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

AN EVENING WITH CHINA EXPERT GORDON CHANG

Monday, July 22, 2024

at The Chateau | 955 Fairway Blvd, Incline Village | 5 to 9 pm

Gordon Chang is the author of *China is Going to War*, *The Coming Collapse of China* and *The Great US – China Tech War*. He has worked and served in China and Hong Kong for nearly two decades as a lawyer (recently in Shanghai), as Counsel to the American law firm Paul Weiss, and earlier as Partner in the international law firm Baker and McKenzie. He has given important briefings at the National Intelligence Council, CIA, State Department and the Pentagon. Come meet and hear Mr. Chang who will give us insight into the current situation in China.

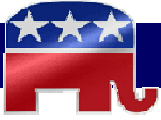


**RSVP/payment must be received
by July 19th at 12:00 noon!**

Email Nancy Carson at: nmcarlson01@yahoo.com,
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<https://ivcbrw.org/> and click on "pay."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Where is Cretia?

I usually start my newsletter message with comments about the wonderful weather and events in Incline Village, but I have been in the Northeast at our member Kay Lehr's historic 1898 home in Rockland, Maine and the Green Mountains of Vermont for the last two weeks. If you have not visited this part of our country try to plan a trip. It is beautiful – the Maine coast is such different scenery than the West, and you feel like you are taking a trip back in time. Beautiful historic homes, gardens, harbors filled with sail boats and lobstermen, and our flag is flying everywhere. You feel like you are truly in America!

Back to Incline Village - -



Incline Village will be celebrating the 4th of July week with a variety of patriotic activities that everyone can enjoy! We are finally getting the warm weather we have waited for all

year and should have a memorable 4th of July with its accompanying Independence Day activities! Join us as we build our parade float, have a potluck at Kathi Congistre's home, walk and sing in the parade, and staff our booth at the Village Green!

Most exciting of our patriotic activities this year is the return of our wonderful Fireworks on July 4th at Incline Beach. July 2nd we take part in the Local Heroes Parade with our IVCBRW Club float. Our members will be riding and singing patriotic songs led by our "walkers" carrying our beautiful new banner! Following the parade we will have our IVCBRW Club booth at the Village Green Fair with the Boutique, voter registration, and membership applications. If you would like to participate in decorating our float we will decorate Monday afternoon July 1st at Kathi Congestri's followed by

our wonderful potluck dinner. Nancy Carlson has sent an email with a complete list of events for the week. If you would like to join us for any of these activities, please let Nancy Carlson, Shirley Appel, or me know.

Our 2024 Scholarship Committee did a great job of selecting three high school winners, and we were able to go back to our top winner of 2023 and offer that University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) student additional funds to assist with tuition. Thank you to all who have donated and continue to donate to our scholarship fund!

The Primary Election conducted from May 25 – June 7th (early voting) and Election Day on June 11th resulted in more Republicans than Democrats showing up at the polls, but conservatives lost their races in several key areas, including our Washoe County School Board. **PLEASE vote in November, and bring a friend!** Thank you to all those who volunteered as Election Workers and Election Watchers for the Primary Election!

Don't forget to vote "No" on Question 3 in November, Ranked Choice voting will be the end of the Republican Party in Nevada as we know it.



The argument that our current election process prevents Non-Partisan voters from voting is not valid. Non-Partisan voters can easily change their party during Primary elections and change it back after the election. Ranked choice voting is complicated, more expensive than conventional voting procedures, and can lock up our elections for the Democratic Party. **VOTE NO on Question 3.**

July 22nd is the IVCBRW Club's event of the year with the return of GORDON AND LYDIA CHANG for an evening at the Chateau. We will begin with cocktails and dinner followed by Gordon's latest presentation on the US and China.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gordon will entertain questions and answers after his speech and be available to autograph his latest book for those guests who wish to purchase. Be sure to sign up early for this event which we expect to be a sellout.

Happy July 4th to all!

Cretia Eyster

The 4th of July recognizes the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a significant moment in American history. On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress successfully voted to become independent from Great Britain, and two days after that, the Declaration of Independence was adopted and signed by delegates representing the 13 colonies. Philosopher and Founding Father Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration and later became the third President of the United States. Every year since the original signing, July 4 has been a cause for celebration.

2024 Meeting Calendar

JULY 22 – Gordon Chang, Evening meeting at the Chateau. **RSVP TODAY!!**

AUGUST 13 – Garden Party at the Dobler Residence, evening social.

SEPTEMBER 10 – Possible Candidate Forum, TBD.

OCTOBER 8 – Annual Business Meeting at the Chateau.

