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*Please join us for
A Garden Party*

**TUESDAY,
JULY 11, 2017**

To meet and hear...
Michael Roberson,
State Senator and
Minority Leader

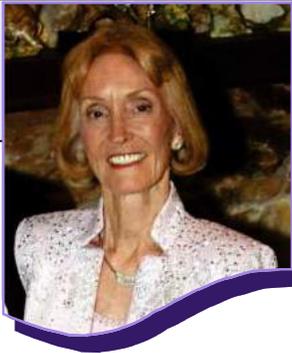
To speak on...
"An Insider's View of the 2017 Legislative Session"

Where: Carol Del Carlo's Garden, 874 Ophir Peak Road,
Incline Village | 5 to 8 p.m

\$40 with advance reservation, \$45 without

Members! This is our chance to reach like-minded women who may have difficulty attending luncheon meetings. PLEASE invite your friends and contacts. Don't forget to wear your club name badge!

**PLEASE RSVP to Shirley Appel
at mrsradar@aol.com or by calling
(cell) 818-266-4402 or
(home) 775-831-1505
by Friday, July 7th**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This past month we witnessed the importance of having a Republican in the Governor's seat. **Governor Sandoval vetoed numerous**

bad bills that would have turned Nevada towards the radical left side of the political spectrum. Our Governor even made the front page of the *Wall Street Journal* for vetoing a measure that would have flooded our State Medicaid system with new enrollees – at catastrophic expense to Nevada taxpayers and at odds with federal Medicaid rules.

A big thank you to everyone who called the Legislature, the Governor, and submitted comments on-line asking for vetoes! And a particularly big thank you to **Patricia Moser Morris** for sending out informative legislative updates.

On behalf of our Club, I sent a note to **Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner** thanking her for following her conservative principles and voting “no” on hundreds of bills that created wasteful new government programs.

Consider sending your own “thank you” note to her at krasner2004@aol.com. I know Lisa, a member of our club, would appreciate hearing from you.

In mid-June **Ms. Randi Thompson**, the Nevada lobbyist for the National Federation of Independent Businesses, gave us a blunt summary of the 2017 Legislature and how bad it was for business people and the economy. She particularly thanked Governor Sandoval for vetoing a major minimum wage increase (to \$14 an hour) that was passed by the Democrats. DESPITE SNOW A DAY EARLIER, over 50 of us came out to hear Randi and enjoy a delightful sunny evening in the garden of **Ellie and Cliff Dobler** with a delicious catered dinner.

Cliff Dobler also gave us some important background about a controversial measure for IVGID to take over the Parasol Building at an estimated cost of \$5.5 million to those who live in this community. Cliff has put together a written history of this issue and 11 reasons why we should oppose this proposal. If you were unable to attend our dinner meeting and would like to learn more, please contact him at 775-722-0751.

The June dinner event was so successful, we are doing it again in the garden of **Carol Del Carlo** (874 Ophir Peak) on July 11th starting at 5:00 PM. Food will again be provided by John Hurzel of A Catered Affaire and our guest speaker will be minority leader, State Senator Michael Roberson.

And IVCBRW was again out in force for our Nation's Birthday during the Fourth of July

weekend. The fun started on Friday, June 30th at the home of Kathy Congistre where we decorated our club float. Afterwards, we enjoyed an informal potluck dinner. A productive and delicious time was had by all.

By the time you get this newsletter, you will know we rode in the float and marched in the

“Salute our Heroes” parade at 10:30 am Saturday, July 1st! We also staffed our patriots' booth on the Village Green July 3rd and 4th from 11-4 each day where we registered voters and sold patriotic jewelry and clothing.

It is important to remember that every event we hold is focused on educating our members about the key public issues of the day and raising funds to elect Republicans and support our scholarship program. I am so proud that IVCBRW has been a successful organization for over 52 years – all because of the numerous women who volunteer countless hours to keep our club going. It is a pleasure working with all of you.



