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### **2023 Executive Board**

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*You're invited to*

## **FUN WITH FASHION**

*A community fundraiser to provide scholarships for  
Incline Village-Crystal Bay High School seniors*

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**Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

**The Chateau, 955 Fairway Blvd | 11:30am - 3:00pm**

**D**on't miss this scholarship fundraising opportunity! Tahoe ladies will be modeling fabulous fashions from *Boutique Elegante, Reno.*



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*\$75 includes Lunch and Show | No Host Bar | Silent Auction*  
Tickets must be purchased in advance, call (650) 255-1435.  
Purchase online at [www.ivcbrw.org](http://www.ivcbrw.org), "Pay" tab or at the Potlatch in Raley's Shopping Center

**RSVP** [nmcarlson01@yahoo.com](mailto:nmcarlson01@yahoo.com), (650) 255-1435, or purchase tickets on our website: <https://ivcbrw.org/>. Click on "pay."  
**RSVP/PAYMENT must be received by September 8, 2023, noon.**



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**F**all is just around the corner and is such a special time in Incline village.

The summer crowds have gone and the weather is still so pleasant with warm days and cool evenings. Soon Mother Nature will be showing her beautiful autumn colors which make our Village so spectacular in the Fall.

Our Annual Fashion Show and Silent Auction is September 12th at the Chateau. The Fashion Show is presented by Boutique Elegante and William Furs of Reno. This year our Fashion Show will feature special entertainment and is not to be missed. Shirley and I visited Boutique Elegante for a preview from owner Terri O'Brien of her beautiful Fall Collection. Terri is so talented accessorizing each outfit to make it very special. We then went to William Furs even though it was a hot and rainy day, and Shirley could not resist trying on the luxurious fur and leather coats and jackets. Owner Caline Asmar will bring a selection of furs for purchase along with an item to add to our Silent Auction. A few of the items in this year's Silent Auction include:

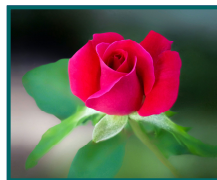
- A week at Kay Lehr's beautiful Maine house
- Gift Certificates from restaurants and local businesses
- Baskets with all the ingredients for your favorite cocktail, tea or coffee
- An array of antique items donated by generous Incline residents Gary and Sharon Prosenko
- A Kiddie Boutique
- Selection of jewelry that includes the beautiful handmade sterling silver and stone creations from Steve Carlson

Please invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy a delicious luncheon, an entertaining Fashion Show, and most important an opportunity to donate to our Scholarship Fund for Incline Village high school senior students who are looking forward to a college education. If you missed our Scholarship Award Luncheon this spring we were able to donate \$10,000 in scholarships to exceptional Incline Village students attending colleges this Fall. Tickets are available on our website and at the Potlatch. Please contact Nancy Carlson (650-255-1435) or Cretia (415-515-1883) if you have an item to donate to the Silent Auction.

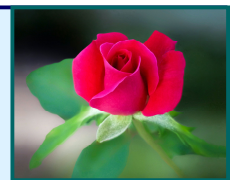
Our October meeting is scheduled for October 10th at the Chateau. This will be our Annual Meeting with reports and election of the 2024 Executive Board. The Annual Meeting was changed from November to October in our new bylaw revisions in hopes that more seasonal residents can attend and place their vote before they leave for a warm winter!

I hope to see everyone at the Fashion Show and Silent Auction September 12th.

*Cretia Eyster*



**We will miss you!**



**Pam Wight,**

a long-time member of the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's club, passed away on August 16, 2023. Pam was also a past IVGID Trustee. She will be sorely missed by her friends in Incline Village.



## Membership



by Nancy Carlson

### Welcome to our New Members!

Welcome to Christine Ortiz, John Gunning, Sandra Burgess, and Claire and Steven Berg!

### 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>

### Meeting Calendar

On August 8th we had a fabulous meeting with Congressman Mark Amodei. We also ratified amendments to our bylaws, which are reviewed every two years. Thank you to those of you who attended! Calendar items for the balance of the year:

**September 12 – Annual Fashion Show and Silent Auction fundraiser.**

**October 10 – Speaker – Tony Grady, Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel and author. Annual**

business meeting, voting for club Executive Officers for 2024.

