



# The Rumbler

When a elephant talks, everyone listens

September 2022

## 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 matters concerning Douglas County, Nevada, and our nation.

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**SEPTEMBER 25th**

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## Next SNRW Monthly Meeting



**SEPTEMBER 14th**

**School Board Candidates Debate**

**Robbe Lehmann**

**Suzy Jansen**

**Roberta Butterfield**

**David Burns**

**Heather Jackson**

**Katherine Dickerson**

**Hear what each candidate has to say  
about the future of Nevada's Schools**

**DOORS OPEN 11:30 A.M. MEETING AT NOON  
C.O.D. CASINO, MINDEN**

**SEPTEMBER RESERVATION UPDATE:**

**Pay \$5 at the door (includes beverages)**

**Reservations required**

**SAVING YOUR SPOT: SNRW General Meeting  
Chair Sally Grant will be on holiday this month so  
SO PLEASE RSVP via email to  
SierraNvRepWomen@gmail.com.**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## September

- 09/05 Labor Day
- 09/06 SNRW Board Meeting, 3p.m.,  
Republican HQ, Gardnerville
- 09/07 DCRW Lunch Meeting, 11 a.m.  
Valley Christian Fellowship
- 09/08 DCRCC Meeting 7 p.m., Elks  
Lodge, Gardnerville
- 9/10 SNRW Membership Recruitment  
Reception, COD, 3-5 pm (pgs. 4 & 9)
- 09/11 Patriot Day
- 09/14 SNRW Meeting, 11:30 a.m.,  
C.O.D. Casino, Minden
- 09/17 DCRCC 5th Annual Heritage  
BBQ, Noon-4 p.m.
- 09/26 Rosh Hashanah

## October

- 10/04 SNRW Board Meeting, 3p.m.,  
Republican HQ, Gardnerville
- 10/05 DCRW Lunch Meeting, 11a.m.  
Valley Christian Fellowship
- 10/10 Columbus Day
- 10/12 SNRW Meeting 11:30 a.m.,  
C.O.D. Casino, Minden
- 10/13 DCRCC Meeting 7 p.m., Elks  
Lodge, Gardnerville
- 10/14 DCRW Fall Frolic Fundraiser  
5-8 p.m. DC Community & Sr.  
Ctr., Gardnerville (see pg. 11)
- 10/21 NvFRW Regents Reception,  
Board Meeting in Henderson
- 10/22 NvFRW Fall Meeting (all club  
members) Henderson, Nev.

10/31 Halloween

## November

- 11/01 SNRW Board Meeting,  
3 p.m., Republican HQ.,  
Gardnerville
- 11/02 DCRW Lunch Meeting, 11 am  
Valley Christian Fellowship
- 11/06 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11/08 ELECTION DAY
- 11/09 SNRW Meeting 11:30 a.m.,  
C.O.D. Casino, Minden
- 11/10 DCRCC Meeting 7 p.m.,  
Elks Lodge, Gardnerville
- 11/11 Veteran's Day
- 11/24 Thanksgiving Day

## December

- 12/06 SNRW Board Meeting,  
3 p.m., Republican HQ.,  
Gardnerville
- 12/02 DCRW Lunch Meeting, 11 a.m.  
Valley Christian Fellowship
- 12/08 DCRCC Meeting 7 p.m.,  
Elks Lodge, Gardnerville
- 12/14 SNRW Meeting 11:30 a.m.,  
C.O.D. Casino, Minden
- 12/19 Hanukkah Begins
- 12/21 Winter Begins
- 12/25 Christmas Day

**Rumbler Newsletter**  
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month through November 2022

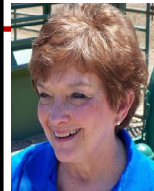
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# President's Message

Sierra Nevada Republican Women is a Political Action Committee. Therefore, we donate all the money we raised by fundraising these last two years to Republican candidates in the general election. I am very proud of that fact and that we were able to donate \$21,500 to our fellow Republicans to help make our beautiful Nevada red again. We contributed to Joe Lombardo, Starvos Anthony, Sigal Chattah, Lisa Krasner, Cherlyn Arrington, Jacob Deaville, Joey Pavlos, Ken Gray, Brian Hibbets, San Kumar, Rhonda Knightly, Tiffany Jones, and Tina Brown. The executive board thanks each of you for your support of our club enabling us to make these donations to worthy candidates. Please support them and all Republicans to get them elected.