Thank you to the Fourth of July Decorators!

Linda L. Smith



About our Speaker,
Michael Roberson



In 2010, Michael Roberson was elected to the Nevada State Senate and he was re-elected with over 60 percent of the vote in 2014. During the 2015 Legislative Session, Republicans were in the majority and his colleagues elected Michael to be

Majority Leader. Working closely with Governor Brian Sandoval, Michael helped enact the first universal school choice program in the country, revamped Nevada's economic development programs, invested more money in education, consolidated government agencies and regulations, and saved taxpayers' money with collective bargaining and PERS reforms.

During the 2017 Legislative Session, Michael served as Minority Leader, and in this role, worked with his Republican colleagues to prevent the Democratic majority from enacting many of their most damaging proposals into law; and to protect many of the accomplishments of the 2015 Legislative Session.

Michael has served on the Spring Valley Hospital's Board of Governors, the Advisory Board of Advanced Technologies Academy, the Government Affairs Committee of the Southern Nevada Chapter of NAIOP/ Commercial Real Estate Development Association and the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform State Laws.

In 2012, *Governing* magazine recognized Michael as one of the 12 state legislators nationwide to watch. Last year the National Coalition for Capital awarded Michael the 2013 Champion of Small Business Award (COSBY) in recognition of the New Nevada Markets Jobs Act, which he sponsored.

ABOUT MICHAEL AND FAMILY

Born in Webb City, Missouri and raised in Galena, Kansas, a small mining town with a population of 3,300, Michael grew up the eldest of three children. After high school, Michael entered the University of Kansas and graduated in 1993 with a degree in Political Science. From there, on academic scholarship, he was admitted to University of Kansas School of Law and earned his Juris Doctorate in 1996.

In 2000, Michael moved to Nevada. He is currently an attorney with the law firm of Kolesar & Leatham.

Michael is a University of Nevada, Las Vegas Rebels and Kansas Jayhawks football and basketball fan. He lives in Henderson with his wife, Liberty Leavitt-Roberson, a fifth-generation Nevadan, who is the Graduation Initiative Coordinator for the Clark County School District, as well as with their dogs, Winston and Franklin.



The following opinion editorial article was directed to the *Reno Gazette Journal*.

Liberal Agenda Blocked by Nevada GOP Legislators

By Michael Roberson

During the 2015 legislative session, Republican legislators and Gov. Brian Sandoval successfully implemented many significant, cost-saving reforms. However, when Democrats recaptured majorities in both houses after the 2016 election, they were determined to roll back our reforms, while proposing what many have labeled the most liberal agenda ever proposed in State history.

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Yet, despite their best efforts, Nevada Democrats failed to implement their agenda. In fact, conservatives have much to celebrate following the conclusion of the session considering we were in the minority in both houses.

Allow me to elaborate . . .

Important, cost-saving reforms relating to construction defect, collective bargaining, prevailing wage, and project labor agreements, among others, were all targets of liberal legislators. Fortunately, legislative Democrats failed on every single effort.

Further, in 2015, Republicans passed two critically important school choice measures – Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) and Opportunity Scholarships. Despite fierce opposition from the Democrats, both of these historic programs were signed into law.

Not a single Senate Democrat voted in favor of either of these programs in 2015, yet, Senate Democrats voted unanimously with Republicans this year to triple our state's investment in the Opportunity Scholarship school choice program. And while I am deeply disappointed that the ESA program remains unfunded, we did significantly expand school choice in Nevada.

In addition, during the days prior to the start of the session, I declared any attempt to raise property taxes on Nevadans dead on arrival. I am proud to say that along with my Republican colleagues, we were successful in keeping that promise.

We also faced legislation that would have turned Nevada into a Sanctuary State by shielding violent criminal aliens and preventing law enforcement from doing their jobs in protecting our communities. Along with law enforcement agencies throughout Nevada, I stood up and fought this effort vigorously. I'm proud to say that these

harmful bills never made it out of the legislature.