**November 14 – Speaker , Nick Freitas, Former Green Beret and member of the Virginia General Assembly, has a conservative nationwide podcast**

**December 12 – Annual Christmas Party and officer installation.**



## Fashion Show 2023 – Donations Welcome!

**O**ur IVCBRW Fashion Show and Silent Auction is happening on **September 12, 2023**. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year; proceeds go towards college scholarships for our high school students and other local philanthropies. 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!



**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**H**ere we are at almost the end of summer

and school has begun. I am sending information to you about what is happening now in Incline and also next month.

The recreation center pool is only open from 8 am to 12 pm on weekends, but the Burnt Cedar pool remains open as usual.

Chief Ryan Sommers reported on the evacuation drill which was held on Wednesday August 16th. NLTFPD knocked on 80 doors in the Ponderosa Subdivision. The drill involved 89 agency participants, 30 CERT volunteer, and 59 residents who were evacuated to the Recreation Center. More than 200 people attended the Preparedness Fair at the Recreation Center. The fact that the sirens were not used for the horrendous Maui fire, because they are only used for Tsunami warnings, was a factor in the deaths of so many people! Since then, it was suggested that sirens be programmed to have different sounds for different kinds of emergencies. The fire department is looking into reactivating the siren on the top of the Incline Sheriff Substation.

A resident of Incline who also has a home on Lahaina urged Incline residents to secure things like personal ID to have proof of identity in an emergency.

The annual Washoe County Sheriff Picnic is on September 16th at the Incline Middle School and there will be a free lunch - all are invited to attend.

There will be a community Open House for the Incline Mobility Hub on September 18th to discuss the location of a future mobility hub in Incline Village. It was suggested that TTD and TRPA provide the results of the April HDR Mobility Hub

Survey before the next Mobility Hub Open House in September.

Our Legislative Chairman Yolanda Knack spoke against changing the zoning for Incline's Highway 28 that would allow luxury condominiums to be built, where currently small businesses rent space. This seems to be the latest thing happening in this town.

The above information was from the Community Forum which I attend twice a month at the Incline Library on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 – 10:00 am. This meeting is also on Zoom. If you would like to participate in this very informative group, you can go to <http://IVCBcommunityforum.com> to get the Zoom information. I also attend the Thursday morning Conversation Café at the Aspen Grove meeting room from 10 to 11:30 am. This group of more than 20 people is a great way to have your voice heard on many different topics. This is part of the Senior program at the Recreation Center and is conducted by Jennifer Moore.

I hope to see some of you at these meetings so you can stay informed about the goings-on in our wonderful piece of Tahoe.

*Shirley Appel*







## WASHOE COUNTY COMMISSION IS RUINING OUR COMMUNITY

By Linda Smith

Many of us remember Incline Village and Crystal Bay before it became a community of mini-hotels and party houses ruining our quality of life and becoming an ecological disaster for Lake Tahoe.

According to Washoe County's official count there are 685 active Short Term Rental (STR) permits in unincorporated Washoe County. However, 642 (94 percent) are located in Incline Village/Crystal Bay. We know this is only part of the real picture since there are STRs operating without county permits and those that have permits often exceed their occupancy levels. You need only drive along Route 28 around the edge of Lake Tahoe on a weekend to see the scores of cars, people, and trash scattered in the state forest and along the highway – too many people creating an adverse impact on a once-pristine area.

Incline Village/Crystal Bay is a community of only 7,720 dwelling units. We have only 4 hospital beds, only one grocery store, only 3 stop lights, and a main road that is only 1-lane wide in each direction. Having nearly 10 percent of our available housing stock in STRs means there is no more work-force housing, no long-term rental stock, congestion, traffic, and a seriously degraded quality of life for those who call this community home.

Other jurisdictions within the Tahoe Basin have placed caps on STRs – an environmentally responsible thing to do. Douglas County set a cap of 600 STR permits and has 25,367 dwelling units, or about 2 percent of dwellings are STRs. El Dorado County has a cap of 900 permits and a total of 94,837 dwelling units, or less than 1 percent of dwellings are STRs. Placer County and South Lake Tahoe have also placed limits on rentals and

tourism in their communities. Compare this to Incline Village with 642 permits for 7,720 dwelling units or 8.3 percent of housing stock – far above the percentages of other locations.



