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



A CELEBRATION OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church | 341 Village Boulevard
Corner Village and Alder | 11:30 am to 1:30 pm



SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year we present the
Maryanne Ingemanson
Scholarship Awards for the best
essays written by Incline High

School graduating seniors. There are 7 students who will be awarded with scholarships this year! Some of the 7 will read their essays addressing the *American Dream and what President Trump has done to further that Dream!* Join us for this annual presentation of our scholarship awards. These students will impress you with their patriotic responses!

**RSVP/payment of \$45 must be received
by Friday June 5th at 12:00 noon!**

Email Shirley Appel at: mrsradar@aol.com
or purchase tickets on our website:
<https://ivcbrw.org/> and click on "pay."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Every year we greet our part-time members back to our club and community. At the same time, we send other members off to summer adventures here and abroad. This movement during the summer months often makes it hard for us to remember other notable events. In even-numbered years it means we often overlook the Primary Election. Yes, the Primary Election is upon us. Members, please remember to cast your ballots before heading off to your vacations and adventures.



While Nevada holds a closed primary where you only receive the ballot of your own registered political party, this year all but one of these races is contested. It seems obvious that Governor Lombardo would run uncontested this year, but he is running contested by six other candidates! The Republican race for U.S. Congress, Congressional District 2, has a candidate list of 13. In other words, incumbency does not protect candidates this year. Failure to vote could lead an unqualified or inappropriate candidate getting the Republican nomination for the general election. Be alert! Apathy could be disastrous!

We must do our best to avoid a poor, unelectable selection now. Republicans have a reputation of same-day voting in elections, and we are proud of it. This time, however, it may be better to **VOTE EARLY** and use the time leftover to ensure our Republican friends and neighbors get to the polls. If you're planning a vacation, *vote early*. If you will be out of town during the election period, *vote on your mail-in ballot and send it in or drop it off at*

the County Registrar's Office. (I like to personally deliver it to the Registrar's Office.) Do you have a friend who needs a ride? *Offer one.* Remind friends and family. Let's get people to the polls so that collectively we can make the best choices for the General Election in November.

Thinking ahead, we have the **ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON** coming up on **ELECTION DAY, JUNE 9.** This is another reason to celebrate our republic. Come support the seven Incline High School seniors and scholarship award recipients by being in attendance. Make your reservations now. Kay Lehr and the Scholarship Committee have worked hard to find the best candidates and this year's recipients are highly qualified. These students will impress you!

Your Lady in Red,

Suzanne Cornell 775-813-0622 |

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Here is what one of our Founding Fathers said about Voting!

We are now forming a republican government. Real liberty is never found in despotism or the extremes of democracy, but in moderate governments. — **Alexander Hamilton**

Alexander Hamilton was an American statesman and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. He was an influential interpreter and promoter of the U.S. Constitution, as well as the founder of the nation's financial system, the Federalist Party, the United States Coast Guard, and *The New York Post* newspaper. Hamilton was the first United States Secretary of the Treasury, serving during the administration of President George Washington. Read the collection of famous quotes by Alexander Hamilton on education, federalism, tyranny:

<https://quotlr.com/author/alexander-hamilton>



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Well, here it is ... almost the official start of summer in Incline, and the beginning of summer events and “tourists.”

We are going to be really busy this summer with the Primary Elections coming up on June 9th, and we will double dip with our yearly Scholarship Awards luncheon also on the 9th.

Attention returning “snowbirds,” it is time to renew your membership if you have not already done so! If you have, thank you! I look forward to receiving your payment either by Square or in the mail. Also, if you have changed any of your information, please fill out an application. You can use the application included in the newsletter on page 9, or print it out from our website with your new information: <https://ivcbrw.org/>

I will be making a signup sheet for the float decoration and potluck at Kathi Congistre’s home on July 2nd. It is really a fun event for a few afternoon hours of fun and catching up. Also let me know if you can walk or ride (on the float) the morning of July 3rd. After the parade we will attend the Community Fair at the Village Green and our booth will have our boutique items for sale as well as information for voter registration. We can always use your help.

Then on July 25th we will have our Second Annual Garage Sale fundraiser at Cretia Eyster’s home. This event was so successful last year and we plan on repeating its success this year!! So start that spring cleanup and plan to sell the stuff you never use to benefit our club.

Let’s get busy and enjoy the summer events.

Shirley Appel

Membership Chairman 2026

About Candidates Night

On May 12, the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women’s Club hosted a successful Candidates Forum. Fourteen candidates running in the primary were in attendance for a very informative evening held at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church in Incline Village.

Chef Scot Yorky provided a delicious hors d’oeuvres spread, and the venue was excellent, comfortably accommodating all who attended. What a nice evening it was! The event was a resounding success.

Joane Palmi

1st Vice President
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**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.

