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



LOUIS J. WARD
Tahoe Forest Hospital District COO

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
The Chateau | 955 Fairway Blvd | Incline Village
11:30 am – 1:00 pm



Louis J. Ward is an accomplished healthcare executive with more than a decade of leadership experience in rural and critical access hospitals. He currently serves as Chief Operating Officer of the Tahoe Forest Hospital District and Administrator of Incline Village Community Hospital. Mr. Louis Ward oversees daily operations for an award-winning health system delivering a broad range of acute, ambulatory and community-based services. He serves on the California Hospital Association Board of Directors and is Chairman of the California Critical Access Hospital Network.

**RSVP/payment of \$40 must be received by
Friday, March 6th, 12:00 noon**
Email Shirley Appel at mrsradar@aol.com
or purchase tickets at: <https://ivcbrw.org/> and click "pay."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



hospital and answer any questions we may have about the changes. I expect I will learn much about our local hospital I did not know before and I am looking forward to it. I hope to see you there!

Your Lady in Red,

Suzanne Cornell

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DEAR MEMBERS of the BEST COLLABORATION of WOMEN IN INCLINE!

A little thick? Perhaps a little, but not by much. Believe it or not, I get the sense that other groups within Nevada would like to bottle our energy and creativity. We are small, yes, but we are mighty!

As I sit and write this it is snowing outside. Ah, February! I am, however, thinking ahead into **March**. March 13 marks the candidate filing deadline at the Secretary of States' Office. We will know which Republicans are running for office, and which races will be contested.

I am really curious to see which Republican will file for Mark Amodei's in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is a must-win seat, as they all are in Nevada. We all are aware of the heating-up race for Washoe Attorney General in the primaries between incumbent Chris Hicks and challenger Wes Duncan, who is the current Sparks District Attorney. I am ever so grateful Nevada has a Closed Primary.

As we get ready for the upcoming primary in June, we still have some wonderful surprises in our programming for our members. March 10, our very own, **Celine Nugent, Achievement Awards Chairwoman**, will give us a brief presentation on counting our volunteer hours and how significant this is toward our club winning the numerous awards it does. **Louis Ward, COO of the Tahoe Forest Hospital Hospital District**, will come to speak to us of current and upcoming capital improvements being made at our local

State of the Union Takeaways: Strength, Optimism, and America First

A Message from President Martha Jenkins of The Federation of Republican Women



WAKE UP AMERICA... POTUS Trump will need a congress that will work with him the next three years. IT'S UP TO MAGA to give him that congress.

President Trump delivered a powerful, patriotic speech Tuesday, February 24th. In addition to honoring some of America's finest heroes, the President laid out a bold, optimistic future for America's Golden Age. He emphasized policies that will make America secure, will improve America's economy, and that will strengthen America's families. President Trump's America First agenda builds on 250 years of American history and exceptionalism.



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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

What a week it was this past week! I haven't seen that much snow for quite a few years. I'm getting too old to shovel that much snow! With luck the next storm won't be quite as bad. There has not been too much happening around our area but I'm sure I will have more news in the coming months.



I sent out Membership Reminders to those of you that have not as yet renewed your club membership, last week. I am disappointed that I have not heard from all of you, please let me know if you plan to renew. The rules state if you have not renewed by the end of February you will not be considered a renewing member, but a returning member. This means that you will be deleted from the State and National directories until you renew your membership. Once you have rejoined you will once again get notices from both State and National.

I realize that many of you are snowbirds and spend the winter months in a warmer climate, but that does not mean that you should not renew your membership. This is going to be a very politically packed year and we need all of you to help us go from a Purple state to a RED state.

We will be having as many candidates as we can come to speak to us between April and October. Remember that the Primary is in June and the Mid-Term Election is in November.

The amount of the membership has not changed from \$50. Please send your check to IVCB Republican Women, P.O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89451 or pay online at our website

<https://www.ivcbrw.org> by Square. Our Candidate Forum will take place in May and the candidates will speak to us about what they will do to keep Nevada and Washoe County Republican. So, let's get to work!

Shirley Appel,

Membership Chairman 2026

Nancy Carlson, Senator Lisa Krasner and Suzi Cornell at the Northern Nevada Leadership Conference for the NvFRW at the Governor's Mansion.



Nancy Carlson, Cretia Eyster, Lorri Waldman, Shirley Appel, Connie Skidmore, Ramona Bigelow, and Suzi Cornell.



President Donald Trump delivered the State of the Union address Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Here is a heartfelt ending to a wonderful, powerful, courageous speech.

“Two hundred and fifty years is a long time in the life of a nation, but in another sense, it's really a mere moment in the eye of history. Two of the gentlemen we met in the gallery this evening took their first breaths one century ago,” the president said, referring to two veterans he honored earlier in the address.

“One hundred years before that, on July 4, 1826, the author of the Declaration of Independence, brilliant Thomas Jefferson, drew his last breath. Just a single long human lifespan separates the giants who declared and won our independence from the heroes who stand among us tonight. Everything our nation has done, everything we have achieved, has been the work of those few great lifetimes.”

Here are some takeaways from the speech.

- The president announced a plan to offer retirement plans for working Americans who do

not have one and to match \$1,000 in contributions each year.

- Trump unveiled a rate payer protection pledge to ensure residential customers didn't pay for capital improvement costs their electric utilities will incur to expand electricity grids to accommodate surging demand largely generated by data centers for artificial intelligence development.
- The president designated Vice President JD Vance as the leader of the government-wide war on fraud. Vance Is Czar of War on Fraud: Among his new policy promises Tuesday night, Trump said he was “officially announcing the war on fraud” and would appoint Vice President JD Vance to lead the effort.

Democrats Withhold Applause: At one point, Trump called on audience members to “stand up and show your support” if they agreed with the notion that the “first duty of the American government is to protect American citizens, not illegal aliens.” When many Democrats remained seated, Trump told them that they “should be ashamed.”



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

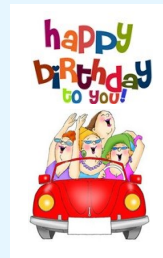


Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women Vision and Mission Statement

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.



MARCH 2026 Member Birthdays

Ruth Jensen	7 March
Elizabeth O'Brien	9 March
Kathryn Kelly.....	10 March
Vicky Collison	13 March
Candy Perine	13 March
Jan Brown Jones	18 March

Legislative Corner – Your Federal Representatives

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