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You're invited by the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women to a luncheon



Tuesday, April 9, 2019

at The Chateau, 955 Fairway Boulevard, Incline Village | 11:30 am – 2:00 pm



- Are you worried about the federal government's shipping plutonium to Nevada?
- Are you concerned because President Trump's 2020 budget includes money for the proposed Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Depository?

Come hear **GARY DUARTE**, Director of the US Nuclear Energy Foundation, give us **"THE CASE FOR YUCCA MOUNTAIN."**

Tickets are \$25 per person and include lunch. A no-host bar is available. Advanced reservations are REQUIRED. Attendees without advance reservations will not be able to have lunch.

Please RSVP to Shirley Appel at <u>mrsradar@aol.com</u> or call 818-266-4402 no later than Friday, April 5th, 2019



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nuclear Waste in Nevada?

H ave you heard the recent report that the federal government shipped 1,102 pounds of plutonium to Nevada from South Carolina last fall without, allegedly, informing

state authorities? Whether Federal authorities gave Nevada adequate advance notice of the shipment is being disputed, given the common practice of not giving specifics about nuclear shipments for security reasons, but this is only one issue of many related to the handling, transport and storage of nuclear material in Nevada. In fact, Nevada is currently suing the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to stop any more shipments of plutonium to Nevada from South Carolina, on the grounds that the DOE's environmental review for the shipments violates federal environmental law.

Reports of this shipment -- as well as the inclusion of funding for Yucca Mountain in President Trump's 2020 budget -- have moved the Yucca Mountain controversy onto the proverbial front burner. Now is your chance to consider the case FOR and the case AGAINST the proposed Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository, by coming to our monthly meeting of April 9th for the case IN FAVOR; and to our meeting of May 14th for the case AGAINST.

Our April speaker, **Gary Duarte** of the US Nuclear Energy Foundation, reminds us that "nuclear energy is the largest clean energy source in the United States, producing more carbon-free electricity than all other sources combined, and generating more than 56 percent of America's emissionfree electricity." Besides discussing Yucca Mountain, Gary will preview some coming advancements in nuclear energy technology that may well do away with nuclear waste altogether. (For more information about Gary, see the meeting flyer on page one and Gary's bio on page 3.)

Should We Amend Our Bylaws?

The club's board of directors has proposed that we amend our bylaws to establish standards of behavior for our members regarding public support of Republicans either running for office or in office. The proposed amendment was presented at the March meeting and will be voted on at the meeting of April 9th. See pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter for details.

Sebastian Gorka Drops Some Gems

I had the pleasure of attending the Washoe County GOP's Lincoln Day Dinner, where the keynote speaker was **Sebastian Gorka**, former Deputy Assistant to President Trump for Strategy and now the National Security Strategist for Fox News. Some highlights of his presentation:

- "The left is selling socialism under the banner of environmentalism."
- "Donald Trump wants only two things for Americans -- for you and your family to be safe and to prosper."
- "When a conservative says to me, 'I can't stand the president's tweets,' I say 'Get a life! Without his tweets, you know who would be president today? Hillary Rodham Clinton!""
- "Double down!...President Donald J. Trump will never give up on you, so don't you dare give up on him! He needs force multipliers -- be the force multiplier for President Trump!"
- "Social media is one of the key things that keeps this president in the Oval Office...Document corruption and post it!"
- "There is only one truly strategic threat we face: China's 'One Belt, One Road" plan to displace America as the most powerful nation in the world by 2049, the 100th anniversary of their revolution."
- "The only guarantee of our Republic is the Second Amendment."
- [On the new attorney general:] "Bill Barr is exactly the person you want. He knows exactly what to do. I believe you will see very senior Obama-era officials at least charged with felonies."
- "We have all the arguments, but it's not facts that get votes. You must connect with people with stories, on an emotional level. We must connect with their hearts."

I hope to see all of you on April 9th!

