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



## Renew, Renew, Renew!

Hello everyone! It goes without saying that members are the lifeblood of any active organization. Looking ahead, our membership drive starts October 1st, right around the corner. I encourage all to sign up so you can be a part of ALL the activities and political information that will be coming your way. 2024 is a pivotal election year and you don't want to miss out. A Membership Renewal letter will be mailed out in October or use the application at the end of our newsletter. Invite a friend to join in the fun too! Renewal membership drawings will take place for October, November and December. So sign-up early! Thank you to the wonderful women who signed up to be delegates to the NvFRW Fall Convention being held right here at the Atlantis! ANYONE can attend this convention. It's right in our backyard! Contact me if you are interested in attending. Congratulations Nevada! Nevada Day is traditionally the last Friday of October. The parade is Saturday, October 28th, in Carson City. Congressman Mark Amodei will be there for sure along with many of our representatives and candidates. Don't miss this fun event. In closing, I encourage you to renew or join WRW. I look forward to seeing many friendly, familiar faces returning. Happy Fall everyone!



*Glenda*

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## We need your help!

Please click on the icon of the social media that you are already on and follow, like and join us to help our social media following.



# October Luncheon

WASHOE  
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WOMEN

Join Us  
Wednesday, October 18, 2023

WASHOE  
REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN

As we welcome our very special guests



**Washoe County  
Commissioner  
Clara Andriola**



**NV Lt. Governor  
Stavros Anthony**

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, October 13, 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  
\*\*\*A \$5.00 fee will be added to all credit card transactions\*\*\**

**\*\* Should you need to cancel your reservation, you must do so by noon on Monday,  
October 16, 2023, to avoid being invoiced for the luncheon costs\*\***

**RSVP**

# WRW'S SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON WITH GUEST SPEAKER BRUCE HAHN

The guest speaker for our September luncheon was Bruce Hahn. Mr. Hahn ran for Reno Justice of the Peace in the last election cycle. First Vice President, Kim Bacchus asked Mr Hahn to speak on how we can get information to vet judicial candidates. Mr Hahn shared the following great points: 1) Know if the candidate is running for a Federal or State Judgeship. Some judges are appointed rather than elected. They can be appointed by the City Council, the County Commissioners and even the Governor. 2) We need to have questions to ask candidates. I.e., Does he or she know the role of judge? Is this just a steppingstone to a higher position? 3) He also encouraged us to clarify what characteristics we think are important in a judge. 4) He also suggested going to a candidate's website or even call the candidate. The American Bar Association lists the following characteristics: integrity, legal knowledge, professional experience, judicial temperament, diligence, physical healthy, fiscal responsibility, and public service. Some places to search regarding judges are the Washoe County Bar Association, Our Nevada Judges.com, the State Bar Website As a candidate, Mr. Hahn knocked on doors to introduce himself as a candidate. He shared some of those experiences and said he was always glad to speak to voters.



Member Melody Lewis sharing the importance of sending Christmas cards to our troops with her moving personal story. Sending cards to our service men & women is a current WRW project with Blue Star Moms.



## Last Chance to Donate



WASHOE REPUBLICAN WOMEN



Partner Project with Blue Star Moms for

"A Taste of Home" for our Armed Services- June – October, 2023

Armed Services Committee for 2023-Karen Reed, Janice Perry, and Carol McDonald

A decorated box will collect items for our troops at all monthly meetings. See list below.

