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



Speaker: Randi Thompson
*CEO of the NNv Network;
President of the RW of NNv PAC*

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
The Chateau | 955 Fairway Boulevard | Incline Village
11:30 am – 1:00 pm



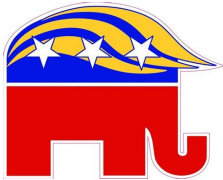
Randi Thompson is a media and government relations powerhouse! As a campaign volunteer for Bob List for Governor in 1978, she got a taste for politics that led her to Washington DC, where she spent 10 years as a lobbyist for the Reagan and Bush administrations. She returned to Nevada and began her career as a Public Relations and Government Affairs consultant in 1992.

**RSVP/payment of \$35 must be received by
March 7th at 12:00 noon**
Email Nancy Carlson nmcarlson01@yahoo.com
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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, Fri, March 7th, 2025.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am sure we are all cheering Donald Trump's exposure of graft and waste in the federal government's bureaucracies. We

anticipate the downsizing of the federal government, especially the Department of Education. This means state governments now must step up or reclaim responsibility for education, emergency preparedness and response, and aid to citizens in need. Those of us who understand that this is the very nature of federalism must make sure our own state's government is in order and that poses its own challenge.

Under the Articles of Confederation, the founders knew they needed a stronger central government to provide economic stability. Imagine the 13 colonies with different currencies, systems of taxation and tariffs, and lack of postal service and roads connecting the states! The idea proposed by the founders was a central government regulating trade and commerce, creating a unifying currency, building an interstate road system, and establishing a U.S. postal service. While they wanted a stronger federal government, they also wanted the bulk of powers to be retained within the states. Think about it . . . the U.S. Constitution is 4,543 words, or 7,762 with the amendments. The Nevada Constitution, as drafted in 1864, had 16,543 words. The U.S. Constitution does not make mention of education, while the Nevada Constitution had a whole section dedicated to the topic.

Amendments 9 and 10 of the U.S. Constitution are clear on this. "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or

disparage others retained by the people. (Amendment 9)"

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited to it by the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people. (Amendment 10)"

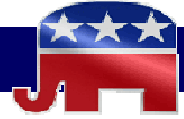
In short, most powers were to be retained by the states and its people. The founding fathers saw federalism as a vertical form of checks and balances. Charles de Montesquieu saw a horizontal form of checks and balances in the separation of powers between the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government. Our founding fathers went one step further in drafting the Constitution by implementing a vertical check and balance against the power of the federal government in the form of federalism. State governments are closer to home and more transparent after all.

Federalism asks much of its citizens however. It asks its citizens to be informed, educated and diligent. During this legislative session, let's be diligent. As Yolanda mentioned during her presentation in February, many bills contrary to our values are working their way through our state legislature. Stay informed and weigh in as necessary. In short, Fight the Good Fight!

This month we have an excellent speaker in **RANDI THOMPSON**. She has been involved as a governmental affairs advocate and lobbyist all her adult life, both here in Nevada and in Washington, DC. She will provide us with an interim report on what is happening within the Nevada legislature. You won't want to miss this luncheon. Make sure to make your reservations early. It will be good. I look forward to seeing you there.

Your Lady in Red,

Fuzi Cornell



**About our Speaker,
RANDI THOMPSON**



Randi Thompson is the owner of Randi Thompson Consulting, CEO of the Northern Nevada Network, and president of the Republican Women of Northern Nevada PAC.

She will speak to us about the 2025 Legislative Session and what is happening - - and most importantly, how we can help and what to expect!

Randi is a media and government relations powerhouse who has been making waves in Nevada since high school. As a class officer and campaign volunteer for Bob List for Governor in 1978 (at the age of 17!), she got a taste for politics that led her to Washington DC, where she spent 10 years as a lobbyist for the Reagan and Bush administrations. She returned to Nevada and began her career as a Public Relations and Government Affairs consultant in 1992.

Randi is an expert in government affairs. She has lobbied at the Nevada legislature since 1993 and has worked as a campaign consultant for numerous elected officials. She has strong working relationships at all levels of government.

Randi's passion for media and public relations has made her a fixture in the Nevada media scene. You may have seen her on Nevada Newsmakers, heard her on the radio, or read her column in the Reno Gazette Journal. She has extensive connections with media outlets and reporters around the state and knows how to get stories placed and events covered. Her clients range from small businesses to national organizations looking to increase their profile, advocate for issues, or sway public opinion.