The nominating committee is hard at work looking for executive board members for 2023. I want to thank them as they look for next year's leadership for our club. The committee is comprised of Chair Pat Smith, Jacie Peters, Sally Grant, Charlene Close, and Judy Bergandi. Serving on the board is a special honor and allows you to see the inner workings of our club. It is exciting and informative, and I would encourage everyone to serve on the board at some time. You will be happy that your talents have been a particular part of our club, county, and state.

We are planning a new member event on September 10 at the COD from 3 to 5 p.m. Please plan on attending and bringing a friend. It will be a fun afternoon introducing new people to our great club.

Congratulations to Laura Gardner for winning the ticket to the DCRCC's Heritage Fall BBQ on September 17, 2022. Everyone be sure to purchase your ticket as it will be an incredible day of food, music, speakers, and conversation. Let's support DCRCC.

Sierra Nevada Republican Women can get involved in making Nevada red again. We must remain effective in supporting qualified Republican candidates by keeping informed, volunteering where needed, bringing in new members, and supporting the Republican candidates in any way necessary to get them elected. This is our time!

Stay engaged and stay connected; the Republican Party needs you!

*Blessings, Sondra*

## 2022 Campaign Support

We are pleased to report that the SNRW has processed \$21,500 in campaign support for this election year. With your hard work and support we have sent donations to the following candidates:

Governor – Joe Lombardo  
Lt. Governor – Starvos Anthony  
Attorney General – Sigal Chattah  
Nevada State Senate:  
Joey Paulos District 8  
Tina Brown District 9  
Cherlyn Arrington District 12  
Lisa Krasner District 16  
Nevada State Assembly  
Brian Hibbets District 13  
Sam Kumar District 25  
Rhonda Knightly District 29  
Tiffany Jones District 35  
Jacob Deaville District 37  
Ken Gray District 39

These campaign donations could not have been made without the financial support and dedication of our Sierra Nevada Republican Women members and associates.

## REPUBLICANS WORKING TOGETHER!

Although we are separate organizations, we have mutual goals like electing Republicans. Many of us have dual roles with the Republican Women and GOP. The NFRW focuses on educating, empowering, and training as well as supporting and encouraging women to run for office.



Let's help our teachers!  
Let's take back our schools!



Nearly two centuries ago, visionaries such as Horace Mann and John Dewey brought forward the concept of government providing a public school system paid for by tax dollars. The goal was that every American child would be able to get a basic core education in reading, writing, math, science, and history and thus become a productive member of society.

Unfortunately, America has, over several decades, pushed out much of our core education and replaced it with content that is intended to indoctrinate our children. The powers that be understand that what we teach our children is vital to defining what kind of country we are. As the direction of our nation becomes more of a political struggle, those who have charge over our schools are seeking to create a nation that reflects their goals and values. We see that now in full force. Parents are kept at bay while the teachers' unions, university education departments, and the state legislatures and bureaucracies fill our children's heads with social justice, racial justice (Black Lives Matter), environmental justice, and way-too-young sexualization of their bodies. We must push back on this.

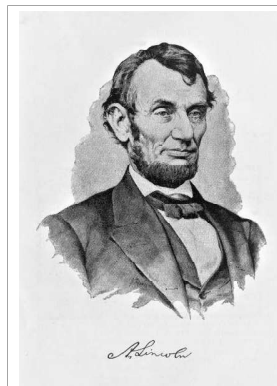
It is true. As goes our children so goes our nation. A secondary but also distressing result of the piling on of all these politically-charged materials is the amount of pressure it heaps on teachers. Even if they want to meet the educational needs of their students, there simply isn't enough time to educate them in the basic core subjects. How schools are currently handling discipline, which is also part of the political maneuvering, is a huge hurdle. The issue of being able to control the students in the classroom

has reached a crisis level because of burdensome responsibilities assigned to teachers regarding disruptive students. The far left's insistence through the Nevada Legislature on Restorative Justice (or Restorative Practices as it is called in the policy our school district adopted) has taken the sting out of consequences for actions.

Ironically, research shows that school administrators and other staff have fared far better in getting higher salaries than those we charge with educating our kids. I am of the belief that teachers deserve more respect and support – and pay. If our superintendent is to be paid \$166,000 a year plus benefits, then I think that teachers, being on the front lines, should be supported much more.

Katherine Dickerson,  
Candidate for School Board, District #6  
Member SNRW

This is not an endorsement for any candidate, but rather shared as information.



