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*Please join us for
A Wonderful Garden Party*

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 13, 2017**



To meet and hear . . .

Randi Thompson,

Nevada State Director,
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Independent Business

To speak on . . .

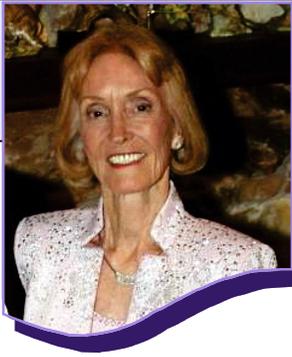
“The Impact of the 2017 Legislative Session
on Small Business”

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the inspiration of **Susan Schnetz**, our newsletter editor, I am sharing a short story about why I became a Republican. Susan led the

effort last month and others in our club have volunteered to do the same during the next few months. Each article, 200-400 words, will be published in our newsletter. So if you would like to share your personal story, please let Susan or me know.

Like many of you, I grew up in a Democrat household. My dad, a Missourian, admired **President Harry Truman**, and was a union man. Both my parents grew up during the depression and appreciated what **Franklin Roosevelt** did to restore the economy. I recall participating in a mock Nixon-Kennedy debate in junior high, and being out-talked by the kid who portrayed Nixon. But it wasn't until my senior year in high school that I discovered political science and decided to make it my major in college.

It was the sixties; cities were burning, riots were spreading, civil disobedience was rampant. I thought I wanted to pursue urban management until I graduated with an MPA from the Maxwell School of Public Policy in upstate New York, and was offered a position in Washington DC in **President Nixon's** White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to work with 150 cities throughout the USA – the model cities program. I saw firsthand how poor government policies had resulted in center cities filled with poverty, crime and no hope. I moved to Capitol Hill for several years to work on urban fiscal issues serving both Democrats and Republicans.

And then **Ronald Reagan** entered the White House, I returned to OMB, and began to admire his philosophy of individual responsibility, State's rights, and traditional values. However, it took a family move to Hawaii and the

purchase of a small business to cement my Republican credentials. In the 50th State I witnessed how Democrat one-party rule had resulted in poor roads, inadequate housing, over-taxation, and crony capitalism.

Like many of you, I volunteered to help my state Republican Party, woefully small and lacking leadership until **Governor Linda Lingle** took charge, grew the organization, and catapulted her party's success into two terms as Governor. I had the privilege of serving as her Senior Policy Advisor for nearly eight years working to eliminate the "pay-to-play" crony arrangements that had plagued the State as well as address serious infrastructure and social needs. For example, under Gov. Lingle, the welfare rolls were reduced 40 percent just by working with new applicants to get them into the job market as soon as they applied

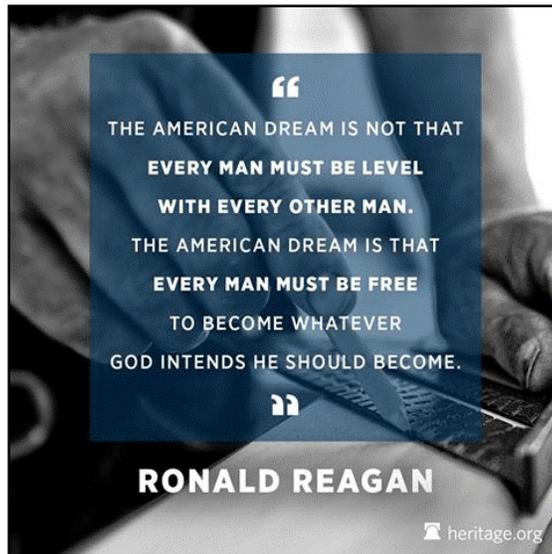
for public assistance. With the help of **President George W. Bush** we increased support for our National Guardsmen, built traffic-easing roadways, cleaned up environmental hotspots, designated the northwestern Hawaiian Islands as a federal monument, encouraged private-sector affordable housing, and numerous other improvements.

