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The Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women present...

Our August Monthly Meeting with CONGRESSMAN MARK AMODEI!

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

The Chateau | 955 Fairway Boulevard | Incline Village
11:30 am to 1:00 pm



Mark E. Amodei has served as the **U.S. Representative for Nevada's Second Congressional District since 2011**. He is a member of the House Appropriations Committee

and serves on the Financial Services, Legislative Branch and Interior subcommittees. Since 2023 he has served as Chair of the Legislative Branch subcommittee. He was born in Carson City, graduated from Carson High and the University of Nevada, and received his law degree from McGeorge Law School. Mark served from 1983-87 with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps and was awarded the Army Achievement, Commendation and Meritorious Service Medals.

**RSVP/payment of \$32 must be received by
August 4th, 12:00 noon!**

Email Nancy Carlson nmcarlson01@yahoo.com,
(650) 255-1435 or purchase tickets at: <https://ivcbrw.org/>
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RSVP nmcarlson01@yahoo.com, (650) 255-1435, or purchase tickets on our website: <https://ivcbrw.org/>. Click on "pay."
RSVP/PAYMENT must be received by August 4th, 12 noon.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer has finally arrived at Incline Village with warm weather and beautiful sunny skies every day. It is hard to believe that August is now here and schools will soon be starting for fall. We have been so fortunate to enjoy a fire- and smoke-free summer!



Our club celebrated the 4th of July weekend with a full schedule of activities. We had our annual float decorating party Sat July 2nd at the home of Kathi Congestri followed by a delicious Potluck Dinner and wine to celebrate our hard work and creativity! Sunday was a full day beginning with the Local Heroes Parade. Our "singing float" with members dressed in Red, White, and Blue and our beautiful new banner were greeted with much enthusiasm from the crowd which uplifted everyone's patriotic spirit. Following the parade our activities moved to the Village Green with our IVCBRW club booth. We registered voters, gave away American flag lapel pins and pens to the children, 14 people took new member applications, and we sold \$188 worth of patriotic merchandise from our boutique. A fun and successful weekend for all!

Our August luncheon meeting will be at the Chateau on August 8th with guest speaker Congressman Mark Amodei. Congressman Amodei is very engaging and informative and will share his Washington DC and Nevada experiences, which are both interesting and entertaining! Please purchase your tickets at our website.

September 12th is our major fundraising event with our traditional Fashion Show from Boutique Elegante and William Furs of Reno along with our Silent Auction at the Chateau. Proceeds from this event fund our Scholarship Program and local philanthropies. Tickets are available on our website and at the Potlatch. Please contact Nancy Carlson (650-255-1435) or me (415-515-1883) with donations for our auction to help make it a success. Suggestions include restaurant and spa gift certificates, experiences such as kayaking or a lake boating trip, household items that you thought you could not live without but never used, wine baskets, and jewelry!

I hope to see you at our August luncheon with Congressman Amodei. Please invite your friends to attend our Fashion Show and participate in our Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser. We are looking forward to an informative and successful next two months.

Cretia Eyster

**Incline Village/Crystal Bay
Republican Women Event Schedule**

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



About our Speaker,



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the House Appropriations Committee, and serves on the Financial Services, Legislative Branch, and Interior subcommittees. Since 2023, he has served as Chairman of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee.

Mark was born in Carson City, Nevada on June 12, 1958. He graduated from Carson High School in 1976, where he was Student Class President. Mark graduated from the University of Nevada in 1980, and received his law degree from McGeorge Law School, University of the Pacific in 1983.

Mark served with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps, from 1983 to 1987 and was awarded the Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal.

Mark served in the Nevada Assembly from 1996 to 1998 and in the Nevada State Senate representing the Capital District, from 1998 to 2010. He served as chairman of the Nevada Republican Party until May 2011. From 2007 to 2008, Mark was the President of the Nevada Mining Association. He was an attorney with law firms Allison MacKenzie in Carson City from 1987 to 2004 and Kummer Kaempfer Bonner Renshaw and Ferrario (now Kaempfer Crowell) in Reno from 2004 to 2007.