Further, I worked last session to pass legislation to prevent lobbyists and special interests from wining and dining politicians and showering them with gifts. Despite an effort by Washoe Democrat Skip Daly to roll back this important new law, politicians will continue to be banned from accepting such favors and gifts.

There were also calls from Democratic leaders to further restrict our law-abiding citizens' from exercising their Second Amendment rights. Several pieces of legislation were proposed by the Democrats, yet not a single anti-gun bill made it out of the legislature.

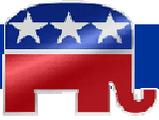
SUCCESS!

Legislative Republicans and Governor Sandoval significantly expanded school choice, stopped property tax increases, prevented every attempt to roll back our cost-saving reforms from 2015, stopped every effort to turn Nevada into a Sanctuary State or to strip Nevadans of their 2nd Amendment rights ... and we did it all while serving in the minority.

Dear IVCBRW Members,

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our July 11, 2017 Garden Party will be held at George and Carol Del Carlo's home. This event will be an opportunity to raise funds for our Incline High School Scholarship Program. We will have a variety of baskets to raffle and/or auction that evening. We have some donations, but need more to insure that the fundraiser is very successful for our scholarship fund. Please donate wine, patriotic items, coffee, tea and other items that will make interesting baskets. We need empty baskets, too. Charlotte Curtis will pick up items or you may leave them on her front porch. Her email is charcurtisedd@aol.com, 775-831-7320 or drop off at 101 Red Cedar #2 (side pedestrian gate is unlocked). Many thanks for your generosity!

Cheers, *Linda Smith*



Attention Members! I recently received a request from Attorney General Adam Laxalt's Political Director, Ross Lien that it would be very helpful if all of our Republican Women in all clubs read this and saw the efforts that AG Laxalt is making regarding sanctuary cities. You may write or call Ross Lien, 701-202-8214, with any questions or concerns.

Diane Baranowski

Nevada Federation of Republican Women,
Northern Director



**Letter from
ATTORNEY
GENERAL ADAM
LAXALT
on Sanctuary Cities**

This morning, my office took crucial action aimed at combating a major threat to the safety of all

Nevadans — the ongoing problem of sanctuary cities in the State of California.

When discussing sanctuary cities, we should never forget that this is an issue of ensuring public safety, maintaining law and order, and making sure that our communities are safe places for our families and individuals. So let's be clear: Those who support the practice of allowing sanctuary cities to exist are launching a direct and outrageous assault on all three of those priorities.

And they're placing politics ahead of people. It's dangerous, and it needs to stop.

That's why I'm proud to join attorneys general from nine other states in filing an important friend-of-the-court brief that urges the dismissal of a California-based challenge to a federal-government executive order on sanctuary cities.

Because California is right next door, its sanctuary cities pose a genuine danger to Nevadans — particularly given those cities' refusal on some occasions to detain illegal aliens with violent criminal histories, releasing them

instead into communities where they have no right to be.

Fortunately, Nevada policymakers — including legislators, sheriffs and municipal leaders — have wisely and consistently rejected this absurd and reckless approach. But make no mistake: The practice of allowing sanctuary cities to exist right in a neighboring state not only undermines the rule of law; it also threatens the safety of our own people here in Nevada.

The federal executive order aims to uphold our national immigration laws by denying federal grants to local jurisdictions that “willfully refuse” to comply with those laws (except in cases where necessary for law-enforcement purposes). Multiple California cities are challenging the order, and the legal battle continues today.

