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35TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION 2019 – SPECIAL EDITION



Nevada Federation of Republican Women Diane Baranowski, left, administers the Oath of Office to the 2020-2021 Board. They are Janet Frexias, President, Caroline Smith, First Vice President, Barb Hawn, Second Vice President,

Lorri Olson, Treasurer, Kathy Doyle, Secretary, Michelle Baert, Southern Director, Linda Colavechio, Northern Director and Rose Fox, Nominating Chair.

Plenty to be proud about for NvFRW

By **DIANE BARANOWSKI**
NvFRW President

My term as NvFRW President is coming to an end, and I am having mixed feelings as I look back on the last 2 years. On the one hand, I am glad to get back some extra hours in the day for other things, but on the other hand, I will miss the feeling of helping to manage this large Board of Directors and Committee Chairwomen as most of us tried our best to accomplish everything in our job descriptions.

In this last newsletter, you will read about this year's controversial NFRW dues increase and why it was important for our state to encourage discussion and then make

From the President's Desk

the vote we felt was best for the future of the NvFRW and our relationship to the NFRW.

You will find the SAVE THE DATE for our upcoming annual Leadership Conferences in Carson City and Las Vegas in January.

You will see the flyer and be reminded of the seasonal and very powerful Wreaths



Diane Baranowski

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Mendy Elliott, center, introduces Legislator Panelists Assemblyman Al Kramer, left, and State Senator James Settlemeyer. Their topic was the shenanigans that transpired during the 2019 Nevada Legislative Session.

GOP legislators still shaking their heads over 2019

“Thank you for what you do. You have no idea with what you do and what that does for us,” is how State Senator James Settlemeyer opened his informal talk to the NvFRW 35th Biennial Convention.

“Your ability to sit there and write emails, to call in, discuss bills. If not for you, a bunch of really bad stuff would happen because we can’t do it all. We need you to help us help save Nevada. We can’t do it alone, we’re not strong enough. But watching them (Democrats) have to spend an entire day on a gun bill and that meant they couldn’t get anything else done, that was great. I wish they could have done that for all 120 days because there was some really bad stuff that was done.”

The Douglas County Republican said that in the past, there were Nevada

Democrats such as Joe Dini. “We don’t have that, we have national Democrats who live in Nevada. All they did was push the national agenda, they didn’t do anything that’s right for Nevada.

“There were some crazy bills ... they believe if you shoot a coyote or if you hit a coyote with your car, you should pick the coyote up, put the coyote in your vehicle and take it to the vet and pay for it,” he said to a round of laughter. In pandering to unions, freight trains have to take on a fourth crew member at the state line – but the same rule doesn’t apply to passenger trains. “These are things you need to mention to everyone so they know the insanity of what these people are pushing.

“How, how many realize we have to, have to, have to have Trump? Do you know we’re only one 9th Circuit

At its Regents reception, the group voted 42-1 to donate funds to the State Senate Republicans for their legal fight.

Court judge away from having a majority of conservatives? That’s how close we are and how he’s focused. We have to make sure the Senate is under majority control.”

Settlemeyer then turned to redistricting. “Unless you want to see them put a pin in the corner of the state at the bottom and draw up four lines, the Congressional Districts and then make all four of them Democrat. I don’t want to see that.

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Kramer: We were outnumbered, we were outgunned

The picture Assemblyman Al Kramer painted of the 2019 Nevada Legislative Session wasn’t a pretty one.

“We were outnumbered, outgunned and outspent and platforms were put in front of us – it didn’t matter if we liked them or not, they were going forward. There were 67 anti-business bills passed.

“You had the Republicans on this side and the others were just walking

through, not caring what kind of difficulty they were causing for the State of Nevada.”

He said of those 67 bills, 8 of them were to undo things measures passed in the previous session such as construction defects. He called them a bunch pandering to their base.

He said Republicans in the Assembly haven’t had some of the disgraces that happen then pointed to the Bidens on the national level.

“In Nevada, we have an attorney general who gives his previous firm a no-bid contract when it comes to suing people. They change the rules. I understand you protect your base but you can’t tweak the law to help your people.

“We created 20 new departments in the state, and it’s going to be millions of dollars in expenses

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Elliott lauds work of Nevada elected officials



Mendy Elliott, the valuable asset to Nevada Republicans, introduced State Senator James Settelmeyer, Assemblyman Al Kramer and Republican Guru Greg Bailor for the afternoon session on the first day of NvFRW's 35th Biennial convention.

"He's one of the smartest guys in the building as it relates to lands," Elliott said, "and he's catching up with (Pete) Goicoechea when it comes to water.

"Senator Settelmeyer came into my life in 2006 in the Assembly. Since then, he has been elected to the State Senate and is a force to be reckoned with. He went to Cal Poly, his demeanor is calm and patient and I can talk to him. Sometimes we don't agree, but we've had good policy discussions. We are lucky to have him as the leader of Republicans in the Senate.

"Al Kramer has a long history as being treasurer for City of Carson as

well as the state's deputy treasurer. He's the go-to guy concerning finances in the building. He's respected across the aisle because you can't tell him something if it's not correct. Number 1, he'll correct you. He's a strong conservative and represents Carson and part of Washoe."

