

# NvFRW NEWSLETTER

*News From Around the Silver State*



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Congratulations to the  
Republican Nominees who rode  
the RED WAVE and won  
the primaries.

*God Bless, Caroline*

## President's Message

### NEVADA LEGISLATURE

LAXALT, ADAM PAUL (R)  
UNITED STATES SENATOR



LOMBARDO, JOE  
GOVERNOR (R)



ANTHONY, STAVROS  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (R)



MARCHANT, JIM -R  
SECRETARY OF STATE (R)



FIORE, MICHELE  
STATE TREASURER (R)



CHATTAH, SIGAL  
ATTORNEY GENERAL (R)



CONTROLLER  
ANDY MATTHEWS (R)

### NEVADA REPUBLICAN US HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES



MARK ROBERTSON (R)  
1ST DISTRICT



MARK AMODEI (R)  
2ND DISTRICT



APRIL BECKER (R)  
3RD DISTRICT



SAM PETERS (R)  
4TH DISTRICT



## A MESSAGE FROM JOE WEAVER

### STATE DIRECTOR, NEVADA REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE



I'm happy that we all made it through the Primary election, and we can set our focus on electing ALL Republicans in November! I wanted to give you a short analysis of the Primary as we see it as we head into certification on June 29th.

So far, the Primary was a great showing for Republicans.

Right now, we're seeing over 224,000 Republicans participate in the primary versus the Democrats turning out 173,000. That's a total of 51,000 more Republicans! In 2020, when our Primary was only mail, we saw a turnout of 29.51%. We barely trailed behind that at 25.39%, showing that voters are just as excited to participate in primaries as they are during a presidential year. One other note is we are still seeing a substantial mail return rate on both sides; both Democrats and Republicans turned in substantially more ballots than expected. The total mail received exceeded in-person voting by 32,000 ballots.

Moving forward, as we head into the General election, it's very important that we all come together and unify around our Republican candidates. Please make no mistake that the democratic machine will continue to outspend and outwork us to make up for the abysmal approval numbers of the Biden administration. Our program between the RNC and the NVGOP is not taking any time off to make sure we're continuing to recruit, train, educate and contact voters in the field. We need all of your help to win in November, and it starts with the hardworking ladies of the NvFRW. Sign up TODAY at [gopvictory.com/](http://gopvictory.com/)

I hope I have the chance to speak to you all in person soon; if you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to reach me at [jweaver@gop.com](mailto:jweaver@gop.com).

## Famous Women of Nevada Rosie the Riveter

Wait, you say. Rosie the Riveter is not from Nevada? Oh, but you're mistaken, for Rosie is and was a citizen of every state in the Union. Her driver's license lists Nevada among the sundry states where she resides and works. She is the US! She is the epitome of you and me, women of Nevada working hard, enduring much, and dedicated to the preservation of the soul of this great country. She came to life during the Second World War, taking off her apron and donning a man's shirt. She threw herself into the work the country required for the war effort, all the while maintaining her family.



And what does Rosie say? What are her unforgettable words that are the words of our marching song? What are the words captured by our current effort to keep this country resolute and focused on its foundational ideals? Rosie says: WE CAN DO IT!

Put away the bonnet and stylish hats to a more befitting headdress--that of a working girl's scarf. Shed the boutique dress for the coveralls of the worker. Rosie calls us to the war front to fight against tyranny, subjugation, and indoctrination.

So, remember that when you knock on those doors, hold up high those campaign signs, and labor at those telephone banks, YOU are Rosie—Rosie the Riveter. Nevada loves you; the Nation loves you; the Federation loves you.

*God Bless,  
Caroline*



**THE NEXT NvFRW NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE IS AUGUST 15.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR INPUT!**

## Biden Set Up the Perfect Storm for a RedWave

*By NFRW President Eileen Sobjack*

**W**hile gas prices continue to rise, President Biden is off to Saudi Arabia to negotiate for a few more barrels of oil. Meanwhile, we have turned off the spigot in our country, and fuel prices are the highest in years, with 19 states averaging over \$5 per gallon.

Inflation is surging and has spread to nearly every corner of the economy. Costs are rising for gas, as well as for rent, clothing, medical care, food, and airline travel. Next, the Federal Reserve plans to raise interest rates.

The president's press secretary stumbled over the question of the status of baby formula and had no answer for the families still waiting. In the meantime, she gives glowing reports of the economy.

The American people aren't buying it. It's not just the economy but a multitude of problems, from the border crisis to crime in our major cities. We have gone too far when 27 Democrats vote against a bill to extend protection for our Supreme Court Justices.

*The good news is that there's also a surge in Americans who have stepped up to be more involved. Republican candidates look good in the polls.*

Two recent special congressional elections indicate a strong #RedWave is coming for Republican Women in November. Connie Conway won her special election in California's 22nd district, and Mayra Flores flipped Texas's 34th district, which has been in Democrat hands since Reconstruction.

Republican Women have a golden opportunity to engage more people in electing candidates with the principles and values that have made our country great.

The Republican Party has always stood for freedom, prosperity, and opportunity. It started in 1854 vowing to abolish slavery. Today, our party is working for election integrity and to elect men and women who will stand for conservative values.

Share what we believe as Republicans. It's a winning message.

## Message from Susan Ruch, Board Chairperson, Carson City Republican Party

The highly anticipated Nevada primary election has come and gone. Some people are delighted that their chosen candidates won, and some are angry or disappointed that their candidates were not victorious.

There will be many lessons learned from this primary. As an example: Do we really need two weeks of early voting? It's my opinion it can be done in one week. The resources spent on the first week could be utilized in the second

week of early voting. People need to understand fully the OPT-OUT option. Ballots cost \$5 a piece with paper, printing, and mailing; in researching *How the World Votes*, **all developed countries except ours, do not have universal mail-in-ballots. Russia in 1997 banned mail-in-ballots as it was too corrupt.** Moving forward, our Clerk-Recorder, Audrey Rowlett will have a few moments to consider what changes she lawfully can make before they need to start preparing for the General Election in November.

