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



Tuesday, May 14th, 2019

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



Are you wondering why Republican as well as Democratic governors of Nevada have opposed Yucca Mountain?

Come hear **PAM ROBINSON**, Policy Director for former Governor Brian Sandoval, give us **"THE CASE AGAINST 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 mrsradar@aol.com
or call 818-266-4402 **no later than**
Friday, May 10th, 2019



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yucca Mountain

The case of Yucca Mountain (whether or not we should proceed with the project to build an underground nuclear waste repository there) is one of the

issues confronting Nevada that are truly bipartisan – that is, there are Republicans and Democrats on both sides of the issue. This, even though the political leadership of the state has been all but uniformly opposed to the project. Nevertheless, the issue is still very much alive, and goes to the proverbial “front burner” during every legislative session, if not more often. Right now, it is before the State Senate, and funding for Yucca Mountain is also included in President Trump’s 2020 budget. So the time to inform ourselves and take a position on it is now.

Last month, Gary Duarte of the US Nuclear Energy Foundation gave us the case in favor of handling, transporting and storing nuclear material in Nevada at Yucca Mountain. On May 14th, we will have the pleasure of hearing the case against Yucca Mountain from Pam Robinson, who was Governor Sandoval’s Policy Director and handled energy, natural resources and tourism issues for him, as well as special projects.

I hope to see everyone there, and I also hope to see more of you at the Legislative Building in Carson City during this 80th Legislative Session, which ends on June 4th. Check out the directions on page 4 of this newsletter for how to arrange to sit with our club member and Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner during an Assembly session. Yolanda and I sat with her, and it was fun!

More on the Legislative Session

Kudos to our club Legislative Chair, Yolanda Knaak, who is also the Legislative Chair of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women. Yolanda has been diligently identifying and tracking pending legislation that is of interest to us and sending our members “legislative alerts” recommending that they take positions on it. Yolanda, of course, has taught us several methods of making our

voices heard at the state legislature, but I strongly recommend that if you do nothing else, you go online to www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Opinions/80th2019/, and record your position on pending legislation. You will also have the opportunity to make a comment should you wish to, but this is not obligatory. Although you will be asked for your name and address, that information will not be shared with ANYONE except your assembly member and senator. I assure you that legislators consult this web page when considering how to vote on pending legislation, so it is important that you record your opinion there.

Patricia Moser Morris

President

At our May 14th luncheon you will hear Part 2 of our club’s treatment of “The Case AGAINST Yucca Mountain.” If you missed Part 1, “The Case FOR Yucca Mountain” at our April 9th meeting, you can watch it at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihFn37EYl1g&t=1s>

NEW SEASONAL GUIDELINES FOR OUR LUNCHEONS AT THE CHATEAU

During 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 the golf courses reopen sometime in May, and in order to feed us they need to have the food brought in specially. This means that you can still come and join us for the meeting without a reservation, but you 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. Walk-ins will be seated after all on-time RSVPs have been seated.



You're Invited May 14th, 2019 to a Luncheon

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER,
Pam Robinson,
Policy Director for former Governor Brian Sandoval



Pam Robinson most recently was the Policy Director for former Governor Brian Sandoval. She was responsible for energy, natural resources and tourism issues for the Governor, as well as special

projects. She also supervised the Washington, D.C. office and managed the issues associated with the Western Governors' Association and the National Governors' Association.

Prior to her appointment by Governor Sandoval, Pam served as Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor Brian Krolicki and managed Nevada's Sesquicentennial celebration, which included over 500 events held all around the State.

Pam's professional career began as staff to the late Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich, for whom she ultimately served as Legislative Director before joining the professional staff of the former U.S. House of Representatives Interior Committee, now known as the Natural Resources Committee.

After relocating back to the West from Washington, D.C., she served as the legislative liaison for the United States Forest Service at Lake Tahoe. Her federal career concluded working in the Nevada offices of Senator John Ensign and Senator Dean Heller.

