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



“Conservative Values in the Military”
SCOTT BENSING
*President, SB Strategic Consulting, Inc.
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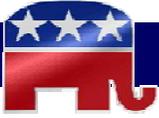
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
The Chateau | 955 Fairway Blvd | Incline Village | 11:30 am



Scott Bensing is a former Executive Director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee and Senate Leadership staff member. He brings 15 plus years of Capital Hill experience to SB Strategic Consulting. Scott came to Capital Hill as a naval officer working for the Secretary of the Navy. He served at sea during Operation Desert Shield/ Desert Storm and as an aide to the admiral commanding the NATO Standing Naval Force.

**RSVP/payment of \$35 must be received by
Thursday, November 6th at 12:00 noon**
Email Mary Jane Swenson at hnsvenson@comcast.net
Or purchase tickets at: <https://ivcbrw.org/> and click “pay.”

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or purchase tickets on our website: <https://ivcbrw.org/>. Click on “Pay.”
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



When our founders created the Constitution the President was the first place finisher on the ballot and the Vice President was the second. It was soon seen, however, that having the President and the Vice President from the same political party, was a necessity. Our second president, John Adams, did not get along with his vice president, Thomas Jefferson. They were from two opposing parties; Jefferson was an Antifederalist and Madison was a staunch Federalist. It is hard to pull the cart when the lead horses do not get along.

This same issue occurred in the 1800 election. In 1804 the 12th Amendment to the Constitution was passed. The president and vice president from the same political party would run together on the ticket.

While many states adopted this new model, Nevada did not. We still select our Governor and Lieutenant Governor individually on the ballot. This opens the possibility that the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor may not be from the same political party.

This last month we heard about Nevada's 83rd Legislative Session from Lieutenant Governor Stavros Anthony's perspective, and it was fascinating. Anthony's experiences and his insights in the lieutenant governor's role within our state government were eye-opening and educational.

At our October luncheon, we also selected our elected officers for 2026. I thank you for your confidence in me to serve another year as your president. Congratulations to our newly-elected officers for next year. In December they will be installed into their roles within our club.

Honoring our veterans this month, we will hear from Scott Bensing, who will discuss "Conservative Values in the Military." We will honor our veterans during this special meeting on Wednesday, November 12.

One last note: Our local Nevada Regents representative, Lorrie Waldman, has asked members to send her a quick email if you're a current member of the Regents. She wants to ensure the Nevada Federation of Republican Women have up-to-date records. Her email is: memoml@aol.com.



Your Lady in Red,

Suzi Cornell

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Newly-Elected Officers

- President – Suzi Cornell
- 1st Vice President – Joane Palmi
- 2nd Vice President – Shirley Appel
- Secretary – Cretia Eyster
- Treasurers – Susan Calfa and Trudi Adam
and our long-serving Parliamentarian,
Connie Skidmore



Approximately 80 members of Republican Women's clubs across Nevada attended the Nevada Federation of Republican Women's biannual convention in Las Vegas on October 24 and 25th. Thank you to Shirley Appel and Lori Waldman for representing the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women!

New Officers for 2026-2027

- Jennifer Tuggle, President
- Nancy Carlson, 1st Vice President
- Jenann Logan – 2nd Vice President
- Barb Hawn – Treasurer
- Sue Zarubin – Secretary
- Kathy Doyle – Northern Director
- Stephani Hashimura – Southern Director
- Janet Freixas – Nominating Committee Chair



**About our Speaker,
SCOTT BENSING**

Scott Bensing, will talk about “Conservative Values in the Military” at our luncheon Wednesday, November 12th.



Scott Bensing founded SB Strategic Consulting Inc. in 2009 and serves as its President. He has served on Capitol Hill as a senior staff member in the US House of Representatives, Chief of Staff for US Senator John Ensign, and Executive Director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

As a U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer, Scott served at sea during Operation Desert Shield/ Desert Storm and as the Flag Aide to Rear Admiral Don Dyer, Commander of the NATO Standing Naval Force Atlantic. Following his sea tours, he was assigned to the staff of the United States Secretary of the Navy as a congressional liaison officer.

