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Empowering Republican women to have an important voice at the political table



# Welcome Spring!

Boy, are we all ready for that sunshine and warm weather! Let's all roll up our sleeves and get to work! Let's let our legislators know what we think and want! Our Nevada capital is in full swing with hundreds of bills being submitted weekly. WRW is inviting any and all women to team up and attend Legislative Day April 17th. Our presence WILL make a difference! See the Legislative Flyer below for information. Contact me if you want to join the Legislative Day Team! There is much we can do to make our voices heard in the coming weeks. The NELIS (Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System) system is the easiest way to follow the bills that you want to support or oppose. Through NELIS, and the account you set up with them (at no cost), you can lobby our Legislators to vote for or against a bill. Let's educate ourselves on the important issues and reach out to educate others in our community. Don't be afraid to attend WC School Board or city council meetings to voice your opinion. I urge us all to email, call or write letters to our Legislative representatives. As John Tsarpalas said last month, "Your letter, phone call, or email does make a difference." Don't miss next month's visiting speaker on April 19th. Michael McDonald, our Nevada Republican Party Chairman, will share GOP plans for 2023/2024. Easter Blessings!



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## It's a Baby Shower!

**For our April Caring for America project, we're having a Baby Shower for Reno Crisis Pregnancy Center/Real Choices!**

They offer women with unplanned pregnancies a friendly, no-pressure place where they receive emotional support and information to help them make their decisions regarding their pregnancies. Onsite shops are stocked with new and very gently used maternity clothes, baby, and kids' items of all kinds.

***This month's immediate needs are towels and wash cloths; baby lotion, baby shampoo and body wash; baby combs, brushes, and nail care items; burp rags; newborn sock, 0-3 month boys and girls winter pants, onesies, and sleepers.***

Please bring any of these items to our April 19th Luncheon.

Or contact Tee Rogers Teerogers1924@gmail.com or Kim Bacchus at kimbacchus@gmail.com to arrange a pick up or drop off.

We are also taking items for the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission.

Thank you for all your donations so far.



Kim Bacchus and Real Choices Director Mechele LaBrie



# April Luncheon

WASHOE  
REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN

Join Us  
Wednesday, April 19, 2023

WASHOE  
REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN

Along with

**NRP Chairman Michael McDonald**

**Let's Party!**

**Nevada Republican Party's Plans for 2023**



Native Las Vegas Michael MacDonalD was elected Chairman of the Nevada Republican Party in 2012, where he serves still today. He has served his community on the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and on the Las Vegas City Council.

At

**The Atlantis Resort Casino**  
**3800 South Virginia Street Second floor**

**11 am Social and Check-in**                      **11:30am-1:00 pm Luncheon and Program**  
**Members \$35**                      **Non-Members \$40.**                      **Walk-ins \$50**  
**\*\*\*A \$5.00 fee will be added to all credit card transactions\*\*\***

**RSVP required no later than 4:00 PM Friday, April 14, 2023**

**RSVP to: Kim Bacchus at [kimbacchus@gmail.com](mailto:kimbacchus@gmail.com)**

*Mail check payable to Washoe Republican Women to:*  
**WRW 3495 Lakeside Dr. #84, Reno, NV 89509**

*Visit our website at [washoerepublicanwomen.com](http://washoerepublicanwomen.com) to pay by credit card*  
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**\*\* Should you need to cancel your reservation, you must do so by noon on Monday, April 17, 2023, to avoid being invoiced for the luncheon costs\*\***

**RSVP NOW**

# Highlights From March Luncheon

**John Tsaraplas, President NPRI**

Ranked Choice Voting is a nightmare waiting to happen, according to our speaker, John Tsarpalas, President of Nevada Policy Research Institute (NPRI). Voter disenfranchisement is a given. With five separate votes for two places on the ballot, the possibility of having a winner who received less than fifty percent of the vote is a real possibility! President Tsarpalas also spoke to several bills before the Legislature. He encouraged EVERYONE to get involved by emailing and calling legislators and leaving messages in support of or in opposition to bills.



Our favorite Leprechaun!



Ray Rocha



Hungry guests!



John Tsarpalas, NPRI and Sheldon and Sue Werber



John Tsarpalas,  
President NPRI



Lee Gilmore and Mel Younker



Liz Arnold, Nevada Women's  
Leadership Alliance



Nicol Harris, President RWR



Mad Hatter Tea Party Member  
Appreciation on April 1, 2023



Missing Man Table honoring our  
military members who are MIA/POW



Caring for America Project: Reno  
Sparks Gospel Mission

## Campaign Hours are Due Ladies...

The National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) Campaign Volunteer Award report for the Fourth Period (January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023) is here! Estimate your hours you'll spend up to June 30th. Let's help out our club by sending in our "campaign volunteer hours" to Phyllis Westrup, Campaign chairperson at [phylliswestrup@gmail.com](mailto:phylliswestrup@gmail.com) or text her at 714-396-3930.

