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



**Retired USAF Lt. Colonel Tony Grady**  
**"American Values"**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

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

**Retired USAF Lt. Colonel Tony Grady** was born in Norfolk, VA. He graduated from the US Air Force Academy with a BS degree in Astronautical Engineering, holds an MS degree in Systems Management from USC, a Master of Airpower Art and Science from the Air University – Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He is a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College as well as the USAF Test Pilot School. Tony served in the Air Force until his retirement, then joined FedEx as a pilot and instructor. In 2022 Tony was a candidate for Nevada Lieutenant Governor where he came in 2nd place to a seasoned politician in a 7-way Primary.



**RSVP/payment of \$32 must be received by  
October 6, 12:00 noon**

Email Nancy Carlson [nmcarlson01@yahoo.com](mailto:nmcarlson01@yahoo.com),  
(650) 255-1435 or purchase tickets at: <https://ivcbrw.org/> and click "pay."

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



F all is arriving with cooler temperatures and leaves are starting to turn their beautiful autumn colors. Soon it will be pumpkins, goblins and witches in celebration of Halloween!

September was a busy month with our annual Fashion Show and Silent Auction Fundraiser. Both were a great success with over 80 attendees! The Fall fashions from Boutique Elegante were beautiful (with many of our models buying their outfits). William Furs provided luxurious gorgeous furs to complement the outfits. The grand finale of the show was Sherri Mensker from Boutique Elegante singing her rendition of "Shopping is a Girl's Best Friend," which she adapted from "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend."

We had a very successful Silent Auction raising over \$8,000 for our Incline High School Scholarship Fund with a variety of items to choose from including a beautiful selection of handmade sterling silver and semi-precious stone jewelry by Steve Carlson, creative baskets of food and drink items, antiques, a children's boutique, a beautiful Louis Vuitton vintage handbag, a tour of the Thunderbird Lodge and of course a week at our member Kay Lehr's house in Maine. We also "debuted" our IVCBRW Cookbook authored and illustrated by Nancy Carlson and Susan Schnetz which was a great seller! The cookbook will be available to purchase in our Boutique at monthly meetings. Thank you to everyone who donated items to make our auction so successful!

The month of October is Convention time this year. I will be attending the NFRW Convention in Oklahoma City along with other Nevada club Presidents and state delegates. The State of Nevada

delegates will be well recognized with our silver cowgirl hats and cowgirl boots!! Next is our biennial State Convention in Reno October 20th and 21st. Delegates will be electing new officers for our State. I will be joined by our club delegates Shirley Appel, Joanelen Slocumb, Nancy Carlson, Carol DelCarlo, and Patricia Moser Morris. Connie Skidmore and Yolanda Knaak will also attend in their positions at the State level of Parliamentarian and Legislative Chairman.

**Our October meeting is scheduled for October 10th at the Chateau.** This will be our Annual Business Meeting with reports and election of the 2024 Executive Board. We will be joined by our guest speaker – retired **Air Force Lt. Colonel Tony Grady.** Tony will be a candidate for Nevada State Senate in the 2024 election. Tony lived abroad growing up and will speak to us about Americanism. He is in the midst of writing a book about his perspective of experiencing the United States from "the outside in." Tony is a wonderful speaker and will be enjoyed by all.

Please mark your calendars for our very important Annual October 10th meeting!

*Cretia Eyster*





## Membership



by Nancy Carlson

### Welcome to our New Members!

Welcome back to Cathy Spector!

### Are You a Leader?

Are you interested in helping with the newsletter, membership activities, program activities, finance? Let us know, we can use your help!



### Are We Missing Your Birthday? Let Me Know!

Shirley Appel, 3 Nov  
 Joan LeBlanc, 3 Nov  
 Cretia Eyster, 3 Nov  
 Barbara Pulver, 5 Nov  
 Renee Saletta, 10 Nov  
 Donna Bain, 16 Nov  
 Khalmanie (Khal) Pluckhan, 16 Nov  
 Scott Wait, 16 Nov  
 Susan Homola, 17 Nov  
 John Gunning, 28 Nov  
 Kay Lehr, 28 Nov  
 Jane Barnhart, 3 Dec  
 Joanelen Slocumb, 4 Dec  
 Patti Clark, 12 Dec  
 Jim Clark, 12 Dec  
 Bobbie Fritz, 24 Dec  
 Cheryl Haney, 26 Dec  
 Holly Racich, 27 Dec  
 Sara Schmitz, 28 Dec  
 Denise Geist, 30 Dec  
 Elaine Grimes, 31 Dec