Troop Wish List		
<i>Words of encouragement and support....and most of all, your prayers for their safe return home!</i>		
<b>Taste of Home</b> <b>**Individual Sizes only **</b>	<b>Health and Hygiene</b> <b>**Travel sizes only **</b>	<b>Entertainment</b>
Beef jerky, Slim Jims, Crackers	Disposable razors	Puzzle books, Crosswords, Sudoku
Tuna, Turkey, Chicken (pop-top or resealable pkgs only)	Foot powder, Baby powder	Stress-relieving Toys
Peanut Butter, Nutella (plastic only)	Lip Balm/Chapstick	AA & AAA batteries
Breakfast, Granola & Energy bars	Wet Wipes for hand & body	
Pretzels, Nuts, Sunflower seeds	Nasal or Eye drops	
Dried fruit, Raisins, Craisins; Trail mix	Toothbrushes & toothpaste	
Hard Candy & Gum	Hand or Foot Warmers	<b>Donation Drop-off or Pick-up info:</b>
Chocolate (during winter only)	Sunscreen	<b>Contact: Laura Deahl</b>
Hot Chocolate, Teas	Shampoo and Conditioner	<a href="mailto:laura.deahl@yahoo.com">laura.deahl@yahoo.com</a>
Pre-Sweetend powdered drinks	Body wash and Lotion	<b>Kristie Parker</b>
Energy or Protein Drinks (powder)	Socks (brown/black/white)	<a href="mailto:1VP.NV3@BlueStarMothers.us">1VP.NV3@BlueStarMothers.us</a>
Soup mixes (individual sizes)	Hats (no logos)	<a href="http://www.BlueStarMomsnv.org">www.BlueStarMomsnv.org</a>

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Chairpersons Carol McDonald, Janice Perry, and Karen Reed (not pictured)

### Washoe Republican Women Partners with Blue Star Mom for Enlisted Men and Women

Helping Close to Home.... If you have an active-duty family member in the military that you would like to receive a "Taste of Home" care package, please notify us with their name and address. We will send it along to our Blue Star Mom partners. Contact Carol McDonald at [cccarol99@gmail.com](mailto:cccarol99@gmail.com) or Janice Perry at [hjkperry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hjkperry@sbcglobal.net).

To date, our "Taste of Home Project" has gathered: 248 signed Christmas Cards, 507 Personal Care Products, 38 boxes of Snacks, gum etc., 40 Misc Entertainment Books, 92 Pairs of socks, and 2 boxes of hats!

Thank you so much for all the contributions! October is our last collection.

-Carol, Janice, and Karen of the Armed Services Committee

# Happy Birthday

Becky Erisman  
Cindy Evans  
Mary Holman  
Pam Jensen  
Sandra Osborne

Sandi Olivas  
Janice Perry  
Karen Reed  
Pam Shore  
Nell Smith  
Day Younker



## Welcome New MEMBERS

Cathie Vail  
Catherine Johnson  
Martha Ladzinski



**New Assoc.**  
WC Commissioner  
Clara Andriola

## The Book Nook

*The not to be missed political books of our time.*

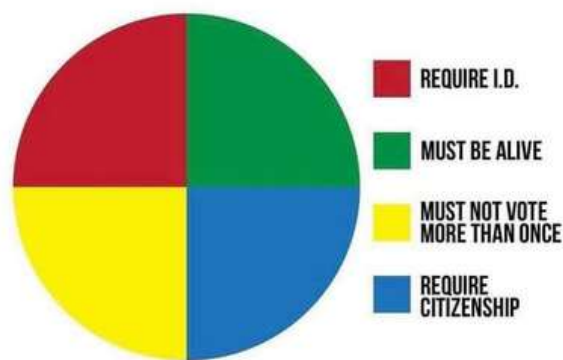


- 1. The Last Politician:** Inside Joe Biden's White House and the Struggle for America's Future, by Franklin Foer
- 2. The Courage to Be Free:** Florida's Blueprint for America's Revival, by Ron DeSantis
- 3. The Democrat Party Hates Americans,** by Mark Levin



Know someone who has been ill? Suffered a loss? Could use a Cheer-up Card? Please let Linda Lynch, our Sunshine volunteer. She will send them a card and share some WRW sunshine. Even for our Associate members or one of our member's family members. Her contact info: linda429@gmail.com. Please include the address for Linda too. Let's share the sunshine for our members and families!

### HOW CONSERVATIVES DENY PEOPLE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE



submitted by Steph Hanzlik



Let's see your best memes!

