



# NvFRW NEWSLETTER

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## From the President



Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter since I took over as President. I would like to begin this issue by thanking some great Republican women I am proud to say are on the NvFRW board, and who have been very helpful and supportive in our efforts.

My thanks to: Kay Butchko and Pen Benzing; the Southern and Northern Directors, who put together two very successful Leadership Training sessions. The training booklets are a resource tool that I hope all Presidents are sharing with their clubs. Locations and food were wonderful, and the best news is, they came in under budget.

To Toni Valdez and Pam Benzing: Regents membership has increased to a number greater than any year since Regents became part of NvFRW.

Most importantly, to Sue Lowden, for her challenge to State of Nevada Republican Women: For every club that registers 100 voters registered, the State Republican Party will give that club \$1,000.00.

To some great speakers at the Spring Board Meeting in Henderson: George Harris, who spoke on the upcoming elections; Joan Patrick, who spoke on the role of Republican women; our luncheon speaker Curtis Patrick, who spoke of his time working for Ronald Reagan in California.

In March, I attended the National Spring Board Meeting in Washington, D.C., and the

## Michele Turner

Capital Regents "Tea with Laura Bush", at the White House.

Jo Ann Davison, NRC, spoke on how we must unite and organize, have a victory plan for our state and come together for a strong election. This is a team effort and we must work together to reach out to the independent woman voter; emphasize lower taxes, strong defense, less government, that it is our money and we should make the decisions on how it is spent. Women are credible message carriers, and we should stay on target everywhere we go.

The Honorable Elaine Chao, Labor Secretary, reminded us all we must keep the tax cut permanent. Two thirds of new jobs are from small business. One half of the two thirds are businesses owned by women. This is a good message to all women in the state. Tax increases to the rich will not help the poor. Please share this with all your friends and neighbors.

I am forming a Bylaws Committee to review the state bylaws. If you would like to serve on this committee, please call or send me an email.

Reminder that the Fall Board Meeting will be October 3-4, 2008, at the Nugget in Reno. I have received confirmation that Shirley Sadler, President of NFRW, and Assemblywoman Heidi Gansert will be featured speakers.



"However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results."

Winston Churchill

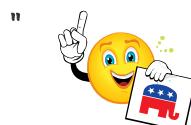
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*"Those who stand for nothing fall for anything."  
Alexander Hamilton*

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## Leadership Conference

Pam Benzing

The NvFRW 2008 Southern Leadership Conference was held in Las Vegas, and the Northern Leadership was held at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City. Over 150 women attended to share ideas, network, and build enthusiasm for the important work we do.

President Michele Turner led the Executive Board in presenting duties and tips for all the elected and appointed roles. We were especially pleased to welcome Sue Lowden to the Northern meeting.

An exciting "first", was the 2008 Leadership Handbook, which every attendee received. The handbook is a compilation of materials provided by the Executive Board and various committee chairmen. The philosophy behind this project was to provide a "hands on" document so everyone would gain a comprehensive view of the duties, opportunities, and expecta-

tions for all leadership positions in the local clubs.

NvFRW Executive leaders facilitated the roundtable discussions for specific club officer positions. Attendees were asked to specifically address the merits of the handbook and make suggestions for future inclusions. The culmination of all these ideas was the development of the Adobe pdf computer file that was sent to each club president. Each president now has access to the collective materials at home computers to help further the club's goals. This is an evolving document, so changes will be made periodically.

Contact Pam Benzing at [pbenzing@earthlink.net](mailto:pbenzing@earthlink.net), or Kay Butchko at [butchko@cox.net](mailto:butchko@cox.net), with your suggestions and/or comments, or to request an email copy of the handbook.

## Mt. Rose Republican Women

Dianne Wagner-Robak

Mt. Rose Republican Women, located in Washoe County, Nevada, have decided to become proactive and support the two border patrol agents, Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean, who were arrested two years ago for shooting at an illegal drug dealer at the border.

Agents Ramos and Compean were suspended without pay immediately, sent to trial, and are currently incarcerated, as a result of doing their jobs.

Mt. Rose Republican Women will be holding a fund-raiser with some of the proceeds going to help the border agents defer their legal fees. Joe Loya, the father-in-law of Agent Ramos, will be the guest speaker at the annual "Fashion for Victory" fund-



raiser on August 26, 2008. The agents have a hearing scheduled next month, and should they be released, they will be invited as well.

Mr. Rose Republican Women are challenging all clubs to contribute to this cause in hopes of presenting Mr. Loya with a check the evening of the event. A certificate will be presented as well, reflecting the names of all the clubs that participate.

Please check your budget and, if possible, allocate some of your funds to these men who defend our borders. Thank you.

## Douglas County Republican Women

Lorreene Palmer

**FOR SALE:** Douglas County Republican Women are offering bumper stickers they designed. They are red with white letters:

**VOTE SMART! (Little Republican)**

**KEEP NEVADA RED! (with Elephant)**

The cost of each sticker is \$2.50. Why not order more and sell them at your meetings! Sturdy vinyl, which will survive the summer months, and are easily removed using a warm hair dryer.

For more information, contact , Lorrene Palmer at [elorreene@charter.net](mailto:elorreene@charter.net).



*The only way to have a friend is to be one.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Bylaws Committee

**Michele Turner**

The following members have volunteered for this very important committee:

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The primary purpose of this review is to ensure the Nevada Federation Bylaws are in compliance with the National guidelines, and that our bylaws represent the best structure for our growing federation.

