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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023
RWR LUNCHEON MEETING**

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**Jim DeGraffenreid
National Committeeman**

Mr. DeGraffenreid will present an overview and action plan for the current Legislative session which began February 6..



Atlantis Hotel 3800 Virginia Street, Reno

DOORS OPEN 11 A.M. / LUNCH 11:30 / MEETING STARTS 11:45 A.M.

\$30 Member Early Bird pricing
\$35 Non-Member (must register and prepay before 4 p.m. on February 2)
Reservations after February 2, incur a \$5 surcharge. \$10 extra for walk-ins.

Luncheon Menu

Shrimp Scampi, Basmati Rice, Vegetable, Tiramisu for dessert.



Republican Women of Reno

For this meeting only RSVP to Bev Stenehjem (408) 705-6537, OR mail your check made out to RWR to her at 2279 Placerwood Trail, Reno, NV 89523

Nicôl Herris, President

The Nevada State Legislature meets in odd years and this year's session is from February 6 to June 5, 2023. We have our work cut out for us as our legislators need help from us to get the bills passed which will help govern our state better.

We need you to become more knowledgeable about the legislative process, how to navigate the process of sending your comments on the bills to the legislators and how to increase our effectiveness. There will be many opportunities available to help in this process.

The Nevada State Federation of Republican Women hosted a Leadership Workshop on January 14, 2023 where we heard from various speakers and learned about the committees at our state level. The workshop was taped and will be available for viewing.

Membership in RWR is crucial in our mission and we appreciate your membership in our club. Please send in your membership renewal NOW so we can continue to do to the great work we do!

Here are the top 3 things to do:

- * Renew your RWR membership
- * Join a RWR committee
- * Send a Valentine to a loved one

Wishing everyone a most fun and loved Valentine's Day,

Thanks a Million,



2022 Executive Officers

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E-Communications: Janet Butcher

2nd Amendment & Legislation:

Appointed Offices

Chaplain: Katie Cohn

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Appointed Chairs

Achievement Awards: Kathy Doyle

Armed Services/Homeland: Joan Shoop

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Membership: Kate Vineyard

Newsletter: Victoria Crockett

Nominating: Joan Shoop

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Nicol Herris, President Award, Carole Fineberg

Although not a life-long Republican, in 1980, Carole Fineberg saw Ronald Reagan speak, changed her voter registration and has never looked back. In 1994-95, she served as President of the Simi Valley (CA) Republican Women Federated and was a volunteer Docent at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library & Museum from 1991-2008, when she and her late husband retired to Reno.

In Reno, in 2010, Carole became a Precinct Captain, joined the County and the State Central Committees and organized Conservative Talk Lunch (CTL). She has successfully run CTL's twice monthly meetings and published summaries for the same since its inception. In 2020, she coordinated the volunteer Poll-watching Program for all of Washoe County for both the Primary and the General elections.



Joan Shoop

HIGHLIGHTS OF A LONG TERM RWR MEMBER

Each month I will be asking one or two members of RWR to write a little biography of themselves and why they like being in RWR.

The first one, below, is about Kathy Barcaskey, born in Canada, who has been a member since 2007.

I think I can honestly say that I have done something that most of you reading this have not done. I paraded around the courthouse with the American flag in my hand and swore to bear arms for my country. I chose to become an American.

My in-laws were Democrats so when I became a citizen I registered as a Democrat. One of my favorite sayings was, "I don't vote for the party, I vote for the man". The first presidential race that I was eligible to vote in was in 1976 and I voted for Ronald Reagan; I wrote his name in. All in all I voted for him three times to be president. Later someone said to me, you're not a Democrat you're a Republican! That made sense, that's why I wasn't voting for the Democrat party and was voting for the Republican man. That is no longer my favorite saying.

I joined RWR about 15 years ago and have watched RWR grow into the great club it is today. I served as Corresponding Secretary for six years until my health broke down. I will continue to be a member so I can learn what is happening in my town, state, and country, (and of course for socializing), I feel I am being well informed by RWR and will continue being a member as long as I am able.

**PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA FACTS
PART I**

- * George Washington is the only President who didn't represent a political party.
- * At one time, the KKK was a strong 'political' force and Harry Truman was told to join it. He paid the \$10 membership fee. He was never active or initiated & he demanded his \$10 be returned.
- * Grover Cleveland was the sheriff of Erie County, New York. One of the duties was hangman and he had to pull the handle for the trap twice. He is the only President to serve two non-consecutive terms. He was the 22nd and 24th President.
- * John Lloyd Wright, the son of Frank Lloyd Wright, invented the Lincoln Logs he named after President Lincoln. Lincoln was born in a log cabin.
- * When Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were visiting Shakespeare's birthplace, they took a knife to one of his chairs taking pieces of wood home as souvenirs.
- * Andrew Johnson, the only tailor to be President, would wear only the suits he made himself.
- * The term "O.K." comes from President Martin Van Buren's campaign. He was raised in Kinderhook, NY and OK clubs were created to support him. He was also the first President to be born a U.S. citizen. All previous Presidents were British subjects. When he wrote his biography, he never mentioned his wife of twelve years even once.
- * Six Presidents were named James.
- * Richard Nixon was the first to visit all 50 states, to visit China and the only President to resign.
- * Jimmy Carter, age 98, is the longest living President, the first to be born in a hospital and the first to go on record as seeing a UFO.
- * John Tyler had the most children of any President. There were 8 by his first wife, 7 by his second and he was 70 when his last child was born. He was the first President to get married in office, although all 8 of his first born did not approve of or attend the wedding.
- * President James Buchanan quietly bought slaves in Washington, D.C., then set them free in Pennsylvania.
- * President Grant smoked 20 cigars a day. After his great war success, well-wishers sent him more than 10,000 cigars. In 1885, he died of throat cancer.
- * James Madison was the shortest President; 5'4" and never weighed more than 100 pounds.
- * James Garfield could write in Latin with one hand and Greek with the other - simultaneously.
- * No President has ever been born an only child.
- * Abraham Lincoln was the first President to be photographed at his Inauguration. In the photo, he is standing near John Wilkes Booth, his future assassin.

Kathy Doyle, The History of Valentine's Day

No, Hallmark didn't invent Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is named for St. Valentine. But as it turns out, at least three Valentines were sainted by the Catholic Church, and each one has his own group of supporters claiming he's behind the holiday.

The first St. Valentine was a rebel who married lovers in secret, defying a decree from Roman Emperor Claudius II that young men had to serve in the Roman military before marrying.

The second St. Valentine helped Christian prisoners escape Roman jails—until he was caught and imprisoned himself.

The third St. Valentine was a Catholic bishop in Terni. History hasn't remembered much about him, and the stories of all three saints have become entwined over the centuries. The story became so murky and confusing that, in 1969, the Catholic Church removed the St. Valentine's feast day from the Christian liturgical calendar.

In a very unromantic twist, all three were martyred by beheading by different Roman emperors. In some versions of the stories, the men were all executed on or near February 14 (in different years), but historians have been unable to verify that detail.

A Pagan Festival ?

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial—which probably occurred around A.D. 270—others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to "Christianize" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. Celebrated at the ides of February, or February 15, Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

During the festival all the young women in the city would place their names in a big urn. The city's bachelors would each choose a name and become paired for the year with his chosen woman. These matches often ended in marriage.

In an effort to clean up the pagan holiday, Pope Gelasius I integrated Lupercalia with St. Valentine's day in the fifth century. The new holiday quickly spread to all the countries that practiced Christianity.

Christian settlers brought the holiday with them to the New World, where it became one of the most popular holidays during the Victorian era. In the 1900s, people began giving one another Valentine's Day cards—and Hallmark began offering them in 1913. The tradition grew from there, and today Hallmark estimates 145 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year.

(Source: History.com)



A typical Victorian Valentine Card

Connie Furlong, Caring for Ameria

Calling all Christmas cards, new or used, and stamps for 2023 Christmas cards for our military.

Project 150 Reno is no longer in need of our services. Thank you for all of your donations. I am looking into another non-profit that we may be able to help.

Happy Valentines Day!

Joan Shoop, Nominations Chair

POSITIONS OPEN

We would like to increase the number of members on the Nominating Committee. The more people we have, can help the Club find good candidates to fill the positions.

We are looking for candidates for President and First Vice President for the two-year 2024 -2025 term.

If you are interested in being on the Committee or would like to run for one of these Executive Board positions, please let me know. My number is 775-852-3453.

Becky McDonald, Membership

RWR is so excited to welcome new members.

Thank you for choosing to join our club!

Our new January members are (from left)
Jackie Hager, Paula Leyba, Sarah Borton,
Pati Miller, Peilin Tung-Nichols.

Welcome ladies to RWR!



