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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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County Manager Patrick Cates

Wednesday, February 8TH

Doors open at 11:30
a.m. Meeting at noon

**County Manager Cates will focus
his presentation on the plans for
the new judicial building.**



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 2023

- 02/02 SNRW Executive Board Meeting, 3 p.m.
Republican HQ., Gardnerville
- 02/08 SNRW Meeting 11:30 a.m.,
C.O.D. Casino, Minden
- 02/12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 02/14 Valentine's Day
- 02/20 Presidents Day
- 02/22 Ash Wednesday (begining of Lent)

March 2023

- 03/02 SNRW Executive Board Meeting, 3 p.m.
Republican HQ., Gardnerville
- NO MONTHLY MEETING Instead please attend:**
- 03/11 SNRW St. Pat's Fundraiser Dinner, CVI,
Minden
- 03/17 St. Patrick's Day

April 2023

- 04/06 SNRW Executive Board Meeting, 3 p.m.
Republican HQ., Gardnerville
- 04/06 Passover Begins
- 04/07 Good Friday
- 04/09 Easter Sunday
- 04/12 SNRW General Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

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<p>Douglas County Republican Women (DCRW) Meets at 11 a.m. on the First Wednesday of the Month at Valley Christian Fellowship, Minden</p>	<p>DC Republican Central Committee (DCRCC) Meets at 7 p.m.the Second Wednesday of the Month at the Elks Lodge, Gardnerville</p>
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President's Message

As the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature begins on February 6, 2023, I wanted to write about our state elected officials.



First, I congratulate our former State Assemblyman and Senator, James Settelmeyer, on his appointment by our newly elected Governor, Joe Lombardo. On January 6th, Governor Lombardo announced a round

of executive position appointees. Settelmeyer was chosen as Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (NDCNR), taking over for Jim Lawrence, who had served as the director under Sisolak and had been with NDCNR for 24 years in various positions. With this new appointment, Director Settelmeyer will be the appointee to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Board of Directors, also taking over for Lawrence.

The NDCNR is one of the larger departments in the State of Nevada, with over 900 employees who oversee, manage, and coordinate air and water standards, drought, wildfire, forest management, land use, mineral mining, recreation, and protected habitats. Director Settelmeyer was previously an Assemblyman for one term before being elected to the Senate, where he was termed out in 2022. During his three terms in the Senate, he was the Senate Republican Minority Leader. Having a local community member in an influential assignment regarding Tahoe and statewide issues is invaluable for Douglas County constituents.

In addition, Douglas County is represented by our State Assemblyman Ken Gray representing District 39, whom many of you know, and who I wrote about in last month's Rumbler.



Our State Senator is Dr. Robin Titus representing District 17, was previously a Nevada State Assemblywoman for four terms and served as the Assembly Republican Leader. These two legislators complement

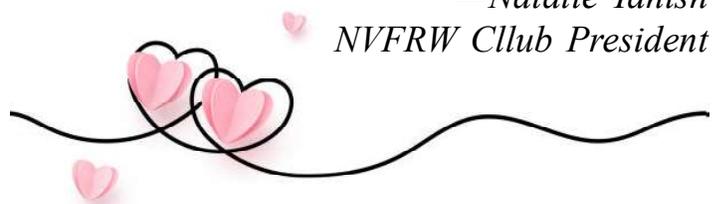
each other in that we have a freshman, Assemblyman Ken Gray, bringing enthusiasm and a new perspective, and Assemblywoman Titus providing experience and influence. To find out more about your elected official, their committee appointments, and sponsored bills, please visit: Senator Titus: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Legislator/A/Senate/Current/17> Assemblyman Gray: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Legislator/A/Assembly/Current/39>

Did you also know that over 250 gubernatorial-appointed citizen positions are on various boards and commissions? The multiple bodies are regulatory, advisory, and task forces that range in topics from aging and health to education to cosmetology. The purpose of these entities is for citizen participation and garnering recommendations from "those on the ground" to influence policy making. I encourage any member with a passion for any issues assigned to these committees to apply.