Because other communities have these limits, all of the STR pressure has shifted to Incline Village/Crystal Bay. Yet, when given the opportunity earlier this month to put a cap on short term rentals in Washoe County, the Commission failed to enact such a cap and the Chairman of the Commission gave lukewarm support for such a cap although we are in her district.

The Commission should honor the extensive work done in 2021 to create the Washoe County Tahoe Area Plan. This plan established an Incline Village Commercial Zone and an Incline Village Tourist zone. Following the lead of South Lake Tahoe, the County Commission should enact restrictions that limit STR permits to commercial and tourist zone areas only as set forth in the recently adopted Area Plan. Doing this would allow single family residential areas to return to providing workforce housing and long-term rental opportunities. This would also respect the land uses and density regulations set by the Tahoe Regional Planning Authority whose job it is to protect the beauty of Lake Tahoe. After all, why create a plan if it is ignored.

We respect property rights of owners, but not when it adversely impacts the property rights of those of us who are residents and voters in this community. If the Washoe County Commission fails to respect our property rights, then it is time to vote them out of office.



## Nevada's Little Caucus That Shouldn't

By Chuck Muth

<https://muthstruths.com>

The Nevada Republican Party's decision to hold a competing presidential caucus two days after the



legislatively mandated presidential primary next February seems to be as popular among Republicans as wearing COVID face diapers. And the party's reasoning for excluding the vast majority of Republican voters from participating in the nomination process – only the winner of the caucus, not the primary, will receive delegates to the national convention – just doesn't hold water.

Think about this: What were the GOP's major failures at the ballot box last year? To start, Republicans lost a U.S. Senate seat by fewer than 8,000 votes while 175,000 active registered Republicans stayed home and didn't vote. Clearly, getting out the vote (GOTV) was a MAJOR failure of the party – and it clearly dropped the ball and lost the “ballot harvesting” and “early voting” games with the Democrats.

And there are still some out there quacking about “voter fraud” even though the party has never been able to actually prove and back up its allegations.

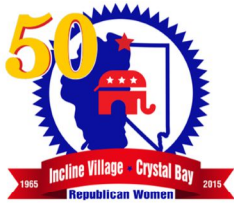
So if party leaders were smart (insert sarcasm here) they'd embrace the February 6 GOP primary – on Reagan's birthday! – and use it as an opportunity to test out new get-out-the-vote, ballot-harvesting, and early voting programs (if they have any), as well as give any new election integrity measures a test run. — Think of it as a pre-season game.

Then they can take what they learned in February, make changes as needed, and give their programs another test run in the June primary for every office other than president. Then take what they learned in June and be ready to go toe-to-toe, ballot-by-ballot in the critical general election in November.

And while I know most people are mostly focused on the race for the White House right now, here in Nevada we have a much more important problem to deal with. Democrats control the Nevada State Assembly with a super-majority and are only one seat away from controlling the Nevada State Senate with a super-majority – and three GOP Senate seats are in serious jeopardy. And if Nevada Republicans fail to pick up a seat in the Assembly and lose a seat in the Senate, Republican Governor Joe Lombardo will be a sitting duck. Democrats will have the 2/3 votes needed to override most of his 75 vetoes this session and will have the votes to pass massive new tax hikes the governor will be helpless to block.

I realize the Trump campaign and the Nevada GOP are joined at the hip. But we have big trouble right here in River City. Our governor and legislators need the party's help far more than Trump does. So holding two pre-season primary games in February and June to get ready for the November general election Super Bowl – where just a handful of votes can be the difference between winning and losing – would be a much smarter strategy than trying to stack the sparsely-attended presidential caucus in Trump's favor. For those who have asked, here's what can be done about it...

I'm told the Nevada Republican Central Committee will be meeting in late September in Winnemucca (making it as inconvenient as possible for southern Nevada Republicans to participate, of course)! And I gotta believe the Central Committee members can over-rule the party's leaders and scrap the caucus – IF there are enough sane, common-sense members on the committee. — We're doomed.



### 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](http://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.

### September Member Birthdays



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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