She also talked briefly on Greg Bailor who has been hired by the Republican Caucus.

"I want to tell you the magnitude of the bills: there were 1,293 bill drafts, total bills introduced were 1,117 and that was in 120 days. There were 556 bills in Assembly and 561 in Senate. They passed 639 bills, 3 bills were vetoed for 56 percent of bills.

"My favorite statistic," she laughed, "is there were 1,223 registered lobbyists, that's to talk to 63 people, a 20-1 ratio.

"It's important that we have the ability to fight for the next session."

Bailor putting GOP house in order

Communication. Making things work. That is Greg Bailor's mission.

"After Election Day, Senator Settelmeyer called me when he became minority leader and said 'Hey boss, want to come and help me rebuild the caucus?' I said it can't get any worse so let's go do it.

"On the night of the Governor's address, we had all state Republicans and all staff meet. In the 2017

Legislative Session, the first time I saw all elected officials meet was when Senator Heller came to address the Legislature. That was at least 60 days into the session. The Governor wasn't there, the Lieutenant Governor wasn't there either. We weren't communicating even in our own chambers so that's one thing we changed Day One."

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Nevada GOP lawsuit put off until April 1

The wheels of the judicial system turn slowly. On November 19, First Judicial Court District Judge James Todd Russell told the Legislative Counsel Bureau that it could not represent Democrats in the lawsuit filed by Senate Republicans charging that Senate passage of measures extending the sunsets in place for the Modified Business Tax and a DMV technology fee were unconstitutional because they didn't receive a two-thirds majority vote. Both bills fell one vote short on party lines.

Judge Russell set April 1 for a hearing in the case. No foolin'.

The November 19 hearing was over LCB's decision to basically represent the Democratic majority.

Republicans, headed by Senate Minority Leader James Settelmeyer, moved to disqualify LCB legal saying they can't represent one group of lawmakers against another group of lawmakers because they represent the entire Legislature.

Russell told both sides after an hour-long hearing that he was very concerned LCB was doing just that.

"It appears to this court there is a need for LCB to maintain neutrality with respect to all members of the Legislature," Russell said. "LCB in my opinion has always been very neutral to everybody. I just don't think you can pick sides by representing individual senators against other senators," he told LCB counsel Kevin Powers.

He disqualified LCB from representing the Democratic legislator named in the suit, Majority Leader Nicole Cannizzaro.

But saying there were far broader implications if he were to kick LCB out of the lawsuit, he

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The Gang of 35 – Biennial Convention that is



Nevada brings home the awards from National Convention

Nevada Federation of Republican Women racked up about an 80 percent success rating when it came to Achievement Awards for the National Federation of Republican Women for the 2017-2019 Biennium.

"I could not be more delighted with all of you," said Anita Trone, Achievement Chair for NvFRW during her report to the NvFRW Convention October 18-19.

"We have 16 clubs and 13 won Achievement Awards and 12 were Diamond Awards: Carson City, Douglas County, Fernley, Incline, Mt. Rose, Republican Women of Reno, Sierra Nevada, Southern Hills, Sparks, Spring Mountain and Washoe Republican Women. Bronze went to Mesquite.

"Because of so many awards, Nevada won the Betty Heitman Award for Excellence. Great job, Republican Women of Nevada."

For the clubs that did not submit, Anita said she hoped clubs would consider submitting the paperwork at the next biennial convention. "You can almost win the bronze by just filling out the form. Son't be afraid of it, let's have

100 percent next biennium."

Betty Green Heitman was a Republican activist from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. From 1978 to 1980, she was president of the National Federation of Republican Women. During her tenure, the organization achieved financial independence from the Republican National Committee. She also prodded U.S. Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush to appoint more women to executive government offices.

Heitman was married to Henry Schrader Heitman, M.D., who was a captain in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II. The couple had four children. She died in 1994.

Heitman was a delegate to the 1968 and 1976 Republican national conventions which nominated Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford Jr., respectively. As NFRW president, Heitman worked to establish two schools for training within the organization, one for campaign management and the other for political polling. The NFRW established in her honor the biennial Betty Heitman Award for State Excellence. All NFRW presidents rise from the ranks of state federations.

Leadership meets being planned

Northern Director Cher Daniels said she continues to work at reserving the Governor's Mansion's Nevada Room for the January Leadership gathering.

And Southern Director Michelle Baert was able to report the Southern Leadership gathering will be at Spanish Trails on January 11, 2020.

All about money

Karen Von Schimmelmenn told the convention financial reports were included in their packets. The operating account has \$39,414.80 in it, the Regents' balance is \$7,979.24. One asset that is being held is money from the Laughlin club which stopped operating last year.

Also included were detailed profit-and-loss reports, reporting of gifts by speakers, guidelines were obtained from the Secretary of State's website plus information on how to report 4th quarter membership renewals/new joining.

Financial projections made for next 2 years

Budget and Finance Chair, Barbara Kirk gave her report on the current year and projections for the next two years.

Barbara said there was a profit of \$15,000, and a projected loss for October through December of \$19,000. This was due to the expense of the NvFRW 2019 convention, money sent to NFRW and some travel. In 2019, the loss was about \$3,000. The estimated combined cash on hand is \$28,600 at end of year.

