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### **2024 Executive Board**

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



— **October 2024 Annual Meeting** —  
**Congressman Mark Amodei and other Republican  
Candidates will be our guest speakers**

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

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



**J**oin us to elect our slate of 2025 officers!  
**A quorum is needed to take a vote,  
please attend!**

Congressman Mark Amodei will be joining us  
along with several Republican candidates for  
office.

Our proposed slate of officers:

President: Suzi Cornell  
First Vice President (Programs): Patricia Moser-Morris  
Second Vice President (Membership): Kelly Neville,  
Mary Jane Swenson  
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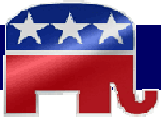
**RSVP/payment of \$35 must be received by  
Friday, October 4, 12:00 noon**  
Email Nancy Carlson [nmcarlson01@yahoo.com](mailto:nmcarlson01@yahoo.com)  
or purchase tickets at: <https://ivcbrw.org/> and click "pay."

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**RSVP/PAYMENT must be received by 12 noon,  
October 4th, 2024.**



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**F**all is officially here and is bringing with it much needed showers and cooler temperatures which will hopefully end our fire season and bring calm to our area again. Incline Village is so fortunate to have escaped the Reno fires and for our members that were affected by them we are so happy that you are back safe in your homes.



Our September meeting focused on “voter education” in lieu of our annual Fashion Show which is scheduled as part of our December Christmas Party. Our meeting was informative and inspiring with presentations by two young Nevada Republican leaders Josh Skaggs Legislative Director Nevada GOP and Kit DiCarlo, the Field Director of Turning Point Action USA. Josh and Kit spoke about two very important Nevada ballot initiatives, Initiative #7 Voter ID and Initiative #3 Rank Choice Voting. We had enthusiastic participation from our members and guests with questions including concerns about election integrity in Nevada. We also distributed yard signs, window stickers, and pins.

Caroline Smith, Past NvFRW President and Strike Force Nevada State Chairman, also made a presentation to our members explaining the “Strike Force.” Strike Force is a nationwide GOP campaign targeting the swing states recruiting Republican volunteers to participate in getting out the Republican vote in specific areas. Nevada is not only a swing state but **WASHOE COUNTY IS A SWING COUNTY**. Caroline asked our club members to participate in Strike Force Nevada October 14th to 19th with door knocking and phone calls. We will be sending out a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Celine Nugent will also be asking for

volunteers to be poll observers for early voting and Election Day. Whatever time you can spare is so important! Please see Celine’s Election Updates on page 5.

Thank you to Patricia Moser-Morris and Kathryn Kelly for all of their work on our Gordon Chang July 2024 video presentation. It is now easily available by logging on to “Rumble.com, Gordon Chang, Lake Tahoe.”



**OCTOBER 8th is our Annual Business Meeting at the Chateau and we need everyone that can attend to do so.** Our nominating committee will present our club officer slate for 2025 *and in order to elect, we must have a quorum present.* Mark Amodei will be one of our guest speakers along with other Republican candidates.

Also coming up is the Nevada Federation of Republican Women (NvFRW) Fall Board and General Membership meeting at the Nugget in Sparks October 11th and 12th. Sam Brown, Republican State Senate candidate, will be the event guest speaker. I encourage everyone to attend. It is an informative day and a wonderful opportunity to meet members from other NvFRW clubs throughout the State.

*Cretia Eyster*

**2024 Meeting Calendar**

- OCTOBER 8 – Annual Business Meeting** at the Chateau. Speaker Mark Amodei and other Republican Candidates for office. **WE NEED A QUORUM FOR THIS MEETING.**
- NOVEMBER 12 – Veterans Day Luncheon** at the Chateau.
- DECEMBER 10 Christmas Party and Officer Installation.** Fashion Show and Silent Auction at the Chateau.



CLUB NEWS *and* VIEWS



IVCB RW Officers – Election Integrity Workshop



Ramona Bigelow – Trump Boat Parade 7/20/24

**New Study Warns: Tahoe Evacuations Could Take Up to 14 Hours in a Wildfire**

*North Tahoe Preservation Alliance, Preserve Lake Tahoe*

A recent study commissioned by the Tahoe Clean Air Coalition ([tahoecleanair.org](http://tahoecleanair.org)) reveals that evacuating Tahoe’s northwest communities in the event of a major wildfire could take significantly longer than previously estimated. While officials once believed evacuation would take under four hours, the new analysis, leveraging AI and advanced modeling, suggests it could take between 9 and 14 hours or more, especially if roads are jammed or closed.