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)
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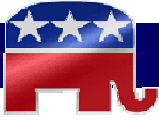
House of Representatives

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

**John Adams, Thoughts on Government,
1776 and August 28, 1794**

A constitution founded on these principles introduces knowledge among the people, and inspires them with a conscious dignity becoming freemen; a general emulation takes place, which causes good humor, sociability, good manners, and good morals to be general. That elevation of sentiment inspired by such a government, makes the common people brave and enterprising. That ambition which is inspired by it makes them sober, industrious, and frugal. . . . But a Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.

If it be asked, What is the most sacred duty and the greatest source of our security in a Republic? The answer would be, An inviolable respect for the Constitution and Laws – the first growing out of the last A sacred respect for the constitutional law is the vital principle, the sustaining energy of a free government.

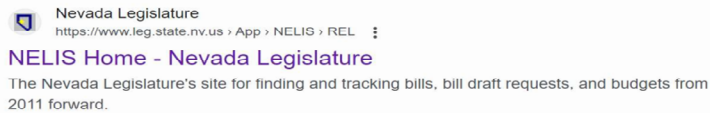


Yolanda Knaak, Legislative Chair, says that using the Nevada Electronic Legislation Information System (NEILS) is the way to keep communications with our legislature current and active. Here are instructions for using the NEILS system.

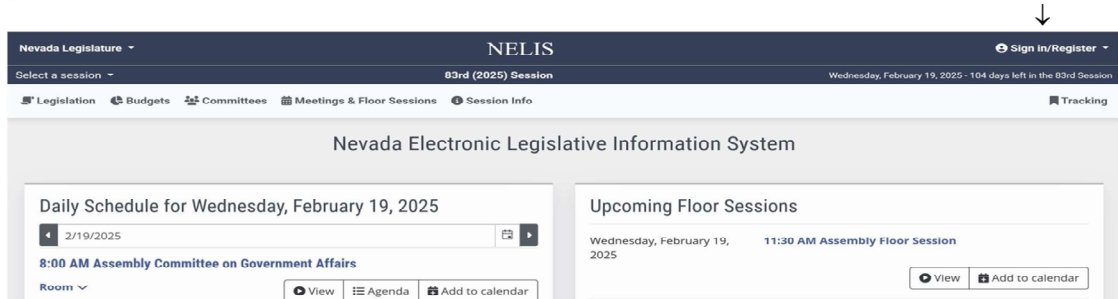
USING THE NEVADA ELECTRONIC LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM (NELIS)

The Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (Nelis) allows you to review a bill or to submit an opinion to your legislators. To use the NELIS system:

1. Go to your web browser, enter "Nelis" (Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System). Click on the option "Nelis Home – Nevada Legislature".



2. Make sure you are on the current Legislative Session (83rd session, 2025), listed under "NELIS". If you are not on the current session, go to "Select a session" (line 2) and from the pulldown select "83rd (2025) Session".
3. Create an account by clicking on "Sign in/Register" in the upper right corner, save your password.



4. Click on the "Legislation" button on the upper left corner.



5. Select "Assembly" if you are looking for an Assembly bill, "Senate" if you are looking for a Senate Bill.
6. Scroll down to the appropriate bill and select it. In this example we selected Assembly Bill 1, or "AB1".



USING THE NEVADA ELECTRONIC LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM (NELIS)

The screenshot shows the NELIS website interface. At the top, it says "Nevada Legislature" and "NELIS". Below that, it indicates the "83rd (2025) Session" and the date "Wednesday, February 19, 2025 - 104 days left in the 83rd Session". The main navigation includes "Legislation", "Budgets", "Committees", "Meetings & Floor Sessions", and "Session Info". A search bar is present with the text "Enter bill name you wish to navigate to." and a list of bills from AB1 to AB8. The main content area is for bill "AB1", showing tabs for "Overview", "Text", "Amendments", "Votes", "Fiscal Notes", "Meetings", and "Exhibits". The "Overview" tab is active, displaying a "Summary" that states "Voids certain regulations relating to the development and disposal of land in the Fort Mohave Valley. (BDR S-299)", an "Introduction Date" of "Friday, September 27, 2024", and "Fiscal Notes" indicating "Effect on Local Government: No." and "Effect on the State: No.". The "Primary Sponsor" is listed as "Assembly Committee on Government Affairs".