Patricia





ABOUT OUR SPEAKER, Gary J. Duarte,

Director of the U.S. Nuclear Energy Foundation



In His Own Words

"My knowledge of nuclear energy is that of an average citizen, I am not a scientist or an engineer, but I am a layman with a mission, having seen the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power plant go online in 1972 and produce electrical

energy through 1997, for a 25-year successful operating history. I am also an entrepreneur, beginning at seven or eight years old when I talked an employee of a lumber company into building me a rock maple shoeshine box for a percentage of my earnings -- he did, I did, I paid, I still have it!

"I served as Executive Vice President of the Maine Jaycees [United States Junior Chamber of Commerce], and organized the first statewide multi-chapter March of Dimes Walk -A-Thon. I started Duarte Typesetting Company, the first computerized book phototypesetting company in the State of Maine and operated it successfully for 17 years. We developed a software application, Stylo-Type I, that was the first "Mac-based" mnemonic coding program to link a Macintosh computer to a Linotronic typesetting machine. While president of DeskTop ComPosition Systems, Inc., I coauthored a paper about standard generalized markup language (SGML), a predecessor language that became part of HTML, the hypertext markup language that is now used in WEB document processing.

After moving from Maine to Nevada in 1984, I taught Introduction to Printing & Graphics at Truckee Meadows Community College for several years as an industry specialist and worked for several years in the casino

entertainment realm on stage and as an audio video technician.

"I founded the U.S. Nuclear Energy Foundation

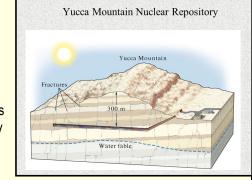


upon my retirement in 2006 to educate America about the truth of nuclear technology and the development of nuclear waste management and reprocessing. We produce literature and printed collaterals about nuclear technology, the nation's need for the Yucca Mountain Repository, renewable energy, advanced reactors, above -ground storage, etc. Our mission is grassroots education to renew, reuse, and recycle our nuclear industry. Most recently, I made a presentation on grassroots education on these issues to the Advanced Reactor Technical Summit III at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

"I grew up in Maine playing ice hockey for about 12 years in the Contractors League. I played with several local bands and had my own band, The Liverpool Gas Company, that played the PAL Hop Days at Lewiston City Hall."

Gary Duarte can be reached at comments@usnuclearenergy.org; or at (775) 224-2089.

he Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository, as designated by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act amendments of



1987, is to be a deep geological repository storage facility within Yucca Mountain for spent nuclear fuel and other high-level radioactive waste in the United States. The site is located on federal land adjacent to the Nevada Test Site in Nye County, Nevada, about 80 mi northwest of the Las Vegas Valley.





319 Square Miles

I n their infinite wisdom, the United States' Founders created the Electoral College to ensure the STATES were fairly represented. Why should one or two densely populated areas speak for the whole of the nation? The following list of statistics has been making the rounds on the Internet. It should finally put an end to the argument as to why the Electoral College makes sense. This information needs to be widely known and understood.

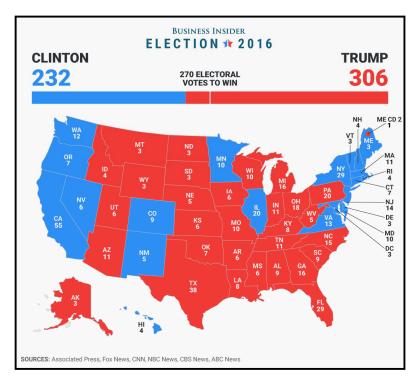
- There are 3,141 counties in the United States.
- Trump won 3,084 of them.
- Clinton won 57.
- There are 62 counties in New York State.
- Trump won 46 of them.
- Clinton won 16.
- Clinton won the popular vote by approx. 1.5 million votes.

