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



## Happy Holiday Season!

*"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving,"*  
by W. T. Perkiser - an American preacher,  
scholar, and author.

Thankfulness, blessings, and gratefulness are so important in the difficult world we are living in today. I'm thankful for WRW for so many reasons... our continued involvement for positive political action, our caring for the Reno community, and support of our active and retired military. Without our members, WRW could not accomplish all that we have done so far, with more to come. I continue to emphasize the importance of defeating Question 3, Top-Five Ranked-Choice Initiative, referred to as the "Jungle Primary." Question 3 NEEDS TO BE DEFEATED if Nevada wants any chance at having our votes count. Come join the fun, stay involved, signup for our monthly luncheon, and renew your 2024 membership today! Bring a friend too! See you at our November 15th luncheon. Don't miss what U.S. Airforce Lt. Col., Ret., Tony Grady has to share. Many blessings to you and your loved ones this Thanksgiving Season,

*Glenda*



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## Congratulations to the following NvFRW Executive Committee officers 2024-2025



Pictured left to right, **Mary Beganyi, President** Spring Mtn. Republican Women, **Jennifer Tuggle, 1st Vice-President** Boulder City Republican Women, **Cher Daniels, 2nd Vice-President** Churchill Republican Women, **Linda Powers, Secretary** Spring Mtn. Republican Women, **Barbara Kirk, Treasurer** Republican Women of Reno, **Kathy Doyle, Northern Director** Republican Women of Reno, **Melissa Blundo, Southern Director** Pahrump Valley Republican Women, **Lori Piotrowski, Nominating Chair** Battle Born Republican Women, out going president Caroline Smith.

# November Luncheon

WASHOE  
REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN

Join Us  
Wednesday, November 15,  
2023

WASHOE  
REPUBLICAN  
WOMEN

Along with

**U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Tony Grady, Ret.**  
Candidate for US Senate



Retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Tony Grady was a test pilot for the B-2 Bomber, head test pilot for the T-1A Jayhawk, and Commander of the 420<sup>th</sup> Test Squadron. Following his military career, he served for 20 years with Fed Ex as a pilot and instructor. He was the Founder and CEO of Synerbotics, a start-up biotechnology firm. Grady entered Nevada politics in 2022 as a candidate for Lt. Governor.

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, November 10, 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, November 13, 2023, to avoid being invoiced for the luncheon costs\*\***

**RSVP**

## WRW'S OCTOBER LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS

Members and guests learned about the duties of the Lt. Governor and the life of a Washoe County Commissioner when Nevada Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony and Washoe County Commissioner Clara Andriola spoke at our October meeting/luncheon. We discovered that both are amply qualified for their positions and enjoy the work they do for Nevadans.



### Blue Star Moms and WRW Thank You!

The four-month partner project with Blue Star Moms, "A Taste of Home," was a HUGE SUCCESS because of your generous donations collected at our monthly luncheons. Blue Star Moms will be sorting, packaging, and mailing out heartfelt holiday packages to our active service men and women along with signed Christmas cards. It means so much for our military to hear from home, to know they are prayed for and cared for from so far away.

**Thank you! Thank You!**

*Janice Perry and Carol McDonald, Armed Services Committee.*

Anyone who may still have items to donate, please contact Denise O'Conner at 775-997-5796



Chairpersons Carol McDonald, and Janice Perry

# Happy Birthday

Diane Antochi

Glenda Gilmore

Lisa Hess

Madison Hess

Katherine Hoffman

Michon Kessler

Melody Lewis

Meagan Orduna

Dixie Parise

Tee Rogers

Donna Tatro Saarem

Phyllis Westrup

Patty Cafferata

John Hanzlik

Ruth Ann Schwarze

Dr. Ron Smith

## Welcome New MEMBERS

Cyndy Brown

Cher Daniels

Clara Andriola

**New Assoc.**

Dan Schemenaurer

Randi Thompson



## The Book Nook

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

- 1. Hide Your Children:** Exposing the Marxists Behind the Attack on America's Kids, by *Liz Wheeler* 4.9/5
- 2. Deception:** The Great Covid Cover-Up, by *Rand Paul* 4.9/5
- 3. Killing the Witches,** part of a series of narrative histories in the world, by *Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard*

Know someone who has been ill? Suffered a loss? Could use a Cheer-up Card? Please let Linda Lynch, our Sunshine volunteer know. 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](mailto:linda429@gmail.com). Please include the address for Linda too. Let's share the sunshine for our members and families!