What counts, you ask? ALL HOURS spent on ANY politically related activity, such as: number of phone calls, attending WRW luncheon, setting up your account on NELIS, designing a flyer, emails/texts about attending upcoming Legislative Day, carpooling to meetings, even discussing a political event. Besides counting the HOURS spent making phone calls, you can also count the NUMBER of phone calls. No categories, just the total number, the criteria are very broad. "We want to have our club recognized as an active Republican club in Nevada," says Phyllis.

### HELP WANTED...

Do you enjoy working with different groups of people?

Would you like to be involved in our club's Treasurer activities?

Have experience with Quick Books?

An interest in accounting?+

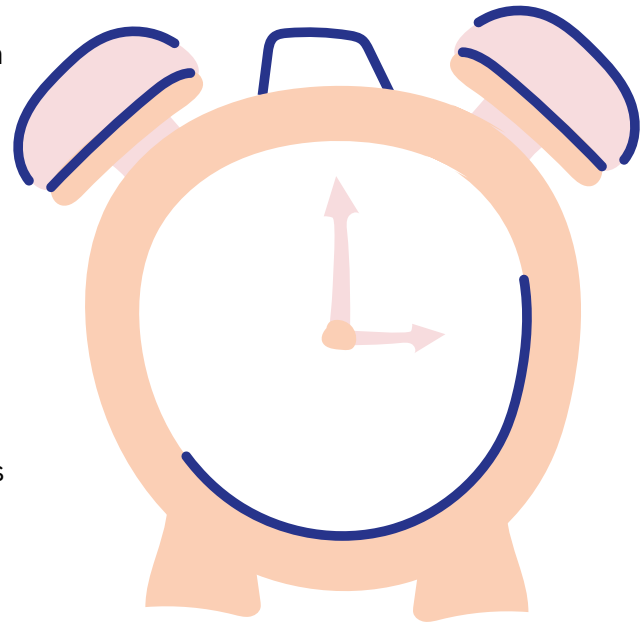
WRW is looking for a member to join us as our Treasurer. x

If you're curious or interested, contact me!

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Day Younker saying, "Glad you could make it to our Mad Hatter Tea!"



### A CALL FOR HELP!

#### Register your opposition to the WCSD SHARE curriculum!

Washoe County School District Trustee Colleen Westlake is asking every one of us to help stop the Sex, Health, and Reproductive Education (SHARE) program from being adopted by the Trustees. She believes the content of the curriculum is not age appropriate, not factual and has an underlying transgender alternative sexuality bias. She will speak against adoption of the curriculum as proposed, but she needs an army behind her when she goes to bat for our children.

What she needs is for all of us to find the time to attend the School Board meetings and present public comment in opposition to the curriculum. Your comments should be well stated, fact based, and not emotional in nature. Please be respectful and dignified in your presentation to fellow Trustees. Note that those who support the SHARE program have already been making public comments at the Board meetings. Colleen strongly urges us all to attend the upcoming meetings and to comment at each one. **Meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday** of the month at 2:00 PM at 425 East Ninth Street, Reno.

For further information, please contact WCSD Trustee Colleen Westlake at 775-378-2537.



# Happy Birthday



**Jane Hillerby**  
**Carol McDonald**  
**Pat Wallis**  
**Lori Ziegler**  
**Mal Bacchus**  
**Sondra Condron**  
**Bill Lynch**  
**Ray Rocha**



## Welcome New **MEMBERS**

Suzanne R. Anastasi  
Sara Frampton

### New Associates

Cher Daniels  
Kate Vineyard



We had a very successful book drive for our READERS ARE LEADERS literacy program. We gathered 102 books this month which is a big number to beat but I have faith we can do it. Thanks to all of you, 102 children in low income homes will have a book to call their very own. WRW rocks!!



submitted by Glenda Gilmore



Let's see your best memes!  
Submit to [michonkessler@gmail.com](mailto:michonkessler@gmail.com)  
by the 25th of every month to  
be in the running!

# Use the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (Nelis) to Submit an Opinion to Your Legislators

Lets support the GOP bills that are currently being considered.. Let's go to Nelis and add our opinion on these bills. Most of these bills have very few submitted opinions.

