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**COMING SOON! A SPECIAL EDITION
MEMORIALIZING OUR 60th ANNIVERSARY!**

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Republican Women's Club presents . . .*



“Fashion Forward: Funding Futures” FASHION SHOW ~ SILENT AUCTION ~ LUNCHEON

Proceeds support scholarships

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

11:30 am at The Chateau | 955 Fairway Boulevard | Incline Village



Please join us to support our scholarship funding for local high school students. Gorgeous Fashions from *Retail Therapy* in the Summit Mall – *Silent Auction* – fabulous items!



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**RSVP/PAYMENT of \$75 must be received by
SEPTEMBER 11 at 12:00 NOON**

Email Mary Jane Swenson at hswenson@comcast.net
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



If you missed The Incline Village/Crystal Bay Republican's Women's 60th Anniversary Celebration honoring our **Founder and First President, Joyce Anderson Bock**, you certainly missed something memorable. Imagine it! For 60 years we have organized, informed, and engaged citizens of our state in our republic.

Joyce spoke of the early days of our organization and our community here at the Lake Tahoe. Most memorable and poignant was the presentation by our Congressman Mark Amodei of a commemorative silver coin to Joyce for her leadership and dedication to the Grand Old Party and its principles. We thank First Vice President, Patricia Moser Morris, and the members of the 60th Anniversary Celebration subcommittee for their careful and thorough planning of this event.

On Wednesday, September 17th we have our ANNUAL FASHION SHOW, "Fashion Forward: Funding Futures," benefitting our scholarship awards. The fun begins with a silent auction, followed by lunch with fashions provided by *Retail Therapy* in Reno. The fun begins at 11:30 a.m. at The Chateau. Please make note of the special date when making your reservation on the website. This is always a popular event, so make reservations early.

Still thinking ahead, have you ever thought of running for an office in our organization? Maybe you thought, "Well, I have never been asked." We are asking now. The Nominating Committee is meeting to discuss and suggest a slate for our elections in October. If you would like to be an officer in our organization, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee:

- Shirley Appel, 818-266-4402**
- Kathi Congistre, 408-483-6028**
- Joanellen Slocumb, 775-722-8502**

Trudi Adam, 611-742-0750 or Kay Lehr, 916-203-4319

Nominees will be announced in our October newsletter and voted on at the October meeting.

October also opens our annual membership drive. All members and associate members, may renew their membership online. Help yourself and our Second Vice President Mary Jane Swenson by renewing on time. Membership runs from January through December, so renewing early will ensure there is no lapse due to delayed mailing or a need for reminder calls.

Your Lady in Red,

Suzi Cornell

Thanks again to you, our members, the Garage Sale on Saturday, July 26th was a huge success! The ICBRW grossed over \$1,824 for our Scholarship fund!





Fashion Show Presentation by Heather Brunckhurst of Retail Therapy

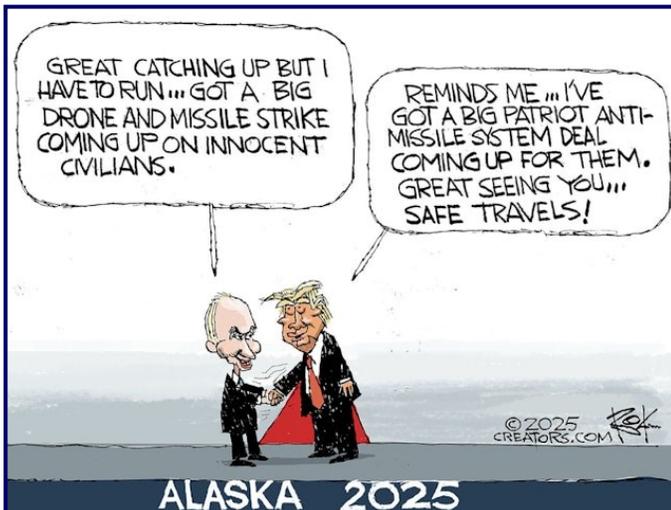


Owner Heather Brunckhurst of Retail Therapy specializes in everyday travel-friendly lifestyle clothing for women. Heather is all about fashion and goes to many fashion

exhibitions and keeps up with the latest styles and trends. Her fabulous fashions are not only quality, but affordable. Heather will be presenting beautiful clothing and accessories modeled by our members on September 17th. Don't miss the fun!

Retail Therapy is a local Reno boutique, selling women's clothing, accessories, and gifts. The shop is located in The Summit Mall next to Soma.

13925 S Virginia St #230, Reno, NV
(775) 447-4835



Membership Corner



Bring a guest to meet our wonderful group of women! Potential new members are always welcome.

