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*The Incline Village-Crystal Bay
Republican Women
invite you to celebrate...*



OUR 60th ANNIVERSARY!

Honoring Founder and First President,
★ **JOYCE ANDERSON BOCK** ★

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS:

Congressman Mark Amodei
*Joe Weaver, Governor Lombardo's
2026 Campaign Manager*

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

At the Chateau | 955 Fairway Boulevard, Incline Village
Cocktail Hour 5 pm followed by Dinner

Reservations/Payment MUST be received by August 5

\$75 per person

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Purchase tickets on our website: <https://ivcbrw.org/>. Click on "Pay."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While I am enjoying our unseasonable reasonable weather, I am mindful of all the many things going on in the next couple of months as well as what we have already accomplished this summer. We received much great feedback from our participation in the July 4th festivities. Our float in the parade was well received. The theme of the parade was "Local Heroes." Those of us who rode on our float sang "God Bless America." Some of the people in the crowds watching joined in as we passed by. Thank you, Kay Lehr, for leading us in song. I know I had a wonderful time decorating the float and singing on it the next day. Thank you to the volunteers who marched with the banner, those who decorated the float, and sang the entire length of the parade. The ladies who manned the Community Fair Booth had a fun time and did splendid work. They had things well in hand. Every time I went by the booth there was a buzz around it. All our informational brochures and membership flyers walked away with the visitors as well as the bracelet giveaways. We sold out of the waters and the boutique made almost \$400 in donations. (Did it have anything to do with the fact we had the only booth selling patriotic attire and jewelry? Hmm.)

Thanks to all the ladies who made this booth a success. I would name names, but I am sure I would forget someone so know you have my thanks, as well as the thanks of all our members.

Our garage sale was Saturday, July 26th.

It was a huge success! The IVCBRW grossed over \$1,824 for our Scholarship fund. Thanks to all the friends, neighbors and members who donated items for sale. Particular thanks to the volunteers who showed up the day before to place and price items for sale and then showed up the next day to work as volunteers during the sale — Ramona Bigelow, Connie Skidmore, Donna Kwachak, JoanEllen Slocumb, Susan Calfa, Patricia Moser Morris and Celine Nugent. We cannot give enough thanks to our hostess, Cretia Eyster and her husband Joe. They opened their garage, driveway and home to us, prepped for the event and did most of the cleanup after the sale. Thank you so much!

August 12th the Incline Village/Crystal Bay Republican Women will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary at The Chateau. Cocktail hour begins at 5 pm with dinner to follow. **We will be honoring our Founder and First President, Joyce Anderson Bock, who will be in attendance. U.S. Representative Mark Amodei will be speaking as**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

will Joe Weaver, Governor Joe Lombardo's 2026 Campaign Manager. We also have several other guests slated. Make sure to make your reservations early. I have already made reservations for my spouse and I, so do not get left out. Do it now!! Our First Vice President Patricia Moser Morris and her Program Committee have put quite bit of effort into making this event special.

Coming up in September we have our Annual Fashion Show featuring the styles of Retail Therapy in Reno. First Vice Co-President Shirley Appel and her Fashion Show Sub-committee are hard at work to make this event a success. Our club Secretary, Cretia Eyster, is putting together our Silent Auction which is sure to secure funds for the Scholarship Fund. This is one luncheon I like to bring a guest to and this year is no exception.

On another note, our own Shirley Appel was hospitalized and underwent surgery for a hip replacement. Just imagine, the arthritis Shirley thought she had was a broken hip she had been walking on for months! Good news! Shirley received a proper diagnosis, underwent surgery and is already home and receiving physical therapy and walking on her new hip. Our prayers follow Shirley as she recuperates.

Your Lady in Red,

Suzi Cornell

May the father of all mercies scatter light, and not darkness, upon our paths, and make us in all our several vocations useful here, and in His own due time and way everlastingly happy.
 – George Washington, Letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, August 17, 1790.



We had a great parade on July 4th!





Our special guest speakers will be our Congressman Mark Amodei and Governor Joe Lombardo's 2026 Campaign Manager Joe Weaver, representing the governor. Other VIPs will also attend, among them State Senator Lisa Krasner, State Assemblyman Rich DeLong and Regent Carol Del Carlo of the Nevada System of Higher Education. Both Senator Krasner and Regent Del Carlo are long-time members of our club.

