



# The Rumbler

April 2024

### New to the SNRW?

Here is what is different about this club.

SNRW is a Political Action Committee (PAC).

That means funds we raise go directly toward getting Republican candidates elected. We also devote our attention to educating voters on matters concerning Douglas County, Nevada, and our Nation.

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## *Candidates for Justice of the Peace*

*They do much more than perform weddings...*

### MEET TWO CANDIDATES FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY OFFICE AT OUR APRIL 10TH MEETING



Trotter



Schemenauer

Our guest speakers, Laurie Trotter, a licensed member of the Nevada State Bar, and practicing attorney. Jeff Schemenauer, has an extensive law enforcement career. They will explain what the job of Justice of the Peace entails and answer your questions about why they are each eminently qualified for the office.

**SNRW Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, April 10th  
RSVP Charmann@live.com**

**The Winner of the 2023 Entrepreneur of the Year award will also be presented at this meeting to an outstanding Republican Businesswoman of Douglas County.**



**SNRW  
ENTREPRENEUR  
OF THE YEAR  
AWARD**

**\$10 ENTRY FEE  
INCLUDES BEVERAGES  
AND LIGHT SNACKS.  
YOU MAY BRING YOUR LUNCH  
OR PICK UP SOMETHING NEXT  
DOOR AT SCHATT'S BAKERY.  
(1ST TIME VISITORS ENTER FREE)**

**REGULAR MONTHLY  
MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE  
HELD AT COD CASINO, MINDEN.  
DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 A.M.,  
MEETINGS BEGIN PROMPTLY  
AT NOON.**





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## APRIL 2024

- Apr. 04 Board Meeting, Headquarters, 11:30 a.m.
- Apr. 10 SNRW Monthly Meetings COD, 11:30 a.m., Meeting starts at Noon.
- Apr. 22-30 Passover

## MAY 2024

- May 02 Board Meeting, Headquarters, 11:30 a.m.  
National Day of Prayer
- May 05 Cinco de Mayo
- May 08 SNRW Monthly Meeting, COD Casino, doors open at 11:30, Meeting at Noon
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 18 Armed Forces Day
- May 27 Memorial Day

## JUNE 2024

- June 6 Board Meeting, Location TBA
- June 8 Carson Valley Days Parade
- June 12 SNRW Monthly Meeting, COD Casino, doors open at 11:30, Meeting at Noon
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 16 Father's Day

**Douglas County Republican Central Committee (DCRCC)**  
**Meets on the second Thursdays**  
**7-9 p.m. • Elks Club in Gardnerville**



# President's Message

**S**ierra Nevada Republican Women's St. Patrick's Dinner and Fundraiser was a great success. We almost doubled the attendees from last year and had some amazing items for both the silent and live auctions. A big thank you to James Settlemeyer and Jim Wheeler for being our auctioneering team.

There are so many to thank for making this event happen. Natalie Yanish and Jann Fagnoli, co-chairs and their fantastic committee members: Leslie Lawson, Anita Kornoff, Charlene Close, Gerri Grego Patti Cotter, Mary Porter, who also entertained us with her "Go Brandon" Irish ditti, Barb Geibel and Judy Farrell. More thanks go to Mary Lou Gervie, Judy Walsh, Chris Hoffman, and, of course, our Irish Mistress of Ceremonies Sondra Condran.

We had the Luck of the Irish to get Kim Harris as Cad Thompson. Her performance was enlightening and entertaining. The prayer by Retired Minister Jeff Cotter started our evening, and Senator Dr. Robin Titus led the Pledge of Alleigence. From there, we had a tasty dinner provided by CVI, and a good time was had by all. This evening was only possible because of the wonderful volunteers, those who donated items, and those who attended. Thank you all.

Another big project this last month was the Voter ID Initiative petition. Douglas County Republican Women asked us to join them in getting the signatures needed to get this on the November ballot. We had several members from our club go to the caucus precincts and collect signatures and got 52% of the caucus voters to sign the petitions. This effort is ongoing as we need more registered Douglas County voters to sign between now and June. Mo Karas, President of DCRW and her Legislative Chair Virginia Nisse spearheaded this effort and will offer more training meetings for anyone interested.

We hope to get signatures at events around Douglas, setting up tables at stores or parks or just taking them to different groups, you are in. We can use more help, so if you are interested, please let me know. It is fun as most people are in favor of voter ID at the polls and putting the last 4 digits of your ID or Social Security number on a mail-in ballot. It keeps everyone honest.

Now that the candidates' filing has closed, we have two months until the primary election. After the primary, we will put our full support behind the winners. The candidates may need help, or the clerk's

office may need election workers. Any assistance will be appreciated and welcomed. We will have more on that later. I hope you all have a Happy Easter, and I will see you at our April meeting.

