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*The Incline Village-Crystal Bay
Republican Women present...*

CANDIDATE'S NIGHT!

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

St Patrick's Episcopal Church, 341 Village Boulevard
Corner Village and Alder | Tickets: \$60 | Time: 5-8 pm
Hors d'oeuvres and No-host bar

Our 12 **REPUBLICAN**
CANDIDATES are
preparing to present their
agendas to our members! Each
candidate will give their



presentation followed by a Q&A session in a "Town Hall" format. We will provide individual tables for each candidate to display their marketing literature. After presentations we encourage our candidates to remain at their tables to answer questions and chat with our members and guests.

RSVP/payment must be received by May 8th at 12:00 noon!
RSVP to mrsradar@aol.com or joanepalmi@msn.com.
Or purchase tickets on our website: <https://ivcbrw.org/>.
Click on "pay."

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Or purchase tickets at: <https://ivcbrw.org/> and click on "pay."
RSVP/PAYMENT of \$40 must be received by Friday, May 8th by noon.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Here we are, in an election year, already in the primaries!



Our membership went up by three in the past month. We had two new members sign up and one returning member. Thank you all.

You know, my mother celebrates every election, win or lose. She celebrates elections as the opportunity they are to effect change or ratify our country's direction. I've always appreciated her optimism and the hope elections represent. Our candidates may lose this election, but as long as our system of government remains we have hope. In a few years, we know, we will get another opportunity. If our candidates and ideas win, we remain vigilant. We have some power in our elections to chart our county, state and nation's course. We are not subjects, but citizens. Yes, I've inherited her love for elections and our system of government.

As winter wanes our membership will begin to rise again. We are now at 65 members but I would love to see more sign up before June. Remember that our Nevada State Primary is in June and we need all the Republican votes we can get.

This month we have one of our favorite all-time events – Candidates' Night. I love this event because it provides me with my best opportunity to hear ALL the candidates before the primary. As a voter I want to help select the best candidate to represent our party on November's ballot. Judging by our typical attendance, others share this opinion. Please come to this event and bring your spouses, but remember to reserve your spot early. I can't wait to see you there.

One of our new members, Meredith MacDonald, joined us at our April meeting. Speaking of our April meeting, we have finally found a new home for our meetings. Thanks to the help from Connie Skidmore, we have negotiated with the St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, meeting in their downstairs Rectory, which is quite a large room. Our meeting went very well and thanks to Russ, owner of Crosby's, we had a wonderful lunch. He brought everything needed and set it up for us. Thanks so much Russ! We also need to thank Mike Wong from the church for all his help in making our meeting a success.

Your Lady in Red,

Suzi Cornell 775-813-0622 |

suzanmccornell@cs.com

Our May meeting will also be at the church in the Rectory downstairs. This meeting will be an important meeting, not to be missed. Those of you who have been to past Candidate Forums know that we will hear from our Republican Candidates and will have a chance to make up our minds as to who we want to vote for in the June 9th Primary.

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If the citizens neglect their duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupted If a republican government fails to secure public prosperity and happiness, it must be because the citizens neglect the Divine commands, and elect bad men to make and administer the laws.
Noah Webster , 1835



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Our flyer was published recently (also viewed each month on the front page of our newsletters), so please RSVP as soon as possible to me at mrsradar@aol.com or to Joane Palmi at joanepalmi@msn.com. You can pay by Square on the website at <https://ivcbrw.org> and select "Pay."

This evening meeting is on May 12th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. We will be having "heavy" appetizers and beer and wine, plus a No Host bar.

So welcome back to our "Snowbirds" and hope to see and hear from you soon!

Shirley Appel

Membership Chairman 2026



President Trump has endorsed the idea of renaming the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to National Immigration and Customs Enforcement (NICE). This suggestion aims to create a more favorable perception of the agency by compelling the media to refer to its agents as "NICE Agents." Trump expressed his support for the name change in a post on Truth Social, stating, "GREAT IDEA!!! DO IT." *Rationale:* The rebranding is intended to shift public perception and media language surrounding the agency, which has faced significant criticism for its enforcement actions.

What's Happening!



Our April Speaker, Megan Barth



Suzi and Steve Cornell



Trudi, Shirley and Joe Lombardo



Shirley Appel and Diane Brown



Americans Flee Blue States for Red States in Record Numbers, New Study

A new analysis reveals that the great American migration is accelerating — and it's heading south and red. A study conducted by the nonprofit research group Unleash Prosperity, based on the latest IRS and U.S. Census Bureau data, shows millions of Americans have been “voting with their feet,” leaving high-tax, heavily regulated Democrat-run states in favor of Republican-led states offering lower taxes, less government interference, and a higher quality of life, according to the Daily Signal.