Here's an exhaustive list of things schools have the authority to keep from parents:

**1. NOTHING**

submitted by Melody Lewis



*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!*



Leadership Speaker Series Dinner Meeting

## News Flash - Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony

New Speaker & Introducing  
Keynote Speaker



### Sallie Houston

North & Latin American Bus. Dev. Mgr.,  
Arkema Infrastructure



*~~ Please Join Us Nov. 2, 2023 ~~*

Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony to briefly talk about his work, support for NWLA, and introduce our Keynote Speaker, Sallie Houston. She is a nationally recognized construction industry leader named as a **Women of Asphalt - 20 to Watch in 2020** and a **Top 100 Women of Asphalt 2019 Nominee**. Her 30 years of experience in the asphalt and construction industry includes serving as integral part of industry R & D technical advancement along with extensive association committee work as well. Yet, she found time to be a foster and adoptive mother, serve her community as a County Transportation Board, Past Chair, and HOA Board Past Chair, and take active roles in her church and local political organizations. Her energy and success in a male dominated industry is an inspiration to all.

*~~~RSVP TODAY~~~*

*Get Tickets at: <https://www.nwla.org/events>*

**WHEN:** Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023 at 5:30 pm, program 6:30pm

**WHERE:** UNR Joe Crowley Student Union Building, CSU419A, Milt Glick Ballroom A, 87 Stadium Way, Reno

Parking: Whalen & West Stadium Kiosk Pay Parking Garages

**Tickets: \$50** Advance Purchase required by: **October 30, 2023**


QUESTIONS: email [liz.arnold@nwla.org](mailto:liz.arnold@nwla.org) or call 775-800-1268

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Get Tickets

# Member Health Update

WRW member, Karen Reed, thankfully continues to improve after having to have her lower leg amputated from a severe MSRA infection. Please remember to sign up and attend the Helping One Woman (HOW) Dinner and Silent Auction honoring Karen Reed on Wednesday, Nov. 8th. This is a non-partisan event for women and men. We need everyone's participation for the success of the event. With your attendance we are closer to funding a prosthetic leg for her. Help us help Karen! Thanks so much, Melody Lewis, Deb Canestrini, and Tee Rogers, Caring For America Committee.. **CLICK ANYWHERE ON FLYER FOR A LINK TO RSVP!**



**Helping One Woman** November 2023  
**Sparks Chapter**

One woman with \$10.00 can buy another woman lunch.  
Ten women with \$10.00 can buy another woman's groceries.  
One hundred women with \$10.00 can make a real difference in another woman's life.

Join us for HOW's November dinner honoring

*Karen Reed*

NOMINATED BY TEE ROGERS/GLENDA GILMORE



Wednesday,  
November 8



5:30 P.M.

\$22 DINNER  
INCLUDES TAX  
AND TIP

Cantina Los  
Tres Hombres  
1180 Scheels Dr.  
Suite B 111

RESERVATIONS  
ACCEPTED UNTIL  
SUN., NOVEMBER 5

ALL ARE WELCOME

### HOW TO RSVP & PAY FOR DINNER

- Go to [MYSOSEVENT.COM](https://MYSOSEVENT.COM)
- Login or create account
- Find HOW Sparks events and click on "View Details"
- Click on "RESERVE" & choose meal option
- Enter payment method and click "AUTHORIZE CHARGE" in the bottom right corner
- Keep your receipt in order to modify/cancel your reservation

