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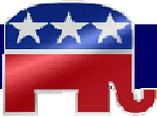
**W**e showed America the silent majority is no longer silent. Together, we can create an America that WINS again. We will make our hopes, our dreams – our limitless potential – a reality. We made history in November and we will create a government that is once again of, by and for the people.

Thank you, America. I will not let you down. I will always be your voice. I will always be your champion. Now it's time to get to work – to unite, to prosper, to become stronger. Together, I have no doubt we have taken the first step to Make America Great Again!

– President-elect Donald Trump

*Our 40th US President, Ronald Reagan, said it best . . .*

“This country was founded and built by people with great dreams and the courage to take great risks. . . . We have every right to dream heroic dreams. Those who say that we're in a time when there are no heroes, they just don't know where to look.”



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year!! And what a new year it will be thanks to the election of President-elect Donald Trump. Each of us will be watching the inauguration with enthusiasm and doing what we can to ensure President-elect Trump's team is confirmed.

In addition to being thankful for the election results, I am thankful for the exceptional team effort of the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's Executive Committee. At our December Christmas luncheon we expressed our appreciation to three out-going members – Charlotte Curtis the Club Secretary for 2015-2016, Shirley Appel, Second Vice President for 2015-2016, and Lorri Waldman, Treasurer for 2016.

Charlotte not only kept accurate minutes of our Board meetings and luncheon events, but she also spearheaded the effort to produce and print our 2016 Membership Directory, which had not been published in nearly 7 years. If you have not yet received your copy of the Membership Directory, please let me know and I will gladly send you one.

Shirley Appel did an exceptional job as Membership Chair and boosted our 2016 club membership to 106 fill members and 24 associates. What is truly remarkable is our club is the second largest in the State of Nevada, despite the small size of our community. Shirley deserves the credit for this achievement.

Lorri Waldman kept our books and balanced everything to the penny. For those of you who might not know, Lorri has been our Club Treasurer on five different occasions. She definitely deserves a round of applause.

On December 13th we also installed three new club officers: Ellie Dobler will be incoming Second Vice President; Ronnie Bayduza will be our new Secretary; and Kathi Congistre has re-assumed the Treasurer position. Thank you, ladies, for stepping up to a

leadership role. The rest of the Board and I look forward to working with you.

Your club has an exciting schedule for meetings and events scheduled for 2017. Please see the new calendar on page 8 of this newsletter and make a New Year's resolution to attend as many meetings as possible. We will have three special evening events, including our annual garden party, as well as the Fourth of July parade float and community booth.

And while we are on the subject of New Year resolutions, I want to especially thank Sandra Norton who has offered to be our Voter Registration coordinator for 2017. As many of you have heard me say — there is a gap of over 90,000 more registered Democrat voters than registered Republicans in Nevada. We need to close that gap and Sandra will be leading that effort. Some of you have already volunteered to help staff registration tables, follow-up on new residents, and encourage others to switch their registration. I will be asking all of you to carry voter registration forms with you and anyone you meet should be someone whom you ask if they are registered to vote.

As you will see from the 2017 calendar, our club will not be meeting in January so that you can enjoy the Inauguration and follow the exciting events in our Nation's Capital. I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting of the year on Valentine's Day, February 14th at the Chateau. We will have a romantic theme along with an excellent speaker.

Linda L. Smith

IVCBRW President 2016-2017



The Constitution is not a document for the government to restrain the people: it is an instrument for

the people to restrain the government - lest it come to dominate our lives and our interests.

- Patrick Henry



We celebrate victory in 2016 and rejoice in the good will to follow in 2017!



Contessa Price, Campaigner Extraordinaire who worked tirelessly for Donald Trump.



2016 Club Officers

- Charlotte Curtis, Secretary;
- Linda Smith, President;
- Lorri Waldman, Treasurer;
- and Shirley Appel, Second Vice President

National Federation of Republican Women Hail Trump Cabinet Nominees

The 2016 election and the candidacy of Donald J. Trump proved to be unlike any we had ever seen, and as President-elect Trump selects his Cabinet nominees it is clear that his presidency will be equally unique. "President-elect Trump has interviewed an unprecedented number of diverse candidates for positions and chosen the best possible person for each job to live up to his promise to 'Make America Great Again,'" said National Federation of Republican Women President Carrie Almond. Included among those nominees, to date, are four accomplished women from across the country. They are:



Department of Transportation Secretary - Elaine Chao, 63, from Kentucky, a member of the National Federation of Republican Women. Banking executive and first Asian Cabinet member having served as Secretary of Labor under President George W. Bush.