Happy September!

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 - hnsvenson@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, P.O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450.

We have an upcoming special event:

Fashion Show and Silent Auction to benefit our scholarship fund!! This event requires reservations and payment earlier than our usual events.

RESERVATIONS must be received by September 11th at 12 noon. Get your tickets early! Tickets will not be sold at the door.

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

Hope to see you on September 17th!

Mary Jane Swenson



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

It's hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another summer in Incline Village. The kids are back in school and most of our community events are coming to a close. The tourists will be gone and the colder season will be upon us soon.

I guess I should let you know about some of the things that have and will be going on in our neck of the woods . . .

Road construction will be paving Hwy 28 on September 10-11th, so if at all possible for those two days, avoid traveling on Hwy 50 to Carson City.

For those of you still skiing, remember to buy your season pass to Diamond Peak before October, as the prices will go up at that time.

We are going to have a new North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District public information officer beginning in September. Tia, who has been in that position for 29 years, is retiring at the end of August. The new public information officer is going to be Andrina Quirez. She has been a long-time resident of Incline Village and went to school here.

The Fire Protection District is still conducting defensible space inspections and chipping requests. These requests can be made online or at the Administration Office at the Fire Department via their Kiosk. So far they have completed 992 defensible space inspections. They also want you to know that the NLTFPD received a \$700,000 grant from the David and Cheryl Duffield Foundation. It will be used for emergency system upgrades.

On another note, the name of the Parasol Building had been changed to the Tahoe Community Foundation.

Please remember that school is now back in session and the Sheriff's Department is reminding everyone to slow down and watch for children in the school

zones. Also, the Washoe County Sheriff's Department will be having their annual Community Picnic September 27th from 10 am to 2 pm. One more thing from the Sherriff's Department – there's been a number of e-bikes stolen here in Incline. So lock them up and keep documentation so if it does get stolen, you have a better opportunity of recovering it. Another question to the Sheriff's Department is, if you have unused prescription drugs, where can you dispose of them? You can take them to the substation, and they will dispose of them for you.

As a reminder, there are two more Music-at-the-Beach events on Friday nights.

With luck, I will be able to write this column again next month covering our local September-October events. I'm sorry I wasn't able to write one for the August newsletter as I had a hip replacement in the middle of July. I am much better now and on the mend.

Shirley Appel

Legislative Corner – Your Federal Representatives

White House Switchboard (202) 456-1414
Comment Line (202) 456-1111
Capital Switchboard, Senate and
& House (202) 224-3121

Senate

Jacky Rosen (D)
Washington DC (202) 224-6244
Las Vegas (702) 388-0205
Catherine Cortez-Masto (D)
Washington DC (202) 224-3542
Las Vegas (702) 388-5020

House of Representatives

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



Silent auctions ARE a good way to engage members who donate and/or bid on items that raise funds for great projects! They are also more exciting than traditional live events, and less pressure on bidders and organizations. This year's setting for our IVCB Republican Women's Silent Auction will take place during our Fashion Show on September 17th. Our winning bidders will know they are donating to a good cause - our scholarship fund. Help us with your donations today! Thank you!

Annual Fashion Show & Silent Auction



September 17th is near! We need ALL to participate to make our annual scholarship event a success!

Suggested Items for Silent Auction:

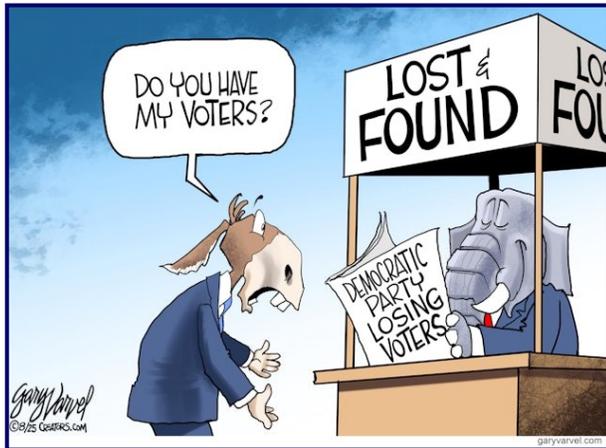
- ◆ Gift Certificates, the MORE the BETTER!!
- ◆ Experiences – home stays, cruises on the Lake, Wine Country B&Bs
- ◆ Jewelry, designer handbags, accessories
- ◆ Home décor items – antiques, holiday décor
- ◆ Gift baskets – wine, gourmet goods, pet or beauty items
- ◆ Books and games
- ◆ Sports, garden or beach items – beach cart, umbrellas, new tools, bikes

If you have ADDITIONAL ideas or something you might like to donate, please contact Cretia Eyster by **SEPTEMBER 8th** to arrange drop off. I will be out of town until August 29th, so please leave me a message or send email to:



••• cretiaeyster@earthlink.net or call 415-515-1883 •••

THANK YOU, WONDERFUL MEMBERS!



