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JANUARY 2021

#### The Rumbler

SNRW is a unit of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women.
We are a Political Action Committee (PAC), working at the grassroots level to get out the vote for Republican candidates. We also devote our attention to educating voters on the matters concerning Douglas County, Nevada and our nation.

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### SNRW 'S First Juncheon Meeting of 2021





Guest Speaker Jim DeGraffenreid Republican National Committeeman DCRCC Chairperson



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#### January

1/4 | Board Meeting 1/13 | Membership Luncheon

#### *February*

2/1 | Board Meeting 2/10 | Membership Luncheon

#### March

3/1 | Board Meeting 3/14 St. Patrick's Dinner (take-out--see pg. 5-6)

#### April

4/5 | Board Meeting 4/14 | Membership Luncheon

#### May

5/3 | Board Meeting 5/12 | Membership Luncheon

#### June

TBD | Board Meeting 6/9 | Membership Luncheon

#### July

TBD | Board Meeting 7/14 | Membership Luncheon

#### August

8/2 | Board Meeting 8/11 | Membership Luncheon

#### September

8/30 | Board Meeting 9/8 | Membership Luncheon

#### October

10/4 | Board Meeting 10/13 | Membership Luncheon

#### November

11/1 | Board Meeting 11/10 | Membership Luncheon

#### December

11/29 | Board Meeting 12/8 | Membership Luncheon

#### Introducing the 2021 SNRW Board of Directors



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**1st V.P., Programs** Frances Holden

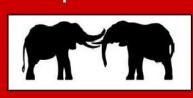
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Past President Mary Porter



### President's Message

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Happy New Year! Wow, here we go with another great year and many new adventures ahead!



I am excited

about the opportunity to serve as your president for 2021 and look forward to working with each of you. 2021 will be a very important year for the Republican Party. Our number one goal is to *Make Nevada Red* again, and we will need all of your assistance to make that happen. Currently, as of this writing we have 43 members and 24 associate members. If you haven't paid your 2021 dues, please contact Barb McRoberts at bamcroberts@outlook.com. Or send your check to our mailing address (please see details on page 9 of this newsletter). Our membership numbers need to be submitted to NFRW by January 10.

We are looking for several new committee chairs and members to volunteer for the Sierra Nevada Republican Women Committees. I urge you to look over the list of committees on page 12 of this newsletter to see where you might be interested in serving. There are opportunities to both chair or be part of a team, whichever works best for you.

### The top priority currently is the Legislative Committee.

This is such a valuable and important committee to keep our club informed of upcoming bills to be brought before the Legislature. With Nevada Legislature beginning the first part of February, we urgently need someone to consider chairing this committee as soon as possible.

The proposed 2021 Budget will be presented at the January 13, meeting for discussion. The final budget vote will be taken at our February meeting.

Thank you in advance for your support and participation in this upcoming year. I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday and a peaceful 2021.

Blessings, Sondra Condron

#### A fitting symbol for the Republican Party



#### Strength & Power:

In the most general, universal meaning, the elephant symbolizes strength and power. This meaning refers to both the body and the mind. The elephant is also seen as a sort of spirit guide to help us along a journey that requires patience. Elephants are revered symbols in many cultures, as they are the largest living land mammals. The wishfullfilling elephant is a prominent symbol of protection, wisdom, dignity, leadership qualities, and courage.

#### Carson Valley Community Food Closet "Annual Food Drive"



I'm sure most of you know that the Carson Valley Community Food Closet (CVCFC) has an annual food drive at Carson Valley Inn in conjunction with KTVN Channel 2. This year was the most outstanding year ever.

I have been a board member for CVCFC for the past nearly eight years. Each year we (the board members) and many people from the community volunteer for the day to collect food and money for those in need. This drive helps us to provide food for the better part of the year for our clients.

The CVCFC began in 1989 in an actual closet at the Methodist church in Gardnerville. Since then, we have grown to feeding approximately 500 people a month. CVCFC has two paid employees and 100+volunteers who assist our clients on a daily basis.

When I became a board member, we provided food in a 2,000 square-foot facility. To say the least, it was a miracle that we were able to work out of the conditions that we did. We purchased a one-acre plot of land next door to the facility in 2016. We set out to find a company to help us raise money for our new facility. With the assistance of many very generous valley residents and foundations, we raised 1.4 million dollars and began construction. We moved into our new facility and began serving our clients on May 6, 2019.