- Once in the bill information section you can read the text and the summary of the bill. To submit your opinion select "Overview", scroll to the bottom of the page where you will see "Public Opinions", select "Submit Opinion" and enter your address information. Select whether you are "in support" of or "in opposition" to the bill and state your reasons. Once you have entered an opinion if you want to find out the status of bill feedback you can "View Public Opinion" which will show you how many opinions have been submitted and what percentage are in support or in opposition. You can also select "Opinions" in the upper right corner of the page to enter an opinion.

The screenshot shows the "Bill History" section with a table of actions and a "Public Opinions" section below it. The "Bill History" table has columns for "Date", "Action", and "Journal".

Date	Action	Journal
Nov 16, 2022	Prefiled. Referred to Committee on Revenue. To printer.	
Dec 01, 2022	From printer.	
Feb 06, 2023	Read first time. To committee.	Assembly: Journal Senate: Not discussed
Feb 21, 2023	Notice of eligibility for exemption.	Assembly: Journal Senate: Not discussed

Below the table is the "Public Opinions" section with a link: "Submit Opinion or View Opinion Stats For AB1".



USING THE NEVADA ELECTRONIC LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM (NELIS)

Submit Your Opinion on Bill AB1

Your Position: **Select Position** ▾

First Name* Last Name*

You must provide your valid Nevada street address so that we can identify your legislative district and representative

Address*

City* State Zip Code*

Phone Email*

Comments (limited to 2000 characters)

- 8. You can submit your opinion or view current "Public Opinion". For AB1 there are (at this time) 3 people who have submitted an opinion. Nobody currently supports this bill, 33% currently oppose this bill, and 66% are Neutral. Please note: EVERY OPINION COUNTS!

Opinions for AB1 - Voids certain regulations relating to the development and disposal of land in the Fort Mohave Valley. (BDR S-299).

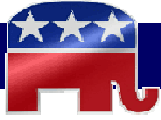
Submit Your Opinion **Public Opinions**

Support Oppose Neutral

Date	Posi...	Comments
01/08/2025	Neutral	
02/13/2025	Against	NO TO AB 101
02/19/2025	Neutral	

1 of 1 pages (3 items)

See the column on Page 6 on Nevada Legislative Bill List and Recommendations. There are 20 bills for you to submit your opinion to our legislators!



Membership

We are still renewing members for 2025! Please let us know if you are unable to continue your membership or renew your membership at your earliest convenience. For those members who have “retired” to Reno, we appreciate your continued “Associate” membership in our club as you participate in the Reno Republican Women’s club or the Mt. Rose Republican Women’s club.

You can go to 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 link. 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 do not have to complete a new application.

New Members!

Welcome to our new members for 2025 - Cornelia (Ninni) Vohrzek, Debra Smith Castello, Audrey Maclean Clair, Gianna Jacks and Barbara Van Husen. If we have missed your name please let us know!

Membership Birthdays – Happy Birthday!

Please let us know if we don’t have your birthday in our records. Thank you!!

To our Club Members!

NEVADA NEEDS YOU! Legislative Bill List and Recommendations

If you are looking for an “EASY” way to help change our laws in Nevada, this is it! Please submit your opinion through NELIS to your legislators. If you want more information on a bill you can go to NELIS and review the text of the bill, or feel free to call me at (650) 255-1435.



These are current bills and the recommended positions from the Washoe County GOP, the Nevada Families Organization, Senator Lisa Krasner or Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony. Below you have the bill number, the recommended position, and a brief description of the bill.

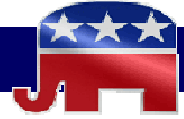
You can visit the Washoe County Republican Party Legislation web page at: <https://www.washoegop.org/legislature/> and refresh your Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS) skills. You can easily submit your “opinion” without having to email or call Legislators, Make sure you are submitting opinions for the 83rd Legislative Session (2025).

SB5 – VOTE YES: Removes the expiration (6/30/25) from the “Small Business Advocacy” group which assists small businesses. Provides lasting support to small businesses in Nevada.

SB6 – VOTE NO: Expansion of the cloud seeding program in NV, we need to restrict weather modification for questionably toxic programs.

