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



# Happy New Year!

A brand-new year stretches before us, brimming with the promise of fresh beginnings and renewed possibilities. I'm thrilled to be your new president! As a passionate Republican, I'm deeply invested in the principles and philosophies that guide our party, and I firmly believe in the positive impact we can have on our community and our nation. That's why I'm so excited to be part of WRW. This club embodies everything I cherish—unwavering support for Republican candidates, unwavering commitment to promoting our values, and an unwavering desire to make a real difference in the upcoming election season. I'm not here to sit on the sidelines. I'm eager to roll up my sleeves, share my ideas, and work alongside all of you to ensure our voices are heard loud and clear. Whether it's volunteering on campaigns, organizing outreach events, or simply engaging in stimulating discussions, I'm ready to dedicate myself to WRW's mission. Let's be honest, the upcoming election year promises to be crucial. We have the opportunity to elect candidates who share our values, who champion conservative principles, and who will fight for the issues that matter most to us. WRW can be a true force in making this happen. By harnessing our collective energy, enthusiasm, and commitment, we can create a wave of support that propels our candidates to victory. I believe in the power of individuals coming together for a common cause. I believe in the power of informed debate and thoughtful discourse. And I believe in the power of WRW to make a real, lasting impact on our political landscape.

*Tee Rogers*



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# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2024 – 2025!!

**PRESIDENT** – Tomoko "Tee" Rogers

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**SECRETARY** – Katherine Hoffman

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**PAST PRESIDENT** - Glenda Gilmore

WHAT AN AWESOME BOARD! Installation of Officers will be at the **January 17th**, WRW meeting at the Atlantis Resort. See you there!

# January Luncheon



**JOIN US!**



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024**

For the  
**Installation of the 2024 WRW Executive Committee**  
**With NvFRW Northern Director Kathy Doyle**

And

**Special Guest Speaker**  
**Republican National Committeeman Jim DeGraffenreid**  
**Presidential Preference Caucus vs Primary**

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 \$40**                      **Non-Members \$45.**                      **Late Registration \$55**

**RSVP required no later than 4:00 PM Friday, January 12, 2024**

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

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

*Visit our website at [washoerepublicanwomen.com](http://washoerepublicanwomen.com) to pay by credit card*

**\*\* Should you need to cancel your reservation, you must do so by noon on Monday, January 15, 2024, to avoid being invoiced for the luncheon costs\*\***

**RSVP**

# Christmas Party Highlights!



Elegantly decorated as always Kim out does herself once again!



Kim Bacchus, Janice Perry, Tee Rogers, Carol McDonald, Karen Reed



Nancy Bazner, Joan Shoop, Nicol Herris, Kathy Doyle, Tee Rogers



Debra Canestrini, Day Younker, Linda Lynch



Carol McDonald, Karen Reed, Janice Perry, Melody Lewis



Beau Hamilton, Alex Bacchus, Spencer Arnold, and Caia



Mary Corcoran and Hubby Bill Klear



Scott and Sandi Smith



Caia welcoming guests with a handshake



Mal Bacchus, Kim Staab, Kim Bacchus, Carl Staub



Leya Ladzinski, Nevada's Top Campaign Hours winner!



Taylor Rogers and Aaron Park



Cindi Chandler, best barkeeper money can't buy!

# Happy Birthday

Christine Jensen

Nancy Ball

Alice Nealis

Diane Todd

Jim Feeney

Christine Steigerwald

Linda Zirelli

Welcome New  
**MEMBER**

Linda Cook

Click here for tickets!

## NORTHERN NEVADA BATTLEBORN Dinner



Guest speaker  
**RILEY GAINES**

Atlantis Casino  
3800 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV, 89502

**JAN | 26<sup>th</sup> | 2024**

VIP Doors: 5:00PM  
General Admission: 6:00PM



Pass this on to your friends & associates also

Thursday Jan 18th

## "The Great Republican Nevada US Senate Debate"

Candidates committed thus far

Stephanie Phillips, Tony Grady, Bill Conrad, Jeff Gunter, Ronda Kennedy

Debate will start at 7:15 pm

### Moderators

Eddie Floyd of 93.7 FM radio  
Jon Sanchez of 780 AM radio

### Location

Event is at the Atlantis Resort  
2nd floor Ball rooms

5:30 pm doors open, dinner at 6:30 pm,  
6 pm - Welcome, pledge & introductions

Leo Zachy - National Radio Host, 2026 CA Gov candidate -- Intro Talk

### Dinner Choices:

Twin medallions filet steak, added appropriate items, desert  
Veggie dinner upon request available

### Registration & Payment

Early Bird Special \$50 if a member (use the membership tab to get your membership sign up on our site) good to Jan 8th  
Then \$55 -- At the door price \$65 if approved & available

Go to [redmove.org](https://redmove.org)

Registration must be completed by noon Jan 16th

## Don't Forget!

Send in your Campaign  
hours to

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

We have till  
**Jan 10th**

to have all of our  
clubs hours  
submitted! Thank  
you in advance for  
helping our club!