Surprisingly, the turnout was only 26.74% of the 39,153 voters in this primary. In 2018 we had 29,459 voters, and 30.75% voted. **We need to get everyone out to vote in November—it's a must.**

As we approach the November election, we must put all of our grievances aside and vote for All Republican candidates. Do this for your children's and grandchildren's sake.



## FROM THE PARLIMENTARIAN

# Two Parliamentary Requests



The following requests do not take a second and are not debatable or amendable.

### PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

A Parliamentary Inquiry is a question directed to the presiding officer to obtain information on a matter of parliamentary law or the rules of the organization bearing on the business at hand. It is in order when another person has the floor if it requires immediate attention. The Chair must answer such questions when it may assist a member in making an appropriate motion, raising a proper point of order, or understanding the parliamentary situation or the effect of a motion.

Example: Member says, "Madam President, I rise to a parliamentary inquiry (or a parliamentary inquiry, please).

Chair says, "The member will state the inquiry."  
Member says, "Is it in order at this time to move the previous question?" (Note) There is no appeal to the Chair's reply as the Chair only gives an opinion, not a ruling.

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

A Request for Information (also called a Point of Information) is a request directed to the Chair, or through the Chair to another officer or member, for information relevant to the business at hand but not related to parliamentary procedure.

Example: Member says, "Mr. President, I have a request for information (also called a point of information).

Chair says, "The member will state the point."  
Member says, "This motion calls for a large expenditure. Will the Treasurer state the present balance? Or, "Mr. President, will the member yield for a question?" (if information is desired of someone who is speaking.)

*Compiled by Connie Skidmore  
RP, Member of RP Member NAP,  
Ref. RONR, ed. 2020 (12th edition), pp. 275-278*

## MEMBERSHIP TIPS



By Nicol Herris, NvFRW 2nd VP

*Each One Bring One* is our motto for increasing membership, and we are *growing*. As of June 3, 2022, our membership comprises 1,427 active full members, which do not include associate members. Each club is doing a great job *crafting exciting membership programs* that encourage membership growth.

Here are some of the exciting programs our clubs are hosting:

- ✦ New member social during the summer months with a theme
- ✦ Monthly drawing for a prize for bringing in a new member
- ✦ Introduce new members at each meeting
- ✦ Include new member photos in your newsletter
- ✦ Offer discounted first-time guest's meal at a meeting
- ✦ Invite guests to your meeting
- ✦ Conduct a membership satisfaction survey

We appreciate all you do to increase and strengthen our membership!

— Nicol

## BREAKING NEWS!

6/24/2022: Today, Nevada Republican U.S. Senate candidate **Adam Laxalt** issued the following statement this morning regarding the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe v. Wade:

"This is a historic victory for the sanctity of life and the principles of democratic self-determination. The Supreme Court has never had the expertise nor the authority to unilaterally legislate on abortion. After more than 50 years, that responsibility is poised to finally return to its rightful owners: the American people and their elected representatives. The people of Nevada have already voted to make abortion rights legal in our state and the Court's decision on Roe doesn't change settled law and it won't distract voters from unaffordable prices, rising crime or the border crisis."

# School Board Election in Washoe County – David vs. Goliath?

By Bev Stenehjem

As this article is being written, Election Month for our June 14 Primary is still ongoing here in Washoe County, Nevada.

- Mail-in ballots started to arrive in mailboxes in mid-May.
- Early voting (in person) started on May 28 and ended on June 10.
- Election Day was June 14 – the last day for in-person voting.
- Mail-in ballots postmarked by midnight, June 14, are still counted up until June 24.

Early results favored our conservative school board candidates, but as the days wear on, the radical left-wing incumbents have gained the majority of votes. Out of four open school board seats, we lost one outright: District D went to Beth Smith – an appointed incumbent who won over 60% of the votes, which means she has won her seat without having to face off anyone in November.

Although the other three seats look promising for our candidates, as of this writing, ballots are still being counted, and we are waiting to hear the final tally of votes.

Many people are scratching their heads at the number of votes the radical school board candidates receive. For example, wildly popular candidates such as Joey Gilbert (for Governor) received 14,628 votes, and Eddie Lorton (for Mayor) received a total of 11,012 votes from our County. But compare those vote totals to Adam Mayberry, a relatively unknown school board incumbent in District F, who received a whopping 17,936 votes for his school board seat.

Indeed, many of the candidates are wondering how Ellen Minetto, incumbent in District B, who did not run an active campaign at all, garnered more votes than those candidates who spent countless hours walking door-to-door and advertised with banners, signs, and radio ads.

What does this tell us? Either the Unions are funding a serious and radical agenda starting with our schools, or there is some sort of election fraud taking place. And maybe both?

According to poll watchers and poll workers who worked this Primary election in Washoe County, said many election rules were broken.

We will be waiting for the final ballot count on June 24 and also waiting for a number of lawsuits that are sure to be brought against the Washoe County Registrar of Voters.

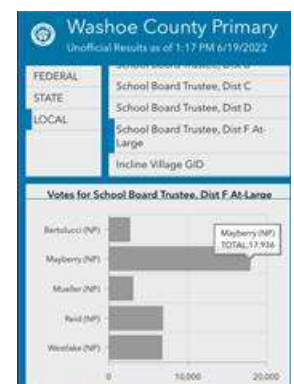
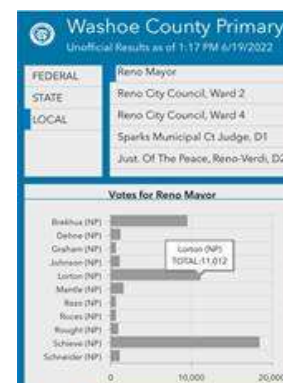
Currently (subject to final tallies) going to November General Election:

- **District B:** Ellen Minetto (radical liberal) vs. Collen Westlake (common-sense conservative)
- **District C:** Joe Rodriguez (radical liberal) vs. Melanie Sutton (common-sense conservative)
- **District F:** Adam Mayberry (radical liberal) vs. Grame Reid (common-sense conservative)

**District D:** Won by Beth Smith (radical liberal – Manager of Diversity at IGT)

Visit: [saveWCSD.com](http://saveWCSD.com) for more information on our common-sense school board candidates.