This year, the food drive was extremely successful despite COVID-19. We raised 284,107 pounds of food and \$104,347.90. Since KTVN also sponsors the drive for Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Carson City, we always have a friendly rivalry on how much food and money we can raise.

It has been an exceptional experience for me to be a member of such a fabulous organization. Should you desire to contribute to CVCFC, please note we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As such, your donations are tax-deductible.

Thank you to all who donated to the food drive and to those of you who continue to donate monthly. You have no idea how much you are appreciated. If you choose to donate, you can do so at https://thefoodcloset.org.

Barbara McRoberts, SNRW Past President & Vice-Chairperson Carson Valley Community Food Closet

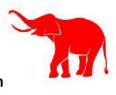


# The Rumbler

Share your stories or suggest topics for the SNRW to explore in the Rumbler.

Please share your book reviews too. THE DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE IS JANUARY 25, 2020

Please Email me with any questions about our newsletter. Thanks, Anita Kornoff rumblernews@gmail.com



#### The SNRW's Only Fundraiser of the Year

Our Annual St. Patrick's Fundraising Dinner Looks Different This Year!

For the past 23 years, the SNRW has hosted a highly-anticipated and well-attended St.

Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner.

This year due to COVID-19 restrictions relating to community health concerns, the event plans are completely new.

Thanks to the committee comprised of Jacie Peters, Pat Smith, and Sally Grant together with Cynthia Ferris-Berrett of Sierra Chef for making this important annual fundraiser happen in a way appropriate to present circumstances.

Please see the following flyer for details of the delicious traditional St. Patrick's takerout dinner prepared by Sierra Chef of

Genoa.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Sally Grant, Jacie Peters and Pat Smith Event Coordinators



# Annual St. Patrick's Fundraising Dinner

Sunday, March 14th
Pickup at Sierra Chef
11am to 5pm
\$35.00 per person
Quantities are limited

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All proceeds benefit deserving Republican candidates.

Tickets may also be purchased at the monthly

SNRW Luncheon Via Check or Cash.



An Epicurean Feast of
Traditional Irish fare including
Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots &
Potatoes served with a side
salad and Irish Scone



Sierra Chef - 2292 Main Street in Genoa 775.392.4417 Events@SierraChef.com Tuesday - Sunday, 10am to 5pm



#### Cher Ami and Major Whittlesey, a Novel by, Kathleen Rooney

New York: Penguin Books, 2020

"Monuments matter most to pigeons and soldiers. I myself have become a monument." This first line, expressed by a pigeon, piqued my interest in the historical fiction novel *Cher Ami and Major Whittlesey*. Upon reading the book jacket, I remembered years ago seeing this most famous WWI homing pigeon on display in the Smithsonian Museum.

War never changes. In WWI, 65 million men mobilized worldwide, and 13% died; 33% were wounded with disfigurement or disability; 12% taken prisoner or MIA (130).

The novel works to show horrors reflective of the aforementioned statistics but also gives the reader hope by sharing vignettes of monotony, friendships, and most importantly, love, which helps soldiers (and pigeons) survive.

Cher Ami acts as a guide and philosopher bird; one will remember aphorisms: "Attunement with another creature feels magical, a brief stay against dread. It's true of humans, and it's true for us pigeons" (229). "Everyone feels old when they're sad, even children" (45). Of course, homing pigeons need humans, and Major Charles Whittlesey's life as a soldier intersects and parallels Cher Ami's through her handlers and his men. The author notes that people and pigeons are capable of remarkable things and show the human narrator as trying his best to save his troops; they all get trapped for five days in France's friendly fire incident in October 1918. Cher Ami, the last pigeon, gets his help message through, although getting seriously wounded: "Sometimes the moment we are about to cease believing in something is the moment that that thing proves itself to be true" (218).

The Major returns to civilian life, a victim of undiagnosed PTSD. "He meets up with his rescuer in a parade, and unspoken thoughts are shared: "Whit put a finger through a gap to stroke my wing, and I could feel a small but

constant tremor, one that his fellow men couldn't see but that went to the core of him" (274).