Join Here

# An Open Letter to Our WRW Members and Associates

## Welcome to the New Year! Looking Ahead....

### LUNCHEONS:

WRW has renewed our contract with the Atlantis Casino for 2024. We are pleased to be able to remain at the Atlantis and enjoy their buffet luncheon. The Atlantis is still our best choice in terms of value, location, and parking for our members and guests.

Luncheon Prices:

The Atlantis is raising their prices due to inflation, like many other restaurants in Reno. The following new prices for our monthly luncheons will go into effect in February 2024:

WRW Members and Associates: \$40; Non-Members: \$45; Late Registrants (after deadline): \$55. First Time Ever Visitor: \$40. Our luncheon meetings will be by REGISTRATION ONLY. NO WALK-INS.

There will no longer be an extra charge for registering online and paying with a credit card.

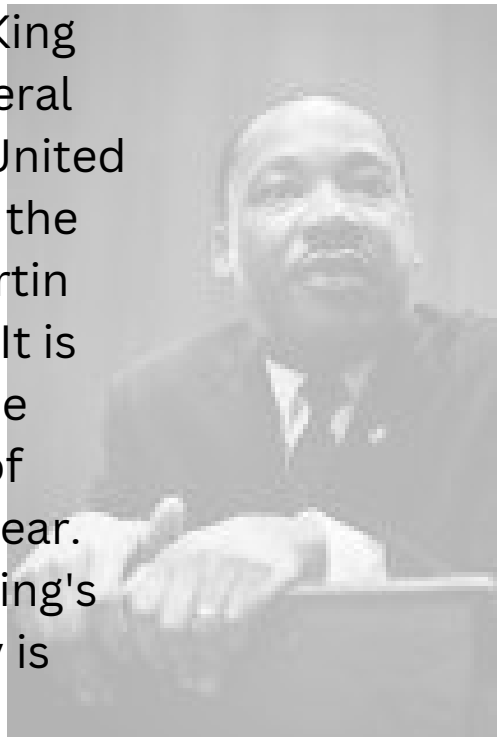
### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

2024 is right around the corner. If you haven't renewed your WRW membership we encourage you to do so. If you renew by January 10th you will be able to vote on the 2024 budget at the January 17th meeting.

WRW is not raising our dues for 2024. It continues as: \$45 Regular Member Dues and \$20 for Associate Member Dues. As a member, you will have voting rights, receive our monthly newsletters, hear candidates speak, and receive up to date political information to keep you in the loop for the elections.

We encourage you to join, stay involved, and hear interesting speakers at the luncheons. Let's move into 2024 together... and bring a friend to join in too.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year. Born in 1929, King's actual birthday is **January 15.**



### WRW Committee Members Unite!

Several Committee members are tooting their horns and wishing you all a Happy New Year! Come join a WRW Committee!

We have lots of fun and get things done all at the same time.

"Come Join Us!" say Leya, Deb, Melody, and Steph from the Cracker Barrel.

## SAVE THE DATE

### NvFRW Northern Leadership Conference

**DATE:** SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

**PLACE:** VALLEY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 1681 LUCERNE ST., MINDEN, NV

**TIME:** 8 AM – 3:30 PM (times are approximate and may be subject to change)

**COST:** FREE (Includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch and conference materials)

**PROGRAM:** TBA

Registration Details to follow.

Each year the NvFRW hosts Leadership Conferences in the North and the South.

This year our Northern Conference will be in Minden at the Valley Christian Fellowship Church.

This is a good opportunity to learn more about the NvFRW, meet some of the new officers and hear interesting speakers. The conference is free thanks to funding from the NvFRW Regents as part of their mission to educate NvFRW members.

Carpooling to Minden for the Washoe County clubs can be arranged.

### NvFRW Officers for 2024:

**President:** Mary Beganyi, Spring Mtn. Republican Women

**1st VP:** Jennifer Tuggle, Boulder City Republican Women

**2nd VP:** Cher Daniels, Churchill Republican Women

**Secretary:** Linda Powers, Spring Mtn. Republican Women

**Treasurer:** Barbara Kirk, Republican Women of Reno

**Northern Director:** Kathy Doyle, Republican Women of Reno

**Southern Director:** Melissa Blundo, Pahrump Valley Republican Women

**Nominating Chair:** Lori Piotrowski, Battle Born Republican Women



THE FIRST IN THE WEST PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUS  
FEBRUARY 8, 2024 | 5PM STATEWIDE

#### CANDIDATES



**Ryan Binkley**



**Governor Doug Burgum**



**Fmr Governor Chris Christie**



**Governor Ron DeSantis**



**Vivek Ramaswamy**



**Fmr President Donald J. Trump**

These Six Candidates **WILL NOT** Appear On The Universal Mail Ballots

**Must Be Registered Republican By January 9, 2024**

**NO** Same Day Voter Registration

**NO** Universal Mail Ballots

**VOTER ID REQUIRED**

Secret Paper Ballots

Transparent Tabulation Of Votes

Same Day Results

### Charities to Help Israel

For those of you who want their donations to support Israel's cause, here are the highest recommended charities.