Department of Education Secretary - Betsy DeVos, 58, from Michigan. Philanthropist and education activist, chair of the American Federation for Children.



United Nations Ambassador - Gov. Nikki Haley, 44, from South Carolina, a member of the National Federation of Republican Women. Elected first female governor of South Carolina in 2011 -- formerly served in the South Carolina House of Representatives 2005-2011.

Small Business Administrator - Linda Marie McMahon, 68, from Connecticut. President and CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment.

Source: www.nfrw.org.





## 2016 REFLECTIONS

### What does it all mean?

Here are some undeniable statistics that explain the huge losses the Democrats experienced in the last 8 years.

**2009** – Democrats held 257 seats in the House of Representatives. This year, 2016, they have 188 – a loss of 69 seats.

**2009** – Democrats had 57 Senate seats plus 2 Independents who sided with them – nearly a filibuster-proof majority. This year, 2016, the Democrats have 44 seats – a loss of 13 seats and the majority.

**State Governors** – Eight years ago the Democrats had 28 governors nationwide; today there are 18.

**State Legislatures** – Democrats lost more than 900 seats nationwide.

Vice President Joe Biden may have nailed it: “. . . failures on our part to give people in rural areas or in exurban states a sense day to day that we’re fighting for them or connected to them.”



“THE GREATEST LEADER IS NOT NECESSARILY THE ONE WHO DOES THE GREATEST THINGS. HE IS THE ONE THAT GETS THE PEOPLE TO DO THE GREATEST THINGS.”

## The Unwisdom of Barack Obama



By Peggy Noonan

At this dramatic time, with a world on fire, we look at the president and ponder again who he is. Mr. Obama himself mocked how people see him in a recent article in the New York Times by Peter Baker: “Oh, it’s a shame when you have a wan, diffident, professorial president,” he reportedly said, sarcastically, in a meeting with journalists before his big Syria speech. Some of the president’s critics said he’s a softy!

Actually, no one [really] thinks he’s a softy. A man who personally picks drone targets, who seems sometimes to enjoy antagonizing congressional Republicans, whose speeches not infrequently carry a certain undercurrent of political malice, cannot precisely be understood as soft. . . . *His essential problem is that he has very poor judgment.*

And we don’t say this because he’s so famously bright – academically credentialed, smooth, facile with words, quick with concepts. But brightness is not the same as judgment, which has to do with discernment, instinct, the ability to see the big picture, wisdom that is earned or natural.

Mr. Obama can see the trees, name their genus and species, judge their age and describe their color. He absorbs data. But he consistently misses the shape, size and density of the forest. His recitations of data are really a faux sophistication that suggests command of the subject, but misses the heart of the matter.

You can run down the list. His famous “red line” comment was poor judgment. He shouldn’t have put himself or his country in that position, threatening action if a foreign leader did something. He misjudged the indelible impression his crawl-back would make on the world.

A few months ago he said, “I don’t have a strategy” meaning concerning the Islamic State. That’s not something an American president attempting to rouse the public and impress the world can say.

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## The Unwisdom of Barack Obama

ObamaCare top to bottom was poor judgment. It shouldn't have been the central domestic effort of his presidency. That should have been the economy and jobs. He thought his bill could go forward without making Republicans co-own it, thought it would be clever to let Congress write it, thought an overextended and undertalented federal government could execute it. He thought those who told him the website would work were truthful. He shouldn't have said if you like your doctor you can keep him. Again, all products of poor judgment.

Recently at the end of his Syria speech, he sang a long, off-point aria to the economy. Supposedly it would be ringing and rousing, but viewers looked at each other and scratched their heads. It didn't belong there. It showed a classic misjudging of his position. The president thinks people are depressed because they don't understand how good the economy is. Actually right now they are depressed because he is president. It was like Jimmy Carter's malaise speech. It wasn't a bad speech, but he wasn't the person who could give it because voters weren't thinking malaise was the problem, they were thinking Mr. Carter was. He couldn't relieve public unhappiness because people had come to think he was the source of it.

Libya? Poor judgment. A nation run by a nut was turned into a nation run by many nuts, some more vicious than the dictator they toppled. Russia? The president misread it, which would only have been a mistake, if a serious one, if it hadn't been for his snotty high-handedness toward those who'd made warnings.