The 2020-21 budgets are fairly generic, she said, because the then to-be-elected officers would be developing their own plans. The net budget for 2020 is a loss of \$3,900 and 2021 is a loss of \$11,500, and that will be due to the national convention in 2021.

Barbara said the \$5 the state club gets every year is not enough to fund the organization. "Every year, we chip away at our reserves. We are projecting to have about \$30,000 at end of this year. We are anemic and that we've got \$30,000 in the bank, but national will come along and want \$10,000-15,000 for the national convention. We need to kick up our fund-raising. We spent money in 2018, we sent money to the PACs, we spent money and what a difference it made (in election races). We need to do the same thing in 2020. I want us to be the best we can be, achieve our goals, mission and educate our members and the public – and elect Republicans."

Convention rules

In the agenda item regarding the Adoption of Convention Rule, there was discussion about how much time would be given to someone's nomination from the floor. It was voted on that a nominee from the floor would only be able to speak for 2 minutes, and not eligible to more than 2 minutes. This item was approved unanimously.

The Ratification of Committee Chair Appointments was approved. They were: Elections, Lynne Hartung
Credentials, Anita Trone and Peggy Gray
Registration, Republican Women of Reno
President's Round Table Facilitator, Mary Porter
Resolutions Chair, Yolanda Knaak
Temporary Parliamentarians, Lynne Hartung and Barbara Kometz

NFRW approves dues hike

During the National Federation of Republican Women's 40th Biennial Convention in Indianapolis in September, a measure passed in full delegate session to raise the dues that each member pays to National from \$10 to \$20, beginning in January.

This was not a surprise, as National had sent out a notice earlier in the year about "2019 Dues Increase – Talking Points." The bottom line is that NFRW has been running a budget deficit which they have been covering from their investment accounts.

Several reasons NFRW gave for their deficit:

- * A decline in value of assets due to market correction
- * High cost of living in the DC area: The condo where the President lives in Alexandria, VA, costs \$66,000 per year just for utilities, taxes and HOA, in addition to the mortgage
- * There were single source donor(s) who no longer contribute
- * Paid staff positions must have raises

Reasons Given in Favor of Increasing NFRW Dues:

Credentials, Host teams on the job

The Credentials team, made up of Peggy Gray and Anita Trone of Fernley RW, gave three reports during the convention. As the convention opened, Anita reported 54 delegates, 1 alternate as a quorum was present.

For her second credential report, 63 delegates, 1 alternate were present.

And for her final credential report, Anita said only Yolanda

- * Critical election year in 2020
- * Membership is on a roll nationally and has grown
- * For the past 81 years, NFRW has been an important voice in US politics
- * If there is no increase in dues, NFRW may not be in business within a year
- * NFRW serves as umbrella organization for GOP women's clubs nationally. If it goes away there is no structure under which the State federations can operate
- * Compared to other organizations, \$20 yearly dues per person is not that much. Many of these range from \$25 - \$100

* NFRW hasn't raised dues in ten years.

Some Cost Cutting Measures:

- * Sold "Rosie the Bus" for what they paid for it
- * Refinanced the condo. NFRW had a balloon mortgage and refinanced before that payment became due
- * Cut back on travel of Executive Committee, more meetings now done virtually
- * Consolidated staff

Knaak hadn't checked in but 72 delegates and 1 alternate were present. All reports were voted on and accepted.



A Registration team from Host Club Republican Women of Reno was acknowledged. They were Kathy Doyle, Barbara Kometz, Connie Furlong, Kathy Barcaskey and Cindy Sassenrath.

Bylaws need to be up-to-date

Regarding Bylaws, Kathy Doyle said there had been a couple of incidents and it's been learned that it's very important to have up-to-date bylaws. This will make it so there is no question of interpretation.

"Part of our bylaws say we can update the bylaws at every biennial every two years. For this one, we didn't have any proposed amendments but if you have any in mind, bring forth for the next biennial."

Legislators

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Our goal is to get majorities in both chambers and stop them. We have to.

He reflected on the accomplishments of the 2015 Legislative session:

- What we did with education, we have seen now the dividends of that
- An increase in educational levels of 1.8 percent last year
- We started turning it around

"Of course this last session they reversed half of that at least. We need to give parents a choice not keep taking choices away. The future of the state is at risk."

Settelmeyer then turned to the Republican Caucus' lawsuit and how Democrats passed revenue-related legislation with a simple majority vote rather than the two-thirds vote mandate by the Nevada Constitution.

Simply, there was no need to impose more taxes on residents.

"The rainy day fund has \$400 million in it. More importantly people ought to wonder what the reserve is right now. We try to have \$50 million in case something goes wrong. There's \$177 million in it today. They didn't need this tax, they didn't need the \$98 million from the payroll, they didn't need the \$4 million which we're also suing on on the DMV technology fee.

"Money isn't the problem. They did this because they want to break the constitution. Why? If they win on this, the legal opinion they got our own Legislative Counsel Bureau



Leadership – Past, present, future

Nevada Federation of Republican Women has a history of recognizing its own. Here we have Lynne Hartung, left, Maraya Evans, Lori Piotroski, past presidents, outgoing president Diane Baranowski and incoming presiden Janet Frexias.

to write that they should not require a two-thirds vote to extend the sunset.