“This is the most significant economic and demographic trend happening in America today,” economist Stephen Moore said during the launch of *VoteWithYourFeet.net*, an interactive tool that tracks U.S. migration patterns. “And it's not slowing down – it's accelerating.”

According to the data, the states gaining the most people and income are largely Republican strongholds in the South and the West. These states have attracted both individuals and businesses seeking affordability, freedom, and opportunity.

Top 10 States Gaining Residents (Net Migration + Income Gains): Florida, Texas, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Nevada and Utah.

Florida alone saw a net gain of over \$36 billion in adjusted gross income in just one year, according to IRS migration data. Texas, another major destination, gained more than \$12 billion. Most of these states have no state income tax, pro-business policies, and lower housing costs compared to the coastal cities their new residents are fleeing.

In contrast, high-tax blue states with stringent regulations, high cost of living, and urban crime

surges are suffering sharp population losses – along with their wealthiest taxpayers.

Top 10 States Losing Residents and

Income: California, New York, Illinois, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Maryland, Minnesota and Oregon.

California lost nearly \$25 billion in income in one year, while New York lost more than \$20 billion – a continuation of a trend that has persisted for over a decade. “These states are hemorrhaging taxpayers,

jobs, and capital,” Moore said. “And their political leaders seem unwilling to acknowledge the reasons why.”

What's Driving the Migration? The exodus from blue to red states is being fueled by several major factors:

- **Tax Burden:** States like California, New York, and Illinois have some of the highest tax rates in the nation. Red states tend to have no or low income taxes and business-friendly environments.
- **Cost of Living:** Housing affordability is a key driver. Families can often get twice the home for half the price in Southern and interior states.
- **Quality of Life:** Red states have generally lower crime rates, better school choice options, and fewer lockdown restrictions.
- **Remote Work:** Post-pandemic, Americans are no longer tied to big city job markets, giving them the freedom to relocate to states that better align with their values and financial goals.

The political and economic implications of this shift is not only reshaping the U.S. economy, but also the



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Americans Flee Blue States

political map. States gaining population are also gaining congressional representation and electoral votes, while those losing people are seeing their influence shrink. “This trend is redefining American politics,” Moore said. “If it continues, we may see a long-term shift in where economic and political power resides.”

Moreover, the migration is reinforcing the growing contrast between two models of governance: one rooted in progressive taxation and regulation, and the other in economic freedom and limited government. Critics in blue states argue that wealth flight could undermine public services and deepen inequality, while conservatives warn that migrants from liberal cities may bring their politics with them, threatening to shift red states purple.

But for now, the trend is unmistakable: Americans are choosing freedom, affordability, and prosperity — **and they’re finding it in RED STATES.**

Source: Newsmax, <https://www.newsmax.com/newsfront/americans-relocate-blue-states/2025/07/31/id/1220810/>.



IVCBRW CLUB SECOND ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Saturday, July 25, 2026

8 am to 4 pm

Where? 568 Putter Court

(off Driver Way between Village Boulevard and Country Club Drive)



Let's make this
SECOND
GARAGE SALE
another WINNER!

Time to clean out your garage again!

Donations from

members, friends, family and neighbors are WELCOME. Check your closets, kitchens, and rooms for the items that you no longer need. Some guidelines for donations —

- ◆ Clothing, please donate on hangers. We will have rolling racks for display.
- ◆ Electronics, small appliances and power tools. Please be sure they are working!
- ◆ Sports equipment, yard stuff, gardening and outdoor furniture
- ◆ Books, games, toys, furniture, home office items, shoes, accessories
- ◆ Kitchen and household items
- ◆ Holiday decorations



DONATION DROP-OFF DATES
TO BE ANNOUNCED

If you have questions or will need help picking up your donations, let Cretia know.
cretiaeyster@earthlink.net or call 415-515-1883.



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:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <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.



MAY Member Birthdays

Phyllis Plugge 31 May
Denise and Mike DeSantis May

Legislative Corner – Your Federal Representatives

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

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Jacky Rosen (D)
Washington DC (202) 224-6244
Las Vegas (702) 388-0205

Catherine Cortez-Masto (D)
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