*The views expressed above are by Bev Stenehjem and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Republican Women of Reno or the NvFRW.*



# The Regents Program



The first priority of the Regents Program is to ensure the Nevada Federation of Republican Women has the money to provide for the two Leadership Conferences held each year. If you have never attended a Leadership Conference, you should consider attending the one next January. You will find it beneficial whether you are an elected club officer, committee chair or active member. You will recognize how your club benefits and improves due to leadership training because members have committed to the standards held by the state and national federations. Well-informed officers and members allow your club to take on the professionalism that draws members to it. Once you experience a leadership conference, you understand why the Regents Program was started in the first place; you realize the importance of becoming a Regent— to ensure this type of education and training would continue to be available to all members at no cost to them or their clubs.

As the Southern Nevada Regents Director, I have been busy visiting clubs, talking up the importance of Regents in building leadership in our local clubs, the state (NvFRW), and of course the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). I have met many terrific, passionate women dedicated to Republican values who welcomed me warmly to their meetings.

As I visited each club, I was amazed by the creative ways club business was integrated into each meeting. It was interesting to experience the difference between rural and urban clubs. All clubs followed the general agenda proposed in the Leadership Handbook but presented as unique organizations. It was good to see club officers use the information included in the Leadership Handbook and stressed at the Leadership Conference. The impact the Leadership

Conferences had on the clubs' success was evident.

When I took over as president of my club, I had a general understanding of Robert's Rules of Order to run the meeting. Still, elected officials and candidates were coming, judges and council members as well as congress members, not to mention representatives of other Federation clubs. I knew they deserved special recognition. However, I never really nailed down the protocol of introducing such distinguished guests through observation. Thankfully I attended the Leadership Conference at the start of my term. Everything I fretted about was addressed at the conference or included in the Leadership Handbook. Now, even though I no longer hold an elected position, I try to attend the Leadership Conference and download the Leadership Handbook onto my computer's desktop. I do this to keep up with what is new to the NvFRW and NFRW.

The Regents Program provides an invaluable service to the NvFRW and NFRW. In addition to the Leadership Conferences, the Regents Program also provides money to offset the costs of a campaign management school. I will write more on that later.

The number of Regents continues to grow. There were 78 Regents when I wrote the last newsletter. We are now at 84. Please consider joining Regents today by filling out the application on the next page and mailing it to your regional chair. You won't regret it.

—Mary Beganyi, Southern Regents Director

**"A nation of sheep will beget  
a government of wolves."**



Edward R. Murrow (1908 – 1965)



## Nevada Federation of Republican Women Regent Membership Application 2022

The Nevada Federation of Republican Women (NvFRW) Regents Program ensures that our Federation plays a significant role in electing Republicans.

Our members have the enthusiasm, the energy, and the creative ideas to positively influence the election process and the governance of our state. Regents provide *the funding to make remarkable things happen!*

When you join a local club, you become a member of a three-tier organization, and your dues split accordingly: \$20 is designated for the National FRW and only \$5 stays with the Nevada FRW.

Your generous donation to the Regents is used to provide:

- Leadership and education for our members
- Outreach to our communities to increase Republican visibility
- Expanding our programs to increase membership and develop new clubs
- Special projects approved by NvFRW board

Please join us by becoming a REGENT at the \$300, \$200, or \$100 level to ***Make NV Red Again!***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by: Spouse / Friend of NvFRW Regents: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level & Regent Category – please check one box on both lines

Red \$300+  White \$200  Blue \$100  
 New Regent  Renewing Regent  Regent Spouse / Friend

Please see more information on the NvFRW.org website under Members Page – Regent Standing Rules

***Thank you for Supporting the Regents! Let's make NV Red again!***

Please make your check payable to NvFRW and send it to your regional Regent Chair:

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## Republican Women of Reno Host Dr. Wen Chen of China



Pictured L-R: Kathy Doyle, NvFRW Secretary, and RWR E-Communications; Caroline Smith, NvFRW President; Dr. Wen Chen; Nicôl Herris, NvFRW 2nd VP and RWR President; Bev Stenehjem, RWR 1st VP.

The RWR featured Dr. Wen Chen, a public speaker on Chinese Culture and Human Rights, at their June 9 monthly luncheon at the Atlantis Hotel and Casino in Reno. Dr. Chen gave a very compelling PowerPoint presentation on how the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has been infiltrating the American economy, education system, and culture through the years. She also gave examples of human rights violations in China and how as a young girl in China, her view of the outside world was totally skewed by Chinese media propaganda.

Dr. Chen was born in China after the Cultural Revolution. She came to the U.S. in 1994 for graduate studies and earned a doctorate in biology from the California Institute of Technology. Dr. Chen became a U.S. citizen and has since toured the U.S., lecturing at various civic organizations about Chinese culture, history, and human rights violations. Dr. Chen is an active member of the Amnesty International Chapter in Pasadena, California, where she lives with her husband and two teenage daughters.

Dr. Chen's presentation at the RWR luncheon followed a May 25 exclusive screening in Reno of the award-winning film "Unsilenced," also sponsored by RWR. The movie was a powerful dramatic re-enactment of the true story of young Falun Gong activists, the brutal crackdown and torture of the group in 1999, and how some of them survived to tell their story.

RWR was pleased to have had the opportunity to sponsor these two events—one via film and the other in person—showing that the Chinese people are fighting back and encouraging us never to stop fighting back if we want to preserve our country.

Since she lives in Pasadena, Dr. Chen is easily accessible to the NvFRW southern clubs. Contact Wen Chen if you want to schedule a presentation. Email: [wenchenspeaker@gmail.com](mailto:wenchenspeaker@gmail.com). Phone: 626-389-7522.