He misjudged public reaction to the Snowden revelations and on various scandals during his administration.

Even in his handling of the Islamic State, the president has been slow to act, slow to move, inconsistent in his statements, unpersuasive, uninspiring. No boots on the ground, maybe boots on the ground but not combat boots, only advisory boots.



In another strange, off-point aria, reported by the Times's Mr. Baker, the president told the journalists

that if he were "an adviser" to ISIS, he would have told them not to do the beheadings *but to send the hostages home with a note instead*. Can you imagine FDR ruminating about how if Hitler wanted to win over Americans he wouldn't have invaded Poland, he would have softly encircled it and then thrown an unusually boisterous Oktoberfest?

Maybe all this is the president's clever way of letting time pass, letting things play out, so that in a few months the public fever to do something – he always thinks the public has a fever – will be over. And he will then be able to do little, which perhaps is what he wants.

... But none of this looks clever. It looks like poor judgment beginning to end.

Source: <http://www.wsj.com/articles/the-unwisdom-of-barack-obama-1411076703>. Article shortened for inclusion in this newsletter.

## Thanks in part to the election, "surreal" is the word of the year



Online searches for the definition of "surreal" spiked after several major worldwide events this year, especially the U.S. presidential election, making it the word of the year, according to dictionary publisher Merriam-Webster. The adjective was used so often in news accounts of the terrorist attacks in Brussels and Nice and the coup attempt in Turkey that people scurried to the Internet for a definition. But American voters deciding to put a billionaire reality television star in the White House led to the largest spike of the year, according to Merriam-Webster.

"Spikes of interest in a word are usually triggered by a single event, so what's truly remarkable this year about surreal is that so many different stories led people to look it up," says Peter Sokolowski, editor at large for Merriam-Webster. "Historically, surreal has been one of the words most searched after tragedy, most notably in the days following 9/11, but it was associated with a wide variety of stories in 2016.

According to the dictionary company, surreal is a derivation of the early 1900s artistic movement known as surrealism. The first part, "sur," is a French preposition meaning "over" or "above," followed by the word "real."

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/onpolitics/2016/12/19/surreal-word-of-the-year-merriam-webster/95605350/>



## PRESIDENTIAL FACTS

***Q: How many times was a president elected who did not win the popular vote?***

***A: It has happened only four times in 240 years!***

In 1824, **John Quincy Adams** was elected president despite not winning either the popular vote or the electoral vote. Andrew Jackson was the winner in both categories. Jackson received 38,000 more popular votes than Adams, and beat him in the electoral vote 99 to 84. Despite his victories, Jackson didn't reach the majority 131 votes needed in the Electoral College to be declared president. *In fact, neither candidate won! The decision went to the House of Representatives, which voted Adams into the White House.*

1. In 1876, **Rutherford B. Hayes** won the election (by a margin of one electoral vote), but he lost the popular vote by more than 250,000 ballots to Samuel J. Tilden.
2. In 1888, **Benjamin Harrison** received 233 electoral votes to Grover Cleveland's 168, winning the presidency. But Harrison lost the popular vote by more than 90,000 votes.

3. In 2000, **George W. Bush** was declared the winner of the General Election and became the 43rd president, but he didn't win the popular vote. Al Gore holds that distinction, garnering about 540,000 more votes than Bush. However, Bush won the electoral vote 271 to 266.
4. In 2016, **Donald J. Trump** won the Electoral College lead and won states worth 306 electoral votes to 232 from states won by Hillary Clinton. Yet the nearly final popular vote count has him trailing by nearly three million votes, or 2.1 percentage points, the largest deficit for a winning candidate since 1876's notorious election 140 years ago.

*Sources: Office of the Federal Register, U.S. National Archives and Records Administration*

## NEVADA LEGISLATURE IN SESSION, FEBRUARY 6–JUNE 5, 2017

### How Do I Find My Legislative Representative?

- Go to the Nevada Legislature's web site: [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us)
- On the right side of the page, click on Who's My Legislator? What's My District?
- Fill in the "Enter an address" box on the top menu bar and click "Enter." A blue pushpin cursor will highlight the address and list your Assembly, Senate, Regents, and Congressional districts. Clicking on any of those abbreviations gives a pop-up menu with the full listing of representatives. The names are linked to the legislator's web page.
- Click on the blue pushpin to reveal the district information.
- Click on the legislator's name to reveal his or her web site and biography.