*"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."*

*—Abraham Lincoln*

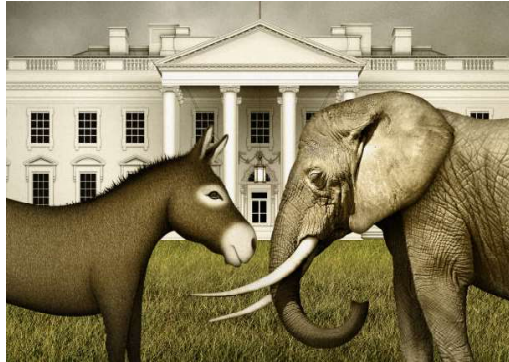
# Why the Donkey and the Elephant?

## A brief history of the two parties

*Submitted by Mary Lou Gervie*

### History of the Democratic Party.

The party can trace its roots all the way back to Thomas Jefferson when they were known as *Jefferson's Republicans* and they strongly opposed the Federalist Party and the Nationalist views. The Democrats adopted the donkey as their symbol due to Andrew Jackson who was publicly nicknamed "jackass" because of his popular position of "let the people rule." The Democratic National Committee was officially created in 1848. During the American Civil War a rift grew within the party between those who supported slavery and those who opposed it. This deep division led to the creation of a new Democratic party, the one we now know today.



### History of the Republican Party.

The Republican Party came into existence just prior to the American Civil War due to their long-time stance in favor of abolition of slavery. They were a small third-party who nominated John C. Fremont for president in 1856. In 1860 they became an established political party when their nominee

Abraham Lincoln was elected as president of the United States. Lincoln's presidency throughout the war, including his policies to end slavery for good helped solidify the Republican party as a major force in American politics. The elephant was chosen as their symbol in 1874 based on a cartoon in Harpers Weekly that depicted the new party as an elephant.



THE POLITICAL CARTOON THAT STARTED IT ALL--  
HARPERS WEEKLY 1874



MORE THAN JUST A DAY TO BBQ



PATRIOT DAY DECLARED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP

## Attention SNRW Members, Let's Have Record Participation in this Year's Republican Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award!

**Do you know an outstanding Republican woman in Douglas County? Tell us about her. Your opinion is important!**

Here's an idea to help inspire you from Jann Fargnoli, our program chair. Go to our website [sierranevadarepublicanwomen.com](http://sierranevadarepublicanwomen.com) and print out this year's Entrepreneur of the Year Award application. Then hang it on your fridge, where you'll see it daily. When an exemplary Republican woman business owner in the area pops into your head, talk to her. Then complete the application and bring it to the September SNRW meeting or submit it by email to [jannfargnoli@gmail.com](mailto:jannfargnoli@gmail.com). The winning applicant will be honored at our November lunch meeting. We will send a photo and press release, and she and her business will be featured in a local newspaper. So few hard-working women are recognized for their contributions. Just think of what a positive thing you'll be doing.

Time is running out, so please be sure to present your nomination before the October deadline. For an application and further information about the qualifications, please see our website at [sierranevadarepublicanwomen.com](http://sierranevadarepublicanwomen.com). You will also find a list of previous winners of the honor. *Thank you.*



# SNRW's Volunteer in the Spotlight

## My history of volunteering and organizing

*By Sharon Calvert*



I am told by friends I grew up with in Lovelock, Nevada, that I showed a talent for organing as early as the 2nd grade. I am a 4th generation Nevadan. My dad Lawrence Stiff was born in Lovelock, and

my mother was born in Fallon. I grew up in Lovelock, and from my earliest days, our family was involved in volunteering and leadership roles.

I graduated from the University of Nevada as a Physical Education major and taught my first year in Carson City High School in 1960. I choose PE as I thrive on being outside and not indoors. After one year at Carson HS, I decided to spread my wings and went to Monterey, where I taught at Fitch Jr. High for two years. I met my husband (now of 60

years), Jack Calvert, who was attending the Navy Post Graduate school, and we married in 1962, and my life as a Navy wife began. I've been asked to tell you of my volunteer experiences as they are many.

When Jack was CO of NAS Lemoore, I worked in Navy Relief, Red Cross, and the Basecamp Youth Center, among other things. My three children always volunteered me to be a room mother, carpool mom for swim practice and ballet lessons, and school and swim club fundraisers. I organized the snack bar for the Starlit Swim Team in Virginia and was on its board. For four years I organized Thanksgiving dinner for the Duke Swim Team in Durham, North Carolina.