♥ HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY ♥

DID YOU KNOW

- * Native Hawaiians are flocking to Las Vegas for affordable living. The average price of a home in Hawaii is \$900,000 to \$1,000,000. The average worker is paid \$12 per hour. The average price of a home in Las Vegas in 2021 was \$227,000. In 2022, it was \$375,000.
- * There have been 33 mass shootings from January 1st through January 22nd.
- * In the eleven months since the war started in Ukraine, 150,000 Russian men have been killed or wounded.
- * Because of the chicken shortage and skyrocketing egg prices, people are driving across the border to Mexico to buy eggs at a cheaper price and trying to smuggle them into the U.S.
- * Peru still has the highest death rate in the world from Covid.
- * The medical industry makes 190 billion single use bottles annually. Only 37% of them are recycled. The rest end up in the trash, just laying in unused recycling bins and in our bodies.
- * Each year in the U. S., 100,000 women undergo a mastectomy for breast cancer.
- * A new study shows during covid to the present time, the middle class have been hit the hardest by inflation.
- * The worlds' population became too much for planet earth in 1970.
- * One in 34 Christmas tree fires result in a death.
- * Yellowstone Parks' glacier will disappear by 2050. Half to two thirds of all glaciers will be gone by 2100. All glaciers will have melted by 2200.
- * In 2021, Denmark had one bank robbery. In 2022, Denmark had no bank robberies. Most people are using charge cards and their smart phones for transactions. Banks need very little to no cash on hand.
- * According to the Guinness Book of World Records, Elon Musk, once the richest man, lost the largest fortune ever recorded. He is still very rich.
- * A robot lawyer will make its debut in court this month with the AI (artificial intelligence) he is programmed. He will whisper advice to the client he is representing.
- * A farmer in Uganda with 102 children has put his 12 wives on birth control because he can't afford to feed any more babies. He also doesn't trust the wives not to cheat on him when they go to the nearby village, although most of the village is made up of the farmers' sons.

Janet Butcher, Calendar

FEBRUARY 2023

Day	Date	Event	Additional Information
Thursday	02/02	RWR Board Meeting 10:00 am	Plumas Bank Meeting Room - 5050 Meadowood Mall Circle, Reno
Thursday	02/02	WCRP Central Committee Executive Meeting 5:30 am - 8:00 pm	https://www.washoegop.org/events/wcrp-executive-committee-meeting/
Friday	02/03	GOP FIRST FRIDAY 5:30 – 8:00 pm - No RSVP needed	Engine 8 Urban Winery - 1260 Avenue of the Oaks, Suite 150, Sparks, NV
Tuesday	02/07	Washoe County Republican Assembly 5:00 pm potluck / 6:00 pm meeting	Vassar-Cordone Bldg, 1301 Cordone https://nwcra.org/
Wednesday	02/08	Conservative Talk Lunch (CTL) 11:00 to dine/11:30-1:00 meeting King Buffet, 3650 Kietzke, Reno, NV	\$21.00 for full buffet, beverage, tax & gratuity OR \$4/beverage only For more info contact Carole Fineberg: 775-622-9811
Thursday	02/09	Republican Women of Reno (RWR) 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	The Atlantis Casino https://www.rwreno.org/event-5072401
Saturday	02/11	For Nevada's Children Rally – BELIEVE in Education 10:00 am - under the BELIEVE sign	Reno City Plaza 10 N. Virginia Street, Reno
Saturday	02/11	Republican Women of Reno Freedom Cocktail Party Special Guest: Scott Pressler & Young Republicans 5:00 pm	Atlantis Casino / Our goal is to have younger adults attend / Space is limited. If you are over 50, you must bring someone under 50 with you. https://www.rwreno.org/event-5083881
Monday	02/13	RWR Political Affairs & Activities Committee 10:30 am	Home of Joan Shoop
Monday	02/13	Citizen Lobbyist Training 4:00 pm	Carson City Republican Party Office Contact: secretary@carsoncityrepublicans.com
Tuesday	02/14	Board of County Commissioner Meeting 10:00 am https://www.washoecounty.gov/bcc	1001 E. Ninth Street Building A Reno, NV 89512
Tuesday	02/14	Washoe County School Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 2:00 pm	Central Administration Building Board Room 425 East Ninth Street, www.washoeschools.net/Page/517#calendar751/20230225/event/192482
Wednesday	02/15	Washoe Republican Women (WRW) Check the website for updates 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	https://washoerepublicanwomen.com/monthlymeeting The Atlantis – Grand Ballroom RSVP: kimbacchus@gmail.com
Wednesday	02/15	Washoe County Library Trustee Meeting 4:00 to 6:00 pm	Sierra View Library https://washoecountylibrary.us/about/board.php
Thursday	02/16	RWR Membership Committee meeting 10:00 am	Home of Kathy Vineyard
Tuesday	02/21	Board of County Commissioner Meeting 10:00 am https://www.washoecounty.gov/bcc	1001 E. Ninth Street Building A Reno, NV 89512