In Congress, Mark also serves on the Congressional Western Caucus, Army Caucus, Congressional Joint Strike Fighter Caucus, USO Caucus, Veterans Job Caucus, Italian American Caucus,

Conservative Climate Caucus, Travel and Tourism Caucus, Public Broadcasting Caucus, Postal Preservation Caucus, and ALS Caucus.

Mark is close to his family and has two adult daughters, Erin and Ryanne. Amodei enjoys working on his old trucks, do-it-yourself projects, and exploring Nevada history.

**Fashion Show
2023,
Save the Date!
Donations
Welcome!**



Our IVCB RW

Fashion Show and Silent Auction is happening on September 12, 2023.

This is our biggest fundraiser and is a very popular event; each year we have attendees from Reno Women's clubs too. Please put the date on your calendar and let Cretia or Joanellen know if you have any items to donate to our Silent Auction. Jewelry, coupons for salons and restaurants are always a big hit, as are wine baskets, children's toys, children's baskets, unused clothing and home items. Please help us to have another GREAT scholarship year by joining us on September 12th at the Chateau!



Membership



by Nancy Carlson

We Need Your Recipes for our Silent Auction Cookbook

We are putting together a great cookbook for our club and would love input (and recipes) from our club members! If you have a recipe you would like to include please send it to me.

Welcome to our New/Returning Members!

Welcome to Sue Wetterhahn, Margaret Natarajan, Patricia Decea, Bobbie Fritz, Jayne Murphy!

Are You a Leader?

Are you interested in running for one of our executive officer positions on the board? Please let Cretia know! Elections are coming up in October... Are you interested in helping with the newsletter, membership activities, program activities, finance? Let us know, we can use your help!

Our New Facebook Page – Please LIKE!

We have just put a new Facebook page up and welcome any and all members to “like” and “follow” us! We will post events for our club and local Republican Women’s clubs. The page can be found if you search for “Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women” when on Facebook. You can also go to: <https://www.facebook.com/RepublicanWomenIVCB>

“Patriotism is as much a virtue as justice, and is as necessary for the support of societies as natural affection is for the support of families.”

—Benjamin Rush (1773)

Recipe of the Month from the IVCB RW Cookbook

Honey Ginger Pork Tenderloin

- 8 oz. pork tenderloin
- 1-2 T. fresh ginger, grated
- ½ cup honey
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 2 medium garlic cloves, crushed
- ¾ cup green onion, cut into 1” pieces

Slice pork into ¼ inch medallions. Combine all other ingredients except green onions. Marinate pork in mixture for at least 20 minutes. Arrange medallions in sprayed sauté pan and sauté until blood rises to surface on each side (about 1-2 minutes each side). Remove from pan. Pour the leftover marinade in the pan along with the onions and reduce until thickened. Pour sauce over medallions, serve with rice if desired. Serves 4

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



Well we are definitely into summer, with the road construction, tourists, and the higher-than-normal temperatures.

The 4th of July weekend was very busy for those of us that participated. We started off at the home of John and Kathi Congistre on July 1st by decorating the borrowed trailer from George and Carol Del Carlo. There were 13 of us including Kathi, Joan Palmi, Ramonda Bigelow, Nancy Manter, Donna Kwachak, Ann Marie Williams, Cretia Eyster,

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Shirley Appel, Joanelen Slocumb, Aniko Silvia (friend of Cretia's), and Carol Del Carlo. After we finished decorating we had a delicious Potluck Dinner with many wonderful dishes and plenty of wine.

On July 2nd we started off the day with the traditional Fire House Pancake Breakfast. Because I was in charge of the boutique and tent at the Community Fair, I was not able to be in the parade. I am getting some help this month with my column from Sue Calfa. She wrote about the July 4th Parade and Community Fair held on Sunday July 2nd. *Thank you Sue!*

To keep you informed on other happenings going on here next month, we will be having an evacuation drill. This will take place in the Second Creek neighborhoods on **Wednesday, August 16th**. There will be a large presence of Law Enforcement and Fire Department personnel taking part in this drill. After the drill there will be a safety educational display done at the Recreation Center and everyone who is interested can attend. When I get more information, we will send it out.