SB 55 – VOTE YES: Enables the Commission on Tourism to develop a grant program to award grants to businesses that wish to engage in agritourism. NV is one of the states that does not

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Legislative Bill List and Recommendations

have this function established. Increases business opportunities for Agricultural business.

SB75 - VOTE NO: Allows the Secretary of State to raise the State Business License fee without the Constitutional 2/3rds vote requirement. Also allows the SOS to accept filings in a language other than in English. Provides more power to the SOS.

SB89 - VOTE NO: Defines penalties for using a gun when committing or attempting to commit a hate crime but does not define a hate crime. You could have your second amendment rights eliminated for a discretionary "hate" crime.

SB95 - VOTE YES: Military/ National Guard – Gives military personnel choice of a Court Martial or private hearing.

SB96 - VOTE YES: Designate January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day (for remembrance of Holocaust and genocide victims).

SB100 - VOTE NO: Weaponizes the Secretary of State against public officials and other people who conduct elections. It steals authority from city councils and commissioners and gives power to the Secretary of State and the Attorney General.

SB103 - VOTE YES: Election Integrity. Provides deadline restrictions for returning mail-in ballots. Ballots for early voting must be postmarked before the last day of early voting, ballots for election day must be received before the closing of the polls.

SB109 - VOTE YES: This bill adds a limit to the number of legislative measures (bills) that can be sent to the Legislative Counsel by each house during a legislative session. Limits "fluff".

SB110 - VOTE YES: Strengthens the law regarding Sex Trafficking of Children by adding to the penalties for persons convicted for crimes against children.

AB20 - VOTE NO: Allows the DMV to add your personal health conditions to your driver's license and include them in the DMV database. An invasion of privacy.

AB 53 - VOTE YES: Requires children to spend a minimum of 20 minutes outdoors in recreational activity during the school day (e.g. recess) unless an exemption for illness or disability is provided.

AB64 - VOTE YES: Current open meeting law applies to all public bodies EXCEPT the Legislature and requires that each speaker be allowed to provide 3 minutes of public comment. We want this requirement to apply to the Legislature as well!

AB105 - VOTE NO: RESTRICTS firearms within 100 feet of an election site (even a grocery store). This bill restricts 2nd amendment rights.

AB140 - VOTE NO: Makes the renewal for Nevada Drivers Authorization Cards for illegal Aliens (4 years) the same as for American Citizens (8 years). We do not want to provide the same provisions to illegal immigrants as for citizens for renewal of driver's cards.

AB156 - VOTE NO: Increases Clark County School Board Salaries to equal county commission salaries (an increase of over 500%!). This is a service position, why increase to this level when teachers are the ones who need additional compensation?

AB240 AND SB112 - VOTE YES: Prohibits athletes from engaging in sports competition designated for the opposite sex. No men in girls' sports!

AB245 - VOTE NO: Prohibits certain firearms for a person less than 21 years of age, although these persons can vote and join the military to protect and die for their country.

AJR6 - VOTE NO: The Social Security Fairness Act was passed January 5, 2025 (signed by Biden), which benefited more than 2 million government employees. It was retroactive to December 2023. AJR6 makes the act retroactive to Dec. 2013, providing an increase of monthly benefits of \$700 - \$1,190 and is estimated to cost \$196 billion between 2024 and 2034.

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AJR6* (NOTE THE ASTERISK!) – VOTE NO: Allows elections to be determined by the “Popular Vote”.

SJR1 – VOTE YES: Enables the surviving spouse of a veteran to receive military retirement pay after the veteran’s death.

SJR3 – VOTE NO: Urges the Congress to call a Convention of States to propose amendments to the US Constitution.

SJR7* (NOTE THE ASTERISK!) – VOTE NO: This bill expands abortion rights “without limitation”.

Regards,

Nancy Carlson

Love for others -- In the early 1680s, William Penn made a treaty of friendship with a Native American chieftain named Tamanend.



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

After a fairly dry January, February has given us some snow.

snow for President’s Week also brought our area holiday skiing and tourists. I sadly noticed that we had two head on crashes on Mt. Rose Highway this past week that killed several people.



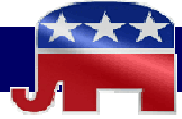
It looks like we will have a nice warm end to February and first week of March. So get out and enjoy it! There are going to be several outdoors events here in town.

ivcbcommunityforum@gmail.com

The full recap is usually on the internet by the Saturday or Sunday after the meeting.