(SEE NEXT PAGE FOR A SUMMARY)

*Don't Be Left Out of the Loop!*

**State President Caroline reminds all club presidents to share your news in our newsletters.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

NvFRW Fall Board Meeting  
Las Vegas, Oct 21-22, 2022  
(venue to be announced)

NFRW Fall Board Meeting  
Sept 23, 24, 2022

NFRW Fall Convention  
Oklahoma, City, Oklahoma  
*(details to follow)*



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

# Election 2022

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE

### GENERAL ELECTION-NOV 8, 2022



# SUMMARY OF DR. WEN CHEN'S SPEECH ON CHINESE CULTURE, HISTORY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

By Dr. Wen Chen

The Chinese Communist Party killed over 80 million people during the past century. My parents survived the great famine in the 1950s when 30 million Chinese died from starvation. They also went through the great cultural revolution (1966 - 1976), when 2 million intellectuals died from the party's persecution. In 1989, the authority killed ~10,000 students and citizens during the Tiananmen Square Massacre. Ten years later, the party started massive persecution of Falun Gong, a traditional Chinese meditation practice based on the principle "Truthfulness-Compassion-Tolerance" that attracted 70 million Chinese people. Unfortunately, the Communist Party cannot tolerate this independent thinking to gain popularity.

In 2017, California State Senator Joe Anderson proposed a resolution SJR-10 against the persecution of Falun Gong and forced organ harvesting in China. However, after the Chinese consulate in San Francisco sent an email to every Senate member, Senate President Kevin de Leon blocked the resolution.

It demonstrates how the Chinese government tells our elected officials what to do. During the past decades, the Communist Party has been actively spreading its propaganda through the U.S. media, education system, and entertainment industries. The CCP's English TV programs run on six channels in the U.S. They ran advertisements in article format in New York Times, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal. On April 29, 2020, Los Angeles Times carried 11 pages of insertions paid by the Chinese government to praise the Communist Party's work during the pandemic.

Confucius Institute is a free Chinese program provided by Communist China to ~100 U.S. universities, including Stanford and UCLA, and ~500 high schools. Through Confucius Institute and Confucius Classroom, these universities and high schools taught students a distorted history of China and the U.S. For example, Americans started the Korean War to invade North Korea and China.



Between 2012 and 2016, Dalian Wanda, a Chinese company, bought AMC theatre, Legendary Entertainment, and Carmike Cinemas. Once belonging to a Chinese mother company, these entertainment industries follow the Chinese government's rules on what kind of film to create and show. Hollywood has been working hard to please the CCP to enter the Chinese market.

Communist China has been a center of an alliance of totalitarian regimes. China has been the main sponsor of North Korea by providing 90% of its trade, including nuclear material and technology. China provides technology to Iran. Much of the technology came from the U.S. via trade or stealing.

China's "Belt and Road Initiative" involves 152 developing countries by providing high-interest loans for their infrastructure, getting these countries into financial traps, and gradually turning them into colonies of China. These countries allowed China to control the United Nations. As a result, World Health Organization copied everything the Chinese government said during the pandemic.

We are in a critical moment to protect our freedom from being taken away. We are not fighting alone. Chinese people are awakening. Hundreds of brave Chinese human rights lawyers like Gao Zhisheng and Chen Guancheng risk their lives to defend dissidents. Over 397 million Chinese openly renounced the Communist Party and its affiliated organizations on a website maintained in the U.S. In the United States, despite the threat of the Chinese consulates and financial difficulties during the early years, the Epoch Times grew into an important resource for Americans fighting for freedom and preserving traditional values. Independent filmmakers like Leon Lee produced award-winning films like "Unsilenced" and "Letter from Masanjia."

As a Chinese American, I call for actions from my fellow Americans to step out to protect our freedom from the infiltration of Communism.



**SOUTHERN HILLS  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**

## Meet Heather Marie Stamer, SHRW President

**M**y Name is Heather Marie Stamer. I am the President of Southern Hills Republican Women, where I have been a member for ten years. I grew up in a conservative family. My parents are initially from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where my father joined the Navy at 18 years old to avoid working in the steel mill. He married my mother soon after, and they were stationed in Hawaii after his training.

My father worked in the White House under President Eisenhower and JFK, and my mother worked in the Pentagon. In 1969 they adopted me in Richmond, Virginia, and two years after another transfer to Japan, my parents adopted my brother Jason. After Japan, we lived in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for five years, then returned to the states in 1978, settling in Virginia Beach until 2002. I moved to Nevada with my ex-husband. After my divorce, I started my company in the furniture industry, setting up showrooms in the tradeshow industry with my current husband, Steve.

My parents were Democrats before Jimmy Carter and never voted Republican until Reagan. That was the turning point for them. Although we never spoke politics at home, I was always intrigued with them since living abroad and traveled all my life, even after moving out and on my own.

I had never voted here in the United States until Bush took office. I was a registered Independent who had never voted until a neighbor asked me to go vote. I didn't know what party I was, and she informed me that if I wanted to "save the planet," I was a Democrat. So the first time, I voted for a Democrat because I wasn't yet educated enough regarding political parties.

When I married my husband Steve, and we moved to Henderson, he became friends with the Constable



**HEATHER MARIE STAMER**

of Henderson, and it was he who said he needed my help during his reelection campaign. I wasn't interested, but he brought me to my first Republican meeting at SHRW, where I became hooked. One year after my membership, I joined the BOD as treasurer, then shortly after that term, I became secretary. I became the club photographer during my two terms as secretary and four years after. I never once thought about becoming club president. I was asked, and here I am, serving my first term. Every day is a learning experience. Some days, I get discouraged at

all that is happening in the world, but all I can say is I love what I do and look forward to being a part of something big.



## Meet Sondra Condron, SNRW President

**S**ondra Condron was born in Broken Bow, Nebraska, one of four children of Virgil and Byerl Condron. The family moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and then to Gardnerville, Nevada, in 1958 when she was 11.

Sondra attended school here in the Carson Valley and graduated from Douglas High. Then it was off to

## Sondra Condrón

college at the University of Nevada. The following year she married and stayed home to be a wife and mother in Gardnerville. She had two daughters, Rhonda and Cari. She kept the books for her husband's contracting business during those years. She now enjoys four adult grandchildren; Justin, Cassi, Ethan, and Ruby Lena. Although unintentional, it was discovered later that *Ruby Lena* carries two old family names.