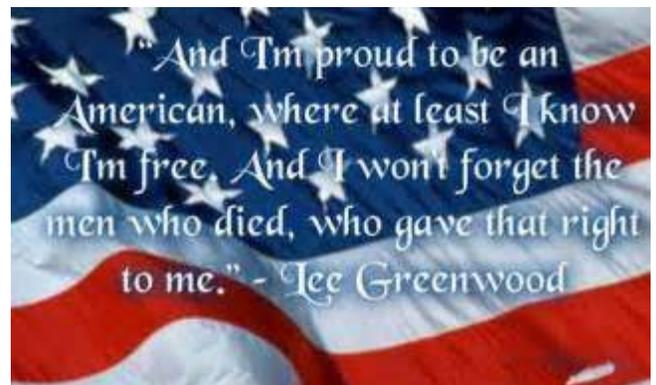
The unlawful actions of these California cities cannot be allowed to stand. They pose a clear and direct threat to public safety here in Nevada, and that's why it was so important that my office take action on this crucial issue.

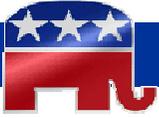
I will keep you posted on further developments in our efforts, but rest assured — protecting our people remains my top priority, and my office will continue to use all available means to defend Nevadans against the threat that sanctuary cities pose to our safety and to the rule of law.

Thanks for reading, and for all your support.

Best,

Adam Laxalt





CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS



Why I'm a Republican

By Judy Miller

I grew up in a bi-partisan household. My father, born of Hungarian immigrants, was staunchly conservative. He believed that with hard work and the freedoms this country affords, we could achieve our goals. My mother was a southern Democrat, but rarely engaged in political discussions. When it came to politics, I listened to my Dad.

I grew up on the east coast in a middle-class suburb of Philadelphia. My father rode a train to work downtown. He selflessly devoted his life to providing for his 5 children. My mother taught piano to make ends meet.

The basic conservative principles I learned from my father were: limited government, lower taxes and promotion of, not competition with, private industry. Government is here to serve the people, not handcuff them.

I worked in both private industry and the public sector. I returned to work when my children entered elementary school. The economy wasn't doing too well, so I felt fortunate to be hired as an entry-level programmer for a Bay Area municipality. The vast majority of city workers were on the liberal side. They sought bigger government and more taxes. I was always striving for just the opposite. As I worked my way up the ranks, I looked for ways to save the taxpayers' money and get the best value. I remember going out on my lunch hour to shop for lightly used office furniture for my staff because the offerings through the city's purchasing department were in my mind just too extravagant. I was responsible for a volume purchase of computer

equipment when computers were more expensive than they are today. I pushed for the ability to buy equipment from a Texas manufacturer whose equipment was just as reliable, but far less expensive than brand x which was the "standard." I handled my budget of the taxpayers' money as carefully as I did my own.

I have to admit, I wasn't particularly interested in politics for much of my life. I started attending Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) meetings soon after I moved here. I was curious about what a General Improvement District really is. It didn't look or act like any government I had ever known. But it is government and as I have learned it violates conservative principles at every opportunity. It appears to have a strongly entrenched liberal philosophy. IVGID's lavish spending of taxpayer's money (largely ignoring the use of public bidding), seeming endless expansion into new "businesses" that compete with the private sector, and refusal to lower fees after paying off bonds were the reason that fees were increased in the first place – a triple threat of a liberal mindset.

I feel so privileged to work alongside the engaged and informed women of IVCBRW who oppose the ongoing shenanigans of our local government agency, and are continually involved in state and national issues that threaten our conservative values. As we have seen from the recent state legislative session, we have our work cut out for us there, too. If we stand united, and get out the truth, we can and will make positive change in our government at all levels.

As we celebrate our Nation's birthday and the freedoms we enjoy, let's work together to keep those freedoms in place.



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Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers of the people alone. The people themselves are its only safe depositories.
– Thomas Jefferson



CLUB NEWS AND VIEWS



KEEPING YOU INFORMED

The following information, provided by IVCBRW member and spells out the serious complications of the Parasol Building Proposal controversy.

Concerns Regarding Parasol Building Proposal

by Yolanda Knaak

Over the last couple months the Parasol Building Proposal controversy has sparked a lot of concern from Incline Village residents. Numerous residents attended the May IVGID meeting, and 45 residents wrote letters to the Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) board, only two were favorable.