In the 5 counties that encompass NYC, (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Richmond and Queens) Clinton received well over 2 million more votes than Trump. (Clinton only won 4 of these counties; Trump won Richmond.) Therefore, these 5 counties alone, more than accounted for Clinton winning the popular vote of the entire country.

These 5 counties comprise 319 square miles. The United States is comprised of 3,797,000 square miles.

When you have a country that encompasses almost 4 million square miles of territory, it would be ludicrous to even suggest that the vote of those who inhabit a mere 319 square miles should dictate the outcome of a national election. Large, densely populated Democrat cities (New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, etc.) DO NOT and SHOULD NOT speak for the rest of our country! And . . . it's been verified and documented that those aforementioned 319 square miles are where the majority of our nation's problems foment.

Article contributed by Linda Lingle via ICVBRW past President Linda Smith. Former two-term governor of Hawaii, Linda Lingle was the first Republican governor of Hawaii since 1962. Lingle was also the first female governor of Hawaii and its first Jewish governor. As governor, she created a record surplus of \$730 million, coming from the budget's previous deficit of \$250 million.



Electoral College Facts

Summarized from 3 sources

E ach state's allotment of electors equals the number of congressmen – according to population – plus two for each senator. A compromise between election by a vote in Congress and by popular vote, the Electoral College consists of 538 electors, so a majority of 270 is enough to get elected.[1]

The founding fathers established it in the Constitution as a compromise between election of the President by a vote in Congress and election of the President by a popular vote of qualified citizens. The Electoral College is a process, not a place.[2]

In the popular election, the American people actually vote for electors, not for the candidates themselves. Nominated persons, known as electors, from the states and the District of Columbia, meet every four years in their home state or district and cast ballots to choose the president and vice president of the United States.[3]

Sources:[1] rappler.com·[2] archives.gov·[3] encyclopedia.com



IT'S MEMBERSHIP **RENEWAL TIME!**

nother year has passed and A it's Spring. Time to renew your membership in the IV/CB Republican Women's Club for 2019. We have some great speakers that will help educate all of us throughout the year. With

2020 coming up FAST we need to know all there is to know!

We will again have our monthly luncheon meetings at the Chateau on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. We also will have our wonderful summer evening Garden Party meetings in July and August, which are always a great success. Stay tuned for the full schedule of events!

Please send in your membership payment and application (see page 6) to P.O. Box 3009 Incline Village, NV 89450, along with your check for \$35. Remember that your husband can join IVCB Republican Women as well as an Associate member for \$15

Shirley Appel

Second Vice President, Membership Chairman

NEW SEASONAL GUIDELINES For Our Luncheons at The Chateau

uring the off-season our meetings at the Chateau are on a new, strict RSVP policy. All RSVP's MUST be in by the Friday before the meeting if you want to be able to eat. The Chateau kitchen is closed until sometime in May when the golf course reopens; and in order to feed us they need to have the food brought in. This means that you can still come and join us for the meeting but will not be able to eat lunch. This also means that any cancellations must also be by the Friday before the luncheon or we must ask you to pay for the lunch. Walkins will be seated after all on-time RSVPs have been seated.

Colorado Democrat Governor Signs National Popular Vote Bill

Colorado Governor Jared Polis (D) recently signed into law the act which will allocate his state's 9 electoral college votes to whichever candidate wins



the so-called "national popular vote." This change, sought nearly exclusively by Democrats, won't take effect unless enough states sign on to the premise and commit their votes. The magic number is 270 electoral votes. The addition of Colorado's 9 brings the current tally of votes in what is dubbed the "National Popular Vote Interstate Compact" to 181

The underlying premise is that instead of voters in a state coming to an agreement on whom they wish to be chief executive, and then committing their state's voice to that candidate, the state will instead wait to see what happens with everyone else, and then go along with that.

Under the current system, the presidential election is in the main decided by the "battleground" states, and it is there that candidates tend to focus their campaigning. Under the proposed "national popular vote" method, large concentrations of population, primarily in liberal coastal states, will be the driving force in politics.

