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*Incline Village-Crystal Bay
Republican Women's Club
Presents...*



Holiday Party and Officer Installation with Nevada Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

The Chateau | 955 Fairway Boulevard | Incline Village



Stavros Anthony has been a Las Vegas resident for 41 years. He has served as a Las Vegas Police Officer and Captain, a member of the Nevada Higher Education Board of Regents, a Las Vegas City Councilman, Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Las Vegas, and is currently the 37th Lt. Governor of Nevada.



**RSVP/payment of \$32 must be received by
December 8th, 12:00 noon**

Email Nancy Carlson nmcarlson01@yahoo.com
or purchase tickets at: <https://ivcbrw.org/>
and click "pay."

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 12 noon, December 8th, 2023.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Season's Greetings! Let the magic of the holidays fill you with good cheer. I hope you, your friends and family enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving to begin our holiday celebrations.

The entire Lake Tahoe basin is beginning to light up with beautiful and bright holiday lights and decorations in celebration of the season. There will be many Northern Lights events scheduled for Incline Village during the next month including "sip and shop" dates at our local merchants.

We are all anticipating the arrival of 2024 which will be one of the most important years in the history of our country. Our news media will be swamping us with constant election coverage with poll predictions, continuing candidate debates, and the anchor hosts with their "expert" predictions. Many of our members will be volunteering to work at the polling locations in various positions and also take part in our Presidential caucus on February 8th. The Caucus location will be at the Incline Elementary School. This will be an early evening meeting beginning around 6 pm and ending around 7:30 pm. You may "drop by," show your ID, receive your ballot, cast your ballot and leave if you wish.

A very important date to remember is January 8th. In order to vote in 2024 you must be registered with the Washoe County Registrar of Voters office 30 days prior to the Election, so do so NOW if you aren't registered. If you are registered, it is a good idea to check your voter registration - you can use Google to "check my voter registration in Washoe County." It is also very important to know that you may vote in the Caucus AND in the presidential preference Primary Election on

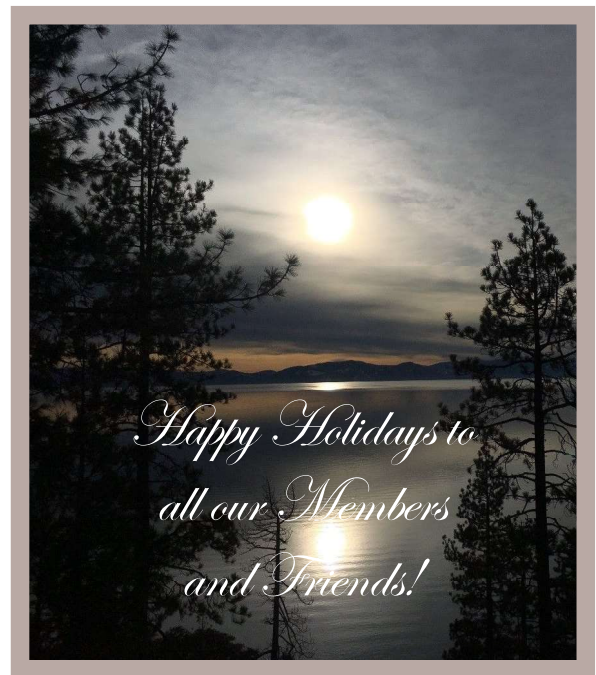
February 6th. One is a state-run primary and one is a party nominating process, so you are not double voting. The Caucus results in electors being assigned to candidates, so it is the only presidential primary election that counts.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the 2024 elections, please contact the WC Registrar of Voters office at electionworker@washoecounty.gov.

Please join us for our annual Christmas Party and 2024 Installation of Officers December 12th at the Chateau. We are very honored to have as our guest speaker Nevada Lieutenant Governor STAVROS ANTHONY. Lt Governor Anthony will update us about our State and will also conduct our 2024 Officer Installation.

Wishing you a healthy and happy holiday season and for peace in the world. Thank you for a great year of working together. I am excited to see what 2024 will bring!