Pride in these Republican-led accomplishments naturally led me to join the local Republican women's club when I moved to Nevada six years ago. It has been a joy ever since to work

with so many of you to promote sensible local and state policies, help elect Republicans to State and National offices, and experience the camaraderie of Republican values.

But we have much work ahead to make Washoe County RED again. So I am asking each of you to assist us with our 2017 voter registration drive led by **Sandra Norton**, our Fourth of July Parade activities led by **Kathi Congistre**, and our monthly meeting programs organized by **Patricia Moser Morris**. And consider asking a friend to attend one of our events to help us grow and expand the Republican footprint in Incline Village-Crystal Bay.

Linda L. Smith





About our Speaker, **Randi Thompson**



Randi Thompson is a Public and Government Relations Consultant who has been active in politics in Nevada since 1978, when she worked on the Bob List for Governor campaign as a junior in high school. She is a 6th Generation Nevadan and a Reno High graduate.

After graduating from the University of Oregon with a BS in Journalism, she moved to Washington D.C. where she was a lobbyist from 1984-1993. (She moved to Las Vegas in 1986 to work on the Jim Santini for U.S. Senate campaign, then returned to Washington.)

She returned home for good in 1993 to start her own consulting company. She has been a lobbyist at the Nevada Legislature since 1993 and has run for the legislature several times, including in 1998 as an Incline Village resident. She served as Vice Chair of the Washoe County Republican Party in 1993-1994 and is currently a member of the Republican Women of Washoe County.

Randi is a public relations and political consultant to a variety of candidates and businesses. One of her main roles is State Director for the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business advocacy association. Randi keeps up with the challenges that small businesses are facing and she fights to make it easier for business owners to grow and create jobs in Nevada.



Randi is a conservative columnist for the *Reno Gazette Journal*, is an active skier, and serves on the board of the Nevada Youth Ski Education Foundation.



ABOUT THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS

If you are a small business owner, you are invited to join a group of 325,000 like-minded business owners on a mission to fight for your right to own, operate and grow your business.



The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) is America's leading small business association. The NFIB state and federal advocacy, business advice, and membership benefits cover a range of small businesses across many industries. Small business owners and members of the NFIB can be confident that their voices will be heard on the issues that matter most.

Advocacy – NFIB is the leading advocate for small business owners with offices in every state capital and Washington, D.C. The association represents hundreds of thousands of members nationwide from every industry and sector. Members establish policies and positions on:

Healthcare | Taxes | Labor | and Regulatory Reform

Benefits – NFIB works with more than 20 carefully chosen providers that offer quality business products and insurance services that save businesses time and money. NFIB members can take advantage of exclusive savings that include:

Commercial Insurance | Business Products and Services |
Financial Products and Services |
Personal Insurance | Regulatory Reform

Entrepreneurs and their small enterprises are responsible for almost all the economic growth in the United States.

– *Ronald Reagan quote, 40th President of the United States, 1981-1989*



CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Maryanne Ingemanson

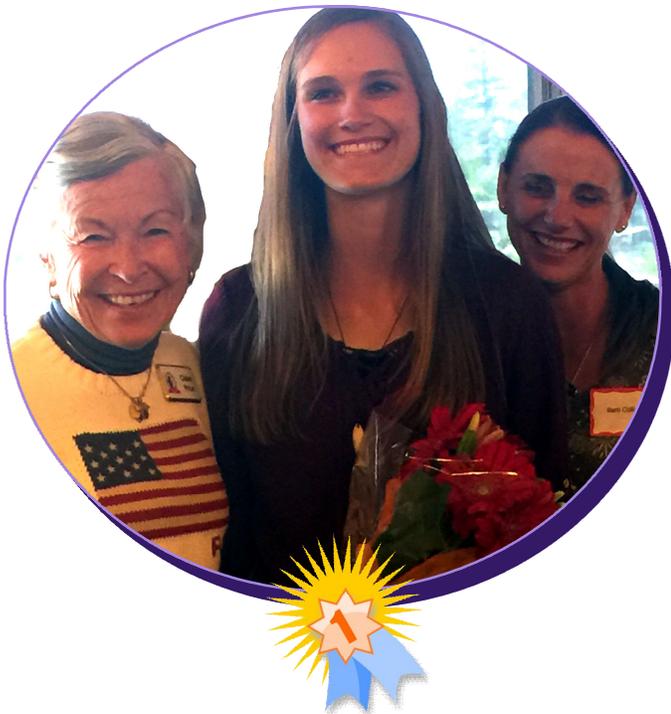
Each year Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women awards \$2,000 from the Maryanne Ingemanson Scholarship Fund for the BEST ESSAY written by an Incline High School graduating senior.