To view vacancies and apply, go to: <https://gov.nv.gov/Boards/Board-Vacancies/>

With the changes in leadership and shuffling of positions, it will be exciting to see what legislative outcomes will result from the 82nd Session.

—Natalie Yanish
NVFRW Club President



SNRW Well Represented at NvFRW's Annual Leadership Training Winter Workshop (*Winter was the operative word*)

By Anita Kornoff



Attendees from SNRW, Sondra Condron, Past Pres, Anita Kornoff, Newsletter Publisher, Pat Smith, Donna Schehl, Jan Fagnoli, Recording Secretary, Charlene Close, Mary Lou Gervie, Sue Jeffrey, Treasurer, Natalie Yanish, Pres, Katerine Dickerson, Corresponding Secretary

This year's Leadership Training was a great success! On an icy January 21st morning, more than seventy Republican women club members braved the freezing weather to make it to Minden for the annual NvFRW event. Many even arrived early and enjoyed the complimentary continental breakfast. A big thank you goes to all the terrific gals from DCRW and sister Douglas County club, SNRW for helping set up.

Valley Christian Fellowship in Minden was our gracious host. Pastor Leo Kruger warmly welcomed us and gave the invocation. The church's entire volunteer staff was more than accommodating in setting up the tables and chairs, complete with tablecloths. They run a finely-tuned commercial kitchen, and attendees were

delighted with the delicious soups, salad, and freshly-baked pineapple cake they prepared for dessert.

The array of speakers provided



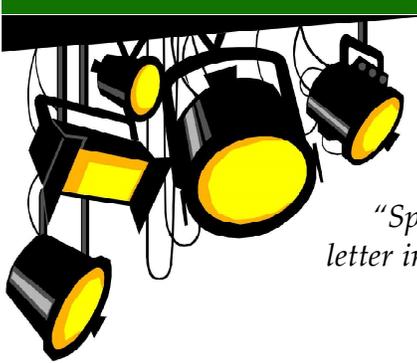
Matthew Hurtt Keynote Speaker

lots of helpful information to take back to our respective clubs. The keynote speaker, Matthew Hurtt provided a lively presentation, sharing many valuable ideas in a most entertaining manner.

As always, it's stimulating to get a bunch of like-minded conservatives together to share perspectives and become familiar with the faces of names we've heard in the organization. Sharing camaraderie is also a big incentive for attending these meetings.

Congratulations to NvFRW President Caroline Smith, and the Executive Committee for successfully putting the event together.

TO SEE MORE OF DONNA'S PHOTOS FROM THE EVENT, PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: SIERRANAVADA.REPUBLICANWOMEN.COM



Spotlight on a Volunteer —Maggie Benz

On December 23, 2002, we lost Maggie Benz, an SNRW Associate who contributed mightily to our community. Below, with a few revisions, is the “Spotlight on a Volunteer” article about Maggie that was published in our newsletter in 2020. It describes some of Maggie’s contributions and accomplishments.

By Mary Porter

Few women in Douglas County have held volunteer leadership positions longer, and more effectively and efficiently, than has Maggie Benz. She served as President of Douglas County Republican Women and President of the Sierra Philharmonic League as well as having chaired the Douglas County Republican Central Committee for 6½ years.



Maggie is a graduate of the University of Southern California. She was a nurse and an educator. Maggie was President of the Teachers Union in Palo Alto before she and her husband, Bernie moved to Gardnerville 25 years ago.

When the elected DCRCC chair, Robin Reedy, became ill, Maggie was asked to take over the chairing our central committee. Maggie explained that she stood for election 3 times afterwards primarily because she enjoyed it. She describes this ability to find enjoyment in the tasks required of a leader as the key element to a successful leadership experience.