Cretia Eyster



Photograph courtesy of Nancy Carlson



Membership



by **Nancy Carlson**

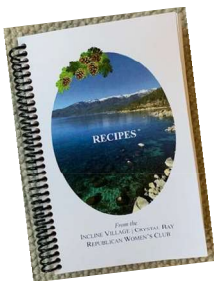
It is that time again . . . time to renew your membership in the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's club! Please go online to our website at: <http://ivcbrw.org> and go to the "Pay" tab on the home page. Click on the Pay tab and then on the "Register and Pay for Events" link in **red**. You will be directed to our Square payment site and can renew your membership online! If you prefer to renew by mail, you can mail a check (\$50 full membership, \$20 associate membership) to: IVCB Republican Women, P.O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450. If you have any changes to your contact information, please contact me and let me know.

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!

Meeting Calendar

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 December luncheon.

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
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Catherine Cortez-Masto (D)
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House of Representatives

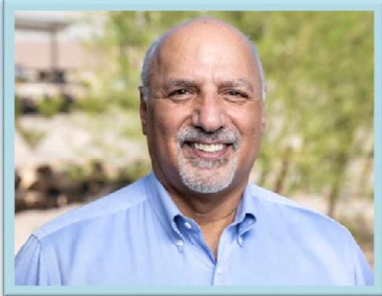
CD:2 Mark Amodei
 Washington DC (202) 225-6155
 Reno (775) 686-5760

FIVE BEST SENTENCES

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity, by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.
2. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.
4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.
5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work, because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work, because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation!



About our Speaker,



Nevada Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony

Stavros Anthony, a Las Vegas resident for 41 years, has made community service and public safety his focus as a Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Officer, a member of the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents, as a City of Las Vegas Councilman and now as Nevada Lieutenant Governor. He was appointed Mayor Pro Tem by Mayor Carolyn Goodman, and served in that capacity from July 2011 to April 2015 and was re-appointed June 8, 2020.

Anthony began his career with Metro Police in 1980 and most recently served the community as a captain overseeing the Financial and Property Crimes Bureau of the department. As a captain, Anthony spent time in charge of many divisions within Metro including Professional Standards, Personnel, Vice/Narcotics, Northeast Area Command and the Transportation Safety Bureau. Along with his experience in the realm of public safety, Anthony also brings an education background to the City Council. He was elected in 2002 to a four-year term as a regent with the Nevada System of Higher Education and was re-elected to a six year term on the board in 2006. As chairman of the Board of Regents, Anthony led the way in developing a master plan, system goals and a value statement.

Anthony graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in 1980. In 1987 he graduated with a Master of Arts in Political Science from the

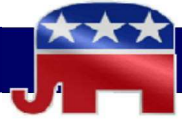
University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), and in 1999 he received his Ph.D. in Sociology from UNLV. He has also attended the University of Louisville Southern Police Institute Administrative Officers Course and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Anthony served on the board of directors for Goodwill of Southern Nevada and is a member of the National League of Cities Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Advocacy Committee. In 2012, he was appointed by Governor Sandoval to the Nevada Commission on Aging. In 2014, Anthony was appointed to the Board of Commissioners for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). In 2015, the Las Vegas City Council appointed him to the Board of Directors for the Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities.

Anthony is also a past member and president of the Board of Directors for St. John Greek Orthodox Church. Anthony received an Exemplary Service Award from Metro Police in 2006, and received an Award of Excellence in 2002 from the Community College of Southern Nevada where he was an adjunct faculty member.

Married for 41 years, the Anthony's have two daughters who are both graduates of the University of Nevada, Reno. Anthony enjoys golfing in his free time and playing with his grandsons.





COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

This month's Community Corner is going to be short and sweet.

Many of you have left for warmer climates . . . "Chickens!" Those of us who have stayed behind to suffer through our cold, snowy, winter will enjoy the skiing, snowshoeing, or just sitting by the fire to stay warm. You know I'm only kidding - ha ha!

Well, we made it through the turkey, stuffing and sides. Have you all had enough turkey?

So most of you know I attend several different community meetings during the month. Here are just a few of the things that are new this month:

Grocery Outlet has finally opened. November 17th was opening day and it was full of locals. It is a relief that we locals now have our own inexpensive place to buy groceries. We will still have to go to Raley's for some things, but guess what? You can buy a single bottle of wine for \$7 without having to buy 6 in order to get that price.

On Friday November 18th I went to the Community Forum at the Library. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 9 to 10 am. The new information this month was that Brandon Zerkle is taking over the position of Interim Commander of the WCSO up here until a new Captain is named after Blain Beard retired last month. This will probably happen the first of next year.

