

# The Rumbler

February 2024



Doors open 11:30 a.m. Meeting at Noon **COD** Casino, Minden

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#### Sierra Nevada Republican Women



#### **FEBRUARY 2024**

| Feb. 06 | State Primary Presidential Primary        |
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| Feb. 08 | Nevada Presidential Caucus (see page 6)   |
| Feb. 08 | Board Meeting, Headquarters, 11:30 a.m.   |
| Feb. 14 | SNRW Regular Meeting C.O.D. Casino,       |
|         | Doors open 11:30 a.m.                     |
| Feb. 18 | DCRCC's Lincoln/Reagan Dinner, 5-8:30 p.m |

Feb. 19 Presidents Day

#### **MARCH 2024**

Go to website: douglasgop.com for tickets.

Mar. 07 Board Meeting, Headquarters, 11:30 a.m.

NO SNRW Regular Meeting this month Instead, we invite you to attend our Annual St. Patrick's Fundraising Dinner on March 9th at Carson Valley Inn

Mar. 09 SNRW St. Patrick's Dinner, CVI, no host bar at 5 p.m. Dinner served at 6 p.m.

Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 31 Easter Sunday

#### **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. 23 Passover Begins

Douglas County Republican Women (DCRW)

Meets at 11 a.m. on the First Wednesday of the Month
at Valley Christian Fellowship, Minden

Douglas Co. Republican Central Committee (DCRCC)

Meets at 7 p.m. • Elks Club Gardnerville

Second Thursday of the Month

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# President's Message

I am looking forward to a very successful year for Sierra Nevada Republican Women. Our success also helps our Republican candidates as we are a Political Action Committee. That means we can give donations to the candidates who need them



to win their positions. Our club is the only Republican Women's Club in Nevada that is a PAC.

Next month is our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. This is our club's fundraiser to raise the funds we give to the candidates. It will be held at Carson Valley Inn on March 9th, and I hope to see you all there with family and friends. Our co-chairs, Natalie Yanish and Jann Fargnoli, along with their committee, are doing a fantastic job putting it all together. Please help them to make this event a huge success for our club.

Our January speaker, State Senator Dr. Robin Titus, did an outstanding job explaining our Primary vs. Caucus. We want to show the Democrats that Republicans turn out to vote. Please sign and return your Primary ballot. If you don't want Nikki Haley, mark "None of the above." We also want you to go to your caucus precinct and vote. The caucus will determine who gets the delegates for our state, so it is really important to show up. With Ron DeSantis suspending his candidacy, Trump is the only one left on the caucus ballot. It is still essential to vote and show how involved we are in exercising our rights. It is also the place to nominate yourself as a delegate if you choose to. You can learn all about being a delegate and how the process works.

Our VP of Programs, Leslie Lawson, has been busy getting speakers who will keep us informed and updated about who is running for what position and what their platform is. In February, we will hear from Sam Brown. Read on for Leslie's newsletter notice. With the election this year, having as much knowledge as possible is essential.

I feel it is imperative to be involved. Whether in a small way or a big way, it all matters. Please look over the list of Committee Chairs in our newsletter. We have some positions to be filled. Some committees may have a Chair but could use help. All of you are important and talented. If you see something that interests you, please call me or the Chair and offer your help. All of us working together can do amazing things. Our goal is to get more Republicans in office, and I think we will do it this year.

Our next meeting is on St. Valentine's Day! I would love to spend it with you.

God Bless, Pat Smith

# **Exciting News!**

I am excited to tell you the good news. As many of you know, the last time we tried to get a voter ID requirement on the ballot, it didn't have the correct wording, so the judge disallowed it. The judge has since given us the correct wording, so we should have no problems. We need to get the voters to sign the initiative. Polls have shown this is something both the Republicans and most of the Democrats (those that aren't politicians) want.

We are partnering with the DCRW to accomplish this. It is too crucial for the future of our state and the integrity of our elections; we must all do our best to help get these signatures. Mo Karas, President of the DCRW, contacted Jim McKalip, DCCC Chair and he said we could be at the Caucus and collect signatures there. I understand Clark, Washoe, and other rural counties are collecting signatures too.

Please watch for an email flyer with all the pertinent information and sign up to help. Our Caucus is only from 5 to 7:30 p.m. We appreciate any amount of time you can volunteer. We can't just wish things were better; we need to make them better, and we are the women who can do that. I will join Mo Karas for training on Feb. 1st at 6 p.m. and Feb. 2nd at 11 a.m. at the Republican Headquarters. Please join us so we can cover all the precincts and get the necessary signatures.

