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*The Incline Village-Crystal Bay
Republican Women Present ~*

JEFF CHURCH
Washoe County School District Trustee

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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

COME MEET AND HEAR

JEFF CHURCH, elected Trustee at the Washoe County School District (WCSD) who represents District A, which includes South Reno and Incline Village. Jeff's concerns are the poor quality of education as well as school violence, At-Risk kids and fiscal responsibility. He is a retired Police Sergeant and USAF Lieutenant Colonel, Reserve Commission.



RSVP/payment must be received by May 5th at 12:00 noon! Email Nancy Carlson nmcarlson01@yahoo.com, (650) 255-1435 or purchase tickets on our website: <https://ivcbrw.org/> and click on "pay."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Spring! It appears the snow is finally giving way to warmer

temperatures and it is time to celebrate the arrival of beautiful Spring weather. We can now enjoy relaxing outside on our sunny decks or going for a walk or hike. For those who do not want to say goodbye to Mr. Winter quite yet, there is always a short drive to The Meadow to enjoy the last of the snow!



On April 17th seven members of our club attended the NvFRW State Legislative Day organized by our State Legislative Chairman and club member **Yolanda Knaak**. Our day began in the Legislative building visiting legislators in their offices delivering a letter from our NvFRW President **Caroline Smith** requesting their NO vote on AJR6 which would abolish the Electoral College. Nevada is a less populous state and passage of this amendment would give Nevadans little control over our state's interests. The highly populated states of California, New York, Florida, and Texas would decide the fate of our country.

After our meetings we met in the Capitol building with **Governor Lombardo** who spoke briefly and answered many questions. Governor Lombardo requested the support of the NvFRW for his Education and Voter Integrity Bills. This visit concluded with a group photo of the attendees (around 40) with the Governor which was published in the national NFRW weekly newsletter Capitol Connection. The afternoon was spent in the Committee Room with various legislatures attending. We must appreciate the challenging task they have in dealing with a Democratic majority in the Legislature. *Congratulations to Yolanda for*

planning and coordinating a wonderful educational day for the NvFRW!

Our next meeting is Tuesday May 9th at the Chateau at 11:30. This month we have invited Washoe County Board of Trustees School Board member Jeff Church to visit us again. Jeff will speak to us about the proposed closing of the Incline Village Middle School, CRT, the status and performance of Nevada schools, and suggest what we can do to help improve the educational system in Nevada.

Our scholarship award luncheon will be in June this year to coordinate with the Incline High School graduation schedule. The IVCBRW Club 2023 scholarship winner will present their winning essay chosen by our Scholarship Committee.

Hope to see everyone in May,

Cretia Eyster



How do you get a liberal to shut up?

Ask them to name 3 reasons why they support Biden without mentioning Trump!



LEGISLATIVE DAY

Members of a number of Nevada Republican Women's clubs met with **Governor Joe Lombardo** during April 17, 2023.

They were treated to visits by Republican Assembly Representatives and Senators and were informed as to the workings of our Government in Carson City.



Seven members of the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's club attended Legislative Day at the Nevada Legislature in Carson City. Three of our members were the guests of club member and **Nevada Senator Lisa Krasner** on the floor of the Senate.



Club Members Patricia Moser-Morris, Nancy Carlson, Senator Lisa Krasner, Kay Lehr

Membership



By Nancy Carlson

Our long-time member, **Janet Pahl**, has graciously offered her home for a catered party (catering by "A Catered Affaire") on **Sunday, July 23rd**.

Spouses are encouraged to attend. Seating will be limited, and cost will be finalized shortly. This party will feature fine wines and a sommelier, and is being held to celebrate our club, friendships, and summer. More information to follow!

Incline Village/ Crystal Bay Republican Women



May 9 – Washoe School District Trustee **Jeff Church** on Education

June 13 – TBD

July 11 – Nevada State Senator Lisa Krasner

July 23 – Dinner at Janet Pahl's home, *A Catered Affair*

August 8 – U.S. Congressman Mark Amodei

September 12 – Fashion Show and Silent Auction

October 10 – TBD

November 14 – TBD

December 12 – Officer Installation and Holiday Party



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

It looks like we may finally be coming into Spring, although they say we may go back to Winter the first of May! We will know it is Summer when the gates to the East Shore Express open at the Old Elementary School.

Speaking of that subject, there was finally a face-to-face meeting last week between the residents of Incline and the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD). There was a nice turnout of about 100 people, and about 20 people got up and spoke their mind, including yours truly.

As I'm sure that you are all aware, the Old Elementary School was sold by the Washoe County School District to the TTD for the purpose of turning it into a "Bus Hub." I happen to live across the street from this site and have endured this nightmare for several years with the noise, dust and traffic, and it would only get worse if they actually make the site a "Bus Hub" We cannot allow them to continue at this site.