### Our New Facebook Page – Please LIKE!

Please “like” and “follow” us on our Facebook page! 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 September 12th we had a fabulous Fashion Show (our annual fundraiser) and collected over \$8,000 in funds for local high school scholarships. Thank you to those of you who attended! Calendar items for the balance of the year:

#### October 10

**Speaker – Tony Grady, Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel and author.** Annual business meeting, voting for club Executive Officers for 2024

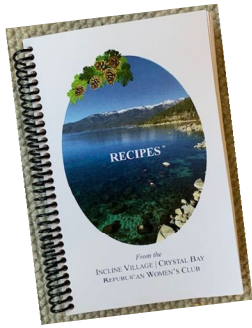
#### November 14

**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, installation by Lt. Governor of Nevada Stavros Anthony**





Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's Club now has their very own cookbook for members and friends! You'll enjoy the 260 pages of recipes including sections for Appetizers, Breads and Miscellaneous, Meats/ Poultry/ Fish, Vegetables & Sides,

Soups & Salads, and Sweets. Cookbooks will be on display for purchase in our Boutique at our luncheon on October 10th.

### Recipe of the Month

Our Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's Cookbook has some special recipes. This month's recipe is one of my favorites. A real treat!

#### Biscotti

- Preheat oven to 350° F
- ½ cup butter (1 stick), melted and cooled
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 T whole anise seeds
- 3 large eggs, beaten
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 2 ½ to 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 cup almonds, coarsely chopped

Mix sugar with butter, vanilla, almond extract, nuts and eggs. Stir in flour, baking powder and salt. Mix with hands until dough comes together. Divide in two parts and roll each section into a log. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper and bake rolls for 20 to 30 minutes or until firm and softly cakelike. Remove from oven and let cool slightly. When cool enough to handle, slice into ½ -¾ inch diagonal slices and return to cookie sheet. Push the slices alternately left and right, leaving them standing up and just touching in the center so they support one another. Return the cookie sheets to the oven, turning once, until the cookies are brown-flecked and crisp. Cool thoroughly and store in an air-tight container. Yield: Makes 2-3 dozen cookies

## Legislative Corner – Your Federal Representatives

White House Switchboard (202) 456-1414  
Comment Line (202) 456-1111  
Capital Switchboard, Senate and & House (202) 224-3121

#### Senate

Jacky Rosen (D)  
Washington DC (202) 224-6244  
Las Vegas (702) 388-0205

Catherine Cortez-Masto (D)  
Washington DC (202) 224-3542  
Las Vegas (702) 388-5020

#### House of Representatives

CD:2 Mark Amodei  
Washington DC (202) 225-6155  
Reno (775) 686-5760

“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)





# FASHION SHOW 2023



*Our Fashion Models (in order):* Celine Nugent, Maureen Dudley, Nancy Carlson, RuthAnn Schwarze, Caroline Smith, Donna Kwachak, Lorri Waldman, Sara Schmitz.



The historic Leport-Toupin House is near the State Capital. It was built in 1879 in the style known as Second Empire and on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Update on I-School:  
We are now in the historic  
Leport-Toupin House**

**K**athryn Kelly, our webmistress, says “When our building in Incline was sold two years ago and we lost our lease, we were fortunate to be offered larger space in Carson City, which allowed us to evolve into a full-time, K-12, accredited school to serve Northern Nevada. We sailed through COVID without any academic loss and our kids are thriving in these chaotic times under the direction of some remarkably gifted teachers. You will not find our teachers or students espousing critical race theory, promoting divisive “diversity, equity, and inclusion” practices, keeping secrets from parents, or turning into social justice warriors – all too common in many of today’s schools, both public and private. Rather, our mission is to provide children with a classical education, including learning how to think and not what to think in a genuinely diverse environment of students across the academic, demographic, and social spectrum.

“After a long search for a permanent home, in September, we made a downpayment on a treasured building near the State Capitol, built in 1879 and on the National Register of Historic Places – complete with original wallpaper. We also opened The Hope Academy of Nevada to serve our faith-based community with the sound academic approaches that has allowed I-School to succeed since its early beginnings as the eLearning Café in Raley’s Center in Incline in 2011. (If only we could reproduce the aromas of our former neighbor, Azzara’s, in Carson!) Susan Schnetz will remember teaching adults how to use computers at the Café a decade ago.