The other topic of discussion was regarding the future of the Incline Village Middle School. Jeff Church, the WCSD representative for Incline Village joined us. He wanted to let us know that there may be some good news regarding the closure of the Middle School, but won't know much until the Cannon design study (we paid a lot of taxpayer dollars for it) gives their report. The

first meeting will be held before you read this newsletter, but mark your calendars for December 12th for a possible action-item regarding this. This is the study for the entire WCSD.

That said, the district has proposed a 25-member working group, not subject to open meeting law, that would meet and report back to the district in June of 2025. He would like to see a local independent study on whether the Middle School should or should not be closed.

My last news is that we will have the pleasure of having our Lieutenant Governor of Nevada as our December speaker. Stavros Anthony will be our guest speaker as well as our Installation Officer. As our speaker he will inform us about the State of Nevada, and will install our 2024 club Executive Board. You won't want to miss this great final meeting of the year.

Shirley Appel



In the coming months of 2024, we plan to have a three-part series from the writings of Thomas Sowell including excerpts from his latest book *Social Justice*

Fallacies, which harks back to his writings on social theory and intellectual history.

Thomas Sowell is best known for his insights on racial controversies, but race isn't the main topic of most of his books in a career that spans more than six decades. Sowell is the author of more than 45 books (including revised and new editions) on a variety of subjects including politics, economics, education and race, and he has been a syndicated columnist in more than 150 newspapers. His views are described as conservative, especially on social

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Thomas Sowell

issues; libertarian, especially on economics; or libertarian-conservative.

Mr. Sowell will be 94 on June 30th of next year. He is an economist who earned a doctorate from the University of Chicago, where his professors included Milton Friedman, Friedrich Hayek and other future Nobel laureates.

He is a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution. He was a recipient of the National Humanities Medal from President George W. Bush in 2002.

Sowell was born in segregated Gastonia, North Carolina, to a poor family, and grew up in Harlem, New York City. Due to poverty and difficulties at home, he dropped out of Stuyvesant High School and worked various odd jobs, eventually serving in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War. Afterward, he took night classes at Howard University and then attended Harvard University, where he graduated magna cum laude in 1958. He earned a master's degree in economics from Columbia University the next year and a doctorate in economics from the University of Chicago in 1968.

In his academic career, he has served on the faculties of Cornell University, Amherst College, Brandeis University, and the University of California, Los Angeles. He has also worked at think tanks including the Urban Institute. Since 1977, he has worked at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, where he is the Rose and Milton Friedman Senior Fellow on Public Policy. Sowell was an important figure to the conservative movement during the Reagan era, influencing fellow economist Walter E. Williams and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. He was offered a position as Federal Trade Commissioner in the Ford administration, and was considered for posts including U.S. Secretary of Education in the Reagan administration, but declined both times.

Tax-Smart Ways to Donate Stock to Your Favorite Non-Profit

By Kathryn Kelly



Did your stocks appreciate considerably in the past couple of years and you have extra to give your favorite non-profit? Don't write a check just yet. An often overlooked win-win option is

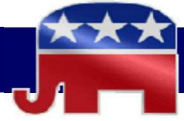
to donate stock, real estate, or other non-cash assets you have held for at least a year to a non-profit cause you care about and significantly reduce your capital gains tax.

Why not just write a check instead? Because by the time you sell the stock and pay capital gains taxes, you may lose up to a third of the original value. Here are the simple steps to donate stock to a non-profit:

- Contact the non-profit. Confirm they have a brokerage account and can accept stock donations. Not all non-profits can or do.
- If yes, ask for their Depository Trust Company (DTC) information and clearing number for their brokerage account. (If the non-profit does not have a brokerage account, they can use a third-party provider such as [donatestock.com](https://www.donatestock.com) who will help make the transfer for a 3 percent fee.)
- Fill out your broker's stock donation form with the above information.
- Your broker will transfer the stock to the non-profit's brokerage account.

The transfer may take a few days to complete, so make sure you initiate it well before the end of the year if you want to claim the tax deduction for that year. Some brokerages have much earlier deadlines to process end-of-the-year DTC transfers, like December 15th.

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Tax-Smart Ways to Donate Stock to Your Favorite Non-Profit

Here's the benefit: By donating stock to a non-profit, you can avoid paying capital gains taxes on the appreciation of the stock and increase your gift and your tax deduction by up to 20 percent. Your donation could help fund a new building for one of the growing numbers of independent microschools, fund scholarships for deserving students, or support any other cause that is important to you.