Thus it is the case that issues which matter to people in Colorado, for example, will not have the same importance as issues which affect New Yorkers. Just as battleground states now absorb and pre-occupy candidates, under the proposed system it is logical to conclude that issue campaigning would focus on the particulars and peculiarities of large, dense population areas.

Not everyone sees that change as disadvantageous, but in large part Republican legislatures do. In the case of both former President George W. Bush and President Donald Trump, a national popular vote would have meant the Democrat in office instead. A national popular vote would certainly be convenient for Democrats.

Source: The Blaze, March 16, 2019, Caleb Howe, a conservative writer and editor.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLUB BYLAWS SET FOR A VOTE AT APRIL 9th MEETING

By Patricia Moser Morris, President

Y ou may remember that last year, the club held a forum of the three Republican candidates for IVGID. This was also attended by the fourth candidate for IVGID, a registered Democrat, so we felt that it was important to explain to our members (as well as to our guest, the Democratic candidate) why we could not give him the opportunity to speak. While considering how to explain this, I discovered to my surprise that our club's bylaws are inconsistent with the requirements of the bylaws of both the National Federation of Republican Women and the Nevada Federation of Republican Women. The bylaws of both federations provide that clubs may be removed from membership for failure to support the GOP ticket, advocating a split party ticket, supporting one Republican candidate to the exclusion of other candidates in a primary election, supporting a candidate on an opposition ticket, and/or providing a forum for any non-Republican of high profile – among other things. Yet our club's bylaws do not apply these requirements to our members.

I also found that the bylaws of the Washoe County Republican Party Central Committee say that members of the Central Committee, "May actively and/or openly support any candidate who most closely aligns with our core values for any partisan or non-partisan office, provided there is no candidate registered as a Republican seeking the same partisan or non-partisan office;...." and that a member may be removed from the Central committee for violating this rule.

When I looked at the bylaws of some other local Nevada Republican women's clubs, I found that some have similar language, and some do not. Examples are [emphasis added] "Any member who publicly supports a candidate of an opposition party in a campaign for which a Republican is also a candidate shall be removed from membership" (Carson City RW and Fernley RW); Any member who "advocates a split party ticket may be removed from membership" (Fernley RW); "The Club and its President shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in contested Republican primaries, runoff elections, and special elections, and/or nonpartisan elections when more than one Republican primaries, but not in the name of the Club or Federation" (Mesquite RW); and "Any member who advocated splitting the party ticket or supporting an opposition candidate shall be suspended from membership in the Active Republican Women's Club of Las Vegas." (Active Republican Women of Las Vegas)

It seemed to me that if our Republican women's club takes its support for Republican values and candidates seriously, our bylaws should be consistent with the bylaws of the National Federation of Republican Women and the Nevada Federation of Republican women. So, I drafted the following language of a proposed amendment to our club's bylaws:

[N.B. The <u>underlined</u> *italicized* wording is the proposed new wording to Article III of the club's bylaws:]

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 5. Individual Member - Removal from Membership

<u>A</u>. Any member or associate member may be removed from membership for using the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's membership roster for promotional, marketing, commercial, or business purposes. The membership roster is to be used exclusively by members and associates and shall be restricted for Club business only and shall not be made available to non-members. Providing the membership

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roster to non-members and/or the use of the membership roster to non-members by any member or associate member of the Club will be considered abuse of the roster and may result in removal from the Club.

<u>B.</u> Members and associate members of the Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women may actively and/or openly support any candidate who most closely aligns with our core values for any partisan or non-partisan office, provided there is no candidate registered as a Republican seeking the same partisan or non-partisan office. Any member or associate member may be removed from membership for speaking disparagingly in public of a Republican candidate or office holder; providing a forum for a non-Republican of high profile; promoting a candidate of another party in public or in print in a partisan or non-partisan election where a Republican is also a candidate; publicly endorsing any candidate for public office in contested Republican primaries, runoff elections, and special elections, and/or non-partisan elections when more than one Republican is in the race. Removal shall be by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Should a member resign or be removed from membership for cause, a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors shall determine whether said member shall be eligible for reinstatement.