Submit to michonkessler@gmail.com by the 25th of every month to be in the running!



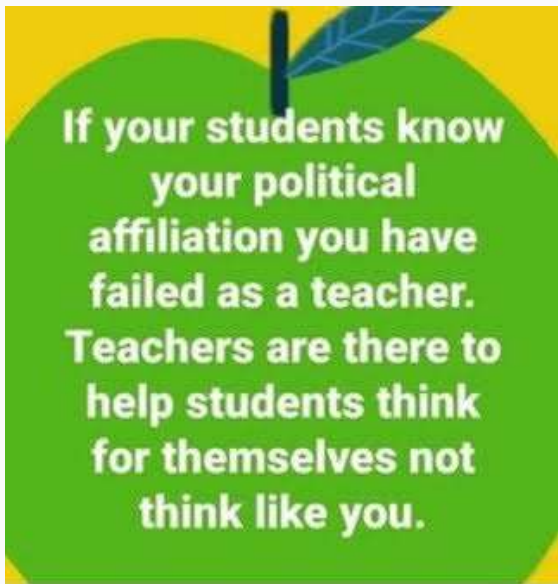
President Glenda displays the 2024 slate of officers for the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW).

“Each us us, at WRW, also becomes a member of NFRW when you renew or join,” says Glenda.

**WRW Well Represented at the Biennial Convention of the NFRW!**

President Glenda Gilmore and 2nd Vice President, Day Younker, traveled to Oklahoma City for the 42nd Biennial Convention of the National Federation of Republican Women. They are pictured here with board members from the various Republican Women’s Clubs in Reno. Glenda and Day will be attending the Leadership Workshop as well as other informative workshops. Upon return, they will share what they have learned to make our WRW even better! Even from Oklahoma, Glenda says,

“Remember to renew your membership for 2024!” ❤️🤍💙



# Spread the Word!

Thank you to the amazing women of WRW for assisting with a lofty goal of donating 1000 books to Spread the Word Nevada. We did it. Yes we did!! 1040 books in seven months is an indication that we can do anything we put our minds to. We have completed 2023, stay tuned for our new book donation endeavor for 2024.

Thank you all!!  
*Melody Lewis*

## SOMETHING TO TOOT ABOUT! . . . DOUBLE TOOT!

A trifecta! At the National Convention awards luncheon... Our very own member, Leya Ladzinski, was named the top volunteer for the state of Nevada! Go Leya!

Next, WRW received the Diamond award for outstanding excellence as a club. It is the highest award a club can achieve. Finally, NvFRW received the Betty Heitman award for excellence as a state-wide club.

**CONGRATULATIONS LEYA!**  
**CONGRATULATIONS WRW!**  
**CONGRATULATIONS NvFRW!**



## Aces Baseball Game with WRW Friends and Family-A Patriot's Day Event

On September 12, 2023, WRW friends and family gathered at Greater Nevada Field to cheer on the Reno Aces taking on the Salt Lake Bees. WRW organized and hosted this event as a way to bring members, associates, friends and families together for a fun day of baseball and recognize Patriot's Day. The Aces didn't disappoint, putting on a thrilling game that ended 8-6. The comeback effort wasn't quite enough to get the win.

Nevertheless, everyone had a great time. WRW members, associates and their friends and family spent the game talking, laughing, and enjoying each others company. It was the perfect opportunity to relax and connect with other members and their families a way to bring people together and celebrate the love of baseball.

Thank You! Everyone who supported this event.

We appreciate you! *Tee Rogers*



## What is Nevada Day?

Nevada Day celebrates the entry of Nevada into the Union as the 36th state.

Did you know? The name “Nevada” comes from “Sierra Nevada” in Spanish, which translates to “snow-covered mountain range.” Nevada Day is observed annually on the last Friday in October. Nevada Day 2023 falls on Friday, October 27th. The first observance of Nevada Day (previously called Admission Day) is said to have been in the 1870s, commemorating the anniversary of Nevada’s statehood on October 31, 1864.