"Last year my property taxes went up 5.25 percent because I'm a business. This means your property taxes could go up 5.25 percent by a simple majority vote without having had any discussion. They're actually trying to base their legal argument off of other states' constitutions. Our constitution states if you raise revenue in any form, it should require a two-thirds vote. We told them if you do that we will sue and we did that."

He said Democrats already have won by not having to deal with Republicans during the session.

"They just passed their entire agenda. We didn't have any leverage or ability to stop some of the horrible things that were going through.

"We have to look at Independents and get them to our side. The reality is in Clark County, the Republican Party is the third party. We have to have a majority (in the Legislature), we have to have those seats.

"We're also trying to change. Senate Republicans have been a little bit stuffy, and that's why we hired Mr. Bailor. We're changing that. We re-did our website, Facebook, we've got more people who like us. We also used texting software. Text GOP to 474747. We'll keep you updated, tell you what's going on with the lawsuit, keep you connected. We need that. We need to start communicating in real time not a week ago, not in a newsletter, a month ago because we need to change this.

"I need your help to do this."

Lawsuit

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ruled the legislative legal staff could stay in the case by filing to intervene on behalf of the Legislature as a whole.

Cannizzaro and Senate Secretary Clair Clift, who were named in the suit, will have to get their own counsel but, under the law, the Legislative Commission can pay for their lawyers.

The eight Republican senators who opposed the bills and filed the suit must pay their own legal bills because, as Powers put it, they are challenging the Legislature as an organization while Cannizzaro is aligned with the interests of the legislative branch.

"The individual legislators named should either be dismissed or they need to get separate counsel," Russell said. "I think you should be involved. I just think that, somehow, you shouldn't be in the middle of this thing representing one state senator against another state senator. That jeopardizes the entire nature of the LCB."

The Senate voted 13-8 to pass the two bills. That is one shy of the two-thirds majority the state constitution requires to raise taxes.

That has always been required even to extend a sunset but LCB legal issued an opinion at the request of Democrats in the 2019 session saying it wasn't required in this particular case because it wasn't raising a tax, just extending a tax.

While the technology fee at DMV is included, the real issue is the more than \$100 million extending the higher level Modified Business Tax would generate for K-12 education.

Thanks ... for the memories

A fun part of the convention was listening to First Vice President Lynn Aramino reflect on her two years as Diane Baranowski's sidekick. "We didn't really know one another but have developed a friendship, I have great respect for her instincts. I'd had a business, she was a stay-at-home mom, wanted to run something past me, I'd give her my opinion and then she'd do what she wanted. It became a running joke.

"Also being VP, I got to know Karen Von S, I can't say her name ... but got to know her well and I appreciate what she's done. So I called her and said I'd like to get Diane a gift. She is a consummate camper, she goes camping with her brother and they go for about a week at a time ... she does the cooking, he puts the tent up, this is an old tent you guys, using it 40 years, this is the heavy canvas and if something happens, he fixes it."

About this time, Diane is starting to make faces, smiling and then putting her hands up to her mouth.

"So Karen and I are talking and I say let's get them a tent. We're a

little nervous about this because what if they don't like it? It's a huge, huge tent he puts up by himself while she sets up the kitchen. So we went online to look for a tent that was huge and had a couple of rooms, big window flap ... I can't show it to you guys but I can show it to Diane" as she works on her Smartphone to pull up a photo of it.

"Karen got the tent but it's the end of the season and it's been discontinued we think (so much laughter) but true to form, we couldn't get the tent so we're going to give Diane the gift card so you can buy it next spring."



Diane responds, saying their tent is shaggy, droopy and pathetic. "You guys, you're unbelievable" as the room ripples in laughter.

"We've been real lucky to have her," Lynn said,

"so Diane thank you."

"Thank you," Diane replies, "... crazy tent ... wow. My brother will be just really surprised. It's not civilized the way we camp."

Kramer

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– all passed on party-line votes. We've extended the Modified Business Tax, abolished the Education Savings Accounts so now you're locked in no matter if there's a school you want to go to. They stopped the Opportunity Scholarship. On school budgets, the first thing the Dems did was slash \$30 million from school safety and then later scramble to make a place for it."

Kramer said that when Steve Sisolak was running for governor was running, he said wouldn't raise taxes but his budget depends on some taxes being extended beyond their expiration dates. "You can quibble if that's a new tax or not, but the way the law was written with two-thirds approval, it's pretty clear you need a two-thirds vote to extend those."



Some votes on health care issues will increase costs. Work was done on reducing prison sentences, some items that passed have real concerns for law enforcement, some municipalities are passing domestic violence laws that will have two types of domestic violence.

"We have Democrats in charge of

the Governor's Office, in charge of the Senate, in charge of the Assembly and you see them going back to their roots, the philosophy to expand government, have higher taxes. We are the opposite of that, limited government Republicans.

With the costs of Medicaid and more people eligible for Medicaid, Nevada will be in a funding crunch, in 2021 and 2023.