PLEASE RSVP BY  
SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 5

Karen Reed is the mother of one daughter and has five grandsons and two granddaughters, aged 12 to 14, and is married to Michael Reed. Her family originated from Buffalo, NY and came out West in 1982. When she moved to Sparks in 2005, she continued her career as a medical administrator until 2013. At that time, she began working with the Reno Aces, where she enjoyed many different positions for 10 years. In addition, Karen is an avid political volunteer, keeping Nevada strong. Scuba diving and swimming are among her many passions. She hopes when she gets back in the water with one leg kicking, it doesn't spin her in circles. Ha! Karen's sense of humor has no boundaries and keeps friends and family laughing. She delightfully lights up every room that she enters. Karen is very special woman!

In July 2021, Karen underwent reconstructive surgery on her left ankle and foot. She fell ill in May 2023 and spent two weeks in intensive care. She was diagnosed with the deadly MRSA infection (methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus), which laid dormant for two years. Her major organs were shutting down. After 67 days, 4 surgeries and fighting for her life, Karen was allowed to go home. That, however, was short lived. Karen was re-admitted two weeks later when the MRSA infection penetrated her bones and was rapidly spreading. The only option recommended was amputation of her left leg below the knee to save her life. She spent another 12 days of hospitalization with physical and emotional preparation for a prosthetic leg. The healing process has been a struggle as are the insurmountable medical bills. Imagine **GETTING KAREN BACK ON BOTH FEET** by helping to provide her with the funds for a prosthetic leg.

Can't attend the dinner, but want to help?

Mail monetary gifts payable to "Karen Reed." Contact us for a mailing address.

Silent auction items are always appreciated.

### Chapter Leaders

Becky Erisman  
Shayla Hoag  
Julie Zapper

FaceBook: Helping One Woman - Sparks  
Instagram: @howsparks  
Email: [howsparksnv@gmail.com](mailto:howsparksnv@gmail.com)

2023 Dinners  
November 8

2024 Dinners  
January 10  
February 14  
March 13  
April 10

# Delegates Delight Night

WRW hosted a Delegates Delight Night for Republican Clubs to enjoy a pre-convention evening of comradery, conversation, and support for our Republican Sisters. Club delegates from Pahrump, Douglas Co, RWR, and WRW all came together. Thanks to 2nd V.P. Day Younker who organized this fun and informative evening. Cheers to us all!



Northern and Southern ladies gathered for dinner at Stone house Cafe Friday night before the convention.

The Nevada Federation of Republican Women (NvFRW) held its annual convention on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at the Atlantis Hotel in Reno, Nevada. One of the main topics of discussion at the convention was the organization's bylaws concerning the eligibility/requirements for the President position. Several members expressed concerns about certain aspects of the bylaws, and there was a lively discussion about how to address these concerns. However, no resolution was reached at the convention. Despite the lack of resolution, many members expressed optimism that the bylaws committee will be able to address the concerns that were raised.

I believe that the bylaws committee will be able to come up with a resolution that everyone can be happy with.

In addition to the discussion about the bylaws, members also had the opportunity to network with other women from all over the state. It was a joy to meet and talk with so many ladies from all over Nevada. We're all passionate about our organization and our cause, and it was great to come together and share our ideas. I hope members of WRW consider serving on one of the State Committees and help make the organization stronger.

Tee Rogers





### Veterans Day History

The history of Veterans Day is fascinating, as it's a holiday that was created in the U.S. and only celebrated in its exact form here. However, other countries have holidays that resemble it. Once an international day to mark the end of World War I, it's now a day when Americans thank the men and women in their lives who served in the nation's military – no matter how, when, or for how long. Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day, and Armistice Day was celebrated worldwide as the end of the first World War. Armistice Day was created to mark the end of the first truly multinational conflict, or “the war to end all wars.” So what is Armistice Day? Well, the name comes from the armistice that the Allies formed with Germany to pause all fighting, which occurred at 11:00 a.m. on November 11th. The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The first time that the name “Veterans Day” was used was in 1947 in Birmingham, Alabama. A WWII Vet named Raymond Weeks organized the first “National Veterans Day,” complete with parades and festivities. Eventually, Kansas U.S. Representative Edward Rees proposed a bill to officially change the holiday's name to Veterans Day. In 1954, President Eisenhower signed the final bill that would establish Armistice Day as Veterans Day.



