



# DCRW NEWS

The Latest From Douglas County  
Republican Women

March 2024

## President's Message



With little time to plan a Voter ID petition signature drive to be done at the First in the West Caucus, I am thrilled to report that the joint effort and partnership between DCRW and our sister club, Sierra Nevada Republican Women, resulted in getting 2,119 signatures or 52% of the 4,076 Douglas County Republican Caucus voters. A big thank you to the 50 volunteers who participated in this yeoman's effort to get Voter ID on the November ballots.

I would like to extend a special thanks to our Legislative Chair Virginia Nisse whom I consider our subject matter expert in the voter ID petition arena. Virginia put her skills learned in the 2022 Voter ID Ballot Initiative to good use not only in training our volunteers but also reaching out to volunteers who had helped in this same effort last election cycle. One such volunteer recruited her own team for her site – thank you, Julie Moore. Two more volunteers who made a big difference in the administration of this effort are Karen Harrison and our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership, Judy Marsh. Their computer skills in building our spread sheet helped us stay organized and in communication with our happy band of voter ID warriors!

Other DCRW members who participated in some way are Cindy Arvayo, Brenda Robertson, Christine Blackburn, Rose Brady, Judy & Gary Brooke, Betsy Cole, Dallas Debatin,

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## You Are Invited

Come find out what the Douglas County Republican Women are all about. You are invited to join us at any of our regular monthly lunch meetings held the first Wednesday of every month.

### Next Meeting: March 6th

Valley Christian Fellowship  
1681 Lucerne St., Minden

Doors open 11:00 am

**Social Hour: 11:00-11:45 a.m.**

Meeting starts at 11:45 a.m.

Reservations Required

To reserve your spot contact:

Elinor Lacy at 415•985•5432

[elinoralacy3@comcast.net](mailto:elinoralacy3@comcast.net)

Cost: \$15.00

Reservation deadline:

**March 1, 2024**

### *This Month's Menu*

Meatloaf and  
Mashed Potatoes

## February Guest Speakers

“Here comes the judge!” Or  
More accurately, “Here  
come the justice of the peace  
candidates!”



All four candidates have accepted DCRW's invitation to be featured speakers at our upcoming March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Michael Johnson is running against Rick Gardner for the Tahoe Township, and Jeff Schemenauer is running against Laurie Trotter for the East Fork Township.



Michael Johnson

Yes, the election for these folks is in November, but now is the time to meet and offer support to them before all the local primary race commotion starts.



A significant part of the high degree of safety we enjoy in Douglas County comes by way of what happens in our Justice Courts. Don't miss this great opportunity to be an informed voter. ♦



Jeff Schemenauer



Laurie Trotter



## President's Message (cont'd)

Kathy Brownlee, Peggy Dodd, Laura Gardner, Terri & Charlie Huffman, Elinor Lacy, June & Norm Shafer, Paige & Bill Shaw, Evelyn Shields, Barbara Smallwood, Louise Sparks, Irene Taylor, and Charli Ursic. I hope I haven't missed anyone!!!!

When the Voter ID Constitutional Amendment passes, voter identification to match a voter's registration will be required for voting. This includes in-person voting and also mail-in ballots. "Those who vote by mail must provide the last four numbers of their driver's license or social security number after their signature." This will serve as a mechanism to verify the identity of the voter who mailed in their ballot. Bravo! And, state's Voter ID Initiatives are fully supported by the Republican National Committee (RNC). See the RNC Resolution on page 16 in this newsletter.

"The Nevada Independent conducted a poll of 800 registered Nevada voters in February 2023 showing 74% of Nevadans support Voter ID." This tells me voter ID is a non-partisan issue – people of all political stripes want this. Many who signed the petitions at the Caucus thanked us for volunteering and queued up to sign in lines inside the building and some out the door in the snow.