Presented here is this year's winner, Athena Collier. Athena presented her essay to IVCBRW members and her parents Brian and Barbara Collier at the May luncheon.

Athena will attend the University of Nevada, Reno as a pre-med major in a "special" honors program.

The question for the 2017 award was: **Do you think the American dream is still alive in America? What does the American dream mean to you?**

Contessa Claire Price
Scholarship Chair



My Take on the American Dream

by Athena Collier

Our society's vision of the American Dream has been clouded by the desire to make money and have power. The media plays a significant role in contributing to this negative portrayal of the American Dream. Celebrities and political figures are often shown as individuals of success – they make plentiful riches and use those riches to live lavish lifestyles that in turn make them "happy."

Although obtaining riches and having a powerful influence is desirable to most, I don't agree with society's definition of the American Dream. I believe we have lost what it means to become successful through hard work and opportunity. The true American Dream is not about achieving financial success, but instead, it is about achieving success through creating positive change and living one's life in a meaningful manner.

Until recently, I believed, like many others, that the American Dream was a concept that no longer applied to present-day society. I spent a large part of my childhood living in the low-income areas of Kings Beach, California. The houses were small and rundown. The people who lived there were often working paycheck to paycheck, including my own parents, just to support their family. This kind of burdensome lifestyle made the American Dream seem impossible at times to achieve.

Despite the financial hardship that most families faced, however, there was a sense of appreciation and happiness within the community. Although we didn't have a lot of money, we found happiness in things that we did have. Because of this, we learned how to live a meaningful life and promote change. Through my experience, I learned that a society focused on materialistic concepts all too often forgets about what really matters: a meaningful existence.

In my life, I work hard towards the American Dream that I have defined. I participate in many community activities like collecting items to create Chemo Care Kits

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My Take on the American Dream



for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. I also fundraised for months to go to Africa to build a school for a small village in need.

In the future, I plan on becoming a doctor, not because I have the potential to earn money, but because I am truly interested in helping others. I aim towards living a life based on selfless acts. Working hard to provide service to others fulfills my passion to live a meaningful life and promote change. – Therefore, I am undoubtedly living the American Dream that I believe society should recognize.

A REPORT TO OUR MEMBERSHIP

Regarding Promoting Republicans Seeking Election or Re-election

The Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women (IVCB RW) have devoted many hours to helping elect Republicans to office at the federal, state, and local levels. Three of our members ran for office and two of them won elections: Carol Del Carlo for Nevada Higher Education Board of Regents; Lisa Krasner for State Assembly District 26, and Judy Miller for Incline Village General Improvement District Trustee. We campaigned with vigor to elect President Trump and Vice President Pence as well as ensure that Congressman Mark Amodei was re-elected to Congress. In total IVCBRW devoted 5,145 volunteer hours to campaign activities between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2017.

In this June issue of The Elephant's Tale, President Linda Smith shared her short story of Why She Became a Republican.

- Judy Miller will share her story in July
Jane Barnhart will share her story in August
Paige Harrison will share her story in September

Who is next? Each article, 200-400 words, will be published in our newsletter. If you would like to share your personal story, please let our newsletter editor Susan Schnetz (s-schnetz@sbcglobal.net) or Linda Smith (LLSmith2650@aol.com) know.