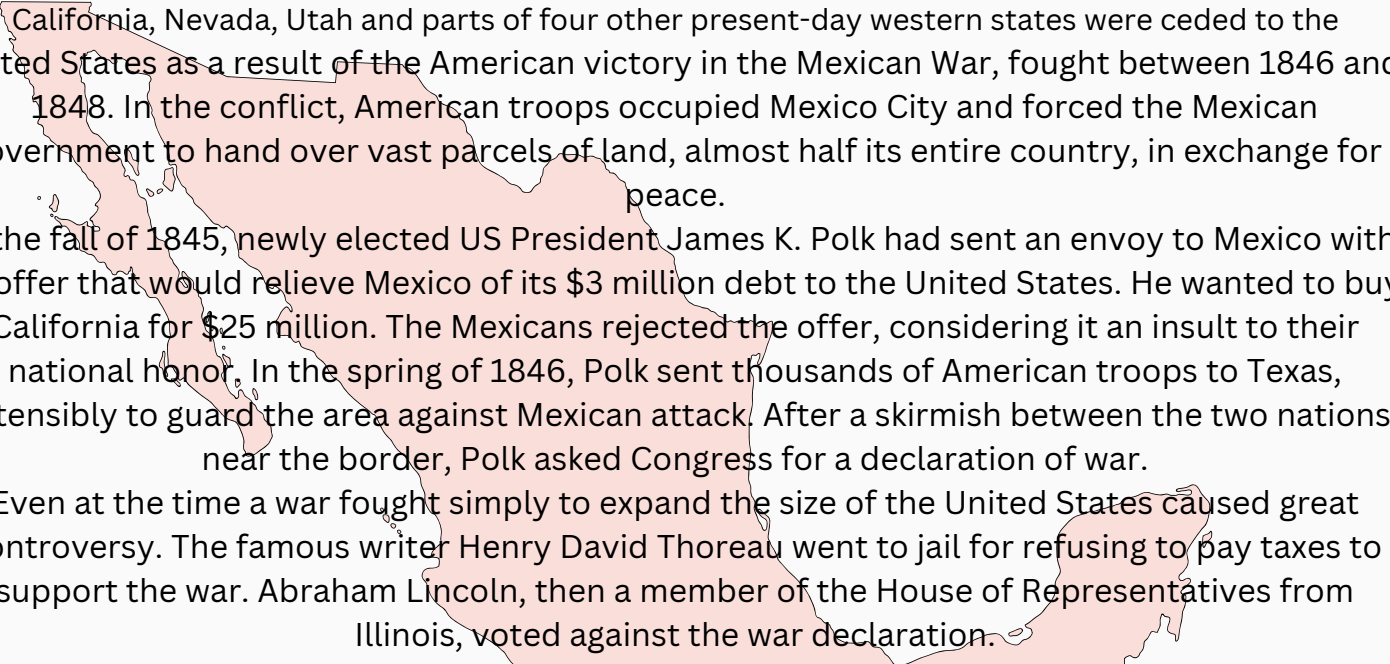
The bills are as follows:

[Click Here](#)

- 1. AB194.** This bill helps keep our educators and students safe. (Alexis Hansen)
- 2. AB188** Right to try. It would give terminally ill Nevadans access to experimental trials.
- 3. AB97.** Free Nevada businesses from unnecessary regulations (Hardy)
- 4. AB104** Makes it easier to amend city charters. (Jill Dickman)
- 5. AB230** All ballots must be received by close of polls on Election Day. (Ken Gray)
- 6. AB158** This bill attracts more healthcare workers to Nevada by putting Nevada into a 38 member interstate compact that allows for reciprocity of licenses of emergency medical workers. (PK O'Neil)
- 7. AB203** Anyone who makes a false statement that he or she is a family member of a person who was killed while serving as a police officer (while applying for a special license plate), is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000. (Hafen)
- 8. AJR1** Urges the US Dept of Veterans Affairs to study the effectiveness and use of hyperbaric oxygen therapy for Veterans.(McArthur)
- 9. AB275** This bill would wave fees related to sealing criminal records for victims of sex trafficking.
- 10. AB179** This bill extends the renewal period for permits to operate emergency vehicles for first responders. (Gurr)
- 11. AB175** This bill would reform Washoe and Clark Co School Board. ( It adds 4 in Clark and 3 in Washoe). These additional appointed members would offer advice to the elected voting members. (Toby Yurek)
- 12. AB92** This bill would allow County Commissioners to create and appoint an office of county council. The council would provide noncriminal legal services, that are currently assigned to the District Attorney. (Koenig)

## Americanism *By Jane Hillerby*

### THE MEXICAN WAR



California, Nevada, Utah and parts of four other present-day western states were ceded to the United States as a result of the American victory in the Mexican War, fought between 1846 and 1848. In the conflict, American troops occupied Mexico City and forced the Mexican government to hand over vast parcels of land, almost half its entire country, in exchange for peace.

In the fall of 1845, newly elected US President James K. Polk had sent an envoy to Mexico with an offer that would relieve Mexico of its \$3 million debt to the United States. He wanted to buy California for \$25 million. The Mexicans rejected the offer, considering it an insult to their national honor. In the spring of 1846, Polk sent thousands of American troops to Texas, ostensibly to guard the area against Mexican attack. After a skirmish between the two nations near the border, Polk asked Congress for a declaration of war.