**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.



You're Invited to attend

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TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 341 Village Boulevard
Corner Village and Alder | 11:30 to 1:30 pm**

Each year the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's Club is proud to award one or more Incline Village High School graduate students with scholarships. We have 7 students who will be awarded scholarships this year! Our club members and guests will be honored on June 9th to hear some of the scholarship winners read their patriotic essays.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The essay subject addressed was . . .

The American Dream and what President Trump has done to further that Dream!

Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's scholarship award(s) was named in honor of Maryanne Ingemanson, a proud member of IVCBRW and local civic leader and community advocate who dedicated herself to work on causes to improve Incline Village.

Kay Lehr

Americanism Chair | kaywlehr@gmail.com



Democratic strategist breaks down DNC's 2024 election autopsy

Democrats' long-awaited 2024 "autopsy" landed with explosive claims about lost voters – and a stunning admission from party leadership that the report itself wasn't ready for the public. The report argues Democrats bled millions of 2020 Biden voters in 2024, demanding a strategic reset. Party leaders and outside analysts say the document is incomplete and error-prone, fueling backlash. The dispute centers on whether Democrats drifted from working-class priorities and overused identity-based appeals. The uproar

underscores a deeper crisis of trust in political institutions across the spectrum.

What the Autopsy Says Democrats Got Wrong

The RootsAction-linked "Democratic Autopsy" contends that Democrats' 2024 loss reflected defections among working-class, rural, male, and irregular voters, compounded by overreliance on anti-Trump and identity-centered messaging. The document asserts that millions of citizens who backed Joe Biden in 2020 failed to support Kamala Harris in 2024, citing a shortfall the report describes as decisive. Its authors argue the party must broaden its economic focus, rebuild ties with disaffected communities, and recalibrate cultural appeals to regain trust.

The report's throughline frames the 2024 defeat not as a single-cause collapse but as a coalition

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DNC's 2024 election autopsy

management failure: economic messages failed to connect with everyday cost-of-living anxieties, while cultural rhetoric alienated some male and working-class voters. The text urges emphasis on pocketbook policies and direct outreach to irregular voters – citizens who do not participate in every election but can swing outcomes in close states. The analysis posits that persuasion and turnout fell short, amplifying narrow-state losses.

The Core Strategic Dispute: Economics, Culture and Coalition Drift

Analysts who study party “autopsies” argue these documents inevitably blend evidence with prescriptions, which invites competing interpretations after close races. The 2024 debate mirrors that pattern. Some Democrats want sharper economic populism focused on wages, prices, and industrial policy to reconnect with working-class and rural voters. Others warn that soft-pedaling cultural issues risks demobilizing base constituencies. The autopsy leans toward economic bread-and-butter appeals while cautioning against identity-first messaging that may not persuade skeptical men and blue-collar voters.

That split echoes broader American frustrations that cut across left and right: many believe political elites prioritize their careers and donor networks over hard choices on affordability, secure work, immigration management, and community stability. The report’s emphasis on lost 2020 Biden

supporters – and on reaching irregular voters – touches those anxieties by implying that millions looked at Washington and saw little progress on costs, crime, and local opportunity. Whether Democrats can rebuild trust may hinge on convincing evidence of tangible results, not slogans.

What Matters for Voters Now

For citizens, two realities stand out. First, the data war inside the Democratic Party matters because it will shape which problems leaders elevate: wages and prices versus cultural fights, and persuasion versus turnout. Second, process failures erode trust. When a major party circulates a lengthy diagnostic and leaders then dismiss its readiness, voters across the spectrum see confirmation that insiders manage narratives as much as they solve problems. That perception, already widespread, deepens disengagement and cynicism about governing competence.

Source: https://dailyanswer.org/democratic-strategist-breaks-down-dncs-2024-election-autopsy/?utm_placement=DAnewsletter

Legislative Corner – Your Federal Representatives

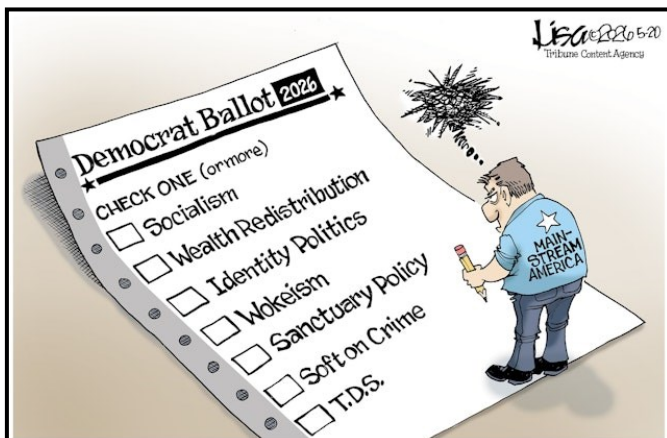
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AMERICANISM



**First Lady
Melania
Trump's 4
Community-
Centric Pillars
of Foster Care**

First Lady Melania Trump delivered remarks at the 2026 United States Senate Spouses Luncheon in Washington, DC, where she outlined the four community-centric pillars of foster care and called on the gathering to help advance protections for youth who have experienced foster care in communities across America.