NOVEMBER 12 – Veterans Day Luncheon at the Chateau.

DECEMBER 10 – Christmas Party and Officer Installation, luncheon at the Chateau.

About our Speaker, GORDON CHANG



Gordon Guthrie Chang was born July 5, 1951 in New Jersey to a Chinese father and an American mother of Scottish ancestry. His father is from Rugao, Jiangsu, China.

Chang is a columnist, author, and lawyer. He is the author of *The Great U.S.-China Tech War* and *Losing South Korea* booklets released by Encounter Books. His previous books, *Nuclear Showdown: North Korea Takes On the World* and *The Coming Collapse of China* were published by Random House. His recent book *Plan Red* (to be published in the fall of 2024) outlines the dangers of China's campaign against America.

Chang lived and worked in Mainland China and Hong Kong for almost two decades, most recently in Shanghai, as counsel to the international American law firm Paul Weiss and earlier in Hong Kong as Partner in the US international law firm Baker & McKenzie. Chang has been elected twice as a trustee of Cornell University.

Chang graduated from Columbia High School in Maplewood, New Jersey in 1969 and served as class president in his senior year. Four years later, he graduated from Cornell University where he was a columnist for *The Cornell Daily Sun* and a

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GORDON CHANG

member of the Quill and Dagger society. In 1976, Chang graduated with a Juris Doctor degree from Cornell Law School.

His writings on China and Korea have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The National Interest*, *The American Conservative*, *National Review*, *Barron's* and *The Daily Beast*.

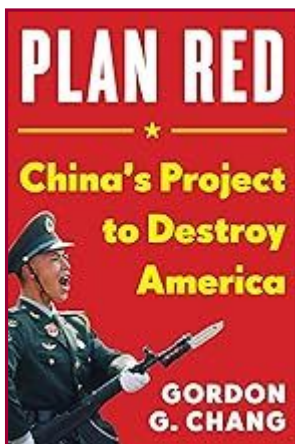
He is a regular columnist at *Newsweek* and *The Hill* and is a much sought-after commentator for numerous other publications.

Chang frequently appears on Fox News, Newsmax TV, CNN, MSNBC, and Fox Business.

Chang has given briefings at the National Intelligence Council, the Central Intelligence Agency, the U.S. State Department, and the U.S. Department of Defense, and he has testified before the United States House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Follow him on X, formerly Twitter:
GordonGChang.

A MUST READ



Plan Red - China's Project to Destroy America is due to be released on September 3, 2024. Author Gordon Chang warns . . .

- China has been attacking America from inside America!
- China's penetration of American society has been so thorough that the

Communist Party has been able to kill Americans with impunity.

- Xi turned an in-country epidemic into a once-in-a-century pandemic. This is the first time in

history that one nation has attacked all the others.

- The Communist Party is using all its resources to support criminal activity in America, and Americans are dying as a direct result of those activities.
- Xi Jinping's China is preparing to go to war. Not just "unrestricted war" or political war but "hot war" or "kinetic war," in other words, war as Americans see it in the movies.
- And China's regime is planning to kill Americans in even greater numbers. It is marching the country to war.

Americans, in the triumphalist mood after the fall of the Soviet Union, thought they should establish contacts with China. Now, the Chinese regime uses every point of contact against America, and at the moment the regime is overwhelming American institutions. The FBI is being overwhelmed, local law enforcement is being overwhelmed, governments at all levels are being overwhelmed, and private organizations are being overwhelmed. After more than three decades of intensive "engagement," it is clear Washington's generous approach has failed. America has not changed China, as everyone now realizes; China has changed America.

Chang believes it is time to take a page from Ronald Reagan's playbook and work to bring down the enemy: the Communist Party. The Communist Party often talks about "win-win" solutions, but as its actions make clear, it believes there can be only one survivor, either the People's Republic of China or the United States of America. In this situation, there is only one solution: America needs to sever virtually every point of contact with the regime.

As much as the United States wants to avoid war, China, for a host of internal reasons, is driving hard toward it. And should China ultimately choose war, the United States will almost certainly be in the fight. Of the utmost importance, **China has a plan**

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to destroy America. Question: Does America have a plan to defend itself?

A review of *Plan Red* – A much needed wake-up call is that China assumes it is open season on Americans at abroad and now at home. Victor Davis Hanson of the Hoover Institution and *New York Times* bestselling author of *The End of Everything* is among many conservatives who are recommending reading Chang’s book . .