That's it! The non-profit may retain the stock in the hope it will continue to appreciate, or it may convert it to cash for immediate needs.

You will receive a receipt for your donation, which you can use to claim a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock at the time of the transfer.

Of course, your circumstances may vary, so be sure to check with a financial advisor first.

Kathryn Kelly is Executive Director of I-School in Carson City serving Northern Nevada and a longtime Member of IVCBRW.

He's Back - that crazy Democratic strategist James Carville . . .

sounding the alarm on new Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson, saying he and other "Christian nationalists" are a bigger threat to the country than al-Qaeda. Appearing as a panelist on Bill Maher's "Overtime" segment, Carville was asked about Johnson, who is from his home state of Louisiana. "Mike Johnson and what he believes is one of the greatest threats we have today to the United States," Carville told Maher on Friday. "You're talking about Christian nationalists," Maher said. "Absolutely," Carville responded. "This is a bigger threat than al-Qaeda to this country."

Really? A bigger threat than al-Qaeda?

This City Elected a Republican Mayor for the First Time Since 1877

By Joseph Lord



Illustration by *The Epoch Times*, Shutterstock
Courtesy of William Cogswell

William Cogswell won a nail-biting race with a margin of fewer than 600 votes in a city known for its Southern hospitality and charm.

Charleston, South Carolina is a city known best for its tourist attractions, seafood, and vibrant Southern culture has just elected its first Republican mayor since 1877. By an extremely thin margin, former South Carolina State Rep. William Cogswell, a Republican, defeated Democrat incumbent Mayor John Tecklenburg to take the helm of one of the South's most prominent cities. (Editor's note: One commentator at the end of this article said, "By an extremely thin margin . . . that the election cheaters could not overcome!")

Charleston, dubbed "the Holy City" for the many church spires that dot its skyline, is a place where history is everywhere: buildings dating to the 17th and 18th centuries are found across the city. The scars of the American Revolution and the American Civil War are still ubiquitous. Still, at a metropolitan area population of just over 700,000 citizens over three nearby counties, Charleston is a small city that never managed to reach the heights of larger East Coast port cities like Boston and New York.

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Mayor for the First Time Since 1877

Nevertheless, Charlestonians are proud of where they live, a place where the old coastal southern culture is still remembered. In recent years, however, Charleston has grown dramatically, with new developments peppering the northern end of the city — leading many in the city and nearby to feel as if it's growing too fast, becoming too similar to the north, and losing its core southern soul.

Charleston, one of three major cities in South Carolina, is important for Democrats, representing one of only a handful of blue strongholds in the otherwise deeply red state. On the other hand, Charleston — though it tends to vote Democrat, like almost every metropolitan area — is a deeply moderate community.

In 2020, Charlestonians voted overwhelmingly for President Joe Biden, who won South Carolina's 1st congressional district, in which Charleston is situated, by a double-digit margin. But in the same race, Charlestonians fired former Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-S.C.), and elected Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.) by a one-point margin. In 2022, Ms. Mace won by a larger margin, defeating the Democratic challenger by nearly 14 points! Now that Charlestonians have elected a new face to lead their small city, Mr. Cogswell will become the city's first Republican mayor since the Reconstruction Era.

Charleston's races are technically nonpartisan: candidates for office, whether running for mayor or city council or other municipal roles, can't declare affiliation with either major political party on the ballot.

After the recent victory race, Ms. Mace, who represents Charleston along with several other counties in the South Carolina low country, applauded Mr. Cogswell's victory. "Mayor-elect Cogswell and I had a great relationship when we both served in the state house, and we look forward

to that relationship continuing well into the future," she told *The Epoch Times*. "It's clear the people of Charleston are tired of devastating inflation, higher gas and grocery prices, and rising crime, as are many across the country. Republicans would be wise to learn from mayor-elect Cogswell's positive, unifying message, which led to this historic win."

Source: Epoch Times, December 2, 2023. Article by Joseph Lord has been condensed for inclusion in The Elephant's Tale.

What is the Difference Between a Caucus and a Presidential Primary? What elections will take place in 2024?

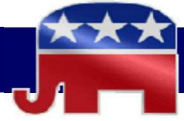
The Presidential Caucus will be held on February 8th, 2024. Our Incline Village Caucus will be held at the Incline Middle School in the early evening, 6 pm to 8 pm. Voting will be in person only, identification is required, and results will be available by the next day. You must vote in the Caucus for your presidential primary vote to count!