There are other means of transportation in our village for residents to get from place to place. This was one of the things that they tried to convince us would be a good use of the bus hub. There is the TART CONNECT which will pick you up at your residence and take you to your destination within the village for FREE. It is a very simple way of letting someone else do the driving. You can put the Application on your phone and they are usually at your home within 10 minutes. I have used it a few times when the weather was not very good and it was a success. There is also the TART bus that goes around the West and North side of the Lake and is also FREE. Remember that the East Shore Express only goes to Sand Harbor. For the most part is it only for

people coming into Incline from Reno, Carson City and the Bay Area. Most of us that have been talking about this for some time feel that this parking area for the "Bus Hub" should not be here in Incline at all, it should be someplace NOT in a residential neighborhood.

It was interesting that after the meeting, the people representing the TTD were overheard saying that they were surprised that there was so much push-back from the residents on this subject. I only hope that they will rethink this location for the "Bus Hub" which is in our front and back yard.

I hope this is food for thought for both our members and for TTD.



Shirley Appel



Alternative School Expo
Sponsored by Carson City Republican Party

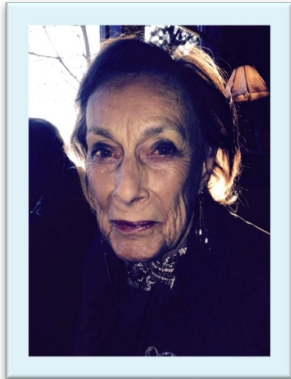
June 8th
6:00 - 9:00 PM
Casino Fandango

Representatives of local private schools, information on home schooling, developing a school pod, and much more



**In Memoriam – Bunni Kneller
A Life Well Lived...**



**Bunni Kneller
1927 - 2023**

Bunni (Ivernia)

Kneller departed this world for the next on April 12, 2023 surrounded by family at her son's home in Scappoose, Oregon. She was an active resident of Incline Village since

1969. Born in Minnesota on June 26, 1927, she and a girlfriend drove out to Reno for a week of fun in 1950. She met her first husband and shortly after moved to Nevada for good. Almost 2 decades later she married her longtime friend Roland Kneller and moved to Incline Village. He preceded Bunni in death in 1987.

Bunni spent the next 34 years living large and traveling the world. She was Edward Leutheuser's devoted companion for many of her last years until his death in March of 2020. Bunni then moved to Oregon to live with her son and daughter-in-law.

Bunni was involved with many clubs and organizations here in Incline including The Incliners, Republican women, Kiwanis, and Martis Peak gang, to name a few. Bunni is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Kathy Mask residing in Scappoose, Oregon, and was the proud Grandmother of 3 and boastful great-grandmother of 12, all living in the Northwest.

Please join Bunni's family at a Celebration of Life event on May 13, 2-4 PM in the former home of Ed Leutheuser on Martis Creek Road.



Election Integrity

By Bruce Parks
Chair, Washoe County
Republicans



I have been informed by our Election Integrity Committee Chair that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners (BOC) is going to be voting AGAIN on hiring the leftist Election Group to "help" with our elections here in Washoe County. This measure was voted on and defeated at a previous BOC meeting but the powers that be are still pushing to hire this group. Noah Praetz and Jennifer Morrell are the founders of the Election Group.

"Jennifer Morrell and 'The Elections Group' are in the middle of the Democrats' 2020 Election plans. Morrell was involved before the election, during the election, and now after the 2020 Election. If Morrell is there, you better guard the ballots – Morrell is **also** a consultant for the Democracy Fund, which is eBay founder Pierre Omidyar's foundation. His foundation was a heavy donor to Zuckerbucks and the Democracy Fund is a main funder of much of the election BS that went on in 2020."

Chris Piper is the COO of The Election Group. Chris Piper was fired from his post at the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council after some legislators claimed they thought he was an attorney when he, in fact, is not.

Chris Piper, "While Commissioner, he served on many national boards including the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED) and the Electronic Registration and Information Center (ERIC) as well as Chair of the Election Assistance Commission's Standards Board."

Additionally, the Chair of the BOC, Alexis Hill, has adopted the tactic Angie Taylor (formerly of the Washoe County School Board) employed to silence the people by removing initial public comment from the agenda. Members of the public

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Election Integrity

may now only speak on action items or at the end of the meetings. The purported reasoning she gave is that having initial public comment interferes with the ability of the board to conduct the business they need to conduct. She maintains that the meetings are too long when we show up in numbers and make initial public comments. Therefore, I also encourage you to make comments on every action item on the agenda that you have an opinion about. When I attend the meetings I usually only make initial public comment and speak to the things that need to have attention drawn to them. Since I am no longer able to do that, I will be addressing each item separately as I see fit. Basically, that means that the three minutes I spent talking at the beginning of the meetings has now expanded dramatically!

I want to thank all of you that have been involved in this legislative session. *We are seeing the woke agenda being pushed on us and political maneuvering like never before.* I expect this to continue until the end of this session. Stand strong and continue the fight! We cannot give in! Our representatives appreciate the involvement of the citizens and recognize we are doing our utmost to support them. We have made a difference in getting some of the bad bills blocked from becoming law, but there is still much to be done. Keep up the good work!