Even at the time a war fought simply to expand the size of the United States caused great controversy. The famous writer Henry David Thoreau went to jail for refusing to pay taxes to support the war. Abraham Lincoln, then a member of the House of Representatives from Illinois, voted against the war declaration.

Militarily, the war was a shining success. The Mexican government was incapable of defending itself against invaders commanded by General Zachary Taylor. After American troops took Mexico City, the Mexican government had little choice but to agree to the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in early 1848. Under the terms of the treaty, Mexico gave up its land in exchange for \$15 million – much less than Polk had originally offered back in 1845. (Oppenheim, 2007)

Let's Have WRW Shine with as many members that can make it to be there!

NEVADA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

# *Legislative Day*

## SAVE THE DATE

# Monday April 17, 2023

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



**Governor Joe Lombardo**

On April 17 we will tour the Legislature Building and have a chance to meet face-to-face with our State Senators and Assembly-members. This is an opportunity to discuss the bills of the 82nd Legislative Session. Yolanda Knaak, NvFRW Legislative Chair Schedule will be sent out next week.

Nevada Legislature Building, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV



## WRW Mission Statement

The mission of the Washoe Republican Women is to support and promote the principles and philosophy of the Republican party. We provide a forum for discussion of key issues affecting our community and nation, and an opportunity for women of all ages throughout Washoe County to engage and support the Republican party, the National Federation of Republican Women, and the Nevada Federation of Republican Women.

## WRW Supported Businesses

- Agtron Inc., Scientific Coffee Workshops
- Parkpolitical.com - Political Consulting
- Brothers Barbecue
- International Minute Press
- Haven Salon Studios
- Look Nook Salon
- TJ Duncan Golf Management
- Williamson Wines
- Victoria Gavranovic-Saad, Realtor
- Christine Kreins, RD, CSOWM, Registered Dietitian
- Lyla Bleu Apparel & Jewelry
- Dough Boys Donuts
- Mary Corcoran, ASTA Verified Travel Advisor
- Wild Island Adventure Park, Arger Family Estate
- Hall & Wrye Plastic Surgeons
- The Club at Arrow Creek
- The Garden of Reno
- Pat Wallis, Artist



## The Book Nook

Not-to-be missed reading of the Political Persuasion. Keep up on the latest reading of conservative values by notable writers.

1. **SAVED: A War Reporter's Mission to Make it Home.** An affecting, singular story... a bracing tale of life on the edge of death. 4.6/5
2. **It Never Hurts to Ask,** Using the Power of Question to Communicate, Connect, and Persuade, by Trey Gowdy. 5/5

## Committee Chairs

### Achievement Awards

Kim Bacchus

### Americanism

Jane Hillerby

### Armed Services

Karen Reed

Carol McDonald

Janice Perry

### Budget/Finance

Steph Hanzlik &

Diane Todd

### Bylaws

Darlene Ruedy &

Cindi Chandler

### Campaign

Phyllis Westrup

### Caring for America

Tomoko Rogers

### Chaplain

Nancy Bazner

### Corresponding Secretary

Linda Lynch

### Directory

Phyllis Westrup

### Fundraising

Glenda Gilmore

### Legislative

Pending

### Literacy

Melody Lewis

### Membership

Day Younker

### Newsletter

Michon Kessler

### Nominating

Steph Hanzlik

### Parliamentarian

Cindi Chandler

### Barbara Vucanovich

### Military

### Scholarship

Darlene Ruedy

### Website

Michon Kessler

### Youth Outreach

WRW Scholarship

Committee

Currently looking for replacement for Legislative, Public Relations, and Treasurer. Any suggestions are appreciated.





Date \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Return \_\_\_\_\_

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Come join our Diamond Award-winning Club! There's a place at the table for you!

**I WANT TO JOIN! \$45**

**ASSOCIATE \$20\***

Men or women w/ active membership in another club

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Member \$45

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Associate \$20

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BIRTHDAY MONTH & DAY \_\_\_\_\_

I want to help w/ Committees \_\_\_\_\_

**WRW Name Badge**  
(Opt.) paid in advance for \$10

I want to help with Membership \_\_\_\_\_

I want to help with Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Release: Agree \_\_\_\_\_ / Decline \_\_\_\_\_ to be included in photos for media, newsletters, etc.

I am a registered Republican \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

For more information: contact [Day Younker](mailto:daymyyounker@gmail.com) at [daymyyounker@gmail.com](mailto:daymyyounker@gmail.com) or 775-338-0150. Complete application and mail with your check, made out to WRW, to: **Washoe Republican Women, 3495 Lakeside Drive #84, Reno, NV 89509**

**Time to Renew!**

**Renew Today**