"We fought for a government that is transparent and accountable," Kramer said. "The next time around, I would hope we could have a majority in the Assembly. We're working on that and recruiting some really good candidates. Those people are going to need some help."

President

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Across America program, spearheaded in our region by Anita Trone of Fernley RW. Please take a moment to write a check to support this program.

I have recently become aware of an effort launched recently by Southern Hills RW member Mary Rooney regarding the horrifying AB291: Red Flag Law that passed the last Legislative Session. See the brochure that Angela has included on Page 15 from Mary and please think about how we can get involved in fighting it.

You will see a lovely picture of our constant friend and mentor Lynne “Check the Bylaws!” Hartung as we began our good-byes to her at the Gala dinner. We don’t completely understand how we are going to function without her presence at Sparks RW meetings and our state BOD meetings – and knowing that she was

at least in Reno whenever we needed to sit down with her and get ongoing lessons on how to run NvFRW! We all need to let her know how much she has meant to so many of us for so many years and how jarring it feels knowing she is now going to be a whole state away. Although the way she puts it is “I’ll be only one state away!” She DOES say she will be only a phone call away and I take her at her word. Thank heavens!

Janet Frexias is the President-elect and she has a team of experienced women behind her who will bring great skills and experience to their positions. It is always wonderful to attend January’s Leadership Conference to see the new officers in person and get a sense of their goals and hopes for their upcoming two years.

One of the greatest gifts to NFRW State Presidents is the chance to take part in NFRW Board meetings and



Convention delegates entered into discussions and asked questions during sessions.



Kathy Doyle

conventions and also communicating with and really getting to know the personnel at NFRW – most of whom are volunteers just like we are, and are just as committed to doing a good job for us as we Nevada leaders are to serving our state members. The NFRW is a tremendous resource for every one of our members, but maybe especially for new Nevada leaders. They truly want us to succeed in

our state and they make every effort to be responsive and helpful in their answers to our questions.



Now, I thank my Kitchen Cabinet and Executive Board:

I was lucky enough to find the perfect business partner in my 1st Vice President Lynn Armanino. She was the first member of my very real “Kitchen Cabinet” and was a constant patient sounding board for many months as I got comfortable mak-



Lynn Armanino

ing executive decisions. She has solid and always sound political judgement - far better than my own – and never minded if I took a decision another way than she had advised. This is what I would wish for every President – to have a 1st VP whose judgement and confidence she can trust and who will give her constructive criticism when needed and support even when she was afraid that you were wrong. Lynn helped me keep this NvFRW ship afloat for 2 years – and we did. And we remain friends and will now be taking that friendship to new levels outside of the FRW.

The next most important member of my Kitchen Cabinet was our wonderful Treasurer Karen Von Schimmelmann. Oh my goodness did we luck out! She was a well-respected professional accountant for several big-name Hollywood studios and personalities long before she became our Treasurer and BOY does she know her stuff! No one could have been more conscientious in this job and more willing to say “NO” to anyone who wanted to spend one red cent outside of the budget process. She



Karen Von S

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Amodei featured dinner speaker

Nevada Federation of Republican Women held its 35th Annual Biennial Convention on October 18-19 at Harrah's Reno. Among its official business was to elect officers for 2020-21. Congressman Mark Amodei attended the convention finale by speaking at the closing banquet. He provided commentary on the country's current state of affairs including the potential impeachment of President Trump.

President

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always had the NvFRW's financial wellbeing in her crosshairs and spent countless hours working with the NFRW as they instituted more new processes than she even knew were coming when she took the job 2 years ago. I appreciate and admire her skills because they are SO not my skills! I thank her for her dedicated service for these two years and wish her many wonderful and restful world cruises now that she is not monitoring club reports every 3 months!



Ruth Ann Schwarze

I was also very lucky to have gotten to know Angela Mann in my own Sparks RW club for several years. When I asked her if she would bring her phenomenal journalistic skills to our state newsletter when I became President, she considered it briefly and then said Yes. NO ONE puts together a newsletter like Angela does and her work helped NvFRW earn the Betty Heitman award this year, for which we should all be grateful. But I am

especially. She has been patient and an endlessly "no pressure" editor – we suited each other's work style perfectly and I thank her so much for being on my team.

NvFRW was lucky to have our 2nd VP Caroline Smith appointed NFRW Chairwoman of the Membership Committee. She shared lots of valuable tips from their Membership campaign and constantly encouraged every member to use them to not only increase their club membership but to find and SIGN UP new members every single day. She worked tirelessly while I was President and the NvFRW thanks her.

Barb Hawn brought her extensive secretarial skills and experience to our NvFRW Secretary's position. I appreciated her accurate minutes long after I had forgotten what had take place at a BOD meeting. She accomplished this while she was Nevada GOP Secretary, too! So thanks Barb for 2 years of service.