**ABOUT OUR SPEAKER,
MARK AMODEI**



Congressman Mark Amodei was born in Carson City, the son of Joy LaRhe and Donald Mark Amodei. His father was of Italian and Irish descent and his maternal great-grandfather was Italian. He graduated from Carson High School in 1976 where he was student class president. Mark Amodei

graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1980 with a B.A. in political science, and received his law degree from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in 1983.

Mark Amodei entered the U.S. Army before passing the Bar Exam and so was assigned to an artillery unit. He attended The JAG School at the University of Virginia and entered the U.S. Army Corps JAG Corps after passing the Bar. He became an Army JAG Corp officer prosecuting criminal matters, an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Assistant Post Judge Advocate. Mark Amodei was awarded the Army Achievement Metal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. He served with the United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps from 1983 to 1987.

After he returned home he became an attorney with several law firms (1987 to 2007.) He has been a sole practitioner since 2009.

Mark Amodei has served as the U.S. Representative for Nevada's 2nd Congressional District since 2011. He previously served in the Nevada Assembly (1997 -1999) and in the Nevada Senate (1999-2011).

Congressman Amodei chaired the Nevada Republican Party from 2010 until 2011 before winning a Special Election to the 112th Congress on September 13, 2011.

He lives in Carson City and has two daughters, Ryanne and Erin.

**ABOUT OUR SPEAKER,
JOE WEAVER**



Joe Weaver will give an update on the 2025 legislature from the Governor's standpoint and tell us how people can get involved in the governor's re-election efforts.

Joe is a Carson City native and graduate of Carson High School. He

began his political career in 2012 as an intern for Senator Dean Heller, later joining Donald Trump's 2016 campaign in Reno. In 2017, Joe moved to Michigan to support John James' first U.S. Senate run, then returned to Nevada in 2019 to lead Trump's re-election efforts. In 2022, he served as State Director for the Republican National Committee, helping elect Governor Joe Lombardo, Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony, and Controller Andy Matthews, making Nevada the only state to flip a statewide seat from Democrat to Republican. In 2024, Joe was Political Director for Team Lombardo, helping protect the Governor's veto power. He now transitions to Campaign Manager for Governor Lombardo's re-election campaign.



Membership Corner



Bring a guest to meet our wonderful group of women! Now would be a great time to introduce a new member since we are celebrating our 60th Anniversary!

LUNCHEON/EVENTS DATES

AUGUST 12 – 60th Anniversary Dinner Event

SEPTEMBER 17 – Fashion Show

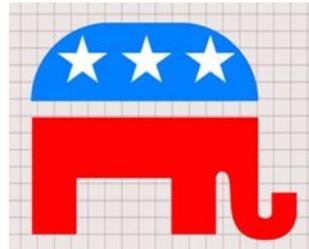
Happy August!

New member name badges will be ordered this month as part of the membership fee. If you have lost your name badge, and would like to purchase a replacement, please send an email to Mary Jane Swenson (hnswnson@comcast.net) with your name exactly as you would like it to be printed. Also, please send a check for \$12.95 payable to IVCBRW, PO Box 3009, Incline Village, NV, 89450.

This month we are celebrating the founding of our club 60 years ago!! You won't want to miss this exciting time! **This event requires reservations and payment earlier than our usual events which means RESERVATIONS must be received by August 5th!**

You can register and pay on the website <https://ivcbrw.org/> and click "Pay" or mail a check to IVCBRW, PO Box 3009, Incline Village, NV, 89450.

Mary Jane Swenson



The Republican Party Logo

The Republican Party logo is the ever-evolving political image used to represent the Republican Party in the USA. The Republican logo as we know it today is an evolution of the first Republican Party symbol, which appeared when Abraham Lincoln became the first member of the Party elected to the White House.

During this time, an image of an elephant was featured as a symbol in a few illustrations and political cartoons during the Civil War. According to historians, the phrase "seeing the elephant" was an expression used to mean experiencing the combat of war. This emblem didn't fully take hold for the Republicans until 1874 when it appeared in an edition of the "Harper's Weekly" paper. The design came from Thomas Nast, a political cartoonist. The elephant was designed as part of a series of events involving the two most popular magazines in New York, the Harper's Weekly and Herald.

The Herald had once run a story about zoo animals roaming around New York's Central Park. Thomas Nast drew a cartoon with a donkey wearing a lion's skin, chasing animals away. The cartoon was a metaphor about the President Ulysses S. Grant, who was running for his third term of presidency. The cartoon also included a panicked-looking elephant, wearing a label which said, "Republican Vote." Since then, the elephant has become the Republican Party's main symbol.