In 2017, Robinson was honored by the Nevada Women's Fund as one of its 2017

Women of Achievement. In 2018, Governor Brian Sandoval appointed Pam to the Nevada Commission on Tourism. She also serves on the non-profit "Friends of the Mansion" which helps raise funds for Nevada's Governor's Mansion.

A native of Utah, Pam is an active volunteer in Carson City, including church activities and the Boys and Girls Club of Western Nevada. She enjoys cooking, antiques, hunting and exploring off-the-grid destinations in Nevada – Jarbidge being a favorite – especially with her husband, Steve, and son, Matt.

Cons to Yucca Mountain



- Nevada should not have to store other states' waste
- Risk of contamination while transporting waste to the site
- Approximately 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas
- Chance of earthquakes in the area, which could lead to corrosion
- Uncertainty- what will really happen in the future? Will this repository really work?

The Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository, as designated by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act



amendments of 1987, is proposed 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 miles northwest of the Las Vegas Valley.



HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?



Time to renew your membership in the IV/CB Republican Women's Club for 2019 if you haven't already done so. 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 also will have a wonderful summer garden party meeting in July. August will feature an evening event at the Chateau with Buzz Patterson, who was President Clinton's military attaché and followed him around with the nuclear football.

Please send in your membership payment and application (see page 10) 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

MORE HAPPENINGS AT OUR MAY 14TH MEETING

A Report from the County Registrar of Voters

Jon Brown, [Coordinator of Outreach Programs for the Washoe County Registrar of Voters](#), will give a brief report at the May 14th club meeting on the new rules for the 2020 elections.

College Scholarship Winner to be Announced

The winner of our club's \$4,000 Marianne Ingemanson Award, a college scholarship awarded to a senior graduating from Incline High School, will be introduced and will read her winning essay!

SIT WITH ASSEMBLYWOMAN LISA KRASNER IN THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER DURING A FLOOR SESSION



Our Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner (who is also a member of our club!), has invited us to visit her at the Nevada State Legislature and/or sit with her in the Assembly Chamber during a Floor Session. This opportunity is available until May 30th, bearing in mind that the schedule of legislative sessions can be somewhat irregular. If you are interested in visiting Lisa in her office or sitting with her during an Assembly session, please contact Deb Paul, Lisa's Legislative Attaché, at (775) 684-8848 or Deborah.paul@asm.state.nv.us.

If seats with Lisa are already taken and you would like to sit with another GOP assembly member, please contact Jennifer Baker, Communications Director in the Office of the Minority Leader of the Assembly, at 775-684-8515 or Jennifer.Baker@asm.state.nv.us.

One can never have too many laughs . . .
And indeed, the present U.S. House of Representatives provides daily merriment!





More Migrants are Crossing the Border this Year. What's Changed?

In the past, undocumented immigrants were mostly single men from Mexico, but that's no longer the case. Let's take a look at who is coming and what is driving them. Border Patrol apprehended 136,150 people traveling in families with children in the first five months of this fiscal year that began in October.

President Trump has tried to halt the arrival of undocumented migrants by beefing up border security, limiting who qualifies for asylum and, for a while, separating migrant children from their parents at the border. However, recent figures released suggest that those measures are failing to deter tens of thousands of migrants from journeying over land to the United States. Indeed, after shriveling to the smallest total in five decades, the number of migrants intercepted at the southern border — the best indicator of how many undocumented people are entering the United States — is soaring again. Border authorities detained nearly twice as many migrants — 268,044 — in the first five months of the fiscal year that started in October than were detained in the same period the previous year.

To understand what's happening, it's important to look at who is coming, what is driving them and how the answers to those questions have changed over the years. It used to be about Mexico. But no more. In the past, undocumented immigrants were overwhelmingly single men from Mexico who slipped into the country undetected to find work and send money home. But immigration from Mexico has plummeted in recent years. More Mexicans are leaving than arriving in the United States. Mexicans are less compelled to come because there are more opportunities in their own country and they have smaller families to support.

Therefore, Central American families have become the new face of undocumented immigration. In the first five months of the fiscal year that began in October, the Border Patrol detained 136,150 people traveling in families with children,

compared with 107,212 during all of fiscal 2018. A trend toward family migration from Central America that began when Barack Obama was president has endured.