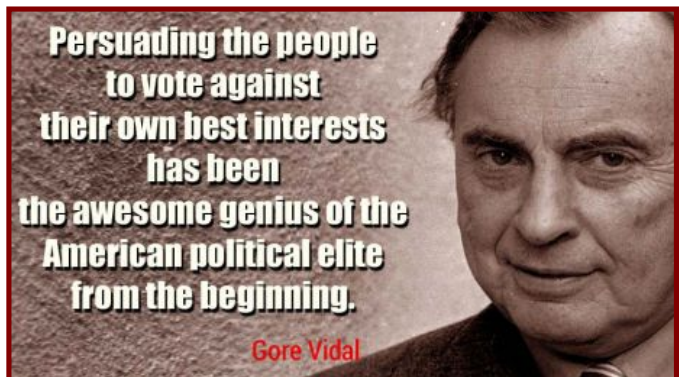
“We are open daily from 8:30 to 4, and we welcome all IVCBRW members to come for a tour. And a big thanks to IVCBRW!! and its many members who have been such great supporters of I-School’s mission since its very humble beginnings.”



**Kathryn E Kelly, DrPH, MEd**  
*Executive Director*

503 E. Telegraph Street, Carson City, NV 89701  
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Note: I-School is an independent, non-profit K-12 school accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.





## The Bible and Politics

### What biblical principles guide our political engagement?

**ONE:** God uses human governments to carry out his will in the civil sphere (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-16).

**TWO:** God calls some of us to be engaged personally in public service. Joseph, Daniel, Esther, Mordecai, Nicodemus, and Joseph of Arimathea are examples. Erastus was the city treasurer in Corinth who supported Paul's ministry (cf. Romans 16:23).

**THREE:** We are to seek and administer justice (cf. Genesis 9:5-6), pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2), honor their position (1 Peter 2:17), pay taxes (Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:7), and "seek the welfare" of our city (Jeremiah 29:7). In a democracy, this means that we vote, obey the laws, and support our leaders wherever we can.

**FOUR:** We are always to obey our highest authority. The apostles set the example by declaring to the Sanhedrin: "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:19-20).

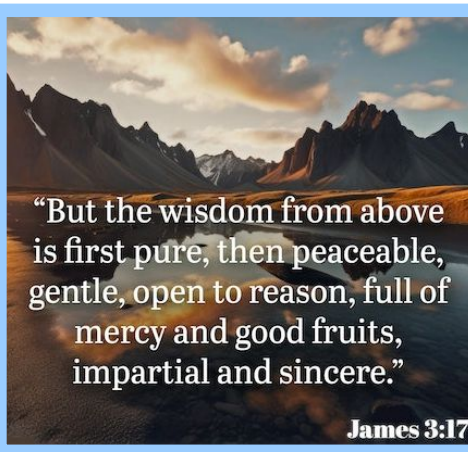
### How should we treat those with whom we disagree politically?

They are our opponents when we disagree, but they are not our enemies from a biblical point of view unless they persecute us. In that case, Jesus taught us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). In all things we are to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31), remembering our Lord's command: "Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12). We are to speak respectfully of others (Titus 3:2), including political leaders for whom we did not vote. We must never say about someone what we would not say to them (cf. Matthew 18:15).

Slander and ridicule are always wrong (Psalm 101:5). This does not mean that we are not to be angered by injustice and immorality. In fact, we are commanded to "be angry and do not sin" (Ephesians 4:26). To do both, we are to respond redemptively to the problems and issues we face by "speaking the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15).

### What you do makes a difference!

If we ignore politics, we consign ourselves to living in a society forged by a process in which we did not participate. As Daniel Webster noted, "Bad politicians are sent to Washington by good people who don't vote."



Conversely, making politics our religion is idolatry, investing purpose in fallen humans which is properly reserved for

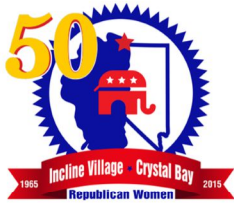
God alone.

Everything we do matters. That's not the question. Here's the question, according to Jane Goodall: "What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

As you make your decision, remember this: "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20). As Chuck Colson was fond of saying, "The kingdom of God will not arrive on Air Force One." But it will arrive someday, perhaps today.

### Is America ready? Are you?

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### 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.

### OCTOBER Member Birthdays



Patrick Schmitz .....	October 6
Kimberly Siegel.....	October 8
Linda and John Smith .....	October 14
Saundra Beretta1 .....	October 15
Millie Carter .....	October 20
Kristina Downing Watrud .....	October 21
Diane Brown .....	October 23
Ramona Bigelow .....	October 24
Katherine (Katy) Lee .....	October 26
Kathleen (Katie) Doyle .....	October 27
Kathryn Knowles .....	October 30



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