“Gordon Chang’s most recent book about communist Chinese anti-American agendas differs from most such warnings, in that he chronicles a sustained and holistic effort to attack, both psychologically and materially, the U.S. from the inside. And what he outlines is terrifying, from Chinese efforts to poison American youth with fentanyl across an open border and support for organized criminal gangs to operating leaky bio-labs inside the U.S. Chang offers a comprehensive account of the Wuhan lab’s birth of the COVID-19 virus – and the CCP’s efforts to disguise that fact.”

Legislative Corner – Your Federal Representatives

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 Capital Switchboard, Senate and
 & House (202) 224-3121

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 Las Vegas (702) 388-5020

House of Representatives

CD:2 Mark Amodei
 Washington DC (202) 225-6155
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Membership



By Nancy Carlson

We Need You!

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

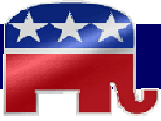
Welcome to Our New Members!

A warm welcome to our latest new members, please give a warm welcome to **Diane Honda, Ann Hamilton** and **Suzanne Lowden!**

Upcoming Birthdays – Are we missing your birthday? LET ME KNOW! (See page 10 for our July Birthdays.)



CNN flash poll shows Trump as clear winner of first presidential debate: 'Stunning number'



The IVCB Republican Women 2024 Scholarship Awards

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's Club was proud to award four scholarships through our 2024 Scholarship Program! Our club members and guests were honored to listen to the dynamic essays read by our high school students. Thank you for your contributions throughout the year and for approval of our budget through which we are able to award scholarships to these amazing young people. Thank you to our Committee Chair, Kay Lehr, and to the Committee: Susan Calfa, Kathi Congistre and Nancy Carlson!

Winners of the 2024 IVCB RW Scholarship Award:

Abby Duckworth – Incline High School

Lainey Lowden – Incline High School

Brendan Pietzke – University of Nevada, Reno, winner of one of our 2023 Scholarship Awards

Mayzie Seward – iSchools



Fourth of July Activities in Incline Village – Join the Club!

Come join the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women for the festivities over the 1-4th of July. We are going to meet at Kathi Congistre's home (564 Lucille Drive, 408-483-6028) on **Monday July 1st** at 3:30 to decorate our float. After we decorate the float we will enjoy some wine and a potluck dinner. *Please let us know if you would like to join us and what you would like to bring for the potluck on July 1st.* We would like to have a variety of salads, hot dishes, and desserts. You can also bring an appetizer if you

would like. **Please contact Shirley Appel with your RSVP and the dish you will bring at mrsradar@aol.com or call or text her at 818-266-4402.**



The parade will take place on **Tuesday, July 2nd**. We have all the decorations. We will need volunteers to ride in the float and to walk alongside the float and carry our banner. We will meet at the Village Green after the parade and will need help with our Boutique, voter registration, and new member signup. *Please let us know if you can join us!*



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

By Shirley Appel

I think summer is finally here. As I write this, I'm sitting outside on my deck. It is really a typical summer day in Incline. As usual I went to our community meetings to learn what is going on up here.

Before I continue with the goings-on in town, I would like to give a **big shout out to our wonderful Scholarship Committee, headed by Kay Lehr.** You guys did a great job in picking our scholarship winners. What a group of intelligent students. We had three young ladies, 2 from Incline High School, and 1 from Kathryn Kelly's iSchools. We also gave some funds to our winner from last year, Brendan Pietzki. Congratulations to all of them.

Because Cretia was in Maine visiting Kay Lehr's beautiful home, I conducted the June 18th meeting. Thanks to all for your help.

At the last Community Forum this past Friday morning, our Fire Chief, Ryan Summers discussed some fire safety issues that will be important for the coming summer season. The fire restrictions will be different depending on what area you live in. On the California side there is absolutely no burning whatsoever, including charcoal BBQ's or any kind of hardwood fire. On the Nevada side of the Lake, we will be a little different and will allow charcoal BBQ's. Just be respectful of the conditions - Red Flag Days - and how you are BBQing to make sure you are in compliance.

Friday June 28th at the Parasol Building the Nevada State Insurance Commissioner will be having a "town hall" meeting. We believe this will be a well-attended event, if you plan to attend, get there early, parking will be at a premium.

Also, Chief Summers recommends taking advantage of the free wood chipping by the fire department as well as the defensible space inspections. Chief Summers also spoke about the dangers of staining and painting. Due to two recent fires, putting soiled rags in a container can make the stain spontaneously combust. Make sure to use a metal container and soak the rags in water, lay them out flat and let them dry first.

We have a great 4th of July week coming up. I hope this will get to you before the event. I'm sure you have seen our Independence Day flyers, but I will add to them:



8:00–10:00 am: Pancake Breakfast at the Fire House (free!). This is always a great spread and a good way to see your friends.