Poverty is driving much of the latest migration. Many Central Americans live in fear. El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala have among the world's highest homicide rates. Arriving migrants report that they have faced extortion, and want to prevent their children from being recruited by street gangs. But murder rates in the Northern Triangle countries have been declining in recent years, and economic imperatives are believed to be the most important push factor for the majority of recent arrivals. More than 90 percent of the most recent migrants are from

Guatemala, according to the newly released data.

Migrants generally lack understanding of United States immigration law. But they appear to be informed about the basics. The majority know to request asylum at the border, either at an official port of entry or when they surrender to border agents shortly after sneaking into the country from Mexico. They know that they are unlikely to

remain detained if they travel with a child and that they have a better shot at fending off deportation when they come with a child. By law, the government cannot keep migrant families in holding facilities at the border for more than 72 hours. It must either transfer them to an immigration detention facility suitable for children or release them. The government has been forced because of present immigration law for letting thousands of detained migrants go free each week. Also there are not enough beds to hold them in family detention facilities. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's three residential family centers — two in southern Texas and one in Pennsylvania — can accommodate 3,326 parents and children.



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What's Changed?

The U.S.-Mexico border is a daily headline and a political football. The largest number of migrants arrive in Texas, but there appears to be a growing number who are entering through remote areas of Arizona and New Mexico. Also Customs and Border Protection officials believe that the various legal rulings preventing families from being detained have helped solidify the message to smugglers, who roam villages offering to guide people to the United States, that adults who come with a child are protected from deportation.

It's not that easy to get asylum, though. Whether they sneak into the country in remote areas or enter the country through a port of entry, most migrants are trying to petition for asylum. In 2008, just under 5,000 applicants claimed they had a credible fear of persecution, the first legal step toward obtaining asylum, to avoid being returned to their homeland. Last year, nearly 100,000 claimed a credible fear.

The Trump administration contends that people are flooding the asylum system with invalid claims. In recent years, immigration judges have granted less than 20 percent of asylum requests, a proportion that is even lower for Central Americans. Many asylum seekers from Central America claim they have been victims of gangs, which is harder to prove than political and other types of persecution. Poverty is not among the grounds for receiving asylum. If they are denied, asylum seekers can be deported. But since many are released while their case is pending, some never return to court and evade deportation.

Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/05/us/crossing-the-border-statistics.html>, article by Miriam Jordan who is a national immigration correspondent.



“A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation.”
~ Ronald Reagan

GIVE THE PRESIDENT HIS BORDER MONEY!



The *New York Times* editorial board published an editorial Sunday, May 5th, 2019, calling on Congress to “give [President Donald] Trump his border money.” While they may not be on

board with the idea of a border wall, they admitted that the current border facilities were in danger of being overwhelmed by the massive influx of people illegally crossing into the United States.

What did they say? – The editors acknowledged that a border crisis exists, but they don't view it in the same way Trump does. “President Trump is right: There is a crisis at the southern border. Just not the one he rants about,” the editors said at the start of the piece, setting their usual critical tone of the Trump administration. While the sheer number of people surging toward the border is undeniable, Trump has said that he views their entry to the U.S. as an “invasion,” while the *Times* sees them as refugees in need of assistance.

The editors noted that the number of arrests by Border Patrol agents is rising, while at the same time the number of resources, including beds in detention facilities, has failed to keep up with demand.

Specifically, the editors expressed their support for the Trump administration's latest request for \$4.5 billion in emergency border funding. This funding comes with something they believe is desperately needed: However, most of it would go toward humanitarian programs, including the office in charge of handling unaccompanied children who enter the U.S. illegally. “None of the money,” the *Times* noted, “would go toward Mr. Trump's border wall.”

Further, the editors were concerned that without this funding, the Trump administration's tough stance on detaining illegal immigrants would strain the existing detention system to a breaking point. *The editors warned Democrats* to keep their “tinkering” with the specifics of this funding request “as narrow and targeted as possible,” arguing that the White House would have to meet a few conditions of its own if it was “serious about needing the money.”