Scott is heavily involved in community efforts throughout his home state of Nevada. He served as the Chairman of the Nevada Military Support Alliance, on the Board of Directors of the Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems, and as State Commissioner of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children. He has received the Patrick Henry Award for community service presented by the National Guard Association of the United States.

Scott Bensing currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Tahoe Transportation District, appointed by Governor Lombardo, and as a board member for the non-profit PTSDNOW!* and the Military Officers Association of America, Incline Village Chapter.

Scott holds a B.S. degree in Political Science from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and a Masters degree in Public Administration from The American University in Washington, D.C.

Scott lives in Incline Village, Nevada, with his wife, and they have four children.



***Chase Rauchle PTSD NOW!** is named after Craig Rauchle’s son. Chase Rauchle was a staff sergeant in the Army

National Guard who suffered from PTSD arising out of his tours of duty as a gunner in Afghanistan. After numerous failed attempts to receive help, Chase took his own life on September 9, 2019.

The Organization has found an inconsistent approach to preventing, identifying, and treating PTSD symptoms within our National Guard from state to state. Self-identification or discussion of PTSD symptoms is discouraged due to “the warrior mentality” of service personnel including among those within the chain of command. Even if symptoms are identified, the available resources are woefully inadequate to meet the needs of affected personnel.

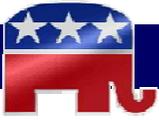
The overall objective of the Organization is to reduce the incidence of suicide among U.S. military personnel who suffer from PTSD. The Organization will pursue this objective using three main strategies.

First, the Organization acts as a resource to help educate policy-makers and those responsible for the mental health of our service personnel for preventing PTSD.

Second, the Organization advocates for, and assists with, improvements in the military’s processes and procedures for preventing, identifying, and treating PTSD.

Third, to the extent funds are available to do so, the Organization plans to pay for and oversee pilot projects that would provide counseling and treatment services from nationally recognized PTSD specialists for service men and women within the military.

Source: <https://ptsdnow.org/index.php/about-us>



~ In Memoriam ~
Peggy Poindexter



As our Treasurer and an enthusiastic member of the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's club for many years, Peggy was active



in the community along with her husband of 47 years, Jeff. She was recently found to have a rare and aggressive form of cancer just a few weeks ago and did not survive complications of surgery. Peggy will be sorely missed by all who knew her.



OUR SALUTE TO VETERANS
at our next lunch is on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12th** at the Chateau

Scott Bensing (SB Strategic Consulting Inc., president and Tahoe Fund Board of Directors and Navy veteran) will speak on "Conservative Values in the Military." We will also be collecting monetary donations for the Veterans Guest House. **RESERVATIONS and PAYMENTS must be received by the end of day on Thursday, November 6th.**

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

Legislative Corner – Your Federal Representatives

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Membership Drive 2026

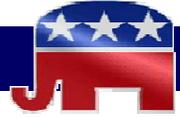
To encourage everyone to renew before the end of the year we are having a raffle. Here are the details....

**You could win \$50 (regular members)
Or \$25 (associate members)**

If you join or renew by November 15, you are eligible for 2 chances toward the cash drawing. If you join or renew by December 20, you are eligible for 1 chance toward the cash drawing.

If you are joining as a new member, your membership status will take effect immediately and continue through the calendar year 2026!!

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Membership Drive 2026

To be awarded at our February meeting, you need not be present to win ... **but we hope you will be at the first meeting of the year!**

You can register/renew and pay on the website <https://ivcbrw.org/> and click "Pay" or RSVP to hnswenson@comcast.net and mail a check to IVCBRW, PO Box 3009, Incline Village, NV, 89450. We will also be accepting checks at the December 9th meeting.



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

I'm BACK!! And I'm finally feeling like I can catch up on what is happening around our little town. Fall in Tahoe is the most beautiful time of the year for those of us that live here year-round. Between the fall colors and the lack of tourists, we can really enjoy life up here.

So, let's get caught up on the happenings around town. For those who like to go to the IVGID Board meetings, here is the schedule for the next three months, November 12th, December 10th, and January 14th.