The Presidential Preferential Primary (PPP) will be held on February 6th, 2024. Voting will be by mail-in ballot and voting machines, results can take days/weeks to obtain. No identification is needed. Any candidate that participates in the PPP will not be eligible to receive any delegates to the National Convention which essentially makes the PPP meaningless.

The Primary election (conducted for non-presidential candidate races) will be held in June, 2024 and conducted by both mail-in ballot and voting machines.

The General Election held (for all positions and ballot measures) will be held in November 2024

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Difference Between a Caucus and a Presidential Primary



Washoe County Republican Party Chair Bruce Parks speaking at our November luncheon about the importance of voting in the Caucus for President on February 8, 2024.

and conducted by both mail-in ballot and voting machines.

Our Caucus will be combined with our bi-annual “precinct meeting.” A precinct is a collection of several adjoining neighborhoods, we have 12 precincts within Incline Village. It is important that you know which precinct

you reside in. We will have ONE location for the Presidential Caucus.

Before the all mail-in ballot process was put in place, we all voted at the precinct level. We reported to the polling location designated for our precinct, given a paper ballot and pencil, and were directed to a voting booth. After completing our ballot, we put it in a locked box which was opened once the polling locations were closed, and we knew which candidates had won by the next morning at the latest. There are many (usually leftists) that say this process is rife with fraud and extremely inefficient. That is the reason we now have voting season which lasts for weeks, voting machines that can (and are) tampered with, and it takes days (or weeks) before we know which candidates won.

We can and must organize at the precinct level in order to turn Washoe County (and the rest of the

country) solid **RED**. When we effectively organize at the precinct level we can directly influence the outcome of every election.

A Caucus is much like a precinct meeting in that it is a gathering of people in a given precinct (or multiple precincts) that meet to discuss politics, nominate people to the Washoe County Central Committee and elect delegates to the County Convention. The Caucus is the part of the meeting that pertains to the selection of a person to become President. The Caucus will decide which of the candidates will receive what portion of the 26 delegates from Nevada to the Republican National Convention in July. It is at the National Convention that the Republican candidate for President will be decided. Each person at the Caucus will receive a ballot to select which candidate they would like to become President. At the conclusion of voting, the ballots will be counted in full view of the participants, placed in an envelope with the results marked on the outside of the envelope which will then be sealed with security tape. All envelopes will be turned in to the Site Coordinator for that precinct location.

It is entirely possible for a voter to simply show up, cast their ballot and leave. As of this writing, the military personnel that are deployed outside their county are being contacted and given instructions as to how they can participate by absentee ballot.

If you want your voice as to who is going to be our next President to have any meaning, you must participate in the Caucus. The caucus will decide which candidates will receive delegates at the Republican National Convention. Can you vote in the PPP and the caucus? Yes, you can. Keep in mind that there will be no delegates awarded for the PPP, but you are free to fill out the mail-in ballot and send it in. ***After all, YOU paid for it!***



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



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.

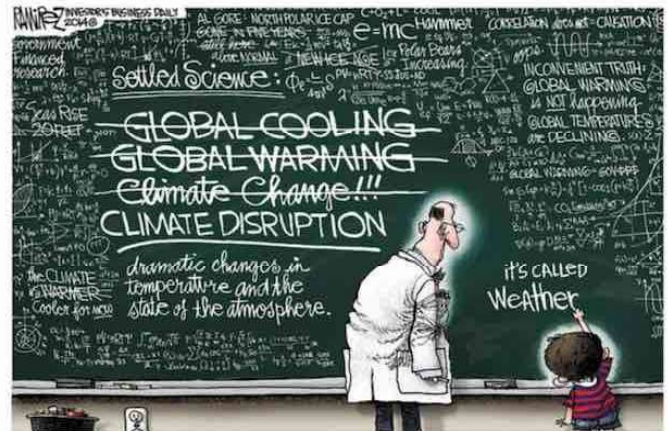
Mission: To promote the principles and philosophy of the Republican Party at the local, state, and federal levels by taking action to:

- 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.

DECEMBER Member Birthdays



Jane Barnhart	3-December
Joanellen Slocumb	4-December
Tony Grady	5-December
Patti Clark	12-December
Silvia Leth	19-December
Bobbie Fritz	24-December
Cheryl Haney	26-December
Holly Racich	27-December
Sara Schmitz	28-December
Denise Geist	30-December
Elaine Grimes	31-December



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