Of the two narrators, I most enjoyed the pigeon prose. "Hers was a short-lived life, but full of meaning, always living (and flying) in the present, always to home, and doing her best. She saves her soldiers from further being killed by friendly fire, subsequently working as a celebrity for the Army post-WWII, as did the Major. Her grievous wounds shorten her lifespan, but she "lives" on in the *Price of Freedom* exhibit at the Smithsonian, showing that all love (even beak to cheek), sometimes not understood or acknowledged, is the only thing in this world that matters in any setting, no matter how violent or brief.

—Debbie Cutshaw (this book is available at our local library)

#### Aristotle, History of Animals

In the great majority of animals, there are traces of physical qualities and attitudes, which are more markedly differentiated in human beings. For just as we pointed out resemblances in the physical organs, so in many animals, we observe gentleness and fierceness,

mildness or cross temper, courage or timidity, fear or confidence, high spirits or low cunning, and, with regard to intelligence, something akin to sagacity.



#### Volunteer in the Spotlight James McKalip

#### Shares his views on volunteerism

I learned early about how satisfying being a volunteer can be. My first experience as a volunteer goes back some 49 years. When I joined the Boy Scouts, Troop 89 in the city of Alameda it was known as the ecology troop. We planted trees, went out with the Coast Guard Auxiliary picking garbage out of the Oakland Estuary, and performed other environmental cleanup acts.

Our fundraising efforts consisted of recycling newspapers and magazines. After I became a Sea Scout, every week involved a volunteer task. My favorite, though, was the 6 a.m. set up on Black Friday of a Christmas tree lot that raised money for scouting organizations. My volunteerism included fundraising for the track team, the band, and Model United Nations with High School. I also helped send kids to Washington, D. C. for a week of seminars and field trips through what was called Operation Close Up.

Once I had the responsibilities that come with a career, finding time for volunteering was a challenge. Still, I became the lead person in organizing my Safeway Store's program that donated bread and other items to charity. I found an organization called *Loaves and Fishes* that would take what we gave them in the morning and feed



people by lunch. As the recession started in 2008, those meals became vital to the community of Martinez, California.

My retirement (to deal with a bad back) and subsequent move to Douglas County in 2013 gave me a whole new set of volunteer opportunities, and I decided getting involved in the local Republican party would be a priority.

My first move was to check out Republican Headquarters for information on the upcoming Presidential Caucus. Well, that caucus turned out to be an E-Ticket to joining up with a dedicated group of fellow Douglas Republicans. Great folks like Maureen and Randy Morris and Blayne Osbourne saw to it that I signed on as a delegate to the County Convention, became a member of the Republican Central Committee, and even participated on the Platform Committee.

I discovered I enjoyed taking a weekly shift at Republican Headquarters, and I learned about other community activities. I attend the Good Governance Group and several public meetings, such as the Board of County Commissioners, Planning Commission, and the Ranchos Board of Trustees. My volunteer activities have included organizing several Candidate Forums and working on fundraisers ach as the Heritage BBQ and

such as the Heritage BBQ and the Lincoln Reagan Dinner.

This year I did something I've never done before: I ran for office. I was successful. The voters elected me to the Gardnerville Ranchos GID Board of Trustees. Since 2019, I've served as First Vice-Chair of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee, which, in partnership with the women's' clubs, is vital to maintaining Douglas as a truly conservative county. Part of my duties is to find volunteers to take on certain tasks, and I've discovered Douglas County Republicans are amazing. In March 2021, I intend to run for Chair.

My life story has taught me that it's not the acts of one person but what people can achieve together that builds a good world. I often brag at State meetings about all the DCRCC volunteers accomplish. Plus, every time I ask for volunteers, I conclude with the statement, "Can't Do It Without You." I think that actually says it all.



# Important Projects – Volunteers needed

- Our NvFRW Nominations Chair, Rose Fox, is soliciting volunteers for the NvFRW Nominating Committee. This Committee will be putting together a slate of candidates for the 2022-2023 NvFRW Board. Rose would like to have one volunteer and an alternate from each club. No previous experience is required. You will enjoy working with Rose, who is a member of Mesquite Republican Women. Please let Mary Porter know if you can volunteer for this committee.
- We have serveral openings to either chair or serve on various SNRW 2021 committees.
   Please check them out on page 11, and let Sondra or me know if you are willing to help.