The study highlights the growing concerns over Tahoe’s capacity to handle large-scale evacuations amidst increasing development and

tourism. The findings are particularly alarming given Tahoe’s complex jurisdictional landscape, involving multiple counties, states, and federal lands, making cohesive emergency planning challenging.



The analysis also examined evacuation scenarios in the Washoe Tahoe area (Incline Village) predicting it would take up to nine hours to evacuate over 13,000 vehicles, a significant increase from previous estimates. The report underscores the need for updated and comprehensive evacuation plans, especially as wildfire risks intensify.

Critics argue that outdated and overly optimistic evacuation estimates have fueled unsustainable development in the region, putting lives at risk. The study’s findings are expected to spur debate over Tahoe’s future development and emergency preparedness, with calls for more accurate and cautious planning to ensure public safety.



## Membership



By Nancy Carlson

### Membership Drive – It’s That Time Again!

It is time to renew your annual membership in the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women’s Club! As you know, our membership runs from January through December each year, and we are asking you to renew your membership prior to January. You can do this in two ways:

- You can go onto our Square website by entering “ivcbrw.org” into your browser, clicking on the “Pay” tab, and clicking on the red “Register and Pay for Events” highlighted text. You can pay for “full” membership (Republican Women who consider this their primary club), or “associate membership” (Republican Men or Republican Women who are primary members in another club).
- You can write a check for full membership (\$50) or associate membership (\$20) and send it to: Membership, IVCB Republican Women, P.O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450

If none of your information has changed you will not have to complete a new application. If your address or contact information has changed you must complete a new application (on our website on the “Join/Contact” tab, click on the red “membership application” link. You can also complete an updated application at one of our meetings.

“Without Freedom of Thought there can be no such Thing as Wisdom; and no such Thing as Public Liberty, without Freedom of Speech.”  
— Benjamin Franklin (1722)

### Election Update – Our Club Participation

Our club has some of the most wonderful and patriotic women! We have spent the summer working hard on the campaign of our favorite president Trump! We have been busy volunteering at the campaign offices, participating in the Trump boat parade, poll watching, canvassing and working voter registration drives!! Our work is not done! We will continue canvassing, registering voters and participating in early voting poll watching in this last stretch before the election on November 5. **Thanks to all of you for all your hard work and participation.** I can tell you that any time I asked for help, you came through for me and our country! You are the most awesome women! Continue to pray for President Trump’s safety and our country!

*Celine Nugent*

### Your Federal Representatives



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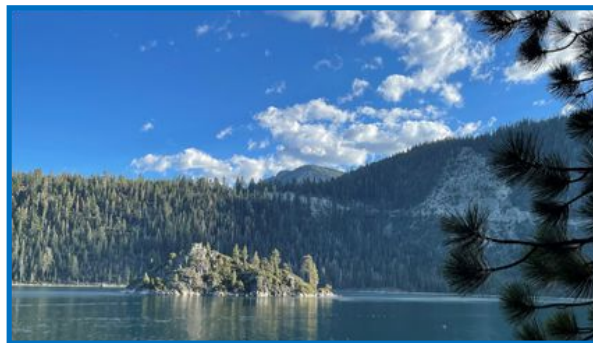
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## Kevin Kiley Speaks about Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act

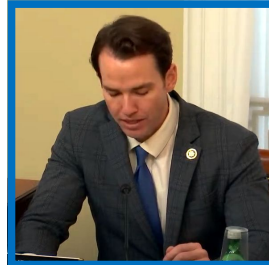
I am pleased to share the news that a landmark piece of legislation I am sponsoring, the Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act, was considered yesterday [October 19, 2024] by the House Natural Resources Committee. This bill authorizes hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds to continue the important work of protecting and preserving the lake. Today, the Committee will “mark up” the bill. A markup is the formal process by which a committee approves a bill to go to the full House floor for final approval. Holding a hearing one day and a markup the next is almost unprecedented, but it’s also extremely important since the authorization for Lake Tahoe programs expires at the end of this month [September]. Working with our Democratic colleagues in the Senate – especially Senator Cortez Masto – we were able to put politics aside and work across both sides of the political aisle to get a bill moving before the funding expires.



The next step will be to get the full House to agree to take up the bill next week – which is also the last week the House will be in session. I want you to know that my office is working tirelessly to build support for the bill and to get it scheduled next week. I will continue to keep the community updated as things progress.