I think that is about all for this newsletter. Have a great summer and hope to see you all soon.

Shirley Appel



Independence Day Community Parade and Fair

By Susan Calfa

On July 2, our community came together to celebrate Independence Day. We began our celebration with a parade including many community participants along with the ladies of our club, who sat in a trailer decorated by our members. We sang patriotic songs while being pulled by our driver, John Congistre. We were proudly led by some other members, walking and carrying our brand-new banner displaying our name, The Incline Village Crystal Bay Republican Women's Club! As we walked down the streets lined with happy spectators, we were greeted with cheers. It was a beautiful day, and we were happy to be part of it. We saw many of our members on the sidelines enjoying the parade as we passed by.

When we completed the walk, we all ended up at the Village Green for the Community Fair where we had our booth all set up and decorated in red, white and blue. There were many booths among us and we had many visitors. We handed out over 15 applications for membership and actually had one new member sign up and pay right there on the spot! We sold quite a few of our boutique items and had many children come to our booth – each child was given a little flag pin or a patriotic pen. It was a fun day for all! Thank you to all that participated in the parade and to those who worked at the booth!

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Community Parade and Fair

July 4th began with the always popular Veteran's Club Pancake Breakfast in the picnic area of Aspen Grove. This is always a big community effort of volunteers. Many of our law enforcement and other dignitaries such as Lisa Krasner and our district State Senator were there to hand out food to more than 1000 hungry mouths. Many went from the breakfast to the beaches across the street for fun and games. As always the beaches were pretty crowded. That evening we enjoyed the new Sky Show at the Middle School . . . but I still miss the traditional Fireworks display at the beach.



—IT'S ONLY MY OPINION—

by Celine Nugent

STOP WATCHING FOX NEWS ON TV!



When I tell people to stop watching Fox News on TV, they look at me like I'm crazy. "What do you mean?" they say, "I love FOX News!" "Where else would I get my information?" Is it just information you want, or is it truthful information that is important? The owners of Fox News have an agenda and that agenda is not always truthful. In many instances the Fox "journalists" merely push the company line instead of reporting the truth about a story.

Take the COVID Pandemic as an example. All the news shows told you that the vax was the only way to prevent COVID. They didn't tell you the side effects of the vax and the fact that it didn't necessarily prevent COVID. However, the facts were out there since the introduction of the COVID Vaccine. It was known that the COVID Vaccine, whether it was Pfizer, Moderna or J & J, did not prevent your getting COVID. Information was also available two years ago, that the Vax caused myocarditis, blood clots, sudden death, infertility, fetal demise only to name a few. Yet many people went and got the Vax. Now, people believe that the vax was harmful or at least not necessary. The media did not want you to know the truth and so they did not report it. They also attacked President Trump when he suggested using Hydroxychloroquine! They called it "poison."

If a Fox journalist attempts to bring you the truth and it's not in step with the Fox Corporation line, that journalist can be silenced. Just remember Tucker Carlson, Lou Dobbs and Dan Bongino – all cancelled. Fox has been very adept at

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STOP WATCHING FOX NEWS

deceiving its viewers. While Fox airs programs that you enjoy and reflect your view of the world, making them very wealthy in the process, they are using this wealth working behind the scenes to make sure your point of view will never come to fruition.

For example, let's look at President Donald Trump. Most people I know who watch Fox News are Trump supporters. Rupert Murdoch is on record as stating that he will do whatever it takes to keep Trump out of the White House in 2024. Does this sound like a man interested in bringing you the truth? Basically, he takes the revenue generated by Trump supporters and uses it to destroy Trump. I find it hard to support someone who is working against me. Although we have always looked at Fox as "fair and balanced," in reality they are no different than the other mainstream media networks. Rupert Murdoch and his sons are far from being on the Right.



The good news is there is an alternative! I can tell you that there are some wonderful journalists out there – but not on the mainstream media. The Internet has lots of options. The new "journalists" are called "citizen journalists" because they are just people like you and me, but they have done the research on a particular topic and are willing to share their knowledge. They are not paid by large media groups and so they don't have to adhere to corporate policies. They can report on what they see, think or have researched no matter if it's against current thinking, or other media bias.