Time to Donate Books!



I would like to encourage all our members to donate and bring books to our next meeting. I'll take your donations to Incline Village Library for you. Thanks for your help in this very worthwhile project!

Jane Barnhart
IVCB RW Historian

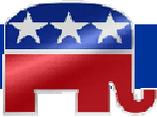


Memorial Day: The number of Americans who have died in battle since the Revolutionary War

Here are the total battle deaths from all America's wars, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs. (These numbers do not include those who died in theater but not in battle.)

- American Revolution (1775-1783), 4,435
War of 1812 (1812-1815), 2,260
Indian Wars (approximately 1817-1898), 1,000
Mexican-American War (1846-1848), 1,733
Civil War (1861-1865), 140,414 (Union), 74,524 (Confederate)
Spanish-American War (1898), 385
World War I (1917-1918), 53,402
World War II (1941-1945), 291,557
Korean War (1950-1953), 33,739
Vietnam War (1964-1975), 47,434
Persian Gulf War (Desert Shield/Desert Storm, 1990-1991), 148
Global War on Terrorism (2001 to present), 6915

Source: LA Times, 5/31/2017



About the National Federation of Republican Women



The 2016 White House campaign tour featuring Rosie (the bus) isn't the NFRW's first bus tour. In September 1954, members embarked on the "G.O.P. Election Express," an 11-day bus trek from Washington, D.C. to Los Angeles. Here, participants are shown preparing for the trip.

The story of Republican women's clubs begins many years before women even had the right to vote. Inspired by the Republican Platform of 1872, which said: "The Republican Party is mindful of its obligation to the loyal women of America for their noble devotion to the cause of Freedom ...," Republican women's clubs were off and running. In fact, the oldest such club on record was founded in Salt Lake City in the late 1800s.

Hundreds of independent Republican women's clubs grew up around the nation in the years to come. For example, there were 140 clubs in Indiana alone by the late 1930s.

It was in 1938 that Marion Martin, assistant chairman of the Republican National Committee, called a meeting at the Palmer House in Chicago to organize these clubs into a national organization.

States in which Republican women's clubs were organized on a "statewide" basis sent delegates and alternates to that meeting with a request to affiliate with such an organization. To be considered "statewide" at that time, a state or local club had to have members in 60 percent of the counties of that state. (Later this rule was



changed to cover either 50 percent of the counties or 75 percent of the state's congressional districts.)

The delegates adopted rules governing the establishment of a National Federation of Republican Women's Clubs, with the following purposes:

“... to foster and encourage loyalty to the Republican Party and the ideals for which it stands - to promote education along political lines - to encourage closer cooperation between independent groups and the regular party organization, which are working for the same objectives, namely sound government - to promote an interchange of ideas and experiences of various clubs to the end that the policies which have proven particularly effective in one state may be adopted in another - and to encourage a national attitude and national approach to the problems facing the Republican Party.”

Eleven states became the charter states of NFRW - California, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

At the age of 31, Joyce Arneill of Denver, Colo., was elected the first president of the Federation, and the organization began to grow.

At the time of NFRW's founding, three states - Maryland, Virginia, and Alabama - had not even ratified the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting suffrage to women. The campaign of 1936 had reelected Franklin D. Roosevelt over Alf Landon with only two states - Maine and Vermont - going Republican. There were only six Republican governors, 89 Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives, and 16 in the Senate.

And yet the National Federation of Republican Women - born in a climate of defeat - grew in size and strength, providing a vehicle for women concerned with the direction of our government!

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About the National Federation of Republican Women

In 1940, the NFRW reported that, "Since the founding of the Federation, there has been a steady and consistent progress." Thirty-four states, as well as the District of Columbia, were represented in the Federation through statewide federations and/or individual clubs.