Source: On line news from *TheBlaze*, article by Mike Ciandella, a conservative writer at *TheBlaze* and *Conservative Review*.



Trump Takes Lead on Protecting US from Oft-Overlooked Danger that Threatens Grid



One of the most potentially devastating threats to American security is the threat of an electromagnetic pulse. Such an event could be life-changing and could ruin electronic devices in large sections of the country. The Trump administration is alert to this threat and has taken steps to confront it. Recently, the White House unveiled an executive order titled “Coordinating National Resilience to Electromagnetic Pulses.” This necessary first step will begin a difficult process to create full protection from an electromagnetic pulse.

An electromagnetic pulse is a burst of electromagnetic energy. The potentially most devastating pulse would be caused by a nuclear weapon detonated at a high altitude, though the sun can also generate bursts of energy just as damaging during solar storms. An electromagnetic pulse or similar event would paralyze the country, since it would fry electric circuits and damage critical infrastructure. Our life now depends on a stable supply of electricity more than at any other point in our history. Suddenly losing electricity would be truly devastating.

This is not pie-in-the-sky business. North Korea’s ballistic missiles are now capable of reaching the United States. It also possesses nuclear weapons, and its official documents talk about using the electromagnetic pulse against the United States.

The president’s executive order assigns Cabinet secretaries with electromagnetic pulse-related responsibilities within their own purview. For example, the secretary of state is given the task of leading coordination efforts with U.S. allies and international

partners. The secretary of defense is put in charge of improving and developing the ability to rapidly characterize, attribute, and provide warning of an electromagnetic pulse.

Other responsibilities are assigned to the secretaries of commerce, homeland security, energy, and the director of national intelligence.

The executive order mandates that the assistant to the president for national security affairs, through the National Security Council staff, be in charge of coordinating “the development and implementation of executive branch actions to assess, prioritize, and manage the risks of [electromagnetic pulses].”

Delegating this issue to the National Security Council staff carries a risk given the council’s relatively high staff turnover rate. The administration will have to ensure that mandated action items are delivered according to the timelines outlined in the executive order.

While the U.S. military currently tests its equipment to withstand the effects of an electromagnetic pulse, no such comparable effort is ongoing in the civilian world. For the most part, the military depends on the civilian power grid to meet its own power needs, which makes it all the more puzzling that the military doesn’t pay that much attention to whether the civilian systems are secure. There are no easy ways to harden the grid and increase its resilience.

The most critical task is to increase the key stakeholders’ (e.g. electric companies and owners of the grid) access to information about electromagnetic pulses and align authority and responsibility in both the public and private sectors in order to prepare for and respond to an electromagnetic pulse attack.

The president’s executive order is a good first stepping stone.

Source: Article authored by Michaela Dodge, who specializes in missile defense, nuclear weapons modernization and arms control as policy analyst for defense and strategic policy in The Heritage Foundation’s Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies. This article was originally published by The Daily Signal.



On 15 April 2019, shortly before 6:50 p.m. EST, a fire broke out in the roof of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France, causing considerable damage to the building. The cathedral's spire and roof collapsed, and significant damage was done to the interior, upper walls and windows of the church. However, the stone ceiling vault beneath the roof prevented most of the fire from falling into the interior of the cathedral below.

Notre Dame and 9/11

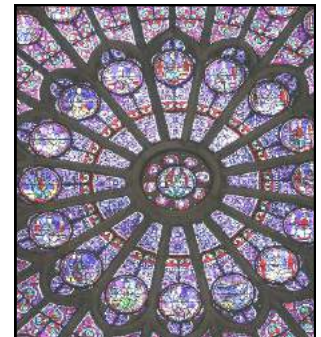
By Patricia Moser Morris

I watched, aghast, as Notre Dame Cathedral burned. Why could the fire not be stopped? I remembered how, as an au pair in a Paris suburb decades ago, I used to visit Notre Dame almost every Sunday. It seemed such a privilege to be able to go in and walk around, breathing in the quiet and the beauty of the incomparable cathedral. I especially liked to gaze at the stained-glass windows in the shape of a rose and revel in how they painted the light in many colors. Everything was surpassingly beautiful. Now, it seemed to be going up in smoke. I sent a prayer to God begging him not to allow the cathedral to be destroyed.