Bernie describes his wife as a people person and an organizer. Through her skill at developed stimulating and consequential central committee meetings, DCRCC membership outgrew its headquarters 3 times during Maggie’s 3½ terms in office Maggie never neglected to thank, congratulate, encourage and coax members when appropriate. She generally was the first to welcome new members to the organizations she led. She consistently listened respectfully to a member’s opinions and suggestions.

Maggie organized three Douglas County Republican Conventions. She also organized a number of

fundraisers and candidate events. She indicates that she very much enjoyed representing Douglas County at state meetings and conventions.

In her spare time Maggie also enjoyed playing golf. She was quite a golfer. She won the 2008 Genoa Lakes Ladies Golf Club President’s Cup.

Maggie was an example of

what genuinely fine leadership can achieve through hard work, patience and staying on task. She will be missed.

Membership

Our members have done a fantastic job of renewing their 2023 dues. To date we have 65 membership renewals and 39 associate member renewals.

My goal this year is to create a photo membership directory. It's a lofty goal, but I think with your help we can make this happen! I am also in the process of planning two membership related events this year and would love your input. If you are willing to join an informal membership committee, please reach out via snrw.membership@gmail.com.

Jacie Peters , 2nd VP - Membership

Budget Time!

Please attend our February general meeting where we will vote on the 2023 operating budget. If you have questions, please contact Sue Jeffrey at suejeffrey510@gmail.com or 530-263-6978.

Sue Jeffrey, CCRW Treasurer

Here is the link to buy St. Pat's tickets online:

<https://sierra-nevada-republican-women.square.site/product/st-pat-s-at-cvi/39?cs=true&cst=custom>

OR, YOU MAY BUY THEM AT A SNRW MEETING. PLEASE CALL GERRI WITH QUESTIONS 530-545-2839

SNRW ST. PAT'S ANNUAL DINNER FUNDRAISER

Basket, Basket, Who's Got The Basket?

We need gift basket items for our auction fundraiser! We welcome any donations in good condition but are especially interested in themed baskets.



Please contact Gerri Grego

Before February 15th

[gbgrego@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gbgreg@sbcglobal.net)

or call 530-545-2839

We can pick them up if needed



Here are a few suggestions: 

Italian Dinner | Chocolate | Movie Night

Game Night | Gardening | Picnic



Dinner- for-2 | Spa | Smores

Trader Joes | Grilling/BBQ | Puppy

Cat | Wine | Breakfast | Elephant-Themed

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE LIMITLESS!

All baskets welcome--be creative! We also will happily accept empty baskets, or basket wrapping materials

Some Comparative Issues Between Democrats & Republicans

By Mary Lou Gervie

Social Philosophy:

Democrats tend to base their social ideas on community and social responsibility.

Republicans base their social ideas on individual rights and justice.

Military Issues:

Democrats want a decrease in military spending.

Republicans want an increase in military spending to strengthen our county's security.

Stance on Taxes:

Democrats are progressive and support higher taxes for high-income earners.

Republicans generally oppose raising taxes.

Government Regulations:

Democrats believe government regulations are necessary to protect consumers.

Republicans believe too many government regulations can hinder free market capitalism and job growth.

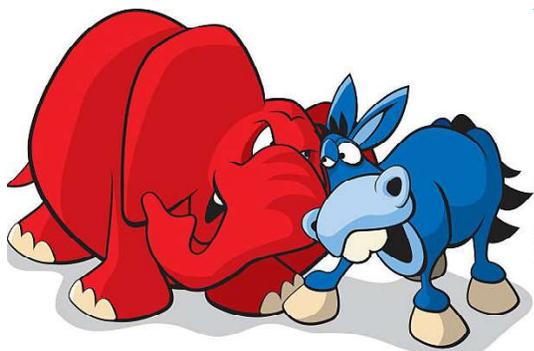
Healthcare:

Democrats support universal health care.