Preserving Tahoe’s beauty and accessibility is not just in the national interest; it’s a national responsibility, with 80 percent of its watershed under federal ownership. It is also a major priority of my office and a focus of my first term. The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act has been crucial in enabling the communities in the basin to protect the lake for

all Americans and for generations to come. This bipartisan legislation has become a national model for collaboration in the name of conservation.



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*Notable:* The House Natural Resources Committee took up the Tahoe bill at Kiley’s urging. The *Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act* provides funding for projects that support forest health, water for fire infrastructure, watershed restoration, water quality, aquatic invasives species control, Lahontan cutthroat trout recovery, and accountability. Since the Act’s passage in 2016, Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP) partners have implemented hundreds of projects, leveraged the federal investment 5-to-1 with state, local, and private funding, and supported 1,700 jobs per year.





## KAMALA HARRIS

by James Rogan,

*Washington Examiner, September 5, 2024*

Vice President Kamala Harris is anti-capitalist. She does not understand basic economics. Her words and actions tell us that. She supports price controls, and she accuses businesses of corporate greed and price gouging.

Price controls don't work. Business is a price taker, not a price setter. The free market sets prices where supply and demand for a good or service intersect. That is a basic principle of Economics 101. Price controls have been tried throughout history. Ultimately, they always fail. Price controls lead to shortages. Price controls create black markets. Price controls create false price signals. Capital is destroyed.

Under President Richard Nixon, price controls were imposed for gasoline prices. Long lines and fights followed. Today, President Joe Biden, with the full throated support of Vice President Harris, is celebrating price controls on prescription drugs. But economists tell us that pharmaceutical price controls will lead to reduced research and development spending on new, lifesaving drugs.

Vice President Harris also supports price controls on rents. Evidence from New York City and other municipalities that impose rent controls demonstrates that rent controls lead to housing shortages, higher prices for existing units, lower investment in new rental housing, and decreased expenditures on housing maintenance.

The evidence is abundant that price controls don't work. So why do Biden and Harris push for price controls?

Simple. Because they want to buy the votes of people who do not understand or do not care about basic economics. Biden and Harris pander to the ignorant and selfish and not to the national interest. Harris also accuses the supermarket and food industry more generally of corporate greed, of price gouging in plain words.

But food prices at supermarkets are higher than pre-COVID-19 levels not because of greed or gouging. Prices are higher because of investment in supply chain resilience and wage inflation caused in large part by the policies of the Biden-Harris administration. The administration pushed hard for higher wages for lower-wage workers. The administration dropped money on the economy during the pandemic.

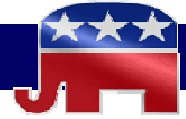
Wage inflation was the consequence. Supermarkets raised prices to account for higher wage costs. Wages and prices will converge. Supermarkets in the United States do not earn extraordinarily high economic returns. The average return on invested capital in the supermarket sector is under 11 percent, well below average across the economy.

The supermarket sector is intensely competitive. Walmart drives prices lower across the industry. Its intense focus on costs and prices ensures low prices for everyone who chooses to shop at Walmart.

Harris is a far-leftist who does not believe in capitalism. She believes in an all-powerful big government. The people know about big government from the real-life lessons of Cuba and Venezuela. Harris is the socialist wolf knocking on doors.

*Noteable: Capital Accumulation and Income Distribution* by Kamala's father Donald L. Harris can still be purchased today. The book was published January 1978 by Stanford University Press.





## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

As you read this article, Fall has arrived. It already feels like it with the rain we had and the colder temperatures and daylight shortening. September has been a busy month and October looks to be even busier around our town.

I attend many different meetings as you know. Conversation Café has many great activities coming up for the Fall and early Winter. They will be traveling to Amador Winery's sometime in October (I will get the exact date soon), Apple Hill on November 20th, and the Victorian Christmas in Nevada City on December 8th. – Just a few great excursions to think about. You can read about them in the latest *IVGID Magazine*.

The boat ramp will continue to be open until mid-October with changed hours due to the shortened daylight hours. This is the best time to be out on the Lake now that the tourist season is over with. The golf courses will be closing (Mountain) on October 13th and the (Championship and Grill) will be closing on October 20th. The Trail of Treats and Terror will be on October 24th so get your kids and grandkids out for a fun evening event. This is free to all who live here in town. The Grill has changed hours and days of service. They will be open on Wednesday through Sunday with no Sunday Brunch from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

The Diamond Peak pass preseason sale will go through October 31st. The prices will go up on November 1st.