The club's bylaws chair, Connie Skidmore, recommended this proposed amendment to the club's Board of Directors, who voted unanimously to recommend its adoption to the membership.

I'd like to emphasize that this proposed bylaws amendment would not be retroactive. We are not looking backward; we are looking forward, to the future.

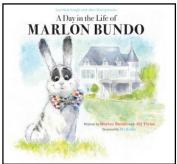
Our club's bylaws provide two methods for amending them. One is to send each member of the club the proposed amendment 30 days before asking for a vote at a monthly general membership meeting. The second method is to present the amendment at a monthly general membership meeting, and vote on the amendment at the following monthly general membership meeting. The Board of Directors chose to follow the second method of amending the bylaws; so I presented the proposed amendment at the March general membership meeting, answered questions, and noted suggestions about it.

The club will vote on the adoption of the amendment at the April 9th meeting. Meanwhile, if you have questions or would like to propose changes to the amendment, please email them to our bylaws chair, Connie Skidmore, at cwskid@att.net with a copy to me at pmosermorris@gmail.com.



A Day in the Life of MARLON BUNDO

Karen Pence, wife of Vice President Mike Pence, has introduced a new book she produced with her daughter, Charlotte Pence, about Marlon Bundo, their pet rabbit and his life at the Vice President's home.



From the moment he hopped into the home of America's "Second Family," blackand-white bunny rabbit Marlon Bundo captured the hearts of Vice President Mike Pence, his wife Karen, and his children Michael, Charlotte, and Audrey. But little Marlon Bundo isn't just a family pet: like Peter Rabbit and Bugs Bunny before him, Marlon--or BOTUS--is a national celebrity. With his appearances at official White House events, his rides on Air Force 2, and his popular Instagram account, Marlon Bundo has become a beloved member of the Trump-Pence administration. So how does a bunny experience a day in the life of the Vice President? Now, young readers can find out!



The Resilient Band

Band of Wounded Veterans Healing Through Music: "We Just Wear Our Scars on the Outside"



The Resilient is an American rock band comprised of some of the most combat wounded people in history. According to their website, they met at Walter Reed Hospital through the MusiCorps program during their physical rehabilitation, and have since developed and maintained a brotherly bond through their friendship and commitment to music.

Even though they have each faced horrible circumstances, they are showing that they are as their band name insinuates, resilient. "Even though we're different and come from different backgrounds, the common thread is not only the military background, but we also have our amputations," Marc Owens, vocalist and acoustic guitarist, said in a video on the band's YouTube account. "I think music is connected to every part of life. It definitely played a part of my healing process after I got hurt in Afghanistan," Donley said. "It has the capacity to just kinda like get you to let go."

With many of its members literally given a second chance at life, The Resilient have committed to a new mission: presenting and sharing their powerful message through songwriting and a passion for honest musicianship. Audiences across the country will confirm that witnessing this rare unity of military discipline and artistic freedom, along



with their extraordinary physical abilities that allow them to overcome and perform like there is no tomorrow, is what makes The Resilient unmissable.