Where do you find these citizen journalists?

Good question! When I think back on my own journey, my daughter nagged me for two years to stop watching the news, even Fox. Finally after the 2020 election debacle, I had enough! I called my

daughter for guidance on where to find the "real news. She told me to start with a conservative site called **Citizen Free Press**.

Just go to <https://citizenfreepress.com/>. It's a page with conservative news that is updated 24/7 and you can click on whatever headlines you are interested in. Once you have clicked on a headline you can either read the story or watch a video or both. After the posting, there may be comments from other readers that you can read if interested.

Go to your app store on your phone or laptop. Put **Telegram** in the search bar and click on it. Once in Telegram click on "Chats" and type in the people or groups you want to follow. For example you can search for Donald Trump or Tucker Carlson or **We The Media** and click on JOIN. This will allow their posts to show up on your Telegram channel.

You can also get the **Rumble** and **Truth Social** apps which have a similar method to follow different people or groups.

Two more good apps are **Real America's Voice** and **Right Side Broadcasting**. These two have news shows all day long that are informative and entertaining. They also play the Trump rallies and speeches.

War Room with Steve Bannon is another great alternative. He is on **Real America's Voice** every morning from 7 to 9 am and every afternoon from 2 to 3 pm. If you miss his show, you can listen to the podcast version at any time of the day on Rumble which covers news in depth. He also covers finance, politics, social issues and philosophy. You will be informed in all matters.

Good luck! I hope you get started reading/watching the real news! *And remember*, this is ONLY MY OPINION!





With Parent and Teacher Groups at Odds, School Choice May Be the Winner



By J. D. Tuccille

The advocacy group **Moms for Liberty** is all over the news these days is a sign of the growing power of parents over education policy. Teachers unions, which once exercised nearly unquestioned authority over public schools, eroded their own position in recent years by pushing rigid pandemic policies and expressing open hostility to parental concerns. The result is not just an ideological struggle for control of schools, but a huge boost in the prospects for choice in education.

Conservative Parents Make Waves

“The activist group Moms for Liberty has become the loudest voice in the culture wars around education,” *The Guardian* reports. “After forming in 2021, Moms for Liberty spread across the United States, exploiting the Republican-led moral panic over a ‘woke ideology’ that is supposedly sweeping public schools and ‘indoctrinating’ children. At present, the group counts 285 chapters in 45 states.”

ABC News adds that “Moms for Liberty started with three Florida moms fighting COVID-19 restrictions in 2021” and that “in 2022, slightly more than half of the 500 school board candidates it endorsed across the country won.” The headlines, organizational explosion (an estimated 120,000

members), and election victories are signs of rapid success for a new grassroots group.

So is the pushback against Moms for Liberty's gains. Many news stories about the organization feature extensive use of scare quotes, as well as adjectives like “extremist,” and “far-right.” The Southern Poverty Law Center, once a civil rights organization that now exists to feed the fears of the dwindling ranks that still take it seriously, describes Moms for Liberty as antigovernment — allegedly a bad thing — as well as “conspiracy propagandist, anti-LGBTQ and anti-gender identity, and anti-inclusive curriculum.”

It's true that, as you would expect from a grassroots organization that experienced rapid growth, the group's ranks contain some cranks and loose cannons who engage in harassment and commit the classic mistake of quoting Hitler (rarely a good idea no matter the intent). But most of what they do is advocate for implementing their ideas in public schools that they see as under the control of ideological opponents in teachers unions. They have a good point to make about the power of organized labor.

Teachers Unions Battled Parents Over Closures

“The empirical research suggests that teachers unions slowed fall school reopening decisions during a worldwide pandemic, and media accounts suggest their efforts continued as schools returned from winter break,” the Brookings Institutions pointed out in 2021 about a dynamic that was obvious to all. That's a problem because closed schools, most of which implemented remote learning very poorly, resulted in serious learning losses for children.

“These results are sobering,” Peggy G. Carr, commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics, told *The Washington Post*. “It's clear that COVID-19 shocked American education and stunted the academic growth of this age group.”