In 1933, Nevada Day became an official state holiday. Nevada Day was commemorated on October 31st each year, but to draw more popularity and interest to the event, the Nevada Legislature changed the date to the last Friday in October. This change came in the year 2000, transforming the regional holiday into a longer weekend festivity. On Nevada Day, all government offices are closed, along with most schools and libraries.

### Ways to celebrate Nevada Day:

- Memorize fun trivia about Nevada, from famous people, fast facts, state symbols, and top cities. You could even ask your children to research one of these topics further and present it to the rest of the class when finished.
- Head to one of Nevada’s beautiful national parks, such as the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area and the Great Basin National Park.
- Attend a Nevada Day celebration in your local area. In Carson City, there is an annual parade with marching bands, colorful floats, and wonderful music. Take advantage of the day and have some fun with your friends and family. If you don’t want to travel, host your own carnival-style party!
- Learn more about Nevada’s modern-day and Indigenous history through watching child-friendly documentaries and movies.
- Visit a museum such as the Children’s Museum of Northern Nevada. This is a fantastic, play-based museum experience that will leave your students feeling inspired in a variety of subject areas, including the arts and sciences. Why not bring your class here on a field trip?



**JOIN US AT WRW! And have some fun! 2024 WRW Membership Drive begins October 1st. Join in the fun!**

Nevada Federation of Republican Women

# State Convention 2023

**Save these dates!**

- Friday, Oct. 20 State Board Meeting
- Saturday, Oct. 21 State Convention
- Sunday, Oct. 22 Prayer Breakfast

Atlantis Casino in Reno

- Election of Officers
- Budget
- Regents Meeting
- Bylaws
- Committee Reports
- Exciting Informative Speakers!

SEE website for details  
NvFRW.org  
scan here →

**REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN  
KNOW**

**BIDENOMICS  
= FAILURE**



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back on the rise*

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*Biden, Joe*

## The FACTS about Bidenomics

### **INFLATION is back on the rise:**

Inflation surged to 3.7 percent year-over-year in August and remains more than twice the rate it was when Biden took office. All told, prices have gone up by 17.4 percent since Biden took office, with households spending \$709 more per month than they did two years ago for the same goods and services.

### **EARNINGS are down:**

Real wages have slumped by 3.1 percent under Biden as inflation outpaced wages for a majority of his presidency. Inflation-adjusted household income fell last year by the most in over a decade, while median household income has fallen for two straight years — and remains below pre-pandemic levels.

### **GAS PRICES are still up:**

The nationwide average for regular gasoline is \$3.85/gallon — a \$1.46/gallon increase from the day Biden took office. Prices remain near high-water marks for 2023 in states across the country. Meanwhile, Biden has drained the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve down to just 18 days of supply — and refilling it will take decades.

### **BILLS are mounting:**

Since Biden took office, Americans have lost over \$2,250 paying higher energy costs. Nearly 20 million American households are behind on their utility bills. Credit card debt is at an all-time high, delinquencies have surpassed pre-pandemic levels, and Americans are being punished by the highest interest rates in 22 years. Americans' savings, real incomes, and economic confidence are all down.



# There is a meeting about this on Monday Oct.2nd at the yellow library in So. Reno at 1pm. Come learn more!

## Ranked-Choice Voting Undercuts Our Right to Choose Our Leaders

By Bob Zeidman

Two years ago, New York City held its primary election for the Democratic candidate for mayor, but it took two weeks to declare the winner. Last year, in Alaska it took two weeks to declare the winners in its Senate and House elections. Alameda County, Calif., incorrectly counted ballots and declared the wrong winner for district school board director, which took two months to discover.

The reason in all three cases? Ranked-choice voting.

Touted by a growing number of authorities, ranked-choice voting forces voters to choose not just the candidate they want to win, but to rank the candidates by preference. This unbelievably stupid method of voting is a serious threat to American democracy.

The threat is even worse than the potential for fraud and mistakes by other forms of computerized voting because with ranked-choice voting, any candidate can end up winning, and the choice rests with a few computer programmers who maliciously or innocently choose an algorithm that picks a candidate that no one actually wanted to win.