A big challenge came when my husband Jack became an Admiral, and I was attending for the first time after returning to Washington following a tour at the Naval Test Center in Patuxent River, Maryland. The Navy Officers Wives' Club held an annual Oscar De la Renta Fashion show and luncheon at the Wash-

ington Hilton Hotel. I had never attended the event; in retrospect, I wished I had observed more, chattered less, and taken notes. I was approached on my way out by an Admiral's wife I had known in a squadron years ago. I was a new Admiral's wife, and her husband was a three-star Admiral. She asked me to take over from her as chairperson of the event as it was not doing well. She believed I could help make it a sell-out event the following year. I had never done

anything on this scale and did not know how or where to begin.

Wow, what to say except I will try and try we did. I learned much from this. The important thing was to get the volunteers and then delegate duties. I did this, and we had a sell-out crowd making lots of money for Navy Relief and other Navy organizations. I continued this for several years and became president of

the Washington Navy Wives club and editor of the newsletter. I organized a seminar for incoming XO-CO wives that still exists.

Following Jack's retirement, we moved to NC, and I became president of an NC Republican women's club in Cary, NC. After moving back to Nevada and Carson Valley, I have been Raffle chairman for Crystal Angels Christmas Gala, Secretary for SNRW, and chairman of the raffle for our St. Pat's dinner for several years. At present, I am raffle chairman for the Carson City Navy League, Chairman of the Methodist Women's Christmas Craft Faire.

I will continue to volunteer and organize events when needed. Hard to believe a young girl from Lovelock was allowed to learn and serve in so many ways as a Navy wife and mother. It has been an incredible journey.





# Welcome!

Please join us in welcoming new members Tammy Jens and Dillma Johnson, new associate member Maxine Rodowicz! Our membership count now stands at 81 and our associate membership count now stands at 62.

SNRW is hosting a Membership Recruitment Reception on Saturday, September 10, from 3 –5 p.m. at COD Casino. Please email [snrw.membership@gmail.com](mailto:snrw.membership@gmail.com) for more information or to make reservations.

If you have any membership-related questions or would like information about joining our organization, please email me at [snrw.membership@gmail.com](mailto:snrw.membership@gmail.com).

*Jacie Peters,  
SNRW 2nd VP Membership / Treasurer*

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Sierra Nevada  
Republican Women*

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# MINUTES

## SIERRA NEVADA REPUBLICAN WOMEN

### July 13, 2022 Luncheon Meeting , C.O.D. Casino, Minden, Nevada

**Call to order:** The August meeting of SNRW was called to order at 11:54 a.m., Wednesday, August 10, 2022 by the President, Sondra Condon, at the C.O.D. Casino in Minden, NV. She welcomed everyone and reminded members to silence their phones. The prayer was given by member Pat Smith, followed by the salute to our great flag led by Douglas County Commissioner Mark Gardner.

**Introductions:** President Condon recognized attending dignitaries: Chairman of the Douglas County Commissioners District 3 Mark Gardner; Douglas County Clerk-Treasurer Amy Burgans; NvFRW Northern Director and 1st V.P. of Douglas County Republican Women Maxine Rodowicz; and Douglas County Republican Central Committee Chair Jim McKalip.

**Presentation:** President Condon recalled that Barbara McRoberts resigned her position as 2nd V.P. as she and her husband are moving to Idaho. She thanked Barb for her past contributions to SNRW as President and numerous other Board positions, as well as heading the St. Patrick's dinners for many years. She presented her with a gift certificate from the Board to thank her for her past service.

**Program:** First Vice President Sharla Hales then introduced the guest speaker for the day, Stavros Anthony, Republican Candidate for Lieutenant Governor, via Zoom from Las Vegas. She explained that it is very difficult for candidates to travel to meetings across the state during their campaigns and thanked Mr. Anthony for agreeing to meet with SNRW via Zoom. She presented his impressive background in both criminal justice, education, and public service.

Mr. Anthony discussed his background and the many reasons he is qualified to run for Lt. Governor. He reviewed the main responsibilities of the Lt. Governor of Nevada.

The Lt. Governor serves as chair of the Tourism Commission, vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Department of Transportation, member of the Board of Economic Development, member of the Executive Branch Audit Committee, and is responsible for Homeland Security/Continuity of Government. The Lt. Governor presides over the Senate, but only votes in a tie. He commented that he has experience in all areas of these statutory duties. He stated he will support the conservative platform and fight for constitutional values when elected. He thanked SNRW and the women's groups for support in his campaign.