Take advantage of the chipping and defensible space services through the fire department. There is curbside yard waste taking place one more time beginning September 30 – November 1st for everyone, so get your stickers.

The Sheriff's Community Picnic will take place on September 28th at Aspen Grove with Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, compliments of the Washoe County Sheriff's Department.

On September 30th from 6-9 pm there will be a IVGID Candidate Forum at the Duffield Theatre at the Incline High School. This is a good opportunity for all of us to hear what the Candidates will do to improve Incline Village, so come one, come all.

A recent study commissioned by the Tahoe Clean Air Coalition ([tahocleanair.org](http://tahocleanair.org)) reveals that evacuating Tahoe's northwest communities in the event of a major wildfire could take significantly longer than previously estimated (see the article on page 3 in this newsletter). While officials once believed evacuation would take under 4 hours, the new analysis leveraging AI and advanced modeling, suggests it could take between 9 and 14 hours or more especially if roads are jammed or closed. We know what it is like on Highway 28 in the summer with the parking on both side of the road and the panic it would cause.

The Highway 28 to 50 construction is back on after being shut down due to the Davis Fire (Mt Rose closure). So best to time your trip to Carson again.

There will be a Family Estate Planning seminar at the Library on October 12th from 10 am to 12 noon.

As I have said before to read the entire meeting with much more detail, please go to [ivcbcommunityforum.com](http://ivcbcommunityforum.com). Today's meeting this morning was extremely informative since we had our Fire Chief Sommers join us with quite a lot of information regarding the Davis fire and also the small fire started by lightening on Thursday morning above Incline that was quickly extinguished. They also spoke about the importance of getting the **CODE RED** app on your phone and also the all important **TO GO** bag. Make a Family Evacuation Plan letting family members know where to find you in case you have to evacuate. If you do have to evacuate, put a note on your residence door so that the sheriff's department knows that you have evacuated.



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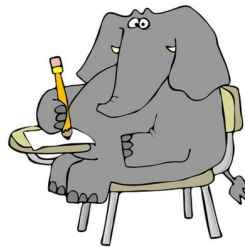
As you can see, it is extremely important that you read and follow this last Community Forum meeting on line. It is very simple to sign up on line to read about the meeting. Also coming to Conversation Café is great way to meet your fellow residents and make your voice heard.

Alright, I think I have made up for not writing last month. Hope to see all of you at the October 8th Annual Meeting and vote on our Executive Board for 2025 – *we have to have a quorum* – and also listen to our Republican Candidates running for several offices.

*Shirley Appel*

### Some Random Observations

Leftist politicians and their media allies are furious over the suggestion that some Haitians in Ohio might have eaten cats. I think we have to conclude they are more concerned about allegations immigrants are eating cats and dogs than they are about the actual murders of women and girls that are being committed by illegal aliens.

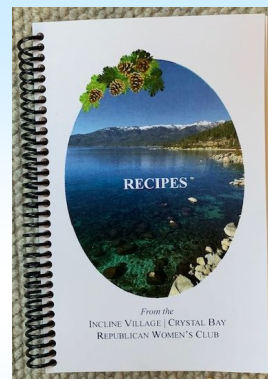


As you know, wannabe Trump assassin Ryan Routh donated to Democrats, voted for Democrats, and cited Democrat talking points. He claimed he was “saving democracy.” His own son said his father hates Donald Trump just like “every reasonable person does.” And yet the FBI, the Secret Service, and the media continue to say, “We just can’t figure out what his motive was.” Trump assassination suspect Ryan Routh had 100+ interactions with police the *Tribune News Service* reported September 18th.

Comments by Gary Bauer, published on *The Patriot Post*, September 19, 2014 This article was edited and condensed for inclusion in *The Elephant’s Tale*.



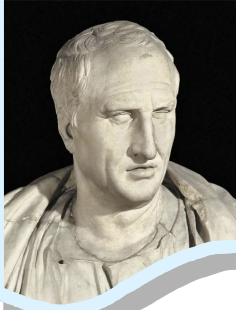
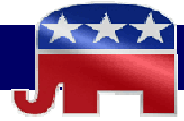
Kayak on Lake Tahoe. This photograph by Nancy Carlson appears in Recipes from the Incline Village | Crystal Bay Republican Women’s Club cookbook.



Attention Members! Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women’s Club has their very own cookbook. You’ll enjoy 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 monthly events.