Thanks, Mary Porter



# JOIN OR RENEW TODAY

# Current Totals SNRW Members = 93 SNRW Associates = 58

The SNRW 2021 membership drive is in progress. Please notify Barbara McRoerts if any of your personal information has changed. Her phone number is 775-267-0025; or email her at bamcroberts@outlook.com

Please bring your renewal fee to the next luncheon meeting, or you can mail it to:
SNRW
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The fee is \$35 for a regular membership or \$20 for an associate membership. You may pay either by check or cash.

IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO YET, PLEASE PAY YOUR 2021 DUES.

Thank you for attending to this matter. We look forward to seeing you at the next luncheon.

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m., and President Mary Porter welcomed all. Mary offered a prayer written by her sister, Sister Marie Joette, O.S.F. DCRCC 1st VP and Ranchos Trustee, Jim McKalip led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary introduced our attending dignitaries: SNRW Past Presidents Sharon O'Berg, Nancy Jarvis, Pat Smith and Barb McRoberts, DCRCC 1st VP Jim McKalip, who is also a Ranchos Trustee, from the Food Closet, VP Barb McRoberts, Board members Don McRoberts, Cynthia Sawyer, and Jacie Peters, Secretary. Barb Hahn NvFRW VP and Nevada Republican Central Committee Secretary.

The November minutes were approved as they appeared in the Rumbler.

2nd VP Membership, Sondra Condron announced the renewals to date: 40 members and 20 associates. The 2021 Membership Drive continues, and dues should be paid by December 31. If you are a member, you do not have to fill out a new application unless some information has changed.

1st VP Fran Holden introduced NvFRW 2nd VP and NvRCC Secretary Barb Hahn to install our 2021 SNRW Executive Board. Installation of new Executive Board

Barb Hahn called the new Board forward and began the installation:

- Treasurer Jacie Peters
- Recording Secretary Jan Muzzy (who could not join us)
- Corresponding Secretary Cynthia Sawyer
- 2nd VP Barb McRoberts
- 1st VP Fran Holden
- President Sondra Condron

Fran thanked Barb Hahn for installing our new Board. Donna Schehl, our official photographer, took a photo of our newly installed Board. 1st VP, Fran Holden, announced our January speaker would be Jim DeGraffenreid, our National Committeeman.

Barb Hahn commented on the 2020 election and the irregularities. Total mail-in voting posed problems with too many ballots out to the public; in some states, dead people had voted.

The USPS noted some unusual addresses, vacant lots, businesses, and homes where the person never lived. Multiple suits have been filed looking for justice.

A game was played with our new Board to help us know them better. Each Board member said three things, two were true, and one was false. The audience was to choose the false statement. We had fun learning some new things and got a good laugh out of our wrong guesses.

Jim McKalip reported on DCRCC:
They had to cancel their Christmas Party due to
COVID restrictions. They can not use the Elks
Lodge until January per the COVID restrictions.
Jim DeGrafffenreid will not run for DCRCC
President since he is National Committeeman.
Jim thanked us for the donation we made to his
campaign for Ranchos Trustee.

Mary Porter presented the gavel to the new President, Sondra Condron, to symbolize the changing of the Board.

Fran Holden presented a gift to Mary from her Board; Mary thanked them and presented each with a gift in turn.

Newly elected President Sondra Condron wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year., then adjourned the meeting at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marie Schnock, Recording Secretary



To our outgoing Board Officers, Mary Porter, Bev Anderson, and Marie Schnock

# SNRW December 9, Meeting Installation of Officers



Barb Hawn performs SNRW Board Installation. Officers (from left), Mary Porter, Past Pres.; Jacie Peters, Treasurer; Cynthia Sawyer, Corresponding Sec.; Barbara McRoberts, 2nd. V.P. Membership; Fran Holden, 1st. V.P, Programs; and Sondra Condron, President.













Welcome New Member Melinda Bastedo

#### SNRW COMMITTE CHAIRS & MEMBERS

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HOTLINE/EMAIL BLAST: Anita Kornoff

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