In its earliest days, the Federation was a lobbying group. In 1940, NFRW enlisted the support of its members to urge their representatives in Washington to hold free and open hearings and a full investigation on the amendments to the Wagner Labor Relations Act. They wrote their representatives during National Debt Week to impress them with the fact that constituents were concerned about the national debt. And on June 10, 1940, NFRW President Joyce Arneill sent a letter to all club presidents urging their help in keeping Congress in session until the immediate crisis of the "foreign situation" was past.

By September 1, 1943, 23 statewide federations held membership in the national organization, along with 98 individual clubs from 16 states. In January 1953, the organization's name was changed to the National Federation of Republican Women.

Today, the NFRW – once an auxiliary of the Republican National Committee – is financially and organizationally independent. It is one of the largest grassroots political organizations in the country with thousands of active members in local clubs across the nation.

The goals of those women who met in Chicago in 1938 continue to be the goals of the NFRW – to encourage women's participation in the governing of our nation, to elect Republicans to office at all levels, and to promote public awareness of the issues that shape America.

Biennial national conventions have been held in cities across the nation, with U.S. presidents and vice presidents, first ladies, cabinet members, legislators, party leaders, political experts, and celebrities attending. Presidential candidates never miss these meetings. They know that many of those attending will be delegates to the Republican National Convention or will be instrumental in the delegate selection process. They know that these women are the GOP's grassroots activists.

Programs such as NFRW's campaign management schools, women candidate seminars, and polling schools have trained literally thousands of Republican women and men to help elect GOP candidates, and communities throughout the nation have benefited from the volunteer services of NFRW's Caring for America and literacy programs.

Millions of American women, ages 19 to 90, have helped shape our nation through wartime and peace, through depression and prosperity, through good times and bad – all through the National Federation of Republican Women.

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Suffrage: The Republican Party pioneered the right of women to vote and was consistent in its support throughout the long campaign for acceptance. It was the first major party to advocate equal rights for women and the principle of equal pay for equal work.



Women in Elective Office 2017

In 2017, 104 women serve in the U.S. Congress.

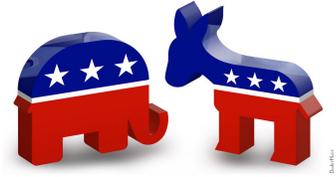
Twenty-one women serve in the Senate and 83 women in the House. The number of women in statewide elective executive posts is 74, and the proportion of women in state legislatures is 24.9 percent.



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS

Democrat Core Beliefs (left-leaning ideology, liberal)

For the last 100 years, Democrats tend to be more left-leaning or the liberal party in government. Democrats believe in a broad range of social services and think society is better served with an expanded role of government that includes entitlement programs such as social security, Medicare, Medicaid, universal healthcare, food stamps, free public education, unemployment benefits, strong environmental laws, and other regulations on industries.



Republicans Core Beliefs (right-wing ideology, conservative)

Republicans basically believe that the best outcome for society is achieved when individual rights and civil liberties are paramount and the role and power of the government is minimized. Conservatives favor market-based solutions to issues that government programs aim to tackle. For example, in order to keep healthcare costs down, encourage a competitive marketplace driven by consumer choice. Republicans' core belief also includes lower taxes and regulations on businesses;

Democrats on Healthcare

Believe that access to healthcare is one of the fundamental rights of all citizens. Support universal healthcare, the Affordable Care Act, expansion of Medicare and Medicaid. Democrats are in favor of abortion rights and stem cell research, and the need to keep elective abortion legal.

The Economy

Income equality; higher tax rates on the wealthy; government spending on social programs and infrastructure; stronger in favor of gun control laws like background checks or waiting periods before buying a gun; banning automatic weapons; and disallowing concealed weapons in public places.

Taxes and Government Spending

Minimum wages and progressive taxation, i.e., higher tax rates for higher income brackets.

National Defense

Democrats advocate for scaling down our military and reducing the money spent on military intelligence, believing security comes from negotiations with foreign nations, even if these harbor or have financial ties to terrorist groups. They prefer to ask other nations for permission before we protect ourselves.

Education

Favor expanded free, public education like the Common Core program. Democrats support legislation to protect gays and lesbians against discrimination. Some, but not all, believe same-sex marriage should be legal.