### How Do I Contact My Legislator?

- Go to the Nevada Legislature's web site: [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us)
- On the left navigation bar, choose Assembly or Senate.
- If you choose Assembly, click Members from the top navigation bar.
- If you choose Senate, click Senators from the selections on lower left side of the page.
- Send mail to legislators at 401 S. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701-4747. This address is to use when the legislature is in session. Home addresses are listed on the legislator's web page.

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## NEVADA LEGISLATURE SESSION

- Call your legislator to discuss concerns. Phone numbers are listed on the legislator's web site.
- Post your concerns on the legislator's Facebook page, or use Twitter to state your concerns. Remember that these posts and tweets are seen by others!
- Email your legislator. You will find email addresses on the legislator's web page.
- Schedule a meeting with your legislator or attend community events they host or attend.
- Voice your concerns at hearings in Carson City or at the Grant Sawyer Building in Las Vegas.
- When contacting your legislator, in whatever manner you choose, always be respectful. State your name, voice your position on a bill, and ask for a specific action.

### How Do I Find Out Information About Bills?

- Go to the Nevada Legislature's web site: [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us)
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on NELIS
- The next page allows you to explore BDRs (Bill Draft Requests), Bills, Budgets, Committees, and their deadlines. You may also read the BDRs and track their progress through the legislature.

### Who Are the Committee Chairs?

#### Committee Chairs - Assembly

- Commerce and Labor: Irene Bustamante Adams
- Corrections, Probation and Parole: James Ohrenschall
- Education: Tyrone Thompson
- Government Affairs: Edgar Flores
- Health and Human Services: Mike Sprinkle
- Judiciary: Steve Yeagar
- Legislative Operations: Olivia Diaz
- Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining: Heidi Swank
- Taxation: Dina Neal
- Transportation: Richard Carrillo
- Ways and Means: Maggie Carlton

#### Committee Chairs - Senate

- Commerce, Labor and Energy: Kelvin Atkinson
- Education: Moises (Mo) Denis
- Finance: Joyce Woodhouse
- Government Affairs: David Parks
- Health and Human Services: Pat Spearman
- Judiciary: Tick Segerblom
- Legislative Operations and Elections: Nicole Cannizzaro
- Natural Resources: Chair (vacant), Mark Manendo, Vice Chair
- Revenue and Economic Development: Julia Ratti
- Transportation: Mark Manendo



## Trump Will Be Religion-Friendly

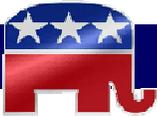
None of the three biggest vote getters in the primaries — Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, and Bernie Sanders— are known for their deeply rooted religious convictions. Trump is Presbyterian and Clinton is a Methodist, and like many mainline Protestants, they are religion-lite; Sanders is an admitted secularist. What makes Trump different from Clinton and Sanders is his religion-friendly posture, something the faithful from every religious community can welcome.

There are certain advantages to being religion-lite and religion-friendly at the same time. Having no strong personal stake in the conflict between religious liberty and the rights embroiled in abortion, marriage, education, housing, and healthcare, there is good reason to believe that Trump can be counted on to be religion-friendly. Moreover, he won 52 percent of the Catholic vote (he did much better among practicing Catholics) and 81 percent of the evangelical vote. He is not likely to let his constituents down.

Trump has consistently said that he will appoint pro-life judges to the federal bench, and there is no reason to disbelieve him. Indeed, the month before the election he pledged to Catholics that he will work with us, “helping the ongoing growth of the pro-life cause.”

There is one more important consideration. To the extent that Trump makes appointing pro-life judges a priority, he is likely to select men and women who will honor our right to religious liberty; competing rights will not be eviscerated, but they will not eclipse our First Amendment right.

Source: Article by Bill Donohue, <http://www.cnsnews.com/commentary>, Dec. 2016.



### INCLINE VILLAGE/CRYSTAL BAY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB -2017 Event Calendar-

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	RSVP BY
January	No meeting. Enjoy the inauguration of President-elect Trump		
February 14	Monthly Luncheon	The Chateau	February 10
March 14	Monthly Luncheon	The Chateau	March 10
April 11	Monthly Luncheon	The Chateau	April 7
May 9	Monthly Luncheon	The Chateau	May 5
June 13	Summer Potluck Picnic	Ellie Dobler's Garden	June 9
July 4	Annual IVCBRW Parade float and Club promotion booth	NA	Aspen Grove
August 8	Annual Garden Party	Home of Janet Pahl	August 4
September 12	Dinner Above Tahoe	TBD	September 8
October 10	Monthly luncheon	The Chateau	October 6
November 14	Monthly luncheon	The Chateau	November 10
December 12	Annual Christmas Party Officers' Installation	The Chateau	December 8

Note: Regular monthly meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month at The Chateau, 995 Fairway Blvd. Incline Village, NV. RSVPs are due the Friday before the event. June, August, and September will be evening events.