**1. Magen David Adam (AFMDA)** which is the Red Cross of Israel. They maintain a fleet of ambulance (motorcycles included for the narrow streets of Jerusalem and the national blood bank. Several of the medics have been killed since Oct. 7. Website is [afmda.org](http://afmda.org).

**2. The American Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces** who are the sole organization in US to collect charitable donations for soldiers of the IDF. Their mission is to provide non-lethal supplies to the IDF, like winter coats or body armor. Their website is [fidf.org](http://fidf.org)

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration, Israel needs help now. Submitted by **Associate member, Sheldon Werber**

## **Bridging the Divide: Engaging and Supporting Your Republican Representatives attend the Washoe County Central Committee Meetings**

Hear the roar of Republican women! We're not just about tea parties and book clubs, though those have their place. We're the backbone of the party, the strategists, the cheerleaders, and the boots on the ground. We've earned our seats at the table, built businesses, led communities, and raised leaders. It's about harnessing our collective power and amplifying our voices like never before.

**We need to show up and be heard. Attend meetings, rallies, and events. Be visible, engaged, and make your presence known.**

The red wave may not have reached Nevada in the last election, but that doesn't mean Washoe County Republicans Women are giving up. We're seeing growing concern about the Washoe County Republican Central Committee's lack of support for our current office holders and the division it's creating within the party.

Rumors and finger-pointing won't win elections. We need action, unity, and a clear path to turn Nevada red. The Democratic Party thrives on Republican division. Their success hinges on exploiting fissures within our ranks. It's time we turned the tables. By prioritizing direct communication, factual discourse, and constructive engagement, we can transform internal disagreements into catalysts for positive change. Let's direct our energy towards defeating our true opponent – the Democrats – not towards weakening each other.

Instead of relying on rumor or hearsay, reach out directly to your elected officials. Call their office, schedule a meeting, or attend town halls. Ask them pointed questions about their votes, their positions on key issues, and their rationale for specific actions. Open dialogue allows for mutual understanding and can potentially bridge perceived gaps. Support Our Incumbents! Blindly challenging sitting Republicans without due process hurts the party. Let's engage directly with our elected officials, ask tough questions, and hold them accountable while giving them the support they need to succeed.

Remember, a strong foundation is built upon the strength of its individual stones. As Republicans, let's unite under the banner of shared values, engage in respectful dialogue, and channel our passion towards achieving tangible victories for our party and our nation.

***Tee Rogers, WRW President***

# Nevada First in the West Caucus Info Sheet

## FEBRUARY 8, 2024 - <https://bit.ly/Nevada2024>

### NOMINATING PROCESS FOR US PRESIDENT

- ALL elected officials in the United States are elected by a direct vote of the people EXCEPT the President of the United States.
- Presidential candidates are nominated at each party's National Convention.
- Delegates at the National Convention are bound by the results of the caucus or primary held in each state.
- The US President is elected by a vote of the Electoral College.

### NEVADA NOMINATING HISTORY

- 1864 Nevada gains statehood. From 1864 until 1948 Presidential Electors were directly elected by the people, except in 1912 when only the Democrats held a primary
- 1949 legislation was passed to have each party select their electors at their state convention
- Primary law was passed in 1953 but repealed in 1955, before the 1956 election.
- Primary law was again passed in 1976, repealed in 1981
  - Closed primaries held in 1976 and 1980
- 1984 until now Nevada has had closed caucuses to bind party delegates, except in 1996 only the GOP took advantage of a one time option for a mail in primary.
- 2021 Legislature passed a primary law for the 2024 cycle, but gave political parties the option of using the results for their nominations or keeping their existing process.