*Pat Smith, President*

## Membership Report

We are pleased to introduce our **most recent new members, Nicole Barr and Cecile Struwe** who decided to join us at the St. Pat's Dinner. Thank you both, we are so happy to have you!

We also want to give a shout-out to **Linda Houchin**, who joined at our February meeting and **Sheryl Lempke** who joined by mail.

Please make sure to welcome our new members when you see them at meetings. Members are the lifeblood of every club and should feel appreciated.

We are thankful for the support of the entire membership as we share our common goal of getting Republicans elected in this vital election year of 2024. If you have not renewed your membership yet, this is your last chance to keep up with all that's going on by receiving these newsletters. We have many informative speakers slated for the next several months that you will not want to miss hearing. Please check out our website for more information.

[Sierranevadarepublicanwomen.com](http://Sierranevadarepublicanwomen.com).

*--Anita Kornoff, 2nd VP, Membership*

### HERE IS HOW TO JOIN OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP WITH THE SNRW

#### **Full Member: \$35**

You must be a registered Republican woman who is not a full member of any other Republican women's group. However, you may be an associate member of as many Republican Women's clubs as you desire.

#### **Associate Member: \$20**

Any registered Republican man; or a woman who is a full member of another RW Club.

Please see me at a meeting to join. Or, you may download a registration form from our website (shown above). *If you are a returning or renewing member, you need not complete a new application; simply give us any address or phone number updates.*

**Feel free to call me with any questions:**

**Anita 775-782-9642**



## Chaplain's Corner

# Joy in Chaos

By Charlene Close



**J**oy is a gift from God but also a choice we make. Whether we live in joy or frustration, as those difficulties arise, they will arise.

In the book of James 1:2, "Consider it pure joy when you face trials of many kinds." Yes, we will have trials, hardships and heartaches. Today I choose joy. I choose to take Jesus at His word and seek His presence when life's trials and chaos are overwhelming.

Joy is one of the most prominent themes in the Bible. From the beginning, God's plan for mankind has been to bring us joy and peace. Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with the greatest of joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

## Coming Soon

As the 2024 Membership Drive officially closes, we will prepare an updated membership roster to distribute to all active members in April. Please be sure to notify us of any recent changes in your contact information as soon as possible. Send to: [rumblernews@gmail.com](mailto:rumblernews@gmail.com)



## Protocal For Republican Womens' Clubs Supporting Candidates Before the Primary Election



**A** club may not back a candidate before he or she is chosen as the party's official choice.

If one Republican candidate speaks at a meeting, all other Republican candidates running for that office must be offered equal time.

### From Rae Chornenky, NFRW Bylaws Chair:

*Any club officer can attend candidate functions and work for a candidate in a contested primary election. The policy is that such elected officers, clubs, and State federations shall refrain from using their title to endorse a candidate in a contested election. Our State federation president works for a candidate, donates to her, and attends her functions but does nothing publicly as "President of Arizona Federation of Republican Women."*

*An officer would likewise refrain from socially publishing photos taken with a candidate in a contested primary out of respect for her fellow members who may not support that particular candidate. Even if she does not include her official title, the message is still the same.*

**Our first amendment rights of free speech dictate that we, as club members, can fully participate in the election process. We just need to stop short of using our official title, or the club name, in endorsing a candidate in a contested race.**

*Researched by Pat Smith*



Passover 2024  
begins Monday, April 22  
at sunset  
ends Tuesday, April 30  
at nightfall



*Happy Passover*



LET'S GET VOTER I.D. REQUIREMENT ON THE BALLOT

## *Join with other Republican Women in Douglas County*



"Sister"\* Republican Women's Clubs, DCRW & SNRW joined forces at the February Caucus and gathered 2,119 signatures. At least 4,000 more are needed to get this important issue toward improving election integrity on the ballot. Please attend this meeting to keep up the momentum and bring other concerned community members to help.

**REMEMBER: 6000 signatures by Memorial Day**

QUESTIONS? [mmkaras@yahoo.com](mailto:mmkaras@yahoo.com)

**"This is a very big deal."**

***Donald Trump***

A significant effort is now underway in Nevada to amend the State Constitution to require VOTER I.D. However, this can only happen if enough Citizens of Nevada sign the Petition to put the proposed VOTER I.D. Amendment on the November 5, 2024 Election ballot.

MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO CIRCULATE PETITIONS AND GET VALID SIGNATURES FROM REGISTERED REPUBLICANS IN DOUGLAS COUNTY. REMIND EACH VOTER THEY MAY ONLY SIGN ONE PETITION ONE TIME FOR VOTER ID.