Thank you, Pat

## **NVFRW LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

By Pat Smith

I wish you would have joined me at the Nevada Federation of Republican Women's Northern Leadership Conference. It was held at the Valley Christian Fellowship Church in Minden. It is a free event for *any member* who wants to attend and learn more about Nevada's Republican Women's clubs. It is also a great way to network with other clubs and renew friendships with women from across our state. The Regents pay for everything, including a lovely lunch provided by the ladies of the church.

Mary Beganyi, NvFRW President, gave a history of the Nevada Federation. She told the story of Marion Martin, assistant chairman of the Republican National Committee, who organized the clubs into a national organization in 1938. Her history is fascinating, so if you get a chance, look her up or the history of NFRW.

We heard from several officers on the board of NvFRW. We learned tips on getting new members, being a good leader, making your case when meeting new people, especially those with a different point of view, and all about the Regents. Schayden Garai from Turning Point USA Action explained their plans to help get Republicans elected. They are actively doing all they can and spending lots of time and money to ensure everyone votes. The last election could have been different if more Republicans voted.

Caroline Smith, the Immediate Past President, gave an informative presentation on what the NFRW does for our clubs and members. One thing to remember is we are all members. When you join our club, SNRW, you automatically become a member of NvFRW (Nevada Federation of Republican Women) and a member of the NFRW (National Federation of Republican Women). One of the benefits is The Member Center. It is a private online network available to members only. You are a member. It has newsletters, political briefings, event information, a leadership handbook, and tons of resources. You will receive a welcome letter with a membership card when you join. You can have a lot of fun clicking on everything and discovering what they offer. Go to www.nfrw.org and sign up.

One of the highlights for me was getting together with the other Presidents from our northern clubs. Tee Rogers from the Washoe Club, Mo Karas from Douglas County Republican Women, and Joan Leonard from Mt. Rose are extraordinary ladies committed to helping others. They had some great ideas that will help our club.

I had a good time from my morning coffee and muffins through all the speakers, a nice lunch, and guest speakers. Charlene Close, Anita Kornoff, Sondra Condron, and Donna Schehl joined me so that you can ask them their opinions also. Next year, I hope more of you will come and experience the event.

--Pat Smith



# Vote in the Primary and the Caucus! FEB. 6 Presidential Primary non-binding).

Republicans chose a caucus over a state primary but are forced to have both. It's confusing (perhaps intentionally). So, please go to the polls and show them that we're paying attention and care enough to get out there. You may choose to vote for "none of the above" if you don't want the candidate left on the ballot.

# Nevada Caucus, FEB. 8--YOU MUST VOTE HERE!

The Nevada GOP Caucus is the **only place Presidential candidates can earn delegates to the Republican National Convention and** become the GOP nominee to take on Joe Biden next November.

You may stay and discuss the candidates or vote your secret, paper ballot and leave. Must be a registered Republican and show I.D. One day only, so be sure to be there between 5 and 7:30 p.m. to vote.



# Chaplain's Corner

#### By Charlene Close

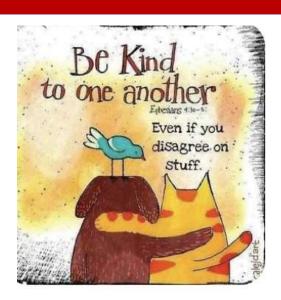
Be kind to each other, tender-hearted, forgiving one another just as Christ forgave us. Ephesians 4:32 NLT

The Bible is filled with scripture about getting along with others and overlooking offensives.

We, Republican Women, have a higher standard and share a common ultimate goal. Working together to restore our beloved country, raising funds, increasing membership, laboring, planning, and preparing. Done

Let's open our ears, listen, encourage, support, and inspire each other. Let's keep that at the forefront of our efforts. Teamwork!

Our Heavenly Father frowns on self-centeredness, and it does NOT get a Republican back in the White House.



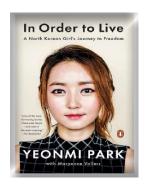
#### **PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, Forgive me for wanting my own way and for being centered on myself. Help me to be a better person to encourage others and strengthen and support my friends as we carry out our duties as Republican Women. Examine our hearts and motives so we are pleasing to You. Amen

# **BOOK REVIEW**

all for the same goal.

Reviewed by Charlene Close



#### In Order to Live is an autobiography by Yeonmi Parks

Born in North Korea, Yeonmi was raised to believe that the dictator, the Jong Kim family, was the Supreme God. So powerful they could hear a whisper or even your thoughts.

Starvation, fear and torture are how North Korea controlled its citizens. The Socialist Government owns healthcare, housing, education, and farmlands. They have the worst human rights record in the world.

At age 12, Yeonmi and her mother decided to escape N. Korea, bringing with them a way to commit suicide if they were caught. This brave young girl's story of survival "In Order To Live" will make you appreciate everything about living in the USA.