***The caucus is the traditional way we have chosen our presidential nominee for decades. Contrary to reports that the NVGOP is trying to confuse Nevada Republican voters, the truth is that the 2024 primary is an all new, very expensive, and meaningless process.***

### NEVADA CAUCUS BALLOT - All Candidates Delegate Eligible

***Ryan Binkley***

***Governor Doug Burgum***

***Fmr Governor Chris Christie***

***Governor Ron Desantis***

***Vivek Ramaswamy***

***Fmr President Donald J Trump***

### STATE PRIMARY BALLOT - No Delegate Eligible Candidates

John Castro

Heath Fulkerson

**Nikki** Haley

Donald Kjornes

*\*Fmr Vice President Mike Pence*

*\*Senator Tim Scott*

Hirsh Singh

***\*Suspended campaign, but will still appear on the Primary ballot.***

### HOW DO I CAUCUS?

Arrive at your assigned caucus location. (Locations will be announced in early December for planning)

- Show your ID and sign in
- Receive your ballot
- You can mark your secret ballot and cast your vote and leave **or**
- Participate in your precinct meeting, Presidential Preference Poll and elect delegates to the county convention
- The result of the presidential preference poll will bind the elected delegates to the winner to support them at the national convention in July of 2024
- Tabulation of ballots cast is transparent. Anyone participating is allowed to stay and watch the votes count. The votes are secret as your name is not on the ballot. The only person who would recognize your ballot is you.



- Results will be reported by precinct, so you will know for certain that your vote was counted as you intended.

## WHY CAUCUS ?

The caucus is the traditional way Nevadans have chosen our presidential nominee for decades. The state run, universal mail in ballot primary elections is unfortunately mandated by law.

The Democrat legislature, under the direction of Harry Reid, forced AB321 through in 2021 with zero Republican support. The law made sweeping changes to how we hold elections in Nevada in the name of increasing voter turnout, but voter turnout has not increased.

The nonbinding primary will cost you, the taxpayer, millions of dollars for undeliverable universal mail in ballots, vote centers, poll workers, partial voter education and the like. All for an election that will award the “winner” nothing but brief, meaningless bragging rights.

The caucus features all the no nonsense protections Republicans have championed for years, including in the 2023 session where Governor Lombardo and our legislators introduced a number of bills to safeguard our elections - Democrats refused to even hold hearings on these bills, which is why Republicans must hold elections using these features anytime the law allows us to:

- Voter ID
- NO universal mail ballots
  - Absentee voting is allowed for active duty military and their families.
- Paper ballots
- Transparent tabulation
- Same day results
- Precinct based voting
- Zero cost to taxpayers or to the state or county parties

## FAQ'S

1. *What day is the caucus?* **February 8, 2024. Check-in starts at 5. The meetings will generally start by 6 pm, and should be over by about 7:30.** Your assigned location will be listed on the website and communicated to you by the beginning of December for planning purposes.
2. *Can I vote and leave?* **YES. Drop and go voting will be available from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM**
3. *Can I participate in both the state run primary and the caucus?* **YES**
4. *Will I get in trouble for voting twice by participating in both?* **NO - One is a state run primary, and one is a party nominating process, so you are not double voting.**
5. *When is the last day I can register to vote to participate in the caucus?* **January 8, 2024**
6. *Should I verify my current voter registration status?* **YES - under Democrat passed laws, your party registration can be changed without your awareness.**
7. *How do I check the status of my voter registration?* Visit <https://registertovote.nv.gov/>

For more information, please visit our website, [www.NevadaGOP.org](http://www.NevadaGOP.org), or contact the Nevada Republican Party at 702-586-2000 or by email at [info@nevadagop.org](mailto:info@nevadagop.org)



## 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

## It's Your Time to Shine: Volunteer for WRW Committees!

Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a budding newcomer, WRW thrives on the dedication of its members. This is your chance to make a real difference by volunteering for one of our vital committees. As a committee chair, co-chair, or member of a committee, you'll play a crucial role in planning exciting events, fostering engaging activities, and keeping our club buzzing with vibrant energy. Think about your passions, your skillsets, and the areas where you feel WRW can soar to new heights. Maybe you're a whiz at organizing social gatherings, a champion for professional development, or a creative spark brimming with innovative ideas. Whatever your calling, WRW has a committee with your name on it!

## Committee Chairs

### Achievement Awards

Kim Bacchus

### Americanism

Open

### Armed Services

Open

### Budget/Finance

Steph Hanzlik

### Bylaws

Open

### Campaign

Phyllis Westrup

### Caring for America

Open

### Chaplain

Nancy Bazner

### Corresponding Secretary

Linda Lynch

### e-Communications

Michon Kessler

### Fundraising

Open

### Historian

Open

### Legislative

Open

### Literacy

Melody Lewis

### Membership

Karen Reed

Carol McDonald

Janice Perry

### Newsletter

Michon Kessler

### Nominations

Glenda Gilmore

### Parliamentarian

Open

### Barbara Vucanovich

### Military

### Scholarship

Darlene Ruedy

### 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 [Carol McDonald, cccarol99@icloud.com](mailto:cccarol99@icloud.com), 408-892-9791 or [Janice Perry, hjkperry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hjkperry@sbcglobal.net), 559-250-1333. Complete application and mail with your check, made out to WRW, to:  
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**Renew Today**