Just a quick note from the Sheriff's Department to take it easy out on the roads as the colder weather gets icy and snow starts to fall as winter approaches. Another thing they wanted to mention was they sometimes encountered individuals in their traffic stops that were transporters of drugs. For the most part it has been people transporting them across state lines and going through our town and down into Reno and beyond.

The Fire Department wants to remind everyone that the last day to request pile chipping is November 5th. Defensible space inspections requested after October 20th must be done over the phone with the

Fuels Prevention Specialist, Ruan Dominguez. The phone number is 775-831-035, extension 8130.

Our Incline Village Library will be closed on Saturdays through the end of November. I will keep you updated after that time.

For those of you who enjoy a "spa" experience, the new Cal Neva is building a 40,000 sq. ft. spa that is supposed to be ready by 2027. Hopefully we will be hearing in the near future about what the current owners of the old Biltmore will be doing with that property too.

A legal action has been filed against Washoe County in connection with the approval by the Washoe County Commissioners of dense 6-story buildings along Tahoe Boulevard here in Incline Village, in spite of community disapproval. This would be along one of only two escape routes should there be a sudden wildfire.

As you may have noticed, Umpqua Bank has changed its name to Columbia Bank, but the same people are still running it.

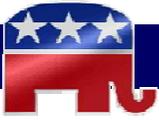
Well for now that's all I have to tell you about what is going on here in town.

For all of you that will be out of town for the Thanksgiving holiday, I wish you a wonderful day and lots of good food! Hopefully, I will see some of you at the November luncheon which will be on Wednesday, November 12th to celebrate Veteran's Day. Come hear our great speaker **Scott Bensing** and enjoy the Presentation of Colors by the Junior ROTC.

Shirley Appel



Let's Celebrate Thanksgiving!
 One Plate: Rolls w/butter
 Sliced Turkey
 Cranberry Sauce
 Gravy | Stuffing
 Zucchini | Pumpkin Pie



**Thanks to Charlie Kirk, the world
will see many more John 3:16 moments.
An army of Tim Tebows has been activated!**

On January 8, 2009, quarterback Tim Tebow took the field for the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) National Championship with “John 3:16” written under his eyes in eyeblack. The Florida Gators won, and in the next 24 hours, roughly 94 million people searched that verse. [JOHN 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”]

Three years later to the day, Tebow led the Denver Broncos to a playoff win with 316 passing yards and an average of 31.6 yards per completion – numbers that echoed the same verse. This game is known as the “John 3:16 Game.”

That courage to live one’s faith in Christ publicly has since inspired others – not just in sports, but in life. Few embodied that conviction more fiercely than Charlie Kirk. Kirk is a portrait of courage – a conservative who spoke openly about his faith and the need for moral courage in an age of compromise. His assassination on September 10, 2025, while speaking at Utah Valley University, stunned the nation. In death, his faith has been amplified and is currently resonating throughout the USA. In fact, his martyrdom has turned many in our nation back to Christ.

Famously an Oregon Ducks’ fan and a very good athlete himself, Charlie had a profound impact on many prominent athletes. In the weeks surrounding his death, several athletes drew renewed attention to faith in public life. Lamar Jackson, quarterback of the Baltimore Ravens, had previously reshared one of Kirk’s posts declaring, “It’s all about Jesus.” Chicago Cubs infielder Matt Shaw skipped a game to attend Charlie Kirk’s memorial service, saying he felt it was important to honor a dear friend who stood for truth and faith. And Harrison Butker, the Kansas City Chiefs kicker known for his outspoken Catholic faith, who has shared a stage with Kirk,

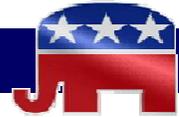
again became a national symbol of conviction amid controversy over his unapologetic Christian views. Butker shared messages he exchanged with Kirk, citing Philippians 3:14, shortly before the tragedy: “I press on toward the goal of the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus,” Kirk wrote. Butker’s response: “On the mission. Thank you.”

There are many other examples. It was recently revealed that many professional athletes actually had burner accounts so they could follow Charlie Kirk while avoiding getting mobbed by the “woke cancel culture” crowd. The New York Yankees held a moment of silence for Charlie Kirk ahead of their game, and displayed his photo on the center-field scoreboard with the words “Remembering Charlie Kirk.”So did the Chicago Cubs.