Clubs and individual members may submit suggested amendments and rationale for consideration. Please forward your submissions to the committee prior to June 30, 2008.

The committee shall report to the President no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Fall Board Meeting, October 3-4, 2008. Proposed amendments plus rationale shall be included in the Call, to be published not later than thirty (30) days prior to this meeting.

We wish to make this an interactive process with all members encouraged to review the current bylaws and offer their suggestions and ideas.

Thank you for helping with this process.

## Boulder City Republican Women

**Vennita Wilson**

Exciting things are happening in Boulder City! Our club membership has grown almost 12% to date this year. We are in Congressman Jon Porter's District, and he is going to have a tough fight against Dina Titus and her left wing agenda.

The Boulder City RW have decided we do not want to just "see what happens". We have grown our club to include three satellite groups, hoping we can target a wider demographic, thus expanding our club membership numbers and our Republican Women "Army". The BCRW is not your Mother's Republican Club anymore!

Our first satellite group is the "Conservative Moms with a Cause". It meets at 10:30 a.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Boulder City Library, in conjunction with the library story time, and is led by JoNoel Kanaley. Our second group is

"Happy Hour Republican Women". This group of ladies is made up of those who cannot make our traditional monthly luncheon meetings at Starbucks, and is led by Joyce Lewis. The names of these groups were the brainchild of the very creative JoNoel.

Our newest addition is the Teen Republicans, led by Maraya Evans. This group also meets at Starbucks. These politically minded junior and senior high school teens are encouraged to volunteer with voter registration drives, rallies, and other activities. We are all excited about getting the youth of our community involved in the Republican Party!

We are working for Republican victory in this election cycle as we grow our club to meet the needs of all our members. Of course, the promise of a banner and money from Lt. Gov. Brian Krolicki is a great incentive to keep us on track and growing.

## Regents

**Pam Benzing-No. Chair & Toni Valdez-So. Chair**

We have broken the record!!! For 2008, we now have 86 Regents, which is more members than at any time since the program started!

When we began 2008, we were concerned about being able to pay for leadership training. Thanks to the generosity and extra commitment of the 2008 Regents, we will be able to meet our goals for 2008, and are well on the way financially to be able to plan some excellent programs for 2009.



**Happy Faces**

*Janet Normington  
Vicky Maltman*



*Jerry Bing  
Nancy Jarvis  
Brenda Robertson*



*Kathryn Martin  
Sherese Settelmeyer*



*Pam Benzing  
Dianne Robak*



*Peggy Gray  
Cindy O'Toole*



*Sandy Masters  
Ginny Tierman*



**RENO 2008**

**Legislative Update**

**Nancy Dallas**



There are currently eight Initiative Petitions being circulated for signatures by registered voters.

If the required signatures are acquired and approved by the County Clerk/Registrar where collected and, subsequently, the Secretary of State's office, then that petition will appear on the November 2008 General Election Ballot. If it is not approved by voters in 2008, it will then be required to be placed on the November 2010 General Election Ballot for a second voter approval prior to becoming state law.

There is one Initiative Petition that qualified for the 2008 General Election Ballot by being approved by voters in November 2006—The Eminent Domain Act.

**Nevada Taxpayers Protection Act**—This Initiative proposes to amend Article 19 of the Nevada Constitution to require that an initiative petition that proposes, changes, or repeals a statute or amends provisions of the Nevada Constitution must receive at least a two-thirds majority of affirmative votes in each required election to become law.

**Education Enhancement Act**—This Initiative proposes to amend Article 11 of the Nevada Constitution to provide an additional funding source for Nevada's Distributive School Account.

**Funding Nevada's Priorities Act**—This Initiative proposes to amend Article 10 of the Nevada Constitution to provide an additional funding source for elementary and secondary education, public safety, and transportation needs in Nevada.

**Property Tax Reform Initiative for Nevada**—This Initiative proposes to amend Article 10 of Nevada's Constitution to change how real property value is determined, and establish a maximum property tax rate of 1 percent of the base value of the real property.

**Save our Schools with Additional Funding for Salaries and Student Achievement**—This Initiative proposes to amend Section 6 of Article 11 of Nevada's Constitution to establish a new license fee on gross gaming revenue to provide additional funding to Nevada's school districts and charter schools.

**It's Time for Gaming's Fair Share and Eliminate Property Taxes**—This Initiative proposes to amend Article 10 of Nevada's Constitution to raise the tax on gross revenue exceeding \$1 million per calendar month from 6.75% (the current statutory maximum) to the average of the maximum tax rates imposed on casinos operating in other states where commercial gaming is allowed, and eliminate property taxes on primary owned occupied residential homes.

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**Prevent Employers from Seizing Tips**—This Initiative proposes to amend NRS 608.160 which governs the division of tips and gratuities among employees, to prohibit an employer from determining which employees are eligible to receive an allocation from a shared pool of tips and gratuities.

**2006 Eminent Domain**—Qualified for the 2008 General Election Ballot by being approved by the 2006 General Election by 63.1% of the voters. If approved, this Initiative would create a new section within Article 1 of the Nevada Constitution. The amendment provides that the transfer of property taken in an eminent domain action from one private property to another private party would not be considered taken for a public use. The state or its political subdivisions or agencies would not be allowed to occupy property appraisals. The government would have the burden to prove that any property taken was taken for a public use.

\*\*The above is a brief summary of the various Initiatives currently under consideration.

For full information on any of these proposed Initiatives, please log on to the Secretary of State website:

<http://www.sos.state.nv.us>.  
Click on "Election Center"—  
Initiatives & Referendums.