Immigration

Democrats believe a pathway should be provided for citizenship for undocumented immigrants and a moratorium on deportations or prosecutions of undocumented immigrants who are young adults and have no criminal record. They believe voter ID laws cause undue burden on lower income groups.

Republicans on Health Care

Oppose government-provided universal healthcare and the Affordable Care Act. Favor competition to Medicare from private insurance companies; oppose Medicaid expansion. Many Republicans oppose the right to an abortion, as well as the use of human embryos for biological research. Republicans support reproductive rights, but leave it up to the individual and not part of federal law and spending.

The Economy

Lower taxes and regulations on businesses, reduce government spending and a balanced budget. Republicans are strong supporters of the Second Amendment (the right to bear arms) and gun ownership rights.

Taxes and Government Spending

Republicans believe that lower tax rates promote spending that leads to a strong economy. Republicans also generally believe that personal and corporate responsibility keep the work force motivated and lead to economic prosperity.

National Defense

Republicans usually favor a strong military and currently favor the spreading of democracy in unstable regions such as the Middle East.

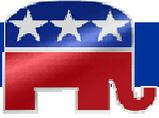
Education

Parents who want to home-school their kids or send them to private school should be able to get vouchers for opting out of the public school system. Republicans tend to oppose same-sex marriage.

Immigration

Secure our borders. No "amnesty" for undocumented immigrants; stronger border patrol and fence to check illegal immigration. For voter identification laws to combat voter fraud.

Sources from multiple website/researched by Alice Shillock Clark, NvFRW Leadership Chair 2015.



Save the Date--a fun time, socialize with your fellow Republicans

June 11th 11:30 am to 3:00 pm

Rancho San Rafael Park—Peavine Pavilion-Middle Pavilion Pond

Make Washoe County Red Again Picnic

Free Event!

DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

DRAWING for YOUR CHOICE OF:
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\$10 per ticket / ONLY 250 tickets sold!

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<https://republicanmensclub.org/>

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POTATO SALAD - SALAD
CHIPS - DIPS - DESSERTS!**



INCLINE VILLAGE/CRYSTAL BAY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

-2017 Event Calendar-

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	RSVP BY
June 13	Catered Garden Party	Ellie Dobler's Garden	June 9
July 4	Annual IVCBRW Parade float and Club promotion booth	Aspen Grove	NA
July 11	Dinner Under the Stars	Carol Del Carlo's Home	July 7
August 8	Annual Garden Party	Home of Janet Pahl	August 4
September 12	Special Luncheon	The Lodge at Diamond Peak	September 8
October 10	Monthly luncheon	The Chateau	October 6
November 14	Monthly luncheon	The Chateau	November 10
December 12	Annual Christmas Party and 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, July and August will be evening events.

RSVP: to Shirley Appel at 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.

On Memorial Day, Trump Honors Gold Star Families at Arlington Cemetery

President Donald Trump honored fallen troops as part of a traditional Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington Cemetery. He said "they paid the ultimate price for freedom."

Though he acknowledged those who died in every war beginning with the Revolutionary War, Trump singled out those who have died in the most recent wars. "A new generation of American patriots are fighting to win the battle against terrorism, risking their lives to protect our citizens from an enemy that uses the murder of innocents to wage war on humanity itself," he said.

With their families in attendance, Trump told the stories of three service members killed in the war in Afghanistan, where he said they were fighting "enemies of all civilizations." They were Marine Corps 1st Lt. Robert Kelly, son of Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, killed in 2010; Oklahoma



National Guard Spc. Chris Horton, killed in 2011, and Army Capt. Andrew Byers, killed in 2011.

"Their stories are now woven into the soul of our nation, into the stars and stripes of our flag, and into the beating hearts of our great, great people," Trump said.



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Member June Birthdays



Ginny Hestmark	6
Cathy Spector	8
Claire price	18
June Shafer	24
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Hope your day is the best ever!



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