rights professionals and the black community generally viewed nonviolence as a useful tactic for certain situations, not as a moral injunction to let oneself be murdered on a deserted road in the middle of the night. As the 1959 NAACP national convention resolved, "We do not deny but reaffirm the right of individual and collective self-defense against unlawful assaults." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,



agreed, supporting violence "exercised in self-defense," which he described "as moral and legal" in all societies; he noted that not even Gandhi condemned it.

Source: <u>https://www.encounterbooks.com/</u> features/racist-roots-gun-control/

This piece has been adapted from The Truth About Gun Control by David B. Kopel. He is an associate policy analyst at the Cato Institute, research director of the Independence Institute, and adjunct professor of Advanced Constitutional Law at Denver University, Sturm College of Law.

# What Is the Origin of the Term "Jim Crow"?

From the late 1870s until the triumphs of the civil rights movement in the 1950s and '60s, regimented racial segregation blighted America's water fountains, restrooms, restaurants, lodging, and transportation, along with "separate but equal" schools. All of these were legally sanctioned by the U.S. Supreme Court (Plessy v. Ferguson, 1896) and codified by so-called Jim Crow laws. It is not clear how Jim Crow, the character that popularized blackface minstrelsy in the 19th century, became associated with these laws, but the use of this symbol says everything about the nature and intention of the laws.

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#### The Origin of the Term "Jim Crow"?

The character of Jim Crow is thought to have been first presented about 1830 by Thomas Dartmouth ("Daddy") Rice, an itinerant white actor. Rice was not the first performer to don rags and use burnt cork to blacken his face to present a mocking exaggerated imitation of an African American, but he was the most famous, and his success helped establish minstrelsy as a popular theatrical form that thrived from about 1850 to 1870.

Rice first introduced the character who would become known as Jim Crow between acts of a play called The Kentucky Rifle, in which he performed a ludicrous offbalance dance while singing "Jump Jim Crow," which described his actions ("Weel about and turn about and do jis so/Eb'ry time I weel about I jump Jim Crow"). He portrayed the character principally as a dim-witted buffoon; in the process, Rice not only created the template for other staple minstrel show characters, but he also fed on, heightened, and popularized pernicious stereotypes of African Americans even as his presentation reflected white fascination with Black culture.

By the late 1830s "Jim Crow" had become a pejorative epithet for African Americans, though arguably it was neither as pervasive nor as hostilely derisive as some other terms. Its adoption in the late 19th century as the identifier for the laws that reinstated white supremacy in the American South after Reconstruction speaks to the ways in which the demeaning caricature was used to legitimize notions of the alleged inferiority of African Americans and to rationalize the denial of equity and access that was at the heart of segregation.

Source: https://www.britannica.com/story/what-is-theorigin-of-the-term-jim-crow

"The ordaining of laws in favor of one part of the nation, to the prejudice and oppression of another, is certainly the most erroneous and mistaken policy. An equal dispensation of protection, rights, privileges, and advantages, is what every part is entitled to, and ought to enjoy."

-Benjamin Franklin (1774)

# The bad old days

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enjoyed a roaring economy. Before the pandemic, our country gained 7 million new jobs, more than three times what experts predicted. Incomes for middle-class families increased nearly \$6,000 more than five times what they gained under President Barack Obama. And the unemployment rate reached its lowest in 50 years.

Violent crime and murder plummeted, especially thanks to Trump's Operation Legend, which targeted crime in cities. And far from projecting weakness, Trump's foreign policy led to historic peace in the Middle East, Mexico sending its own troops to guard the U.S.-Mexico border, and the end of the disastrous Iran nuclear deal.

Like his 1970s predecessor, Biden has shown us the real-world consequences of weak leadership. But if history repeats itself, the backlash is coming. It was Carter's disastrous presidency that led to Reagan's landslide victory and the Reagan Revolution of the 1980s. And it's Biden's failure at home and abroad that will cost Democrats at the ballot box this November and beyond.

Source: https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/ opinion/op-eds/the-bad-old-days-bidens-america-isa-throwback-to-the-1970s. Article by Ronna McDaniel, who is chairwoman of the Republican National Committee.



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Incline Village Crystal Bay Republican Women	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.
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# Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women Vision and Mission Statement

**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.



# **April Member Birthdays**

Tracy Newell	5
Margaret AnnMonnier	12
George Del Carlo	18
Susan Schnetz	27
Katy Lions	29



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