It was such fun to have my own club president, Cher Daniels (Sparks RW) be elected to Northern Director 2 years ago. I had enjoyed this job for 2 years and she stepped up when I vacated it to become President. And almost the best part is that her devoted husband Bryan

Saying goodbye



Lynne Hartung, friend and a long-time member of Sparks Republican Women, Nevada Federation of Republican Women and National Federation of Republican Women gives an emotional farewell to her Silver State friends. Lynne is retiring and moving to Southern California to be near family.

was always everywhere helping her help us! We really get 2 workers in one with the Daniels! Cher accepted the frenetic activity of a Leadership Conference and Board meeting each year with grace and efficiency and I appreciated it. We have

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Numbers are on the rise as more join Federation

Second VP of NvFRW and Membership Chairwoman for NFRW Caroline Smith had two reports for convention attendees. ... one on the national and one on the state level.

She chatted about how unbelievable the National convention was, the dues increase and how numbers are rising.

Caroline touched on:

- Need for fund-raising
- Time to bring in your men, husbands and boyfriends
- Ask for help from your political leaders
- Raise your associate fees – NFRW raised associate membership to \$75

- For first time after losing 1,000 to 3,000 members annually, for the first time in 5 years membership increased; 2018 numbers were 53,214, in 2019, with 3 months to go, NFRW at 54,700, a gain of 6,000

“Why, what turned this around?” she asked. “My thinking is because of Trump, our nation, past members are coming back, they’re interested, they’re working, they appreciate what the Federation is doing, they’re excited and they want to re-elect President Trump, the economy is rolling, it’s all because of President Trump and your long hours and dedication that you’ve done – so it’s you that has done this. (Yes, all one sentence!)”

“We have an active membership committee, what a working team with 19 members. Many states have used the ‘Each One Bring One’, program and they have



NvFRW Second Vice President Caroline Smith, left, receives her Campaign Volunteer Award issued by NFRW from Anita Trone for her outstanding volunteer efforts on behalf of membership recruitment across the United States.

shown an increase in membership.”



“I’m so proud at the national convention we (NvFRW) were recognized as the state with the most outstanding retention and recruitment program. We were competing against 48 states. This is absolutely outstanding, let’s do the same thing for the 2021 convention in Florida. Don’t lose the momentum, and I encourage you to continue your current endeavors, something’s working.”

Caroline said the 2020 election is going to take a massive grassroots effort nationally. She said every person who joins is a vote and how President Trump needs to win Nevada.

Approximate numbers for Nevada include in 2017, there were 1,108 members, in 2018, an increase to 1,152 members and in 2019, there are about 1,250 members.

Join Regents and have some fun!

Ruth Ann Schwarze thanked all who joined Regents. “I had fun doing this, and Diane has been the best president to work with. Regents formed over 20 years ago

as fund-raising arm for Federation. Dues of \$100 have not been increased in over 20 years,” and she suggests raising dues a little bit.

NFRW OKs two bylaw updates

Lynne Hartung, At-Large member of the National Federation of Republican Women, reported on actions taken at the national convention.

Two bylaws were approved:

“In the past, we have tried hard to develop virtual clubs, to attract younger people who don’t want to go to lunch or dinner. The problem was bylaws did not address virtual clubs, so a short definition of what electronic clubs mean was added. All definitions of a club apply to an online club.

“Second, we needed a definition of ‘Good Standing’ and when is a member not in good standing. If dues have not been paid, dues not sent to National by March 1, you are not in good standing. Treasurers and presidents need to make sure information is submitted by February 1 when first quarterly report is due. Membership is from January 1 to December 31.

Lynne also said emails are a big deal because without an email address, you don’t exist.

National approved motion to increase national dues to \$20 a year. Before that, NFRW was spending \$19 per member for services and “we had no choice but to raise dues.” Also, Associate memberships were increased from \$25 to \$75 a year.



Remember our heroes, donate to Wreaths Across America

As we enter Fall, Winter and the holidays are soon to follow. It's also at this time that we remember all those souls who have given their lives so that we may enjoy ours as well as the safety of America.

It is time to ... REMEMBER the Fallen ... HONOR those who Serve ... TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

The Nevada Federation of Republican Women have teamed up with the Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition to help provide wreaths for as many of our fallen heroes as possible.

For every two wreaths purchased, we will get one free. Please help us by purchasing at least two wreaths.



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Send your check made out to Wreaths Across America and send to NV Veterans Coalition, PO Box 415, Fernley, NV 89408

In Memo line, please put that it is for the Northern Nevada Vets

This year, on Saturday, December 14, at Noon, the NNVC will be helping Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery to lay Remembrance wreaths on the graves.

Help honor and remember these many fallen heroes by sponsoring the wreaths or volunteering on Wreaths Day. Thank you so much for supporting the

Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition (NV0010) and Wreaths Across America!

Jo Marshal Scholarship awarded

"We have candidate for Jo Marshal Scholarship," said Kim Bacchus of Literacy and Education. "We changed the perimeters to make available to all college student levels. This year it is Andrea Coleman, a PhD candidate at UNLV, College of Education and a member of Southern Hills RW. Her dissertation is about college students who are homeless. She learned about them through her Project 150. This is a phenomenal group of students. She's a single mom who found herself with a 3 year old, she moved her parents, her disabled brother and her daughter into a home she bought and is looking after all of them.

It was recommended that she receive the entire \$2,000 scholarship and after a motion, second and discussion, this was passed unanimously.