Source: <https://humanevents.com/2025/10/30>

Nevada “Trump Scores”

The Institute for Legislative Analysis (ILA) has taken over the “Trump Score” following the closure of ABC’s FiveThirtyEight data project. As the leading conservative policy and data hub, the ILA calculates the Trump Score based on lawmakers’ actual votes – not their empty campaign promises. The Nevada Trump Scores – Who’s Really with Trump? The ILA’s Trump Score offers the most accurate picture of how closely lawmakers align with President Donald Trump’s policy agenda and the National Republican Platform he helped craft. The Nevada members of Congress most aligned with President Trump’s positions include **Mark Amodei** (71.55%) within the Republican Party and Susie Lee (22.09%) within the Democratic Party. The Nevada members least aligned with Trump include Jacky Rosen (8.33%) and Catherine Cortez Masto (6.35%) – both opposing Trump’s policy positions across more than 90 percent of their votes.



Commentary

MAGA Makes Allies Great Again

By Daniel McCarthy

From Argentina to Japan, MAGA is going global. President Donald Trump's slogan has long been "America First," and his movement is all about making America great again -- language the president's foes misunderstand as meaning "isolationism."

In fact, strengthening America requires strengthening our friends as well -- and Trump sets an example for those leaders in Latin America, Asia and Europe who want to make their nations great again, too.

There's no paradox here. A robust international order is impossible if America has to sacrifice its own industrial capacity, and our people's economic security, to global free trade. That led to a weaker, more dependent America in the era before Trump, expected us to shoulder most of the burden for their defense.

The "liberal international order" was a suicide pact, building up China while wearing down America -- and the system perversely incentivized our friends to prioritize welfare spending over national security needs. The alternative to that old, failed order isn't anarchy or Chinese hegemony; it's cooperation among stronger nations that take their responsibilities more seriously.

Japan is a critical case in point. Its new prime minister, Sanae Takaichi, represents a right turn for the dominant Liberal Democratic Party, which is Japan's leading conservative party, despite what the name might suggest. More than 80 years after the end of World War II, Japan remains constitutionally forbidden to rearm: it has defense forces but not true military. Takaichi belongs to a wing of the Japanese right that would change that -- and thereby make Japan no threat to anybody else but a better ally for America.



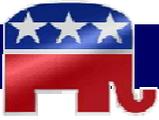
The superpower danger in the Pacific today comes from Beijing, and the more constrained Japan is, the less constrained that China is. Rearmament is highly controversial within Japan, but just as Trump has taken controversial yet necessary steps to address America's weaknesses -- from imposing tariffs to cracking down on illegal immigration -- a leader like Takaichi can bring great changes to her country. She's already restricting immigration before it becomes the kind of problem it has long been in the West. As the first woman to lead Japan, she's also drawn comparison to Britain's Iron Lady of the 1980s, Margaret Thatcher.

Although Japan isn't self-sufficient, it's a boon to American security that the country can provide for itself better than some of our other friends in the region, such as Taiwan -- which could be starved into submission by a Chinese blockade. Trump not only shows leaders like Takaichi that boldness can succeed in throwing out the political establishment's playbook; his return to power prods allies like Japan to pick leaders simpatico with his right-leaning nationalist worldview.

Half a world away, the success of President Javier Milei's right-leaning party in Argentina's midterm elections Sunday produced a similar result, with stock indexes booming by as much as 23%. It baffles Trump's critics that America's self-declared "Tariff Man" can have such good relations with Milei, a self-described "anarcho-capitalist." But Trump thinks in terms of interests, not ideology, and it's in America's interests that Milei succeed in making Argentina freer, more prosperous and friendlier to us, in a region -- our own neighborhood -- where socialism, anti-Yanqui sentiment and Chinese influence continually threaten to align against us.

There's no contradiction in nationalists from different nations working in parallel to make their own countries stronger and more secure collectively. Bringing different philosophies together to advance shared interests is simply the art of the deal. Trump's the master of that!