The reactions of the people in Paris watching the conflagration reminded me of our reactions to 9/11. Even though this fire was not (apparently) caused by terrorists, the shock, disbelief, and sadness of the people at this blow to the French national psyche seemed to be like ours had been. The Cathédrale de Notre-Dame has ten bells and they all have names. The largest bell, named "Emmanuel," dates from the 1100's, weighs over 13 tons and survived the fire. Because of its great age, "Emmanuel" is hardly ever rung, yet on September 12, 2001, Emmanuel tolled for over an hour for the United States of America ("l'Amérique"), for the lives lost on 9/11.

Truly, the destinies of the American and French peoples have been intertwined since the time of the American Revolution. The Marquis de Lafayette served on General George Washington's staff during that war and was like

a son to Washington – indeed, without the help of the French, the Americans would never have been able to defeat Great Britain, the greatest military power of the era. The cost to the French state of the assistance provided to the nascent United States was so great that it led indirectly to the French Revolution. Napoleon's decision to sell Louisiana to the United States during the presidency of Thomas Jefferson enabled us to acquire peacefully the territory that eventually became all or part of 15 states. In 1876, French schoolchildren contributed enough money to commission and send us the Statue of Liberty. When the United States entered World War I on France's side, General John Joseph "Black Jack" Pershing, on arriving with his troops on French soil, proclaimed, "Lafayette, we are here!"



The rose window survived the fire.

Gratitude is a virtue seldom seen nowadays, so I was quite touched to see an interview on TV a few June 6th's ago, of an American veteran of the Normandy invasion now in his 90's. He explained, when asked why he hadn't returned to Normandy until now, that he couldn't afford to, but that this time, the French government had given him the trip. For years now, the French government has been tracking down the surviving veterans of Normandy and paying their way back. When they come back, the French take schoolchildren to see them and thank them, holding miniature French and American flags.

Vive la France! Vivent les Etats-Unis!



CLUB BYLAWS AMENDED TO IMPLEMENT STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT BY CLUB MEMBERS OF GOP CANDIDATES AND OFFICIALS

To make the club's bylaws consistent with the requirements of the National Federation of Republican Women and the Nevada Federation of Republican Women, they were amended at the April meeting by a unanimous vote of those present with one abstention. The amended bylaws are now in effect going forward.

[N.B. The underlined italicized wording is the approved new wording to Article III of the club's bylaws:]

APPROVED BYLAW AMENDMENT

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 5. Individual Member – Removal from Membership

A. 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 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.

B. *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 for the same office; publicly endorsing any candidate for public office in contested Republican primaries, runoff elections, and special elections, and/or non-partisan elections to the exclusion of other Republican candidates in a political campaign. 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.*



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: _____

Home Phone with Area Code: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax Number: _____ Birthday: Month _____ Date _____

Email address (for roster and newsletter):

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,

_____ OR any man registered as a Republican

PRIMARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP

CHECK AREAS OF INTEREST:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art or Graphic Art Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter at Meetings |
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MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK to the following address:

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P. O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450
Always more information for you at our website: ivcbrw.org



In the United States a common definition of terrorism is the systematic or threatened use of violence to create a general climate of fear to intimidate a population or government and thereby effect political, religious, or ideological change. According to a 2017 report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, "of the 85 violent extremist incidents that resulted in death since September 12, 2001, far right wing violent extremist groups were responsible for 62 (73 percent) while radical Islamist violent extremists were responsible for 23 (27 percent). (Wikipedia)

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May Member Birthdays

Table listing member birthdays: Judith Buckingham (10), Karen Schimmelmann (13), Tim Callicrate (17), Barbara Steadman (17), Ronnie Bayduza (20), Kaye Shackford (26), Charlotte Curtis (28), Candy Perine (31)



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