Migrating from Blue to Red States

By Cal Thomas

During the high inflation days of the Biden administration, many of the less than well-off were forced to cut back on their spending, whether it was food, gasoline or in some cases medication. Some migrated from blue states to red ones where often taxes, housing and prices were lower.

Blue state Democrats are reacting to losing residents not by reducing taxes, but by raising them. Their philosophy seems to be that they are losing money so taxes must be raised to make up for the shortfall. The exact opposite should happen, but because Democrats are so wedded to “tax the wealthy” they can’t see any other way.

Democrat Maryland Governor Wes Moore, who followed his tax cutting predecessor Republican Larry Hogan, signed a bill in May which increases income taxes on residents making more than \$500,000 a year. Hogan’s administration touts that it cut state taxes by \$4.7 billion over his eight years in office, moving the state’s economy from 49th to 6th in the nation in economic performance. Hogan claimed to have left behind a \$5.5 billion surplus and \$3 billion in a rainy-day fund. It takes a genius – or a Democrat – to spend such a large surplus in so short a time. This is likely among the reasons Maryland is experiencing a net population outflow.

A Wall Street Journal editorial points out the

potential political fallout for Democrats from this modern great migration. Between 2020 and 2024 the losses from states that have raised taxes and have lousy schools are as follows: “California (-1,465,116), New York (-966,209) and Illinois (-418,056).”

Which states are benefiting from the influx of new people? Texas (747,730), and Florida (872,722). These two states “gained the equivalent of West Virginia. Utah, Idaho, Arizona and North Carolina also experienced a rush of newcomers.”

The political benefits to these lower taxing states will be seen in coming elections. The Journal predicts Democrats could lose as many as 10 house seats in 2030, the year of the next census. This would likely overcome the gerrymandering California and Illinois are fashioning as they draw districts to give Democrats an even larger advantage than they currently enjoy.

This is what can happen when politicians are more interested in gaining or maintaining power, ignoring the Constitution (and yes, Texas Republicans are doing the same but for different reasons).

For those who flunked or didn’t take civics in high school this is the way the process is supposed to work. Census data taken every 10 years in even decades determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. The House is currently fixed at 435 members, so states gaining population may gain seats while states with slower growth or declines may lose seats. This is the Democrats’ great fear and why some are trying to go outside the Constitution and the census to rig the system.

Following the census and apportionment, states redraw their congressional and state legislative district boundaries to reflect population shifts and ensure districts have roughly equal populations. Independent Redistricting Commissions, separate from state legislatures, are then responsible for drawing district boundaries, according to the Campaign Legal Center.

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Migrating from Blue to Red States

It doesn't take a political genius to realize that if people are taxed more on what they have earned, many, including businesses, will look for places that tax them less. This is what's happening in some blue states. Democrats who think raising taxes on the successful will benefit them in future elections, may be sowing seeds for future electoral defeats.

Source: <https://patriotpost.us/opinion/120185-migrating-from-blue-to-red-states-2025-08-21>



U.S. immigrant population declines for first time in nearly 60 years

The U.S.'s foreign-born population shrunk this year for the first time since the 1960s, new data released Thursday from the nonpartisan Pew Research Center found.

After rapidly growing for more than 50 years, the number of immigrants living in the U.S. reached a record high of 53.3 million in January 2025. The following months showed a decline of nearly 1.5 million, a likely mark of President Donald Trump's second-term immigration policies.

The new Pew study shows that more people are leaving the U.S. than are entering it, the first time this has happened in more than half a century.

The analysis also found that the number of noncitizens in the U.S. illegally reached a record high of 14 million in 2023, a trend which Trump routinely drew on while campaigning against his opponents in the 2024 presidential race, first former President Joe Biden and then former Vice President Kamala Harris.

A nationwide crackdown on immigration has been a central part of Trump's second-term policy agenda. He has signed 181 executive orders relating to immigration since returning to the White House in

January. The administration has implemented its immigration policies through mass deportations of noncitizens, incentivizing self deportations, heightened security at the U.S.'s southwestern border and by toughening up student visa requirements.

These policies were reflected in Pew's data, which found that the percent of the U.S. population made up of immigrants shrunk to 15.4% in June from 15.8% in January. Immigrants, both lawful and unlawful, make up a sizable portion of the U.S. workforce. Pew's report shows that the U.S. lost more than 750,000 workers since January with the percent of immigrants in the workforce declining from 20% to 19% in six months.