SONDRA CONDRÓN

In 1987 the marriage ended, and Sondra went to work full-time for the County in the Clerk's Office as Chief Deputy Clerk. She drove Kingbury to Tahoe for many years in all kinds of weather and made it up and down the mountain unscathed. She credits that to her daily prayers, although she saw many accidents.

Her position as Chief Deputy Clerk meant she was heavily involved with elections. It was a perfect job because she had always been interested in politics. She registered to vote immediately upon turning 21. It was essential to her that she got to vote for Republican Sheriff George Beyers (at that time, it was a partisan office) in the race for sheriff. She remembered him from her teenage days and how good he was to the local kids. Sondra is proud to say she has not missed voting at an election since.

Sondra became involved in Republican Women's groups, joining the DCRW and a Lake Tahoe group. In 1998 the Sierra Nevada Republican Women's group was formed, and Sondra became a charter member and vice president.

In 2000, she was transferred to work at the Lake Tahoe office and had to drop out of the club. However, in 2013 upon retiring, she was able to return and has been active in the group ever since; and is currently serving her second term as club president.

Sondra has also been active with the Kiwanis Club for 27 years, a quilt guild, bible study group, and attended the Minden Gardnerville Sanitation District Meeting for years. Although it may seem like an odd choice, Sondra swears it is the absolute best place to learn about all the latest plans for the Valley. Next year she will take on the position of Trustee for the

MGSD. The job pays a small stipend which she has earmarked for improvements in her garden.

She shares that lovely home and garden with two long-haired blondes a Dachshund named Jameson "Jamie" after Jameson Whiskey, no less (*she can't help it—she's Irish*). The cat, Abby, is the senior member of the household and makes it clear to the puppy exactly who is in charge.

Moving forward, Sondra admits, "The Republicans have a lot of work to do. The country has gotten way too liberal, she says, "and my hope is for a leader like Reagan in the future to get us back on track the to conservatism."

—Anita Kounoff

## VOLUNTEERS

### Counting Volunteer Hours Update

It's time to report your Volunteer Campaign Hours. **Volunteer Campaign Hours between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022, need to be compiled.** The NFRW has recently enhanced the activities that can be counted. The purpose was to include all legitimate political activity that benefits our party.

There are four significant changes;

YOU CAN COUNT:

- (1) All time spent attending or preparing for Club and DCRCC meetings. Include your travel time to and from these meetings.
- (2) Attendance at All Republican Events, even if you purchased a ticket to attend a fundraiser such as a dinner or other event.
- (3) Working as a Poll Worker, Election Officer, Clerk, Challenger, or Election Integrity Worker even if you are paid.
- (4) All campaign activities benefitting the Federation, the Republican Party, or Republican Candidates. (This is a major change to item #1 on the earlier list, limiting the hours that count to all non-paid campaign activities.)

Why report hours? Your hours have value! According to NFRW, each hour is valued at about \$30, before the gas prices increase. You deserve to be recognized for your hours and work!



## Caring for America

The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) established the Caring for America program in 1999 to actively encourage state federations and clubs to participate in at least one community service program. Caring for America is based on the belief that *problems can be solved* most effectively through individual citizen's generosity and combined energies.

Caring for America programs may be completed by the state or club individually or in collaboration with other community agencies. Republican women always step forward when they see an area needing assistance, whether hands-on or through donations of needed food or other commodities. The NFRW Caring for America Committee compiles a comprehensive list of activities provided to all Federated Republican women's clubs.

The Caring for America Committee comprises region leaders from various member states who each work with the state presidents in their assigned region to promote the Caring for America program. These region leaders meet before the national biennial convention to review submissions from state presidents to determine the NFRW Caring for America Award winners in each size category. The NFRW recognizes each winner with a certificate at the biennial convention.

## Message from this year's Caring for America Chair

General Mark Milley said in front of the Lincoln Memorial on one Memorial Day, "Our fallen soldiers gave all of their tomorrows for our today." We can never take our everyday freedoms for granted. They can be taken away from us overnight, as we have seen in China, Russia, and Ukraine.

My name is Joan Shoop. In February, I stepped up as Chair for Caring For America and am Vice-Chair for Americanism. I have been Chair of Americanism for the Republican Women of Reno for seven years.

My family and my husband's family have over 12 veterans who served in various military branches, including my husband in the Marine Corps and myself in the Air Force Reserves and the Air National Guard. Our family's service history spans the Civil War, World War I and II, and Viet Nam.

The Fourth of July is coming up soon. We are reminded of the sacrifices our Forefathers gave for our country's Independence. Betsy Ross could have been arrested and found guilty of treason by the British if she had been discovered sewing the flag symbolizing the unity of the 13 colonies in the privacy of her home!

In a poem, Francis Scott Key wrote: *Oh say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?* Let us be vigilant, fight and pray we never have to say, 'No, it doesn't.' NvFRW has centered around our Veterans, and I would like to continue the tradition. So many of our soldiers who served in combat zones in the Middle East have PTSD, suicidal tendencies, and physical pain. Our government and the Veterans Administration are acknowledging their trauma and taking steps to address their continued, sometimes life-long, care. Several nationwide organizations are adopting and training canine companions for our Veterans. This is a project I am researching to possibly present at our October Fall Meeting.

Thank you for letting me introduce myself. I look forward to learning about our other Committee Chairs in future issues.

— *Joan Shoop*  
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## Why we are facing a Major Recession— Just look at where we are wasting our money

The most significant factor influencing why seniors are losing more and more benefits is that they are being blamed for part of our country's increasing deficit. However, look at how all these individual programs that benefit non-citizens impact our tax spending. Many of them are buried within other programs making it difficult to find and include in actual cost figures. The following are some reasons why we are facing a massive recession.