"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)



The Sovietization of American Life

Abbreviated from a piece by Victor Davis Hanson - June 5, 2022

Behind all our disasters there looms an ideology, a creed that ignores cause and effect in the real world – without a shred of concern for the damage done to those outside the *nomenklatura*.

One day historians will look back at the period beginning with the COVID lockdowns of spring 2020 through the midterm elections of 2022 to understand how America for over two years lost its collective mind and turned into something unrecognizable and antithetical to its founding principles.

“Sovietization” is perhaps the best diagnosis of the pathology. It refers to the subordination of policy, expression, popular culture, and even thought to ideological mandates. Ultimately such regimentation destroys a state since dogma wars with and defeats meritocracy, creativity, and freedom.

The one-party state is Sovietized. Public policy is no longer empirical but subservient to green, diversity, equity, and inclusion dogmas – and detached from the reality of daily middle-class existence. Decline is ensured once ideology governs problem-solving rather than time-tested and successful policymaking.

In a similar fashion, the common denominator in Joe Biden’s two years of colossal failures is Soviet-like edicts of equity, climate change, and neo-socialist redistribution that have ensured (for the non-elite, in any event) soaring inflation, unaffordable energy, rampant crime, and catastrophic illegal immigration. Playing the role of *Pravda*, Biden and his team simply denied things were bad, relabeled failure as success, and attacked his predecessor and critics as various sorts of counterrevolutionaries.

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Sovietization of American Life


Biden rejected commonsense, bipartisan policies that in the past kept inflation low, energy affordable, crime controlled, and the border manageable. Instead, he superimposed leftist dogma on every decision, whose ideological purity, not real-life consequences for millions, was considered the measure of success.

“Diversity,” “equity,” and “inclusion” started out as mandated proportional representation as defined by the state allotting spoils of coveted admissions, hiring, honors, and career advancement by race and gender percentages in the general population. The subtext was that federal and state governments imported and incorporated largely academic theories that alleged any disequilibrium was due to bias.

More specifically, racial and sexual prejudices were to be exposed and punished by morally superior castes—in politics, the bureaucracy, and the courts. There was never any interest in detailing how particular individuals were personally harmed by the system or by the “other,” which explains the Left’s abhorrence of racially blind, class-based criteria to establish justified need.

Where does woke Sovietization end once accountability vanishes and ideology masks incompetence and malfeasance? Behind all our disasters there looms an ideology, a creed that ignores cause and effect in the real world – without a shred of concern for the damage done to those outside the nomenklatura.


Author Victor Davis Hanson is an American classicist, military historian, and political commentator. He has been a commentator on modern and ancient warfare and contemporary politics for *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *National Review*, *The Washington Times* and other media outlets. He is a professor emeritus of Classics at California State University, Fresno, the Martin and Illie Anderson Senior Fellow in classics and military history at the Hoover Institution, and visiting professor at Hillsdale College.



It is the Soviet Union that runs against the tide of human history by denying human freedom and human dignity to its citizens.

— Ronald Reagan —

AZ QUOTES



Apologies to new Member **Patricia Forrest, birthday March 5!**

May Member Birthdays

JP Puette 3
 Ronnie Bayduza..... 20
 Charlotte Curtis..... 28

June Member Birthdays

Jerrie Katz 1
 JP Puette..... 3
 Susan McNealy 3
 Pamela Sheldon 3
 Nancy Carlson 5
 Joane Palmi 16
 Mary Horsley 18
 Claire Price 18
 Diane Becker 19
 Ronnie Bayduza..... 20
 June Shafer..... 24
 Charlotte Curtis..... 28



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:

- | | | |
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| <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



Join the North Lake Tahoe Fire Prevention District (NLTFPD) on May 23, 2023 to participate in a workshop to learn about fire prevention and evacuation from the Basin in the event of a major fire.



UPDATE ON BORDER CRISIS – President Joe Biden vows that on May 11 he'll end the use of Title 42 to turn away migrants. Yet he has no plans to deal with the flood of newcomers the move will unleash — **with as many as 40,000 now already massed on the Mexican side, alarming officials.** In January, recall, they rolled out a supposedly major shift to stem the tide, letting officials deny immigrants from Venezuela, Nicaragua, Cuba and Haiti the chance to apply for asylum if they crossed the border illegally. Yet 30,000 of those migrants (360,000 a year) would be allowed to migrate here if they met certain criteria. And even those denied represent only a fraction of the migrants. Nonetheless, migrant encounters topped 212,000 in February (the month after the announcement) — 11%

more than February 2022 and four times as much as Donald Trump's last February as president. This month, Team Biden said it would increase use of a decades-old law that has asylum-seekers interviewed at the border. Yet they admit that would affect only a small number of migrants. And most would likely be allowed to remain anyway, no matter how weak their asylum claims. Indeed, the president's commitment to lefty views on migrants' rights leaves his enforcement choices hopelessly limited. Let's be honest: Biden doesn't give a damn about border enforcement. Source: nypost 4-15-23.



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