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School Choice May Be the Winner

Well, depriving public school students of instruction in a panicked response to the virus (most charters, private schools, and home-schoolers made their own decisions with better results) stunted academic growth. And many parents blamed teachers' unions for the disaster. Teachers unions also made their own very significant contributions to the ongoing debate over lessons infused with controversial takes on race, gender, culture, and history.



Teachers Unions Picked a Fight Over Curricula

“It is reasonable and appropriate for curriculum to be informed by academic frameworks for understanding and interpreting the impact of the past on current society, including critical race theory,” the National Education Association resolved at its 2021 annual meeting. The organization also decided to “join with Black Lives Matter at School and the Zinn Education Project to call for a rally this year on October 14 – George Floyd's birthday – as a national day of action to teach lessons about structural racism and oppression.”

Agree or disagree with those ideas, they are explicitly ideological positions adopted by a labor union representing public school teachers. In fact, fracture lines were appearing between parents and teachers even before COVID-19. #RedForEd teachers strikes in 2018 initially drew support from some parents, but they inconvenienced a lot

of families. “By alienating parents, this walkout will empower the opponents of public education and hurt K-12 schools in the long run,” columnist Linda Valdez warned in the *Arizona Republic*.

Republican Glenn Youngkin won a victory in Virginia's 2021 gubernatorial race fueled by what *The New York Times* called “frustration with schooling” and public “hostility toward teachers unions.” Since then, belated outreach by teachers unions to families has not gone well.

“In 2019, the NEA [National Education Association] opened up a 'community ally' category for non-educators, who could be parents or other supporters of its work,” Education Week reported this month. “The union had expected to enroll 6,300 community allies by this fiscal year – but instead, the number is closer to 150.”

The NEA's draw to teachers is eroding, too. “The NEA lost about 115,500 members who are working teachers and school support staff from the fall of 2017 to the fall of 2022,” says Education Week.

Opportunity for Everybody

What all of this means is not just an opening for conservative parents opposed to progressive teachers, but for parents of every viewpoint who want to guide their children's education. With Moms for Liberty breaking the unions grip on education policy, there's potential benefit here for everybody. In fact, there's been a boom in state-level school choice legislation, with an emphasis on education savings accounts (ESA) that fund students however their families choose for them to learn. “Florida is the fourth state in 2023 to expand its existing ESA program to cover all students,” Ballotpedia reported in March. “Utah, Iowa, and Arkansas did so as well. Arizona and West Virginia expanded their ESA programs to all students in 2022.”

The real victors of the struggle for a say in school policy need not be Moms for Liberty or the teachers' unions, but anybody who cares to make their own decisions about education.

Source: <https://reason.com/>, 7-21-23.



Republican Candidates in State 2022 Race Analysis

By Mark Robison

“What we don't need are candidates saying stupid stuff that repels independents,” said Phil Becker of the Republican PAC Nevada Wins. Republican PAC crunched official Nevada election results:

“Other” voters – not Democrats or Republicans – swung toward Joe Lombardo by 8.7 percent to win him the governorship.

Washoe County had the highest turnout percentage of all voters of any County in the state, PAC

found. Given that 39,220 more Republicans than Democrats voted in Nevada’s 2022 election, the GOP could be dominating state politics if only it had more candidates who appeal to nonpartisan and other independent voters – or at least don’t repel them.



That’s the conclusion of Phil Becker, who spent months analyzing official voting results from the Secretary of State’s office for Nevada Wins, a political action committee that works to get Republican candidates elected in state races. Becker created a presentation of his analysis and recently shared it with Northern Nevada Republican groups with plans to do the same in Southern Nevada. “Democrat votes are not the fundamental issue in why Republicans lost,” said Becker, a lifelong Republican and engineer on the Apollo moon missions and Viking Mars Lander, while talking to the Reno Gazette Journal at the Nevada Wins PAC office in Carson City.

Overall voter numbers

Independent voters made up the biggest portion of registered voters in the 2022 general election, while Republicans cast the biggest portion of the final vote tally.

Total registered voters: There were 559,551 registered Republicans (29.9 percent of all registered voters), 608,971 Democrats (32.5

percent) and 703,402 affiliated with neither major party (37.6 percent).