# SNRW COMMITTEE CHAIRS & MEMBERS

**DUE APRIL 5th**

**REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 - MARCH 31, 2024**

## *Examples of Volunteer Hours (you can estimate):*

- SNRW/DCRCC/DCRW Meetings
- Volunteering at Republican Headquarters
- Participation in the Nevada Legislature (calling/emailing legislatures on bills)
- Social media posting or Letters to the Editor
- Attendance at Republican meetings and political events, Registering voters
- Travel time to and from events
- Petition Work

Please complete your hours and e-mail them to me at [chuck.marylou@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.marylou@gmail.com). A blank spreadsheet can be found on our website: [sierranevadarrepublicanwomen.com](http://sierranevadarrepublicanwomen.com) if you would like to use it. Otherwise, Email Mary Lou with a detailed summary of your hours.

**Mary Lou Gervie (301) 580-7430**



The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers.

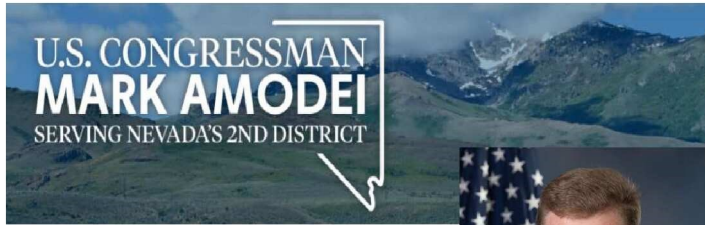
--Terri Guillemets

<b>ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:</b> MARY LOU GERVIE MARIE SCHNOCK	<b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE TEAM:</b> JUDY BERGANDI, CHARLENE CLOSE, SONDRA CONDRON, GERRI GREGO, ANITA KORNOFF
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<b>CONSTITUTION/ EDUCATION:</b> OPEN	<b>SPECIAL EVENTS:</b> EXECUTIVE BOARD
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Please let Pat Smith know if you are interested in helping on any of these committees.



## March Update from our Congressman



Each of the six bills signed into law last week contain major wins for Nevada. The reality is we're working with a divided government, no matter how much we wish that wasn't the case, so the effort to achieve all our conservative policy priorities must continue. But make no mistake, these bills contain major victories that we can be proud of.

### KEEPING OUR PROMISES

**Domestic spending** has skyrocketed under the Biden Administration, adding trillions to our national debt. When we took over the House majority, Republicans made a promise to change the trajectory of federal spending and put an end to fiscal waste without compromising our commitment to veterans or skimping on national security priorities. The Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) appropriations bills deliver on that promise and represent the first overall cut to non-defense and non-VA spending in almost a decade. Taxpayers will save more than \$200 billion over the next decade, thanks to a reduction in off-the-books resources and budgetary gimmicks. Huge topline wins include:

**Fully funded veterans medical care**, honoring our commitment to our brave servicemembers.

**Preservation of funding for America's farmers, ranchers, and rural communities.**

**Reductions in programmatic non-defense spending** levels in four of the FY24 appropriations bills.

**Targeted spending cuts to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (6%), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (7%), and the Environmental Protection Agency (9.6%).**

In addition to the spending reductions Republicans were able to secure, we rejected partisan policies proposed by President Biden and the Democrat-controlled Senate.

For more information please see his website <https://amodei.house.gov/meet-mark>

## The SNRW's St. Patrick's Dinner That Almost Wasn't



As I enter my seventh year of putting together the Rumbler, I often look back at previous issues to compare with what's currently happening. I came across a rare issue from April 2020 that will stand out in our minds. Can you guess what is on the front page?

An editorial titled, *Everyday life, when everything's changing*. By now, you've probably guessed it was the beginning of the pandemic. You will recall how surreal everything was at that time. Horrifying stories, statistics, and photos of patients in tented hospital parking lots in the pouring rain filled our daily news reports (*the media failed to mention some of those pictures were taken in Spain*). The safety recommendations/mandates and "facts" about COVID-19 changed from hour to hour. According to the U.S. CDC, the stats in our April issue were quoted as 162,539 total cases and 2,860 deaths as of 3/31/2020.

Mary Porter was our club president then and turned out to be quite the trooper. It was just before our annual St. Patrick's Fundraising dinner, being held at St. Gall Catholic Church's Community Room (capacity 200). In our March 2020 Rumbler, we announced that the dinner was "sold out."

Everything was up in the air that weekend before the impending lockdown, and the Douglas County High School Culinary Arts class slated to prepare and help serve the food was called off. Mary forged ahead and recruited our club members to volunteer to take up the slack. They showed up en masse when it was still dark out to start cooking and setting up on the day of the event. Strict safety and sanitation practices were in place, and the delicious corned beef dinner went off without a hitch, thanks to our hardworking members, their husbands, and Mary's determination and know-how. What a salute to SNRW teamwork.

The next day, the world practically shut down; our streets were eerily empty, with many businesses closed and only employees considered "essential" reporting for work.

Thankfully, this year was quite different. We enjoyed a carefree, fun-filled, and successful evening, **thanks once again to SNRW volunteers!**

Anita Kornoff, Rumbler Editor