Our Conversation Café this past week was full of lively conversation about the many things that President Trump has done in his first month in office.

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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 at the Aspen Grove meeting room.

I hope to have a more informative newsletter next month, but I may be out of town towards the middle of March, so I may not have Community Corner next month.

Come and join us for our meeting on March 11th to get more education on our Legislative session in Carson City. **Our guest speaker will be Randi Thompson.**

Shirley Appel



Stephen Miller Uses Sock Puppets to Explain Constitution to White House Press Corps

WASHINGTON, D.C. — After some confusion among the White House press corps over how the executive branch operates, White House Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Stephen Miller helpfully stepped in with a pair of sock puppets to explain how the Constitution works.

“Let’s all use our listening ears, class,” began Stephen Miller as he gestured with a sock puppet. “I’m glad for the opportunity for a brief civics lesson with you and to help you all understand at your level, I’ve brought in Constitutional Connor and Silly Socko.”

“Zoinks! I just lost my job at the Social Security Administration and that makes me really sad... and MAD,” began puppet Silly Socko on the verge of puppet tears. “And it’s all because of ELON MUSK, who wasn’t even ELECTED!”

“There, there, Silly Socko,” piped in a cheery, empathetic Constitutional Connor. “A president is elected by the whole American people. He’s the only official in the entire government who is elected by the entire nation. Right?”

“Yeah, you must know all about that since you are Constitutional Connor!”

“It’s all in the name, Socko! So the Constitution, Article Two, has a clause, known as the Vesting Clause, and it says, ‘The executive power shall be vested in a PRESIDENT’. Singular. The whole will of DEMOCRACY is imbued into the one elected PRESIDENT, who is now Donald Trump. That president then appoints STAFF — like Elon Musk — to then impose that democratic will onto the government.”

“Yeah, that makes sense, I guess. But I’m still really mad at Elon MUSK! AAAAHHHHHHHHHH!” screamed Silly Socko.

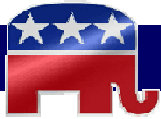
“Thanks, for clearing that up, Constitutional Connor,” chimed in the real Stephen Miller to wrap things up. “And cheer up, Silly Socko, you can get just as good a job in some new and different line of work where you can actually be productive in society!”

“Ah, shucks!” replied Silly Socko.

“That’s all for me today; that’s your lesson for today,” said Stephen Miller as he gave the podium back to the White House press secretary.

At publishing time, Stephen Miller had received an offer to head up a children’s educational program on One America News Network.

From our friends at The Babylon Bee, February 25, 2025



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

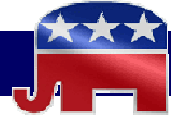
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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

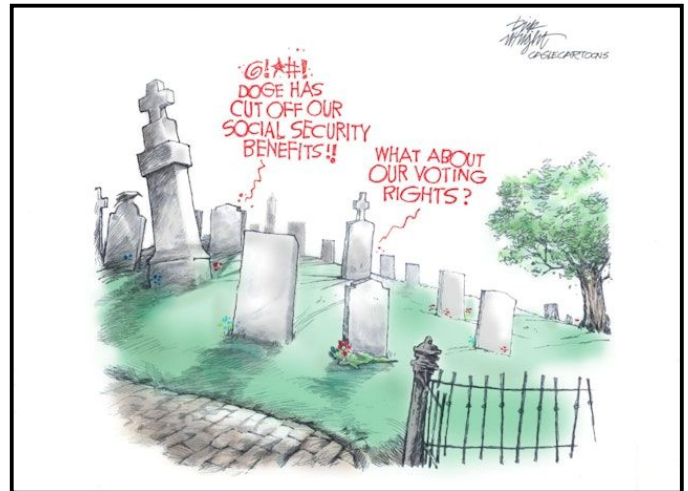


Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women Vision and Mission Statement

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.



MARCH 2025 Member Birthdays



John Congistre	7 March
Ruth Jensen	7 March
Elizabeth (Liz) O'Brien	9 March
Kathryn Kelly	10 March
Vicky Collison	13 March
Cynthia (Candy) Perine	13 March
Pamela Ruth Yamahata	16 March
Jan Brown Jones	18 March
Judith Rodda	23 March



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