Total votes counted by type of voter: Republicans cast 408,005 votes (38.2 percent of the total votes counted), Democrats 368,785 (34.5 percent) and other voters 290,679 (27.2 percent).

Some takeaways from 2022 Nevada election data

While intended to inform Republicans, Becker’s takeaways could just as easily apply to Democrats hoping to win more state races. Here are a few of his highlights from the final 2022 Nevada election results:

Turnout: Republican turnout was near the maximum possible for a non-presidential-year election, at 72.9 percent – Democratic turnout was much lower at 60.6 percent. This means that although high Republican turnout is important, it can't overcome the effect of all the voters who don’t align with either major party if those “other” voters really don’t like the GOP candidate, Becker said. (The turnout for other voters was 41.3 percent.)

Blank votes: The number of blank votes – where people skipped over a race, choosing no candidate or “none of the above” – was far more than the various races' margin of victory or loss. For example, in the U.S. Senate race, Democrat Catherine Cortez Masto received 7,928 more votes than her Republican challenger, Adam Laxalt. More than 12,000 people voted “none of the above.” Almost 47,000 people who cast a ballot in the 2022 election didn't vote at all – not even for “none” – in the U.S. Senate race. In other words, Laxalt could have won if he'd received the “none of the above” votes or even just 1 out of 5 of the votes from people who left this race blank on their ballot.

Possible GOP wins: In the six closest statewide races, Republicans won the governor, lieutenant governor and controller races and lost the seats for U.S. Senate, secretary of state and treasurer. Because it’s the same set of voters deciding all of those races, this means Republicans could have

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Republican Candidates

won any or all of the three they lost if they'd had a candidate with broader appeal.

Teasing out the effect of 'other' voters

In trying to determine the impact of independent voters, Becker assumed few Democrats voted for Republicans in statewide races and vice versa. By applying that assumption to the election totals and subtracting Republican votes from Republican candidates and Democrat votes from Democratic candidates, he calculated:

Governor: Republican Joe Lombardo got 8.7 percent more votes cast by "others" – neither Republicans or Democrats – against Democratic incumbent Gov. Steve Sisolak. This was enough to put Lombardo over the top in his slim victory margin of 15,386 votes out of just more than 1 million counted.

Other GOP wins: Republicans Stavros Anthony for lieutenant governor and Andy Matthews for controller got 0.3 percent and 2.2 percent more of the "other" votes respectively.

Democrat victories: The Democratic candidates at the top of the ticket performed well in Becker's view, with Cortez Masto getting 17.6 percent more of "other" votes against Adam Laxalt in the U.S. Senate race, Cisco Aguilar getting 24.4 percent more against Jim Marchant for secretary of state, and Zach Conine getting 23 percent more against Michele Fiore for treasurer. This would seem to indicate weakness in the Republican candidates and their messaging, Becker said.

Attorney general's race: Sigal Chattah performed the worst among independent voters, with 43.5 percent preferring incumbent Democrat Aaron Ford. Factors in the race included a text message surfacing with Chattah saying she wanted to see Ford hanging from a crane and a group of prominent Nevada Republicans creating a group called Republicans for Ford. Her loss was such an outlier that Becker removed the race from his

analysis because he didn't view it as reflecting how Nevadans generally want to vote.

Washoe County election statistical highlights

Washoe County had the highest turnout percentage of all voters of any percent county in the state, Becker said. Perhaps inspired by county commission election drama over supposed fraud and a plan to return to paper ballots as well as polarizing campaign mailers, Democratic turnout in Washoe County was 69.9 percent, a huge amount for a non-presidential election. By comparison, Clark County Democrats only had 56.5 percent turnout.

Washoe County Republicans still marshalled their voters more, with 74.4 percent turnout. In Clark County, that fell to 67.3 percent, possibly due to Democratic dominance in Las Vegas that can make GOP votes feel less important. In Washoe County, 62.7 percent of Democrats voted with a mail-in ballot vs. 43.5 percent of Republicans and 57.5 percent of independents.