10:00–11:00 am: Local Hero's Parade. We will have a decorated float in the parade. We will be sitting in the float singing *God Bless America*, as well as walking alongside. Come join us.

11:00 am – 3:00 pm: Community Fair on the Village Green. We will be having a booth so come by and say hello! Also the WCDSD will be displaying their equipment. Come and say hi to them.

July 3–6:00 pm: Veterans recognition reception, Aspen Groove (Free)

7:45 pm: Flag is the Flag Retirement ceremony on the Village Green. If you have a flag that you want to retire bring it with you.

7:00 – 8:30 pm: The Toccata Red, White, and Blue Tribute to America at the St. Francis Catholic Church.

July 4–8 am – 12 noon: Veterans Pancake Breakfast in Aspen Grove – get tickets at the Recreation Center. I believe it is \$10 a person. This

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is always a great crowd-pleaser with wonderful food and drinks.

9:30 pm: Fireworks at Incline Beach. You will need a Picture Pass or Punch Card to enter the beach.

My last reminder is you are invited to AN EVENING WITH GORDON CHANG ON JULY 22. This is a very timely event due to the goings-on in China and Taiwan. Gordon will be bringing his latest book with him (China is Going to

War). It will be on sale for \$10 and he will sign your book purchase in person at the event. Please remember that this event is from 5:00 to 9:00 pm at the Chateau. This is a cocktail-attire event. There will be a choice of two different entrees - orange-glazed salmon filet or grilled top sirloin. The cost is \$125 per person or \$100 for Military. We can have a maximum of 200 people, so get your tickets ASAP!

I know this message is lengthy, but there are a lot of things happening. Until next month, have a great 4th of July holiday if I don't see you; otherwise I hope to see you all soon.

June Primary Election – May 25, 2024 through June 11, 2024 Results as of June 21, 2024, 7:00 pm

In the 2024 Primary election (early voting was conducted from May 24 – June 7, Election Day was June 11) approximately 19% of the registered voters in the state either cast mail-in or in-person votes. This included 158,519 Democrats, 172,880 Republicans, and 51,941 Non-Partisan voters. Washoe County rallied on election day, total votes cast included 24.5% of registered voters. This included 33,377 (42%) Democrats, 35,513 (44%) Republicans and 10,972 Non-Partisan voters. We still lost “down ballot” races such as the Republican races for Washoe County School Board. – PLEASE vote during the November General Election, and vote the entire ballot (not just for President and Senate races)!

Table with 10 columns: County, Number of Active Registered Voters, Total Turnout by Party (DEM Total, REP Total, OTHER Total), Total Turnout, and Percent of Active Registered Voters. Rows include Carson City, Churchill, Clark, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey, Washoe, White Pine, and Statewide.



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:

Art or Graphic Art Work

Fundraising

Greeter at Meetings

Budget/Finance

Membership

Legislative

Bylaws

Publicity

Phone Committee

Campaign Work

Public Relations

Email

Community Service

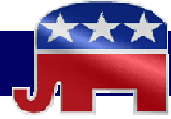
Youth Coordination

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.

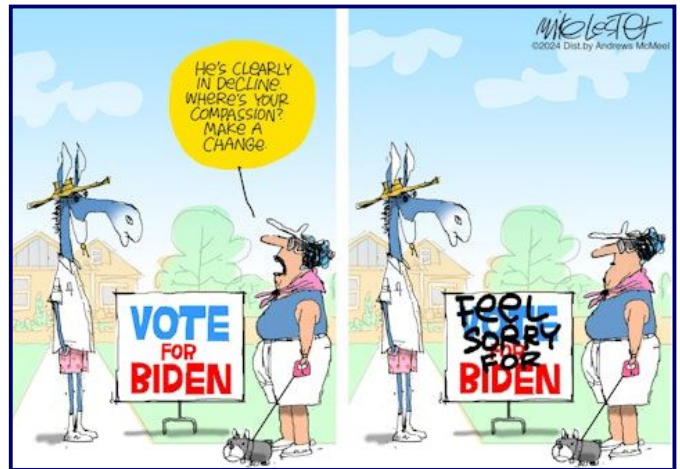
Mission: To promote the principles and philosophy of the Republican Party at the local, state, and federal levels by taking action to:

- 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.

JULY Member Birthdays



Kathy Mirkovich	3 July
Maureen Dudley	5 July
Donna Kwachak	7 July
Pam Wight	11 July
Carol Stenderup	29 July



- What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving.
- The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.



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