1. \$11 Billion to \$22 Billion is spent on welfare for illegal immigrants each year by state.
2. \$22 Billion a year is spent on food assistance programs such as food stamps, WIC, and free school lunches for illegal immigrants.
3. \$2.5 Billion a year is spent on Medicaid for illegal immigrants.
4. \$12 Billion a year is spent on primary and secondary school education for children here illegally who cannot speak a word of English!
5. \$17 Billion a year is spent on education for the American-born children of illegal immigrants, known as Anchor babies.



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6. \$3 Million a DAY is spent to incarcerate illegal immigrants.
7. American taxpayers spend \$90 Billion a year on Illegal immigrants for welfare & social services.
8. The Dark Side of Illegal Immigration: Nearly One million sex crimes committed By Illegal Immigrants In The United States

Are American tax payers that stupid? Only if they continue to allow those in congress to get away with doing this year after year! If the situation raises your hackles, I hope you forward it to every tax paying citizen you know.

*God bless you, and God bless America.*

Footnote: About the Author, Steven A. Camarota is Director of Research at the Center for Immigration Studies in Washington, D.C. He holds a master's degree in political science. URL addresses to verify these statements are available upon request.

## But why can't I join more than one club?

The reason is the same as why you cannot be a resident of more than one state. One woman, one vote. When you join a Republican women's club as a "full member," you also become a member of the State and National Federations.

However, you can become an "associate" member of as many clubs as you like once you have joined a "home club" as a full member. You can become an "associate" at any time of the year.

Being an associate member may offer special pricing at the monthly club meetings. Depending on the club bylaws, you can serve on committees, work at club events, and support the clubs financially.

Also, if you are a person that simply appreciates variety, you can switch clubs during the next renewal cycle at the beginning of the year. If you are planning to switch clubs, remember not to renew with your current club at renewal. When you join your new club in December or January, the system will consider you a new member of your new club.

I hope this clears up the issue of belonging to more than one club at a time. Good luck and remember *you can visit as many clubs as you would like before you decide to make a move at the beginning of the year.*

*Best Regards,  
Barbara Kirk,  
NvFRW Treasurer*



# No Laughing Matter, Mr. President

*From the NFRW's Capital Connection*

President Biden may find it funny that prices are up —for just about everything —since he took office, but Americans are feeling the pain of his failed policies.

Inflation is at 8.3 percent —a 40 year high.

Gas prices reached a new record high on Thursday, averaging \$4.41 a gallon (prices have been going up since the day he took office). 88% of Americans say high gas prices are a problem for their families.

Overall, rising prices are costing the average American family \$536 per month (that's \$6,432 a year).

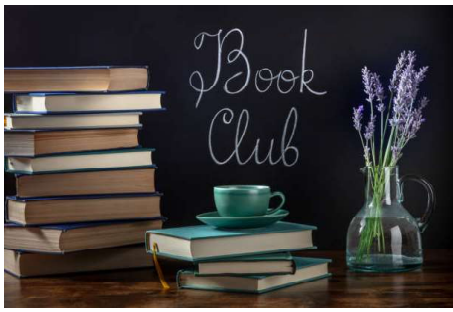


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**GO REPUBLICANS!**

**Congratulations to Adam Laxalt on winning his primary in Nevada! We are only ONE SEAT away from restoring Trump's Majority in the United States Senate.**  
*(photo courtesy of Caroline Smith)*

WANT TO SAVE \$3 A GALLON ON GAS?  
SWITCH BACK TO TRUMP!



BOOK REVIEW BY DEBBIE CUTSHAW, DCRW

## *The Woman They Could Not Silence*



*the shocking story of a woman who dared to fight back. Moore, Kate. Naperville: Sourcebooks, 2021 (available DCL)*

Domestic violence did not begin in the 20th century, and abuse of power against women was worse in the 19th century than as depicted in the “me too” movement of recent years.

The author notes that her book is not about mental health but how it is used as a weapon. On June 18, 1860, Elizabeth Packard (1816-1897), the mother of six children, and wife of Presbyterian minister Theophilus Packard was escorted by train by her husband to the Illinois State Hospital in Jacksonville, and judged insane. There was no prior due process, much less a trial; many women like her were also incarcerated there. How did this happen? On a husband’s word, a wife could be judged insane, and Theophilus often threatened that to her to quiet her discourse. Notably, textbook examples of female insanity in the 19th century were: incessant talking, unusual zealousness, and a strong will. Families’ accounts of women’s personality traits were often used to make a diagnosis (57). Elizabeth’s husband surreptitiously had a physician engage her in topics of religion, for which he obviously noted her “unusual zealousness and prominent strong will” (ibid). (It should also be noted that Congress passed the Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act in 1972; before that, it only took one person (family) and a psychologist to admit someone to a mental hospital, per retired AWP NDOC Hubert.)

The Packards wed when she was 22 and he was 37. It was not a joyous marriage, but she managed a good household and took an active part in her children’s lives, whom she loved dearly.

As she became more intellectual, independent, and outspoken, her husband disapproved, and especially tried to sway church members against her. She enjoyed challenging him in religious debates, writing

essays, and encouraging discussion in church classes, having studied other faiths and philosophies. Elizabeth also taught her children after church lessons, often making them laugh. Moore states she “easily eclipsed her husband without even trying.”

Additionally, she did not want to follow his new church’s doctrine, which was more conservative, and was ambivalent about abolition; she was for the freeing of slaves. Whenever she challenged his thinking, he dismissed her ideas as “the result of a diseased brain.” However, Elizabeth never believed she’d be in trouble as freedom of religion was a right in America.

Although the book is 537 pages, 433 is the actual text. The rest is epilogue, postscript, footnotes, photos, etc. The author somewhat lectures readers in her postscript not to call women crazy as was done to Nancy Pelosi, Martha Mitchell, Janice Dickinson, and Rose McGowan.) The book is a quick read, even though lengthy, and does not read like an academic textbook. The author is meticulous in her research and narrative of events pertaining to Elizabeth’s life. For instance, in outlining the 1848 first Women’s Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York, Elizabeth’s husband parallels her independence as an outgrowth of newly outspoken women there, nationally described as “fugitive lunatics.”