RSVP: to Shirley Appel at [mrsradar@aol.com](mailto:mrsradar@aol.com) or by calling 775-831-1505 (home) or 818-266-4402 (cell). Please respect the RSVP deadline dates so we can ensure a spot for you.

**THIRD TERM WIN?** "If I had run again and articulated it, I think I could've mobilized a majority of the American people to rally behind it," Obama recently told former adviser David Axelrod in the Axe Files podcast produced by the Chicago Institute of Politics. "I know that in conversations that I've had with people around the country, even some people who disagreed with me, they would say the vision, the direction that you point towards is the right one."  
President-elect Trump said in reply: "President Obama campaigned hard (and personally) in the very important swing states, and lost. The voters wanted to **MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!**"





December 2016

Dear Renewing Members:



It is hard to believe but once again it is time to renew your membership in the IV/CB Republican Women's Club. Our membership drive began in October for renewal for 2017. I have had a number of you already renew, but I would like to ask you to send me your check and renewal form on page \_\_ of this newsletter before the end of December. As many of you know I will no longer be Membership Chairman after December. Ellie Dobler is taking over this position beginning in January, 2017. She will be working from out-of- state for a few months so I would like to help her by getting as many renewals as I can before she begins in January.

Now that we have elected Donald Trump as our next President, we will be able to see some changes not only in the way things are run in our government, but also by seeing a conservative to replace Justice Scalia on the Supreme Court.

By renewing at this time you will continue to be kept up to date on all the happenings coming up in the New Year. We will continue to have wonderful speakers that help to educate on things of interest to all of us. We will again meet for our usual luncheon meetings at the Chateau and during the summer we will continue to provide some of our popular evening meetings such as our August Garden Party. Stay tuned for the full schedule of events in the next few weeks.

So once again, I urge you to send in your renewal application with your check for \$35 for the coming year. I look forward to seeing YOU at the meetings.

Thank you,

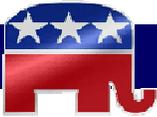
*Shirley Appel*

Second Vice President, Membership Chairman



Voters line up in voting booths to cast their ballots at Robious Elementary School in Richmond, Virginia, Nov. 8, 2016. The 30-ft. x 12-ft. image in the background was painted by third and fourth graders at the school in preparation for Veterans Day.

Source: AP. Shelpy Lum, Richmond Times-Dispatch.



### Membership Application

New Member     Renewing Membership

*If you receive this application/renewal form via email, please print a copy and mail with your check to the address below.*

NAME as it appears on VOTER REGISTRATION: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME as it appears on your NAMETAG: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS(es): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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Home Phone with Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Month, Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (for roster and newsletter): \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please print*

**MEMBERSHIP STATUS , PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

Active \$35, any woman registered as a Republican

Associate \$15, any woman with a full membership in another Republican women's group,

*Primary Club Membership* OR any man registered as a Republican

**CHECK AREAS OF INTEREST:**

Art or Graphic Art Work

Budget/Finance

Bylaws

Campaign Work

Community Service

Fundraising

Membership

Publicity

Public Relations

Youth Coordination

Greeter at Meetings

Legislative

Phone Committee

Email

Newsletter

**MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK** to the following address:

Membership Chairman  
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P. O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450

*Always more information for you at our website: [ivcbw.org](http://ivcbw.org)*



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Parliamentarian.....	pending
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Website.....	Kathryn Kelly and Judy Miller
Reservations.....	Shirley Appel
Boutique.....	Charlene Cox
Raffle.....	Paige Harrison-Adcock and Louise Cooper
Scholarship.....	Claire Price
Historian.....	Jane Barnhart
NNRW PAC.....	Joanellen Slocumb and Celine Nugent

*Happy Birthday*

**Member January Birthdays**



Jalyne Leonhart.....	Jan
Jack Tedford.....	1
Carol Del Carlo.....	2
Blanche Walters.....	6
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