Some economists say the impact of a declining workforce on the U.S. economy is contingent on the scope of Trump's immigration policies during the latter half of his second term. If current trends continue, the U.S. may face economic challenges stemming from the significant decline in workers.

Source: https://www.thecentersquare.com/national/article_89321001-d049-4254-86da-7979dab3eb86.html, August 1, 2025.





Falling for Socialism

By Lika Kobeshavidze

Gen Z's rage should be against cronyism, not capitalism.

Across college campuses, on TikTok feeds, and in everyday conversations, a familiar narrative is gaining steam: capitalism is broken.

Rising rents and stagnant wages fuel the claim among some young people that free markets have failed an entire generation. According to a 2024 poll by the Institute of Economic Affairs, more than 60% of young Britons and young Americans view socialism favorably.

But much of this idealism is rooted in distance – many of the young people romanticizing socialism have never lived through the economic dysfunction or political repression. For those who experienced Soviet shortages, Venezuelan collapse, or East Germany's surveillance, the word socialism doesn't suggest fairness or opportunity – it suggests fear, failure, and control. There's a reason so many fled those systems to come to freer countries.

But blaming capitalism misses the mark. *The real culprit is cronyism*, the unholy alliance between big government and big business that twists markets, blocks competition, and rewards political connections over genuine innovation.

Capitalism, in its true form, is based on voluntary exchange. It rewards businesses that meet people's needs and wants, with consumers deciding what succeeds and what fails. Competition drives improvement, innovation, and lower prices. No one is forced to buy or sell anything; choice reigns.

Cronyism is a different beast altogether. In a crony system, businesses succeed not by serving customers but by lobbying politicians. Profits come through subsidies, bailouts, and regulations designed to crush competition.



Cronyism is not limited to one country or one political party. Across the United States and Europe, the symptoms are the same. In the US, Canada, and the UK, the dream of homeownership slips further away for young people. Sky-high housing prices are blamed on “market failure,” but the real cause lies in layers of government-imposed barriers: restrictive zoning laws, burdensome permitting requirements, and endless bureaucratic delays. There's also a persistent myth that big business fears government intervention. In reality, the largest corporations often embrace it, because it keeps them on top.

Gen Z values fairness, creativity, and freedom. The very principles cronyism undermines. When political influence matters more than merit, and when success depends on government favoritism instead of consumer satisfaction, opportunity shrinks and innovation slows. *But they are wrong when they think “socialism” would be a better option, not least because of the rampant cronyism that has existed in every socialist state.* The temptation to seek salvation through government power is not new. The Soviet Union began with a promise of equality and delivered oppression and scarcity, except for the party elites. Venezuela promised 21st-century socialism and delivered hunger, economic collapse, and political repression. Meanwhile, countries that embraced market freedom – even imperfectly – created unparalleled prosperity. Free markets have lifted billions out of poverty, and unleashed innovation that reshaped the modern world. While markets aren't flawless, they leave the door open for anyone to succeed, not just those born into privilege or connected to power.

Gen Z's frustration is real, and it deserves an outlet. But the answer is not to tear down capitalism; it's to tear down cronyism. A freer, fairer future depends on separating business from political power. It means ending corporate welfare, simplifying the rules of the game, and making sure that competition, not connections, decides who wins. The fight for fairness is worth waging.

Source: <https://fee.org/articles/falling-for-socialism/> Article has been edited/shortened for inclusion in *The Elephant's Tale*.



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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art or Graphic Art Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter at Meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Email |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Coordination | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |

MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK to the following address:

Membership Chairman
IV/CB Republican Women
P. O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450

Always more information for you at our website: ivcbrw.org



Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women Vision and Mission Statement

Vision: To support individual freedom and responsibility under the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence by making Nevada a Red state again and keeping it that way.

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

- Support the election of conservative Republican candidates.
- Educate club members and local voters.
- Communicate with local, state and federal legislative bodies to enact constitutional, conservative legislation.
- Collaborate with Nevada Republican Women's clubs to leverage best practices to improve club effectiveness.
- Promote Republican and conservative values through social media, print media, and community participation.
- Effect change in our schools to support conservative and constitutional values.
- Protect the integrity of local, state, and federal elections.



SEPTEMBER 2025 Member Birthdays

Mary Jane and Harry Swenson	Sept 9
Mabel Morse	Sept 10
Trudi Adam	Sept 10
Janet Pahl.....	Sept 15
Susan Parks	Sept 22
Kathi Congistre	Sept 29



A socialist is basically a communist who doesn't have the power to take everything from their citizens at gunpoint ... Yet!



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