## **ABSENTEE CAUCUS BALLOTS**

Absentee Caucus ballots are available to those registered Republicans in Douglas County who are disabled and cannot get to their February 8th Republican Caucus location.

To request an Absentee Caucus Ballot, call 775-782-4467 (Douglas County Republican Central Committee) to have one mailed to you. Please sign the statement attesting to your disability (per ADA). The ballot and statement must be received by DCRCC Headquarters, 1507 Hwy 395 N., Suite B, Gardnerville, NV 89410

by February **7**, **2024**.

# DC Republican Caucus/Precinct Meeting & Locations

Thursday February 8, 2024 Time: 5:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Precincts 1, 7, 15, 26 & 27

Douglas High School, 1670 NV-88, Minden

Precinct 2

EF Fish Springs Volunteer Fire Station #9, 2249 Fish Springs Road, Gardnerville Precinct 3

EF Gardnerville Volunteer Fire Station #2, 1255 Douglas Ave, Gardnerville

Precincts 4, 14, 17, 28, 30, & 31

Douglas County Community Center, 1329 Waterloo Rd, Gardnerville

**Precinct 5** 

Genoa Town Hall, 2287 Main St, Genoa **Precincts 6, & 13** 

James Lee Park Indian Hills Water District, 3394 James Lee, Carson City

Precincts 8, 9, 12, 18,19, 20 & 25

Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School,

701 Long Valley Rd. Gardnerville

Precincts 10 & 24

Topaz Ranch Estates Community Center, 3939 Carter Dr., Wellington

Precincts 11, 21, 22, 32, 33

Pinion Hills Elementary, 1479 Stephanie Way, Minden

**Precincts 16, & 29** 

EF Sheridan Volunteer Fire Station #8, 980 Centerville Lane, Gardnerville

**Precinct 17** 

Douglas County Community Center, 1329 Waterloo Rd, Gardnerville

**Precincts 23, & 34** 

EF Sunridge Fire Station #12, 3620 Sunridge Drive, Carson City

Precincts 35, 36, 37

Zephyr Cove Elementary School, 226 Warrior Way, Zephyr Cove

Precincts 38, 39, 40, 41

Kahle Park Community Center, 236 Kingsbury Grade, Stateline

To locate YOUR precinct, GO TO: https://www.nvsos.gov/votersearch/

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ANISE SCOSSA

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#### January 10, 2024 SNRW General Meeting Minutes at COD Casino, Minden, Nevada

The meeting held at COD Casino was called to order by President Pat Smith at 12:PM. Pat welcomed guests and dignitaries; Senator Robin Titus, Douglas County Commissioners Mark Gardner and Sharla Hales, MGSD Trustee Sondra Condron.

Sondra Condron led the Pledge of Allegiance and Laurie Trotter gave the invocation.

1 st VP Leslie Lawson introduced the guest speaker, Nevada Senator Robin Titus.

Robin Titus explained the issue of two elections, the Primary on Feb 6 and the Caucus on Feb 8. It is important to vote in both Primary and Caucus elections and if your candidate is not listed, choose 'none of the above'. The most important focus is to get Republicans elected for the Nevada Senate and Assembly. Senator Titus says your VOTE sends a message that Republicans will show up! She advised voting early to ensure against bad weather and it would be best to deliver your ballot to the County Clerks office.

The minutes of the previous General Meeting, were approved as printed in the January Rumbler Newsletter.

Leslie Lawson announced the February guest speaker is Sam Brown, candidate for US Senator. There is no meeting in March due to the annual St Pat's Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser on March 9th. April 10 meeting will feature the Entrepreneur of the Year 2023 Awards with previous winners and current candidates invited as we announce the winner for 2023.

Treasurer Mary Lou Gervie reported that the checkbook is balanced.

Committee Co-Chairs for St Pat's Dinner and Silent Auction, Natalie Yanish and Jann Fargnoli, reported that a committee meeting was held on Jan 4 th with 10 members attending and the event is progressing well.

Mary Lou Gervie is in charge of ticket sales; members can order tickets by mail or call Mary Lou. We have an extended menu and a unique guest entertainer this year. Members are urged to attend the St Pat's fundraiser.

Jann Fargnoli reported that the Entrepreneur of Year Awards has been moved to April 10 meeting and the deadline to nominate a female Douglas County registered Republican and current business owner is March 15. Entrepreneur of Year forms are available from the Committee Chairs: Jann Fargnoli, 775-781-0267 or Ansie Scossa, 775-450-8545 and on the website: sierranevadarepublicanwomen.com

Announcements: Mark Gardner announced he seeks reelection for Douglas County Commissioner.

Jim McKalip announced he is seeking election for Douglas County Commissioner.

President Pat Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM

Jann Fargnoli, Recording Secretary

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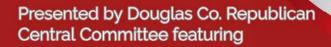


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