In answering a question from the audience about what he would do for the northern part of the state, Mr. Anthony guaranteed that he will be all over the State dealing with whatever issues are important or need improvement to industry statewide. He supports school choice and would work with the Republican Party to get funds to parents to make decisions on schooling for their children. He was thanked profusely by the membership for his presentation to today's meeting.

VP Hales reported that the September meeting will be a debate forum of the School Board candidates. She has invited several other candidates for future meetings but has not yet secured any firm commitments. Watch for future announcements.

**Vice President-Membership:** Second Vice President Jacie Peters introduced and acknowledged guests attending today's meeting. She reported that there are 79 members

and 62 associates. Ms. Peters reminded members that there will be a Welcome Brunch at her home on August 27 for all new members, as a way to welcome and educate them. There will be a Recruitment event on September 10 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the C.O.D. Casino. She urged all members/associates to bring potential members to this get-together;

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Jacie Peters reported on the current bank balance. She noted that \$16,500 was budgeted for distribution to state and local Republican candidates. The Board met and after thoroughly analyzing the budget year-to-date and for the remainder of the year voted to increase the distribution to candidates by up to an additional \$5,000. The Board then met the following day to determine candidates and amounts to be distributed. She reported that \$21,500 in checks has been mailed to the various candidates. This still leaves sufficient funds to finish out this year. She thanked the members for their support throughout the last couple of years to make this large donation this possible.

**Proposed Bylaw Amendment:** Proposed amendments to the SNRW Bylaws were sent to membership prior to the meeting for approval. Because of a lack of a quorum again, the request for approval will be sent to all members via email. Results will be presented at the next meeting.

**Minutes:** President Condon asked for approval of the July Minutes. There being no corrections to the Minutes of the July 13, 2022 meeting as printed in The Rumbler, the Minutes were approved.

**New Business:** Nominating Committee – President Condon reported that it is time to appoint the

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## AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

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Nominating Committee to develop the slate of officers for 2023. The Executive Board appointed Pat Smith to serve as Chair the Nominating Committee. Sondra asked for volunteers from the floor to serve on the committee.

After discussion, it was M.S.C. (Smith/O'Berg) that the following serve as members of the Nominating Committee: Jacie Peters, Sally Grant, Charlene Close, and Judy Bergandi. Items for the next edition of The Rumbler are due to Anita Kornoff by August 25.

**Candidate Introductions:** President Condrin invited candidates (or representatives) to come to the front and introduce themselves and the office they are seeking.

Katherine Dickerson – School Board District 6  
Susan Jansen – School Board District 2  
Dave Burns – School Board District 7  
Aaron Park for Adam Laxalt – U.S. Senator

Commissioner Mark Gardner spoke on behalf of all Republican candidates, stating the importance of getting behind those who won the Primary elections; we must promote our Republican candidates and support them.

**Announcements:** Maxine Rodowicz reported DCRW is having their fall fundraiser, Fall Frolic 1860's Style, on October 14 at the Community Center. All are invited.

Jim McKalip stated the DCRCC Heritage Bbq will be held at the Corley Ranch on September 17. There was a drawing for a free ticket to the BBQ, won by Laura Gardner. The DCRCC regular meeting will be held tomorrow at the Elks Lodge at 7 p.m. Clerk / Treasurer Amy Burgans reported that she is accepting applications for election workers for the general election. Contact her office to apply.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

*Nancy Jarvis, Recording Secretary*

## A list of must-reads for Conservatives



### **The Battle for the American Mind, by Pete Hegseth.**

Outlines the history of our education system over the last hundred years, how it has become such a mess, and what we need to do to get it back. Bailing out of the system is not the answer. We have to take back our schools as they are the melting pot that forges our communities as one people under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### **The Great Reset by Glenn Beck.**

Learn about a group working to re-shape the world in every way. Glenn Beck describes it clearly. We need to be made aware.

### **What Every American Needs to Know About the Middle East by M.L. Rossi.**

A fascinating crash course on the culture, history, politics, and religions of the countries of the Middle East. The Middle East is not to be ignored, and this book will help us understand why.

### **They Must Be Stopped by Brigitte Gabriel.**

Truth about the dangers of Islam from one who has lived the tragic experience of the aftermath of allowing Muslims to gain a foothold in the once Christian nation of Lebanon. With members of the "Squad" exerting power in Congress, this is a must-read.

### **A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell.**

The untold story of Virginia Hall, WWII's most dangerous spy. A meticulous history that reads like a thriller. Considered one of the 10 best books about WWII.  
people.