## Fall Back!

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday Nov 4th before bed!



### One of Our Own Readies to Support Israel.

Ken and Melody Lewis, members of WRW, submitted this photo of their grandson, Lance Corporal First, LCPL1, Jackson Lewis, of the U.S. Marine Corp who has been deployed on the destroyer, the USS Mesa Verde. The USS Mesa Verde is one of 6 destroyers in position as the CRISIS TEAM on the Mediterranean Sea. ***Our hearts and prayers go out to Lance Corporal Lewis and his shipmates.*** Our support continues with Israel as well.





## TIME TO RENEW YOUR WRW MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024!

Your membership connects you with so many upcoming events as well as local, state, and federal political candidates and information. Join us!

## HERE'S HOW TO RENEW:

1. Bring your check or credit card to our November or December luncheon.
2. Sign up online at [washorepublicanwomen.com](http://washorepublicanwomen.com) - look under Join Us
3. Mail check to WRW  
3495 Lakeside Drive #84  
Reno, NV 89509

\*\* Additional \$3 fee added whenever credit card is used for membership dues

Early renewals, before December 31<sup>st</sup> are eligible for Early Bird Drawings at the luncheons.

*Thank You!*



### Don't Forget!

Send in your Campaign hours to

Phyllis Westrup,  
[phyllis.westrup@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.westrup@gmail.com)



**Kelley Paul**

@KelleyAshbyPaul

Chinese third graders are learning multi-variable calculus. Our third graders are being taught that "men can have babies." This will not end well.

12:57 PM · 3/30/22

## What Does Active Membership Look Like?

### RIGHTS OF MEMBERS:

1. To attend meetings
2. To be notified of meetings
3. To make and second motions
4. To debate the questions
5. To vote on all motions
6. To state your case before the Board of committee
7. To serve on committees
8. To serve as an officer
9. To help elect officers
10. To object to disagreeable motions



### REMEMBER!

1. Members have more rights than the president.
2. Express your opinions while in the meetings, and do NOT criticize to others AFTER the meeting.
3. If you can do better, offer your services; don't criticize unless you are willing to do the job yourself.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

1. To attend and remain to the end of meetings
2. To cheerfully pay dues and fees
3. To read and understand all bylaws and rules of Club
4. To take your turn in serving on committees
5. To support with money and time for the activities
6. To learn the correct way to make motions to carry out the business
7. To express opinions on questions while IN the meetings and while the motion is on the floor
8. To amend motions if they don't express the need of the majority
9. To know when motions should be sent to a committee for further information
10. To immediately call "Point of Order" when you see a rule has been broken
11. To appeal from a decision of the chair on a point of order if you disagree with the decision
12. When a discussion has gone on too long, use "Call the Question"
13. To know that motions that limit or take away a privilege (like voting) requires a 2/3 vote

Adapted from Rights and Responsibilities of Members by  
Lydia B. Croft, PRP



## 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  
Victoria Gavranovic-Saad, Realtor  
Christine Kreins, RD, CSOWM, Registered Dietitian  
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.

We are open for 2024-2025: 1<sup>st</sup> VP.

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

Nancy Bazner

### Corresponding Secretary

Linda Lynch

### Directory

Phyllis Westrup

### Fundraising

Glenda Gilmore

### Legislative

Nancy Bazner &

Debra Canestrini

### 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

Kathrine Hoffman



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

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION

Home Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Member \$45

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

\* Associate \$20

I understand Washoe Republican Women (WRW) will share this information with the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) and the Nevada State Federation of Republican Women (NvFRW) for statistical and bookkeeping purposes only. WRW will not use my personal information for solicitation or promotional purposes and will not circulate the membership roster outside of the Republican clubs mentioned above.

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 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**