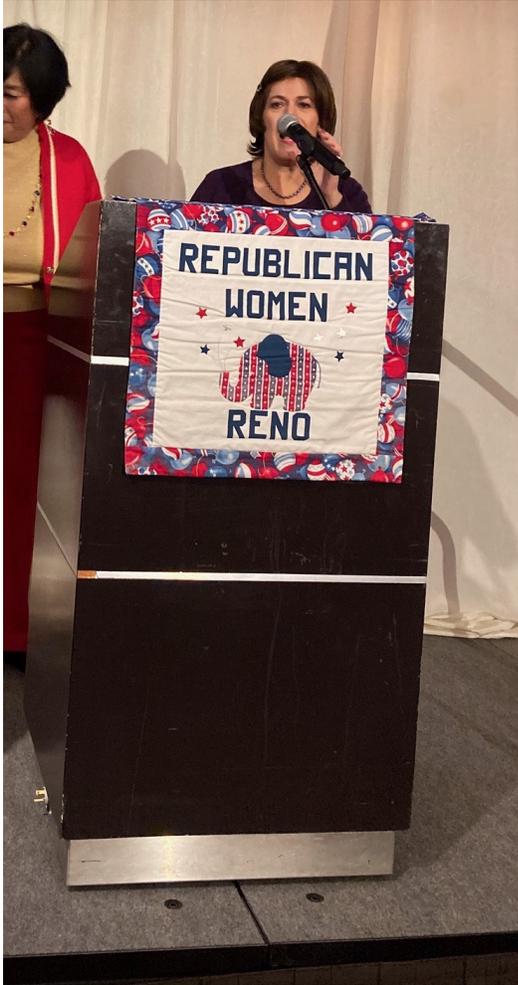
Day	Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday	02/21	Republican Men's Club (RMC) 11:00 am doors open	King Buffet, 3650 Kietzke, Reno, NV https://www.republicanmensclub.org/
Tuesday	02/21	Washoe County School Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 2:00 pm	Central Administration Building Board Room 425 East Ninth Street www.washoeschools.net/Page/517#calendar751/20230225/event/192484
Tuesday	02/21	Sparks Republican Women Education Advocacy 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Red Hawk Golf and Resort WCSD Board Trustees Colleen Westlake & Jeff Church https://sparksrepublicanwomen.com/events/feb-2023/
Wednesday	02/22	Conservative Talk Lunch (CTL) 11:00 to dine/11:30-1:00 meeting King Buffet, 3650 Kietzke, Reno, NV	\$21.00 for full buffet, beverage, tax & gratuity OR \$4/beverage only For more info contact Carole Fineberg: 775-622-9811
Wednesday	02/22	Mt. Rose Republican Women 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM PDT	Tamarack Junction, 13101 South Virginia Street, Reno https://mtroserepublicanwomen.org/events
Friday	02/24	Freedom Friday 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Boomtown - 2100 Garson Road, Verdi NV RSVP: https://freedomfridays.com/event
Saturday	02/25	Lincoln Day Dinner – Washoe GOP Guest Speaker: Seth Keshal 5:00 pm – Cocktails / 6:00 pm Dinner	Boomtown - 2100 Garson Road, Verdi NV Live Music & Dancing https://www.washoegop.org/events/ddd2023/
Monday	02/27	WCRP Central Committee Meeting 6:30pm-8:00pm	Boomtown - 2100 Garson Road, Verdi NV www.washoegop.org/events/wcrp-central-committee-meeting-2/
Wednesday	02/28	Board of County Commissioner Meeting 10:00 am	1001 E. Ninth Street Building A Reno, NV 89512 https://www.washoecounty.gov/bcc

No information about Incline Village Crystal Bay Republican Women, so continue to check their site: <https://ivcbrw.org/>

January Luncheon



Keynote Speaker, Mark Wlaschin, Deputy Secretary of State for Elections.