Other women inmates in the asylum become Elizabeth’s friends or helpers in her cause for better treatment and freedom. Time in the insane asylum depicts many diverse women (put there by husbands) who suffer intensely, miss their children immeasurably, and are often treated with violence and disdain. Elizabeth is optimistic at first and gathers hope when meeting her intellectual equal, Dr. Andrew McFarland,

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## The Woman They Could Not Silence

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the magnetic personality who runs the institution. She falsely believes that he is helping her gain a quick release back to her children.

However, she never gives up; months turn into years, delayed by the Civil War, which hinders even simple acts of letter mailing and delivery. Most importantly, Elizabeth Packard overcomes her tribulations, incarceration, and a bad marriage. She redeems herself and rebuilds her reputation and becomes a famous advocate for women, without submitting to easy compromises, lasting defeat, or bitterness.

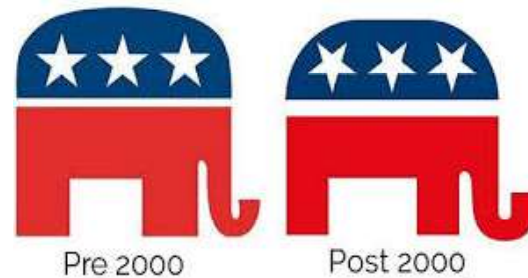
*Thanks to Debbie Cutshaw, past president and current executive board member of DCRW for sharing this review.*

**READERS:** Now it's your turn. Please send your book recommendation to [anitakornoff3@gmail.com](mailto:anitakornoff3@gmail.com)  
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## Just Wondering...

Does anybody know, when, or why the stars were turned upside down on the Republican Elephant Logo?



**W**hile working with graphics, I noted the Republican logo looked odd. On some of the elephants, I found the stars had been inverted. Upside down stars may seem insignificant, but who and why would change the logo? Especially strange for a party with many religious members and voters, including Christian fundamentalists and evangelists, who might take such symbolism seriously. More surprising, why don't we hear anyone talking about it? For many years the five-pointed stars on our elephant logo, as with the American Flag have pointed up toward the heavens. Now, with no explanation I can find, they have been reversed.

The stars have the shape of a pentagram. In the occult world, the shape of a pentagram pointing down is commonly used as a symbol of evil. Here is a quote from Wikipedia.

*Let us keep the figure of the Five-pointed Star always upright, with the topmost triangle pointing to heaven, for it is the seat of wisdom, and if the figure is reversed, perversion and evil will be the result. (Man inscribed in a pentagram, from Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa's De occulta philosophia libri tres/the three Books of Occult Philosophy.)*

So, given the GOP's sizable Christian voter base, it seems strange that someone would arbitrarily change such a significant symbol. Can anyone share with us why this revision occurred? Has there been any debate about it? When did it happen? Who initiated the change? Was it a graphical mistake that went unnoticed, or some trick slipped in by a Democrat underground? Wouldn't you be interested in finding a definitive answer? Your comments are invited—please Email [anitakornoff3@gmail.com](mailto:anitakornoff3@gmail.com).

*Note: I have found comparatively few reversals of the stars in the Dem's donkey logos.*

—Anita Kornoff

JULY-AUGUST 2022





# Club Presidents' Postings

WRW's 4th Annual Fundraiser

*Boots*  
**BBQ**



**COME ON DOWN!**

Saturday July 30, 2022

5:30 to 8:30pm

at

The Gilmore's

9673 Glen Ridge Dr. Reno, NV 89521

**RSVPS before July 22nd \$75- After July 22nd \$85**

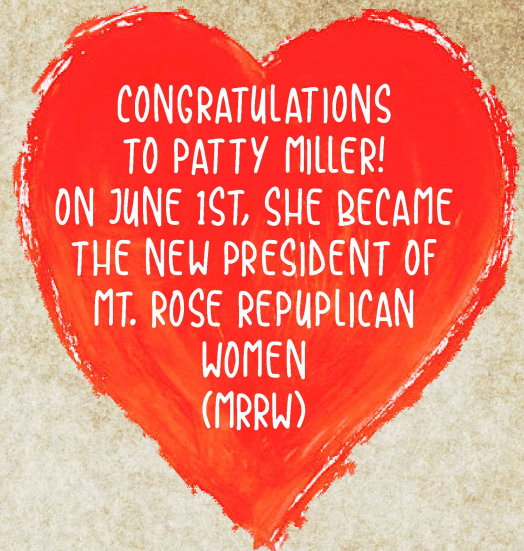
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Mt. Rose Republican Women

**Nevada Sunset Wine Dinner**

Saturday, August 20, 2022

5:00 p.m. Networking 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Mt. Rose Republican Women are pleased to announce our primary fundraiser for 2022. Help us help Republicans win and regain conservative leadership in Nevada!

*Join old and new friends at the spectacular home of John and Laurie Carey in Washoe Valley for a five-course Italian meal with wine pairings. Mingle with Republican candidates. Take advantage of the silent auction. And enjoy the fine wines of Nevada's own Nevada Sunset Winery.*

Standard ticket \$100 – 5:00 p.m. admittance

VIP table with seating for eight \$1,200 - includes

early admittance and candidate networking at 4:30 p.m.