Supporters of ranked-choice voting say the algorithms are easy.

“Tabulating the results of a ranked-choice election is not a difficult process for modern computers,” according to the New York Times.

That’s technically true but misleading. The problem is not that the algorithm is difficult to create, it’s that the correct algorithm is impossible to create. Computer scientists can’t agree on the “correct” algorithm for one specific reason: there is no such thing. Let me give you a specific example.

In the table below, there are four candidates running for office: Amy, Bob, Charlie and Debra. There are five voters, each of whom rank the candidates. There are four methods (algorithms) for counting votes to determine a winner.

Method 1 is simple average of the votes. Using that method, Bob is the winner even though he wasn’t the first choice of any voter.

Method 2 awards victory to the candidate who got the most first place rankings and gives the election to Amy and Debra in a tie, requiring a runoff.

Method 3 gives a weighted average where a first place ranking is given more weight than a second place ranking and so on. Using this method, Debra wins the election.

Method 4, whether by intent or accidentally, only counts voter 5 and awards the win to Charlie. The winner is chosen not by the voters but by the computer algorithm.

By using ranked-choice voting, we’re putting our elections into the hands of a few elite experts and computer programmers who create computer algorithms that assign the votes to candidates and determine a winner that, in some cases, no one really wants.

Unlike simple voting that can be hand checked by low-skilled human vote counters, the messes in New York, Alaska and California demonstrated that human counters can’t replicate the computer algorithms to check whether all votes were counted and counted correctly. And even when all votes are counted correctly, it’s the algorithms that determine the winner, not the voters.

You don’t need fraud or incompetence to change the vote, you just need some ill-defined algorithm.

But if fraud in the software changed the vote count, or, more likely, a bug in the code changed the vote count, that would be extremely difficult to know. It would be difficult to differentiate a bug or a manipulation from an algorithm that gave unexpected results.

I know from experience. I’ve designed computer algorithms where the results seemed odd, and it took days or weeks to determine whether the odd results were correct and simply unexpected, or if they were incorrect.

I’ve also probably examined more code than anyone in the world, because of my involvement as a software forensics expert in over 260 lawsuits. Verifying that code is working correctly is one of the most difficult challenges in computer science. And every program has bugs.

That’s why hand recounts of computer voting are often necessary. But if the algorithms are so convoluted that a hand count won’t work, all bets are off.

Not long ago, we went through one very contentious presidential election. I’ve argued that if any fraud or mistakes were made by the voting machine software, we would know about it. It’s what my team and I do for a living.

However, I can also state unequivocally that ranked-choice voting will not only allow fraud and mistakes to go undetected, but even if the algorithms work as designed, it will take control of our elections away from the voter and give it to a small number of people.

We must not allow this to happen if we intend to maintain our Constitutional right to choose our representatives.



## 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  
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Haven Salon Studios  
Look Nook Salon  
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Lyla Bleu Apparel & Jewelry  
Mary Corcoran, ASTA Verified Travel Advisor  
Wild Island Adventure Park, Arger Family Estate  
The Garden of Reno  
Pat Wallis, Artist  
Reno Aces Baseball  
Nevada Sunset Winery  
Edna Skin Care  
Delmar Furnishings  
K7 Construction



### WRW BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2024-2025

Come join the fun and comradery of making a difference. Positions are open for 2024-2025: President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and Recording Secretary. Hear more about the positions at the September and October meetings. Each position will enjoy having a mentor to help the new board member for a successful and rewarding experience. We Want You!

## 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

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### Corresponding Secretary

Linda Lynch

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Nancy Bazner &

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### Literacy

Melody Lewis

### Membership

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### Newsletter

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### Nominating

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### Barbara Vucanovich

### Military

### Scholarship

Darlene Ruedy

### Website

Michon Kessler

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Kathrine Hoffman



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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:Day Younker) 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**

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**Renew Today**