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Navigating the road to being a 2020 delegate to GOP Convention

Nevada's Republican National Committeeman Lee Hoffman spoke in an afternoon session of NvFRW's 35th Biennial Convention, weaving through the myriad of rules on becoming a delegate to the Republican Party's 2020 National Convention in Charlotte, NC.

He arrived at the last few slides of his presentation when attendees realized that chances may be limited to actually be on hand when President Donald Trump is nominated for a second term of office.

The chair of the Elko County Republican Party and his wife, Lynn, attended the 2016 Convention in Cleveland and he detailed how they work, the party's organization and structure and how it was an experience they'd never had before. There is pre-convention work to do that includes working on committees and ascertaining the rules and the order of business. It was lots of fun and lots of stress.

Hoffman said in 2016, Nevada had 30 delegates and 27 alternates. Every state has 10 at-large delegates no matter the size of the state. There are 3 delegates per Congressional so that equaled 12 delegates, plus there were bonus delegates because Republicans had done well in the 2014 elections.

For Nevada, it won't be that way in 2020 with Democrat victories in 2018. Nevada will have 25 delegates but no bonus delegates.

He next tackled the rules. And it turned out the rules change depending on whether or not there is an incumbent Republican president.

Delegates are chosen at the State Convention in the presidential year. The rules of the presidential preference poll are established by the State Central Committee. On September 7, 2019, State Central Committee



*Diane Baranowski
and
Lee Hoffman*

changed rules to allow a presidential preference poll in a year when there is an incumbent president who has declared he's running for a second term.

That change allows that instead of a caucus, the poll is going to be done at a meeting of the State Central Committee, and it shifts the focus of how delegates are picked.

"Another change," he said, "added the language the President of the United States or his/her designated representative is to present a slate of nominations for at-large national delegates. In 2020, the State Central Committee's meeting on February 22 will conduct this balloting, and delegates will be based on that voting."

Hoffman continued on about the number of delegates and participation. But his previous words had begun to sink in for NvFRW members.

Someone asked how could one get on the Trump slate of nominees.

That was when an unidentified NvFRW delegate said she was appalled that this is the way delegates could be chosen from a slate put together by the Trump people.

"It robs us all of that idea that we would be able to attend that national convention. I have no idea why anyone representing our state would agree to that streamline, elitist 'we'll pick who we want' system. This was handled at an executive level that I would not want to be part of and approve that alternative

presidential poll."

Hoffman said they are part of the preliminary rules of the convention so the convention has to adopt those rules. If there's enough support for the woman's position, they could vote to remove it.

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"By state rules," he said regarding becoming a delegate:

- You have to be a state convention delegate

- Self-nominations have to be done 30 days prior

- The real difference is in 2020, the Trump campaign will present a slate of nominees for the delegates and alternates

- It all starts with you attending your precinct meetings

- All has to be completed by March 29, one has to attend their county convention and get elected as a state convention delegate

- This is all about party building

- State convention is scheduled for May 16 in north part of state, no exact venue yet

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When asked how much it costs to attend a national convention, Hoffman said you pay for your own travel to get there, you pay for your own accommodations and the length of time you are there depends on the committees you are on, at least 4-5 days.

"My key message for today is party building begins at the precinct meetings, it's important that you go to the precinct meetings and bring others with you. Follow through the process, nominate the central committees and your rules for your county conventions may vary.

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President

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become very good friends through it all and I'm grateful.

Michelle Baert was such a good sport to accept nomination for Southern Director 2 years ago when Lynn Armanino approached her about it. She had been a member of Southern Hills RW for a short time when she got elected and what a revelation she was! She brought real professional skills to the job as she dealt with hotels for Leadership and BOD meetings and travel away from her family to attend meetings. She told us how she enlisted the help of her young sons her first year as Southern Director to stuff bags and lanyards with name badges



Michelle Baert

before a BOD Meeting. Michelle is another young professional that we want to encourage in the Federation because young women like her are our future leaders.

Immediate Past President Lori Piotrowski was a big help when I needed to ask advice about what she did in certain situations as President. She always took my calls (LOL) and was patient and gracious and generous with her experience and advice, and I thank her for that.

Darlene Ruedy worked as Nominating Chair while serving as President of her own club Washoe RW and the NvFRW thanks her for her time.

I haven't thanked everyone here who helped me along the way with advice and encouragement but you know who you are and as I see you at various NvFRW functions, I will let you know how much I appreciated you. Thanks, every one of you, for letting me serve the NvFRW.



Immediate Past President Lori Piotrowski

Work will continue on Rigley Raccoon

"This is my last time reporting to you," said Immediate Past President Lori Piotrowski. "It's been joyful, and I've learned a lot. We all are volunteers, and we learn from one another."

"You know I've been pushing nationally as chair for the Literacy Campaign, the Rigley Raccoon Super Reader books. I'm happy to say that through that project, we have raised about \$1,000 for National Federation and 20 percent of that came from Nevada."

She said she hopes to get two Rigley books out in 2020.

Bailor

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He said now, regular meetings were held with the Assembly and the Senators all in one room. This is to coordinate and work together, make sure all understand priorities, that everybody was on the same page and to eliminate confusion in the closing days.

He said the Democrats were never on time, 4-hours, 6 hours behind schedule.