Location: 7335 Franktown Rd., Washoe Valley, NV 89704

**Space is limited so register early!**

**Prepay on line at:**

<https://mt-rose-republican-women.square.site>

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For more information or dietary restrictions,  
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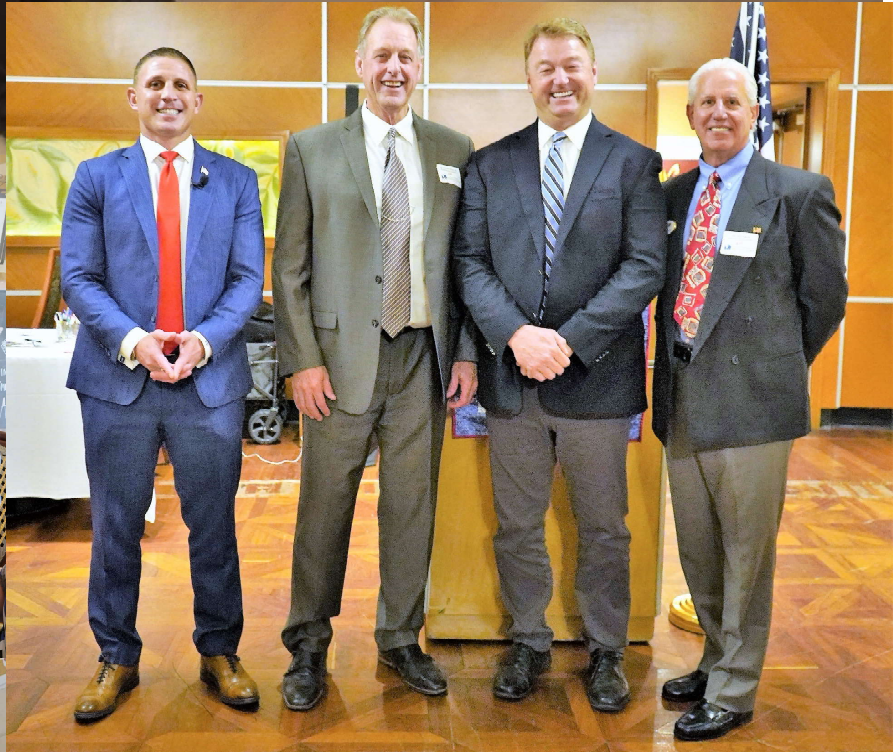
**Calling all Club Presidents:**

Enquiring minds want to know what our sister clubs have been up to.

Share your events, ideas, and thoughts with other clubs all over the Silver State.

Let's stay interested and connected.

EVENT FLYERS are subject to date limitations — this is a Bi-Monthly Publication.



# More News From Our Clubs Across the Silver State



## NEWS FROM CCRW Joann Mathis, President

In place of the May meeting, we held a tea at the Governor's Mansion to welcome our new members. 2nd vice president Beverly Collins coordinated the entire event. One hundred forty women attended to enjoy a catered, *proper tea* complete with freshly made lemon curd and scones. The CCRW club members decorated each table with their fine china and silverware, music and entertainment were provided.

For July 21, from 6-8 p.m., we have planned our annual *Freedom Fest* on the beautiful grounds of Glen Eagles restaurant in Carson City. All are welcome to join the fun, with BBQ, live music, entertainment, auctions, and a chance to meet Republican candidates. The fee is \$25 a person; pay at the door. Everyone's invited!



## NEWS FROM SMRW Joanna Gorman, President

I'm proud to announce that the Spring Mountain Republican Women's Club has three members who won their Primary; April Becker for Congress, Victoria Seaman, City Council, and our past president Tina Brown for State Senate.

*Congratulations!*



## NEWS FROM SNRW Sondra Condron, President

We have been busy chairing candidate debates at our April, May, and June meetings. In May, we also held a well-attended gubernatorial candidates debate in conjunction with R.W. clubs from Douglas County and Incline Village.

The SNRW participated in the June 11 *Carson Valley Days Parade* riding on a Republican float. Sharla Hales, our club's 1st V.P. of Programs and Douglas County's Commissioner-elect, entered the Political category. She and her husband, Jim, took home the prize on a *bicycle built for two* wearing period costumes.



**Attention: Club Presidents**  
The NFRW Campaign Award has been completely revised and broadened. The most critical changes are that the Club submit their forms online every six months.

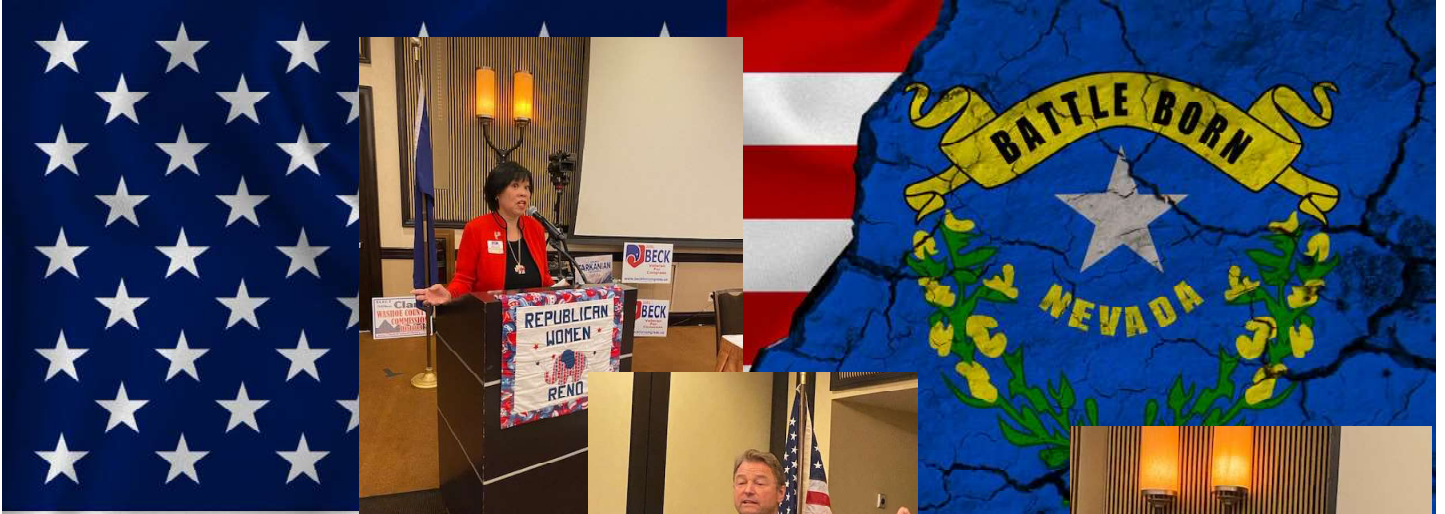
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Please check out this video on You Tube  
<https://youtu.be/Vh4uoAAewZ8>

See our website for complete  
details of the new rules:  
**POLITICAL & CAMPAIGN AWARD  
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