From 1874 to 2000

The Republican Party logo remained almost exactly the same for over 100 years, between 1874 to the year 2000. This image featured an elephant in red, with a curved blue semi-circle situated above it. The blue shape had three white stars inside of it.



MEMBER COMMENTARY

Recollections from an Elder Member of IVCBRW

By Susan A. Schnetz

To all our younger members, it's time to share what it was like when I was a child. I was born in April of 1941. A few months later our country experienced the attack on Pearl Harbor, setting the stage for World War II.

Most don't know that World War II was the largest human effort in history. Victory only came at huge human cost. Averages of 220 were killed daily. Many went into combat with very little experience or training for the potentially fatal jobs they were doing. Of Jimmy Doolittle's 15 pilots on the April 1942 Tokyo raid, only five had more than a year of command pilot training. All but one of the 16 copilots was less than a year out of flight school. Industrial production shifted from consumer to military goods. From 1941 through 1945, American industry delivered more than 276,000 military aircraft, and sadly between 1942-1943, thousands were lost in the war.

Many families grew food in small Victory Gardens.



Some children took a dime a week to school to buy Victory Stamps that could be redeemed for \$25 US Savings Bonds when a booklet was filled with \$18.25 worth of stamps. Our parents lived with a monthly ration book of stamps for gasoline, tires, shoes, sugar, meat and more.

My father and mother often sat around the radio at night listening to reports from war correspondent reporters in Europe. Reporters like Edward R. Murrow reported from London. U.S.-based newsman Walter Winchell was a favorite for my family and every night you might hear: "Good evening, Mr. and Mrs. America and all the ships at sea. Let's go to press."

My brother was 4 at the time of the war and when it ended he was 8 years old. When the War began I was seven months old,

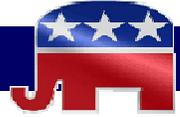


and when the war ended I was only 4 years old. Most of what I've written in this recollection was told to me, but I do remember my mom and dad jumping up and down with joy in front of our console radio, the good news blaring, "The war is over!" I tugged on my mother's dress and asked, "Momma, what's a war?"

We've had many battles since then and even now, we are battling for the sovereignty of our nation. We are led by a very courageous man, Donald Trump, who was president in 2016 and again is our leader in 2024. We must realize just how close we came to losing our country to left-wing radicals, elected and some unelected bureaucrats of the "Deep State" who merely hold a government position, plus the harassment of biased rogue judges. President Trump has survived two known assassination attempts and from the Intelligence Community reports, protective measures for the president remain at high alert.

We have a battle to win ahead of us – the mid-term elections – and we must not let our guard down now. Let's remember President Reagan's advice: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

"Socialism only works in two places: Heaven where they don't need it and hell where they already have it." — Ronald Reagan



Remembering Late-Night TV: Not Like It Used to Be

By Cal Thomas

Stephen Colbert's "Late Show" has been canceled by CBS. Critics of the decision are claiming politics is the reason. During its 10-year run it has been a conduit for Democrats to attack President Trump and Republicans. While Colbert's show was the top-rated broadcast late show (2.8 million viewers, but Greg Gutfeld averages 3.289 million on Fox), it had few advertisers, a staff of 100 and Colbert was reportedly paid \$20 million annually. There are rumors within the entertainment industry that Jimmy Kimmel's late-night show on ABC may also be headed for the door. Nothing heard yet about the future of Jimmy Fallon and the "Tonight Show."

People of a certain age will recall the name Steve Allen, who invented the "Tonight Show" format on NBC. Steve was pure entertainment. He was followed by Jack Paar, who brought an intellectual depth to the show, along with his unique brand of humor. Johnny Carson and Jay Leno followed, avoiding partisan politics.

In a 1979 interview with Mike Wallace of "60 Minutes," Carson was asked why he didn't do politics on the show. He replied: "Tell me the last time Jack Benny, Red Skelton, any comedian used his show to do serious issues." He said serious issues are "a danger" for a comedian. "Once you start that, you start to get that self-important feeling that what you say has great import ... you could use that show as a forum to sway people and I don't think you should as an entertainer."