"So let's do a Facebook live video and said the Democrats just increased taxes, they're off their wheels. We need your help now, click here, call here. We had 30,000-40,000 people watch this thing, they're sharing, they're sending this thing around.

"We can't get press coverage so we had to be creative, and we're continuing that. We've rebuilt all our social media programs. As many of you know, President Trump raises money in small dollar donations. Our average online donation from Republicans is \$40. Two years ago, there wasn't a way to donate online. There was no way to send emails. Imagine that.

"I don't think many people realize that in the 1996 election, who was involved in Nevada Republican Politics?

- Brian Sandoval and Mark Amodei won their Assembly races that year

- Dina Titus won her State Senate race that year

- Steve Sisolak lost his

- Dole and Clinton, Clinton won Nevada by about 3,000 votes

"Who else won? Jim Gibbons and John Ensign in their Congressional races. I believe Republicans had the State Senate and Assembly. The last



Greg Bailor

on our capitol. Democrats have, they've been invested in building, they train candidates, they hire more staff and they focus on Carson and not Washington.

"We've got to flip that script. There are 9,000 historical donors in Nevada, but they're donating to Washington and not to Nevada. Maybe nobody asked. We're rebuilding this from scratch.

time we had the 2020 election was 1996. White House, Congress, Carson City. This is the first time since 1996 we're going to have the opportunity to compete like that."

Then he rattled off:

- 2008, presidential caucus, presidential election year
- 2010 Sharron Angle Harry Reid
- 2011 Special Election for Mark Amodei
- 2012 Mitt Romney
- 2014 Republicans do a pretty good job
- 2016 back to the presidential cycle
- 2018 Senate Races, Congressional races

"But we haven't been focusing on Carson City so that's the real message for this cycle, we've got to focus

We don't have anything to lose.

"We've got to win three seats and hold Heidi Gansert and Scott Hammond in the Senate and we've got a branch of government again. Three seats, that's what we're looking at. We've been actively engaged in candidate recruitment, we have daily conversations with our counterparts in the Assembly and we are working as efficiently as possible 13 months out from the 2020 election.

"It's not all doom and gloom, but it's not easy and we have so much work to do. We need everybody to recruit, improve our numbers, build our clubs, work with our party, work with our National Committee and we're all talking, we're all in the same room, we have to be a team as we head into the next cycle."



Help stop unconstitutional Red Flag Law AB 291

The concept of a "Red Flag" law – which permits the confiscation of lawfully owned weapons from a person because of what the person might do – violates both the presumption of innocence and the due process requirement of proof of criminal behavior before our personal liberty can be infringed.

- Judge Andrew Napolitano

In the 2019 Nevada Legislative Session, Democrats passed Assembly Bill 291, an omnibus anti Bill of Rights law which goes into effect January 1, 2020.

AB291 violates the United States Constitution and the Nevada Constitution. Not only does it restrict our 2nd Amendment Rights, it severely erodes the Bill of Rights.

By allowing this bill to become law, we are forfeiting:

- Right to Due Process
- Presumption of Innocence
- Right to bear arms
- Protection against unreasonable search and seizure
- Protection against issuing of warrants without probable cause
- Protection against property seizure
- Right to be informed of charges
- Right to confront witnesses
- Right to trial by jury

During the 2019 Legislative Session hearing on AB291, a total of 3,764 people shared their view on the bill: 249 in favor and 3,511 opposed. Through citizen engagement, 1,011 phone calls were made to the Governor's office asking him to veto AB291. Clearly, our



voices are not being heard.

Will you join us to fight for our personal rights and liberties before it's too late?

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Conservative talk show host exposes Socialism dangers

Conservative talk show host Jesus Marquez, of Las Vegas, spoke on the dangers of Communism and Socialism during an afternoon session of the NvFRW convention. He is the only conservative host who is Spanish in Nevada. Marquez serves on the Hispanic Advisory Board for President Trump, coming on board in 2016. He was invited to a meeting at Trump Tower with a small group of

Latino leaders from across the country but only one from Nevada. From that, the Hispanic Advisory Board was formed.

"Dangers of Socialism in America is a topic that's more frontline," he said, "and a lot of the Democrats are openly Socialist. I believe if we can expose this, it will be beneficial to Republicans, we can talk about what Socialism can really do to our country."



Jesus Marquez

Clubs receive Achievement Awards

- ❖ Achievement Chair Anita Trone presented Diamond Awards to Carson City RW, Sparks RW, and Sierra Nevada RW
- ❖ Betty Heitman Award was presented to NvFRW
- ❖ Caring for America Certificate of Participation went to Fernley RW, Washoe RW, and Active RW
- ❖ Campaign Volunteer Award for outstanding accomplishments, goes to Caroline Smith
- ❖ Nevada Republican Women logged 413,936 campaign hours as it worked for Nevada Republicans



Republican Women of Reno had the largest increase in membership. Caroline Smith, second from left presents certificate to Kathy Doyle, President, Smith, Nicol Herreris, Kathy Barcaskey, Cindy Sassenrath and Barbara Kirk.



After business of the convention wound down, it was time to chat with friends – old and new – at a dinner featuring speaker Congressman Mark Amodei, a farewell to Lynne Hartung and the installation of incoming officers.