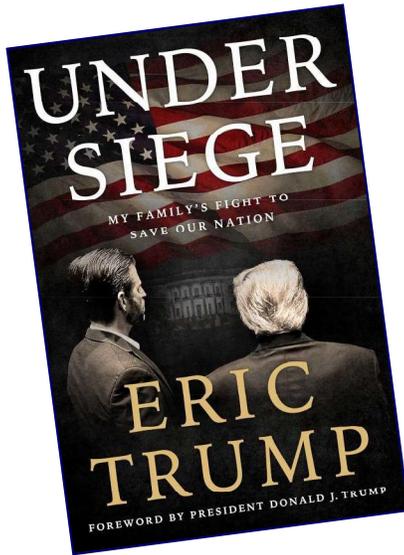
Daniel McCarthy, is an editor of Modern Age: A Conservative Review. Article has been condensed for inclusion in The Elephant's Tale.



AMERICANISM

~A Must Read for Freedom-Loving Americans ~

A Summary of Eric Trump's Book, Under Siege: My Family's Fight to Save our Nation



In this eye-opening memoir, Eric Trump relays surprising and gripping moments throughout his life and career as part of America's most powerful family. He highlights resilience, family unity and faith in

the face of an adversarial environment and offers inspiration to those who value endurance, standing firm in one's convictions and striving for success under pressure.

In the first section, Trump recounts growing up in the spotlight of the Donald Trump family and transitioning into business and politics. He writes of stepping into the executive role at the Trump Organization at a young age and navigating a dual challenge of corporate and public life.

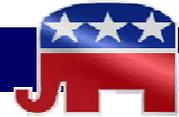
In the second section, the book emphasizes what he sees as politically-motivated "lawfare," media bias and the targeting of his family's business and philanthropic efforts. Trump charges that "the press and the president were laughing it up while our nation was in decline." He discusses how their charity became controversial and how banking and business relationships were cut because of political alignment. For those who care about free speech, business freedom and fair media treatment, this portion of "Under Siege" frames the family's experience as emblematic of broader cultural and political concerns.

The breath of Eric Trump's experience includes the near assassination attempt in Butler, Russiagate to the cold and corrupt court rooms, the fake news media, censorship, and character smears that he concludes wasn't just an attack on a president, or even his family. America itself was under siege.

Finally, Eric Trump outlines the path from persecution to resurgence, painting his father's 2024 victory as vindication. He writes, "What if a company that was relentlessly attacked, at great cost – personally and financially – actually emerged stronger than it was ten years ago?

We Are!"

On October 14, 1912, Teddy Roosevelt was shot. America's 26th president survived an assassination attempt while speaking in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, taking a blow to the chest as he campaigned to reclaim the White House after nearly three years out of office. The shooter's bullet lodged in Roosevelt's chest after penetrating his steel glasses case and passing through a 50-page-thick copy of his speech in his jacket pocket. The crowd immediately subdued the culprit and likely would have killed him if Roosevelt had not shouted for them to let up. As an experienced hunter, Roosevelt knew that since he was not coughing blood, the bullet had not reached his lung. With this in mind, he insisted on finishing the speech, telling his audience, "I don't know whether you fully understand that I have just been shot – but it takes more than that to kill a bull moose."



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*

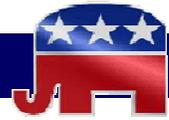
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MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK to the following address:

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

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

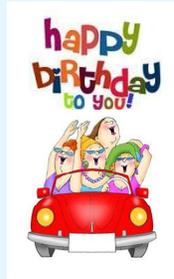


Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women Vision and Mission Statement

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.



NOVEMBER 2025 Member Birthdays

Shirley Appel	Nov 3
Joan LeBlanc	Nov 3
Cretia Eyster	Nov 4
Barbara Pulver	Nov 5
Mary Felder	Nov 16
Khalmanie (Khal) Pluckhan	Nov 16
Kay Lehr	Nov 28



ABRAHAM

LINCOLN declared a yearly National Day of Thanksgiving, on the last Thursday of November, as “a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent

Father who dwelleth in the heavens.” So every year Thanksgiving Day is celebrated to pay homage to the Creator – God Almighty for all his mercies and compassion which have constantly been showered upon us. It is one of the major holidays of the whole year – Turkey day is synonymous of Thanksgiving Day.



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