Message for Republican candidates and voters

Becker thinks that the relatively boring state controller's race – pitting Republican Andy Matthews against Democrat Ellen Spiegel – should give the GOP hope. This race was a good indicator of the default position of Nevada voters generally, and independent voters specifically, Becker said. Voters tend to pick the candidate based on which party they naturally lean toward. Matthews won by a 4.3 percent margin overall. "That vote says that left alone, the voters of the state (overall) want to vote for Republicans," Becker said. "But for some reason, candidates and campaigns managed to message them in a way that said they couldn't, at least that the independents couldn't. And that's really the message here: *Republicans had the ability to win every one of these races with the right candidate and campaign.*" He hopes his presentation inspires Republican candidates and voters.

Mark Robison, Reno Gazette Journal, covers local government for the Reno Gazette-Journal.



AMERICANISM



The Three Main Principles in George Washington's Farewell Address

In 1796, as he neared the end of his second term, President George Washington was 64 years old and suffering from ills both physical and political. Plagued by painful dentures and rheumatism, and facing increasing attacks from opponents of his policies, the former Revolutionary War general decided he would not seek a third term in the nation's highest office.

President Washington and his longtime friend and protégé, Alexander Hamilton, drafted a farewell address. In the 7,641-word document, the nation's first president called for the American people to remain unified, resist the rise of political factions and avoid the influence of foreign powers.

Washington and Hamilton worked closely together on the address, which took the form of a public letter to the American people. It was first published in the *Daily American Advertiser*, a Philadelphia newspaper, on September 19, 1796. The letter included three main principles.

The Importance of Unity

After opening with an explanation of his choice not to seek a third term, Washington's farewell address urged Americans not to put their regional and sectional interests above the interests of the nation as a whole. "You have in a common cause fought and triumphed together," Washington declared. "The Independence and Liberty you possess are the

work of joint counsels, and joint efforts, of common dangers, sufferings, and successes." . . . "Your Union ought to be considered as a main prop of your liberty and...the love of the one ought to endear you to the preservation of the other."

The 'Worst Enemy' of Government: Loyalty to Party Over Nation

According to Washington, one of the chief dangers of letting regional loyalties dominate loyalty to the nation as a whole was that it would lead to factionalism, or the development of competing political parties. When Americans voted according to party loyalty, rather than the common interest of the nation, Washington feared it would foster a "spirit of revenge," and enable the rise of "cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men" who would "usurp for themselves the reins of government; destroying afterward the very engines, which have lifted them to unjust dominion."

Danger of Foreign Entanglements

Just as regionalism would lead to the formation of political parties, Washington believed, partisanship would open the door to "foreign influence and corruption." While he advocated for the United States to be on good terms with all nations, especially in commercial relations, he argued that "inveterate antipathies against particular Nations, and passionate attachments for others, should be excluded."

Legacy of Washington's Farewell Address

Washington's farewell address was rooted in the specific challenges he saw facing the United States at the time. His eloquent message of unity and his warnings against regionalism, partisanship and foreign influence ensured the address would become one of the most widely reprinted documents in American history, with powerful implications that continue to resonate today.

*Source: <https://www.history.com/news/george-washington-farewell-address-warnings>; Article condensed for inclusion in *The Elephants Tale*. Entire article by Sarah Pruitt was updated July 6, 2023 and originally written February 10, 2020.*



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 (plus credit card fee) - any woman registered as a Republican
- Associate \$20 (plus credit card fee) - 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"/> 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



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.

August- September Member Birthdays



Are we missing your birthday? Let me know!

- Carol Stenderup..... July 29
- Claire Berg August 1
- Katie Cohn August 25
- Celine Nugent..... August 25
- Kathleen Doyle..... August 26
- Dolores Lee August 26
- Jill Minkle August 26
- Pamela Black..... August 27
- Cheryl Anderson August 28
- Gail Arnold-Kowalis August 28
- Susan Calfa..... August 30
- Nancy Manter August 30
- Tanya Berwager September 1
- Todd Leutheuser..... September 3
- Patricia Decea..... September 9
- Trudi Adam September 10
- Mabel Morse September 10
- Janet Pahl September 15
- Susan Parks September 22
- Kathi Congistre September 29



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