The Resilient is comprised of five musicians, four of whom are veterans that have lost at least one limb in combat. Both the lead vocalist, Tim Donley, and the bassist, Marcus D'Andrea, lost both of their legs. Guitarist Nate Kalwicki lost his right leg. Drummer Juan Dominguez uses a modified pedal and drum stick so he can play his instrument after losing both of his legs and his right arm in Afghanistan.

https://www.westernjournal.com/l/kaylakunkel/band -wounded-veterans-healing-music-just-wear-scars-



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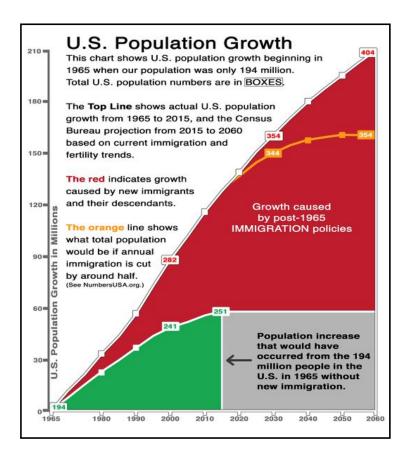


The Border Crisis Continues

Washington Post, New York Times, among others, have begun to acknowledge that there is, indeed, a border crisis. A recent lead story in *The Washington Post* carried the headline "Democrats in a bind as border arrests soar."

In 2018 there was a 31 percent increase in apprehensions of illegal border crossers, and Border Patrol is on pace to apprehend more than 550,000 illegal border crossers in the current fiscal year. The number of family units apprehended after crossing the border illegally has already surpassed last year's record-high ... in just 5 months! And after apprehending more than 76,000 illegal border crossers in February, representing a 12-year high for the month, DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said. The Border Patrol apprehended or turned back more than 100,000 illegal border crossers in March, and they project more than 1 million illegals this year will attempt to cross the U.S. Border.

NumbersUSA Capitol Hill team prepared the following chart that details border apprehensions over the last 6 years, highlighting the increase in the apprehension of family units who cross the border illegally. The full bars indicate the total number of apprehensions for each fiscal year, while the



green and blue portions detail the number of apprehensions of family units and unaccompanied minors, respectively. Keep in mind that the final bar on the right is for only the first five months of this year!

The growing number of family units is most concerning as increasing numbers of Central Americans take advantage of the "credible fear" loophole along other loopholes. Central American adults cross the border illegally with minors (who may or may not be their child or other relative) because they know the Trump Administration is hesitant to detain them after last year's media hysteria over court-forced family separations. Furthermore, the *Los Angeles Times* reported recently that detention space is at maximum capacity, forcing ICE to release some illegal border crossers who are turned over to them from the Border Patrol.

Of course, most Democrats' preferred solution to the border surge is to make it even easier for migrants to enter and remain in the country as potential future voters.

President Trump says he is ready to close the southern border between Mexico and the United States, but says Mexico has made a "big difference." He concedes potential economic damage but says security is more important.

Source: Chris Chmielsenski, NUMBERSUSA, Deputy Director, March 22, 2019.







Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Compares Migrants to Jews Fleeing Holocaust

n a recent Facebook Live video podcast of "The Ben Shapiro Show," host and Editor-in-Chief of the *Daily Wire*, Ben Shapiro recently blasted Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) for comparing migrants on the southern border to Jewish victims fleeing the Holocaust as "disgusting," "insulting." "Comparing migrants at the southern border to Jewish

victims of the Holocaust is not only disgusting, it's insulting historically, intellectually on every level," he stated. Many on the left and in the media believe Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (often referred to as AOC) has been appointed as a "thought leader" for the Democratic Party.

Ocasio-Cortez is a member of the Democratic Socialists of America. Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib are the first two members of the group in Congress. She advocates for a progressive platform that includes Medicare For All, a federal jobs guarantee, a proposed Green New Deal, abolishing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, free public college and trade school, and a 70 percent marginal tax rate for incomes above \$10 million. Before running for Congress, she served as an educational director for the 2017 Northeast Collegiate World Series for the National Hispanic Institute. Ocasio-Cortez majored in international relations and economics at Boston University, graduating cum laude in 2011.

Source: <u>https://www.cnsnews.com/blog/michael-morris/ben-shapiro-blasts-alexandria-ocasio-cortez-comparing-migrants-jews-fleeing;</u> excerpts from article by Michael Morris; about AOC from Wikipedia.



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