That attitude is what kept Carson on NBC for nearly 30 years. He was beloved by Democrats and Republicans. While he occasionally had politicians as guests (Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon were among the highest profile Republicans, while Bill Clinton and then-California Governor Jerry Brown were among the best-known Democrats), Carson let



the politicians make their political points while he kept to the middle of the road.

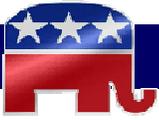
I used to stay up late watching the

monologues and some of the interviews, beginning with Allen and ending with Leno. It's not worth it anymore, unless you are a liberal and want reinforcement of views you already hold. It's the same with many of the award shows and why ratings for the Oscars and Emmys have fallen. After a long day that usually includes exposure to politics in conversations, or on cable TV, I suspect many people are hungry for entertainment.

Despite overwhelming evidence that people are tired of politics replacing comedy, the left is determined to keep force-feeding us the same political gruel. This includes speeches from award winners, lecturing viewers about how they hate President Trump, and Republicans, as they did Republican presidents before him. They are now suffering the consequences of their misguided decision.

On the day CBS announced cancellation of his show and the vacating of his time slot, Colbert denounced the network. He had been critical of CBS before when network owner Paramount agreed to a \$16 million settlement with President Trump over a Bill Whitaker "60 Minutes" interview with Vice President Kamala Harris before the election. Trump had claimed the interview was heavily and deceptively edited to make her sound better. Colbert's denunciations of his employer violated another truth: Don't bite the hand that feeds you.

Source: Article was shortened for inclusion in The Elephant's Tale. <https://patriotpost.us/opinion/119252-late-night-tv-not-like-it-used-to-be-2025-07-22>



AMERICANISM



Sixty years ago, Joyce Anderson Bock and the late Joy Plunkett attended a National Federation of Republican Women Convention in Washington, D.C. One of the featured speakers was the late Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois. Both women were inspired by his remarks and the 1964 presidential candidate, Barry Goldwater. With ten like-minded women including Barbara Jensen, the sole remaining member along with Joyce Anderson Bock, the Incline Village/Crystal Bay Republican Women were chartered on June 14, 1965.

However, the story of Republican women's clubs begins many years before women even had the right to vote! Inspired by the Republican Platform of 1872, which said: "The Republican Party is mindful of its obligation to the loyal women of America for their noble devotion to the cause of Freedom ...," Republican women's clubs were off and running. In fact, the oldest such club on record was founded in Salt Lake City in the late 1800s.

States in which Republican women's clubs were organized on a "statewide" basis sent delegates and alternates to that meeting with a request to affiliate with such an organization. To be considered "statewide" at that time, a state or local club had to

have members in 60 percent of the counties of that state. Later this rule was changed to cover either 50 percent of the counties or 75 percent of the state's congressional districts.

The delegates adopted rules governing the establishment of a National Federation of Republican Women's Clubs, with the following purposes: ". . . to foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party and the ideals for which it stands - to promote education along political lines - to encourage closer cooperation between independent groups and the regular party organization, which are working for the same objectives, namely sound government - to promote an interchange of ideas and experiences of various clubs to the end that the policies which have proven particularly effective in one state may be adopted in another - and to encourage a national attitude and national approach to the problems facing the Republican Party."

CARTOONS have always been a way to express political discourse!



This cartoon "A Boxing Match, or Another Bloody Nose for John Bull by Charles Williams, 1813 (Philadelphia, PA) depicting the War of 1812, shows American president James Madison punching King George III in the face. Madison is referred to as "Brother Jonathan," the male personification of the United States in the early nineteenth century. "John Bull" is the male personification of Britain.



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

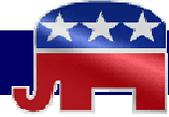
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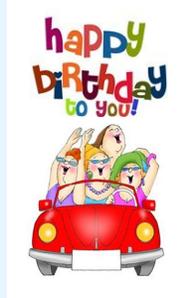
Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women Vision and Mission Statement

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.

August 2025 Member Birthdays



Claire Berg	1 August
Katie Cohn	25 August
Celine Nugent	25 August
Kathleen Doyle	26 August
Jill Minkle	26 August
Pamela Black	27 August
Cheryl Anderson	28 August
Gail Arnold-Kowallis	28 August
Susan Calfa	30 August



Although we picture the Founding Fathers as old men, many were quite young. By July 4th, 1776, Aaron Burr was 20, Alexander Hamilton 21, James Madison 25, John Jay 29 and Thomas Jefferson 33.



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