Following the U.S. House of Representatives' unanimous passage of the **Fostering the Future Act** yesterday, Mrs. Trump encouraged the Senate spouses to help inspire swift action in the U.S. Senate, calling the effort a "moral obligation" to protect and support youth through education, love, opportunity, and resilience.

The First Lady gave her remarks at the 2026 U.S. Senate Spouses Luncheon. (see text below) . . .

"Yesterday, the House unanimously passed the Fostering the Future Act. It is especially fitting that we are together today, because your spouses – America's Senators – now have the opportunity to turn this momentum into permanent legislation to protect our foster care community. Inspire them!

If I could spare one heart from breaking, would you rise with me?

"Somewhere on the edge of your town, within your very own community, a young child is praying for help. We have all heard these heartbreaking stories. A child is neglected behind closed doors and lives

without the safety and stability that every kid deserves. Their parents are overcome by addiction. The child is vulnerable to harm and abuse.

"All of America's children should be experiencing only love, respect, and protection in a warm, comfortable, and safe home.

"If you take the time to look for this person, if you commit to finding this individual, you can change the world.

"My initiative, Fostering the Future, is built on four community-centric pillars to support America's youth.

"First, education is vital. We must strive to provide an unmovable foundation for America's foster care children. This foundation should be built on knowledge and wisdom. We can all benefit from a strong education, and, as you are aware, intelligence is one of the rare traits a person can carry throughout their lifetime. Children in foster care must have the opportunity to plant their roots in education. We are fortunate to live in a time when humanity has more access to information than ever before. Access to this level of information sparks innovation, creates jobs, and cultivates a more tolerant, kinder, and peaceful world.

"Second, our children in foster care need love. Family brings warmth and an understanding that they are not abandoned, not alone, and not solitary. They are loved. In turn, these individuals will move through our communities with more motivation to find their purpose in life. The physical structure of a house is not enough.

"Third, we need to inspire career ambition. When these individuals secure an entry-level job, they can be financially independent, avoid homelessness, and perhaps even become the next great business visionary. This circle can create new jobs for our society, bring more financial value, and raise our community's worth across healthcare, food, and housing.

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Foster Care

“**Fourth, resilience.** The power of individuals who are from the foster care community shines. They want to succeed, and they do succeed. They know they are unbreakable and can become stronger. They persevere.

“If every one of our states gets involved to support our foster care community, we can accelerate our vision to protect these individuals and set them on a pathway to shine. I consider this your moral obligation. Last month, I advanced my foster care legislative initiative at the House Ways and Means Committee on Capitol Hill. Two inspiring young Americans from the foster care community joined us to share their personal stories. Their powerful statements united the bipartisan group around a shared goal of passing new law protecting the foster care community. The bill will soon reach the Senate. **Their names are Jayden Martinez and Jocelyn Fetting.**



“Jocelyn and Jayden are living proof that the American Dream is within reach for all. This is and should be America’s priority, and together, we will make America stronger for our children and grandchildren. Thank you for joining me here today. Your leadership in establishing Fostering the Future within your state can leave a lasting mark on the life of a young person in your community. Together, we will change lives.”

America’s currency has quietly featured remarkable patriots and trailblazers beyond presidents,

yet many conservatives remain unaware of these hidden tributes to our nation’s diverse heritage. America’s First Lady Martha Washington blazed

Jayden Martinez, who entered foster care in Texas at the age of six, shared the challenges he faced pursuing a college degree without a support system.



Jocelyn Fetting of Illinois talked about the resources that allowed her to obtain bachelors and masters degrees and encouraged Congressmembers to pass the legislation, adding that the bills “shorten the distance between survival and success. Foster youth are not broken. We are ready... but readiness is not the problem. Access and having people in our corner is.”

Source: The White House, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/>, May 20, 2026.

currency trails and broke barriers as the first woman featured on U.S. currency, appearing on \$1 silver certificates in 1886 and 1891. Her inclusion honored the foundational role she played alongside George Washington in establishing America’s traditions. The Treasury Department recognized her contributions to the nation’s early development, setting a precedent for acknowledging women who shaped American values. This historic designation reflected the nation’s respect for traditional family leadership and patriotic service.





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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	JUNE Member Birthdays
Jerrie Katz	1-June
Pamela Sheldon	3-June
Nancy Carlson	5-June
Kelly Lee Neville	7-June
Cathy Spector.....	8-June
Marina Pastor	8-June
Joane Palmi	16-June
Sylvia Purdy	22-June
Lisa and Chris Graham	28-June



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