## WISDOM FOR THE AGED

### *On Old Age* by Marcus Tullius Cicero

**P**resident John Adams used to read *On Old*

*Age* every year, the lessons becoming more poignant with the passing of time. Reading John Adams' biography inspired me to pick up a copy of "*On Old Age*" to see what wisdom it imparted to those of us advancing in years.

This small treatise (60 pages) was written in 45 or 44 BC by the famed Roman philosopher, Cicero. Like most ancient philosophical texts, it is written as a dialogue. The lessons it contains are timeless; as genuine and precious as they were more than two thousand years ago.

For example, Cicero informs us "for those who have in themselves no resources for a good and happy life, every period of life is burdensome; but for those who seek all goods from within, nothing which comes in the course of time can seem evil." He reminds us that "old age, we all desire to attain, yet find fault when we have reached it."

Cicero goes on to provide many suggestions for dealing with the advancing of years, such as:

- "dispense with sumptuous feasts, loaded tables and oft-drained cups. This dispenses with sottishness, indigestion and troubled dreams."
- "to exercise your memory, recall each evening whatever you have said, heard, or done during the day."
- "nothing is more enjoyable than the leisure of old age for study and learning."
- "old men who are moderate in their desires, and are neither testy nor morose, find old age enduring; but rudeness and incivility are offensive at any age."

- "the best-fitting defensive armor of old age consists in the knowledge and practice of virtues; consciousness of a well-spent life and a memory rich in good deeds afford supreme happiness."

Cicero recognizes that our bodies and minds will decline, suggesting we enjoy walks around our gardens instead of chariot racing or athletic exploits. And he points out that old men remember what they care about, remarking "I never heard of an old man forgetting where he had buried his money."

There is a beautiful section in the treatise about death and the immortality of the soul. These passages alone are worth picking up a copy.

And perhaps most reassuring is Cicero's contention that having old people is essential to the safety and well-being of a nation. He points out that older people act as "brakemen" for unseasoned and sometimes reckless younger politicians. "It is only by conservatism, both wise and firm, that the progress of a nation can be maintained."

Though he was an accomplished orator, philosopher, and lawyer, Cicero believed his political career was his most important achievement. He opposed the dictatorship of Julius Caesar and tried to restore the Republic Rome had previously enjoyed.

After Caesar was murdered, Cicero spoke up against and became the enemy of Mark Anthony. As a result, Cicero was declared an enemy of the state and assassinated in 43 BC when he was 63 years old. His severed hands and head were taken by order of Mark Anthony and placed on display on the orator's platform in the Roman forum. Despite his gruesome demise, Cicero lives on in his many speeches, books and texts. I encourage you to pick up a copy of "*On Old Age*" and savor the insights it provides more than 2,000 years after it was penned.

Book review by

*Linda L. Smith*



### 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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PHYSICAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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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         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Work           | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations   | <input type="checkbox"/> Email               |
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**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: [ivcbmw.org](http://ivcbmw.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.

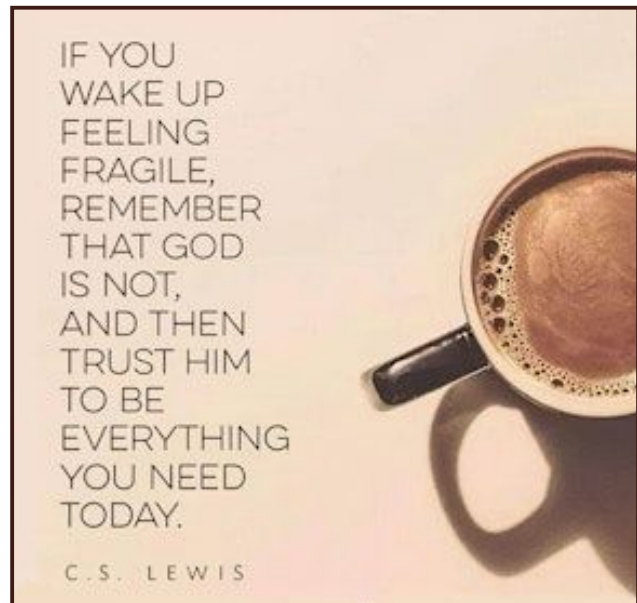
**Mission:** To promote the principles and philosophy of the Republican Party at the local, state, and federal levels by taking action to:

- 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	6 October
Linda Smith	14 October
Saundra Beretta	15 October
Kristina Downing Watrud	21 October
Diane Brown	23 October
Ramona Bigelow	24 October
Kathryn Knowles	30 October



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