The June 15, 2017 *Bonanza* article on the Parasol building was very insightful. The information in the article that was most concerning was the operating costs. ***It cost Parasol between 3.6 million per year and 8.1 million per year to operate the Parasol building!***

There are a couple other points, not included in the article that should be pointed out. According to the March 10, 2017 fact sheet, the IVGID board estimated the cost of a new office building as 4.2 million. So why consider purchasing the Parasol building for 5.5 million? That is an extra 1.3 million dollars! Even that 4.2 million might be a rather high estimate. There is an office building across the street from the Parasol building, with adequate space for IVGID, for sale for 1.2 million.

Another issue that hasn't been explained thoroughly is that extra space in the Parasol Building can't be rented out to businesses because of the deed restrictions. In fact the deed restrictions may not even allow Parasol to sell the building to IVGID. Currently there has been no

Preliminary Title Report as pointed out by Matthew Dent at the last IVGID meeting.

According to Cliff Dobler, another concern that many residents have is that the IVGID board is continuing to spend thousands of dollars evaluating the Parasol Building Proposal. The only two trustees who have spoken out against this are Matthew Dent and Tim Callicrate.

Residents can voice their opinion to the **IVGID board by writing a letter or emailing the members of the IVGID Board of Trustees:** Chairwoman Kendra Wong (wong_trustee@ivgid.org), Vice Chairman Philip Horan (horan_trustee@ivgid.org), Treasurer Matthew Dent (dent_trustee@ivgid.org), Secretary Tim Callicrate (callicrate_trustee@ivgid.org), and Trustee Peter Morris (morris_trustee@ivgid.org). Note that you must insert an “underscore” and **not a dash** between each name and “trustee” in each email address. ★☆☆★



If we start to count from the date that the Declaration of Independence was adopted (July 4, 1776) the United States of America turned 241 years old on July 4, 2017. It is with the

approval of the Declaration of Independence by the 13 original colonies that the United States ceased to be a British colony, and found its political identity as a sovereign country and an independent nation. The nation – building process was indeed a long and difficult task but the strength of the US is in its ability to constantly evolve and adapt to new global and domestic challenges.

There are a number of other significant political events that have shaped the US. The constitution of a country forms the basis of its legal and administrative systems, and the law of the land. Ratification of the Constitution of the United States was done on June 21, 1788 – the day New Hampshire ratified it. New Hampshire was the last state that had to ratify the constitution for it to be adopted across the country.



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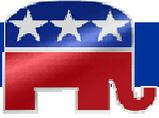
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INCLINE VILLAGE/CRYSTAL BAY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

-2017 Event Calendar-

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	RSVP BY
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.

MAMIE EISENHOWER LIBRARY PROJECT

July Book Offering:

The Children's Book About The Fourth of July - In Color!

by Steve Brown



The Awesome Story of the Fourth of July and How America Won Its Independence

Why do we celebrate the Fourth of July? Is it just another day to have fun and eat delicious food? Not exactly. The Fourth of July is

also called Independence Day, because it is the day that the United States became a free country in 1776. Start reading and discover . . .

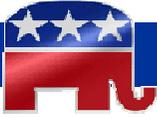
- Why did the Founding Fathers create the Declaration of Independence?
- What led to the American Revolution?
- What does the Declaration of Independence really say?
- Why were people afraid after the Declaration of Independence was signed?
- Why is it so important to know the true story of the Fourth of July?

And much more!

Discover the true story of Independence Day and the birth of the United States.

About MELP

The Mamie Eisenhower Library Project (MELP) is the National Federation of Republican Women's oldest program, celebrating more than 50 years of book donations from an approved list to schools, libraries, hospitals and other public institutions. Always more information at <http://www.nfrw.org/melp>.



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.

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Active \$35, any woman registered as a Republican

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Primary Club Membership OR any man registered as a Republican

CHECK AREAS OF INTEREST:

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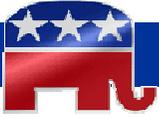
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