Save the Date!
March 17th

CARSON CITY REPUBLICAN PARTY
PRESENTS

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

A Lincoln

LINCOLN DAY DINNER

Keynote speaker
Burgess Owens,
House of
Representatives
from Utah



**\$75 PP AND \$125 FOR VIP TICKETS 1-HOUR COCKTAIL RECEPTION
WITH BURGESS OWENS.**

**Reservations Required: Tickets are available
at Carson City Republican Headquarters or
Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/524181008507>**

Casino Fandango, Carson City, Nevada

more info:
www.carsoncityrepublicans.com/

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LIMITED CAPACITY!

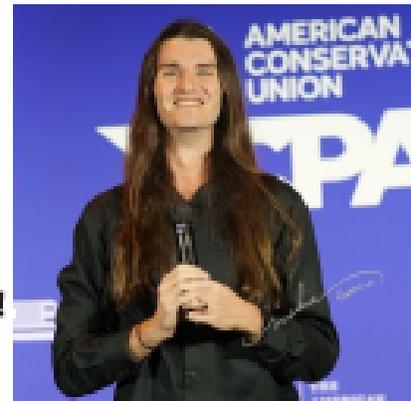
Saturday, February 11, 2023
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
From 5-7 p.m.

Cheers, Young Conservatives!



This is an event for
men & women
age 50 & younger.

You are our Future.
We want to know you!



Special Guest Speaker
Scott Presler

Scott Presler was awarded the CPAC 2021 Ronald Reagan Award. He has worked tirelessly to organize & clean up inner city trash. Scott also worked on Get-Out-The-Vote campaigns in 2022. His talk is about Ballot Harvesting here in Nevada.

This is a must-see event! We will be posting it on Rumble as well.

Register at www.rwreno.org
Tickets \$29 - Must preregister

*Ticket Price includes
2 drinks and heavy appetizers*

Great opportunity to network

Prize Drawing

FREEDOM COCKTAIL PARTY

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Federation for American Immigration Reform

**The impact of illegal Immigration &
Drug Cartels on Human Trafficking,
the Sex Trade, Fentanyl Poisoning
and the Opioid Crisis in Nevada**

Friday, March 10, 2023

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

**ATLANTIS CASINO RESORT SPA
3800 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502**

Brandon Judd

National Border Patrol Council President

Sheriff Thomas Hodgson

Sheriff of Bristol County, Massachusetts

Virginia Kreiger

Co-President, Lost Voices of Fentanyl

Derek Maltz

Former DEA

Early Bird info: 3/3/23 for \$50 per person and 3/4-3/10 \$75 per person

RSVP REQUIRED: Contact Ricci@775-240-5143 for information

<https://republicanwomenofreno.wildapricot.org/event-5020639>





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If you are interested, please send your business card and this form to:

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Reno, NV 89515

Your card will appear starting with the next issue of the COMPASS.

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Attach card and send us one additional one. Thanks!

Date of Application: _____

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in Washoe County**

RWR invites you to become a member of our dynamic, active group. We hold monthly luncheons with interesting guest speakers, as well as special activities throughout the year. Yearly dues are \$45 (NFRW=\$20; NvFRW=\$5; RWR=\$20).

JOIN TODAY

RENEWAL

Please PRINT information:

**Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Member: \$45

Email: _____ Associate*: \$20

**RWR Name Badge (Opt.) \$10
(must be paid in advance)

*Associate is open to all who are members of another Republican club,
please provide name: _____

Sponsor Levels: Melania Trump \$100 John Hancock \$250
Ronald Reagan/Corporate \$500

Pay online at www.rwreno.org or you may send a check to: **Republican Women of Reno
P.O. Box 21292, Reno, NV 89515**

How did you hear of RWR? _____

I wish to receive the monthly RWR Newsletter by: Email Mail (\$20)

I would like to get involved: Membership Caring for America Fundraising
PAA (Political Affairs Activities) Event Planning

I certify I am a registered Republican

I authorize the Republican Women of Reno (RWR) to share this information with the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) and the Nevada State Federation of Republican Women (NvFRW) for statistical and bookkeeping purposes only. I understand RWR will not use my personal information for solicitation or promotional purposes and will not circulate the membership roster outside of the above mentioned Republican clubs.

*****PHOTO RELEASE*****

I authorize RWR to post any club photos that include me on the RWR website, the RWR newsletter or on Social Media sites when the photo pertains to and is associated with club events. Please initial below.

Agree: _____
I grant permission

Decline: _____
I DO NOT grant permission

Signature _____

Date _____