Republicans feel private companies can provide healthcare services more efficiently than government-run programs.

Editorial Comment:

It is no wonder **Democrats** and **Republicans** cannot compromise on these comparisons, as their political and social philosophies are worlds apart from each other.



Hey, Republicans!

It's time to buy your tickets to our most exciting event of the year—the **Annual SNRW St. Patrick's Fundraising Dinner**.

We're going all out with a delicious traditional-style Irish meal served in the Grand Ballroom of the Carson Valley Inn.

You won't want to miss all the fun this evening always promises. Fabulous auction items—camaraderie—music—and St. Paddy's surprises!

Tickets are \$50 a person, and just so you know, we have been known to sell out, so hurry and get yours!

Jacie Peters has made it super-easy for you to buy them online at <https://sierra-nevada-republican-women.square.site/product/st-pat-s-at-cvi/39?cs=true&cst=custom>

Or you may pick tickets up at a SNRW meeting or simply mail a check payable to SNRW, PO Box 2504, Minden, NV 89423.

If you have any questions or would like to **donate an item for our fundraising auction**, please contact Committee Chair Gerri Grego before (gbgrego@sbcglobal.net 530-545-2839).

Thank You!

Sierra Nevada Republican Women General Membership Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 11, 2023 *Virtual via Zoom because of weather conditions*

Meeting called to order by President Natalie Yanish at 11:47 a.m.

Natalie welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting and explained Zoom procedures to ask questions and to mute microphone when not talking.

We had a total of 24 attendees on the Zoom during the session.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Leo Kruger of Valley Christian Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of America was led by 1st VP Leslie Lawson.

President Natalie Yanish introduced the dignitaries present on the Zoom: Senator Robin Titus, Chairman of the Douglas County Central Committee Jim McKalip, Douglas County Recorder Shawnyne Garren, and Douglas School Board member Katherine Dickerson.

1st VP of Programs Leslie Lawson introduced the guest speaker, Jim DeGraffenreid. Republican National Committeeman. Jim gave a well-prepared talk about the State assessment of the election results, "where was the Red Wave?" The good news of electing Joe Lombardo as Governor and the lessons learned from some candidate races lost. The National Federation is already working on the *fixes*."

The guest speaker at the February 8 meeting will be Patrick Cates, Douglas County Manager.

VP Membership Jacie Peters reported that we have 63 regular members and 29 associates. Dues are still coming in and the count will increase.

Treasurer Sue Jeffery gave a Club finance report. The Budget planning meeting was held January 5 and Jacie suggested allowing funds to reimbursement of small expenditures to committee members who previously have paid out of their own pocket. A motion will be presented to membership at the next meeting.

Jim DeGraffenreid asked the members to attend the Central Committee LINCOLN REGAN DINNER on February 19; location is Carson Valley Inn. He will get flyers out to the Club.

New Business: There was discussion on who should be the chapter delegate on the state Nominating Committee. Past President Sondra Condron suggested that President Natalie Yanish should be the delegate. Jacie Peters volunteered to be the alternate. All present agreed with the suggestion, and it will be presented to the membership at the next meeting.

The Minutes of the December 14 meeting were approved as printed.

Announcements from members: Rumbler deadline is January 25 to send articles to be published in the Feb newsletter.

Nevada Federation of Republican Women of the Northern will host

an all-day Leadership Workshop at Valley Christian Church on Saturday, January 21 There is no cost, and all members are welcome to attend, especially current Board and Committee Members.

St Patrick's Dinner Committee is Gerri Grego as Chair, Charlene Close as Reservations Coordinator. Jacie Peter will help with the Auction. Leslie Lawson offered her home to store auction items. Contact Gerri Grego to find out how you can help the Club have a successful fundraising event, call Gerri at 530-545-2839 or email her at ggrego@sbcglobal.net

Adjournment: Being no further business, Natalie called for adjournment at 1:10 p.m.

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