So, what happened two years ago and why did voter ID not get on the ballot? Enter Democrat attorneys who sued and won on the grounds that requiring voter ID would harm low-income voters and various groups of people. Although Democrat lawyers have sued again saying this Initiative "violates the Nevada Constitution against expending funds", we are optimistic

about winning since last time the judge provided language that would pass muster, and the initiative utilizes language that has "withstood court challenges in Texas, Georgia and Virginia". Also, the Nevada Legislature already authorized state ID fee exemptions for "the homeless, poor, persons under 25 years old, prisoners and other low-income citizens".

I would be remiss if I did not thank a few others who helped in this effort. First, thank you to Theresa DeGraffenreid, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman DCRCC, for allowing the Voter ID petition volunteers to gather signatures at the Caucus. Also, I would like to thank Pat Smith, President Sierra Nevada Republican Women (SNRW) and Anita Kornoff 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President SNRW for partnering with us and assisting with communications and recruiting.

Last, to all DCRW members, if you haven't signed the petition yet, please make sure you do, and please remember that you signed it. We can only sign it one time. All signees must be both Douglas County registered voters and residents of Douglas County for the signature to be valid. Voters from all political parties are welcome to sign. I can't stress enough the desire for this Voter ID Ballot Initiative. While Democrat attorneys and the powers behind them don't want an ID used as a qualifier to vote, we the people do.

*Me*



# 17 MARCH

## Calendar of Events

### March

- Mar 06 DCRW Lunch Meeting @ VCF 11am
- Mar 09 SNRW St. Pat's Fundraising Dinner
- Mar 10 Daylight Savings Begins
- Mar 14 DCRCC Meeting @ Elks Lodge 7:00pm
- Mar 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- Mar 29 Good Friday
- Mar 31 Easter Sunday



### April

- Apr 03 DCRW Lunch Meeting @ VCF 11am
- Apr 10 SNRW Meeting @ COD Casino 11:30
- Apr 11 DCRCC Meeting @ Elks Lodge 7:00pm
- Apr 15 Tax Day
- Apr 23 Passover Starts
- Apr 26 Arbor Day

### May

- May 01 May Day
- May 01 DCRW Lunch Meeting @ VCF 11am
- May 02 National Day of Prayer
- May 05 Cinco de Mayo
- May 08 SNRW Meeting @ COD Casino 11:30
- May 09 DCRCC Meeting @ Elks Lodge 7:00pm
- May 12 Mother's Day
- May 18 Armed Forces Day
- May 27 Memorial Day

## Who Was St. Patrick?

**S**t. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Britain circa 386 AD. Much of his life is unknown to historians and can't be verified, though some sources have listed his birth name as Maewyn Succat, with the name Patrick later taken on during his religious journeys or ordainment.



Surprisingly, Patrick was not raised with a strong emphasis on religion. Education was not particularly stressed during his childhood either. Later in life, this would become a source of embarrassment for the spiritual icon.

He was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. Patrick came to view his enslavement as God's test of his faith. During his six years of captivity, he became deeply devoted to Christianity through constant prayer. He saw the children of pagan Ireland reaching out their hands to him in a vision and grew increasingly determined to convert the Irish to Christianity.

After escaping, he returned to Ireland about 432 AD to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

Patrick isn't really a Saint with a capital S, having never been officially canonized by Rome. And Patrick couldn't have driven the snakes out of Ireland because there were never any snakes there to begin with. He wasn't even the first evangelist to Ireland (Palladius had been sent in 431, about five years before Patrick went). Patrick isn't even Irish. He's from what's now Dumbarton, Scotland (just north-west of Glasgow). ♦



# Membership Report—YOU Made it Happen!

By: Judy Marsh



**W**e have had a busy four months renewing existing members and recruiting new members.

DCRW currently has 93 renewed full members, four new members, and 29 Associate members which brings us to 113 full members!

Our goal was to attain last year's full membership of 112. We did it! Thank you to all of you that have renewed with the DCRW.

We encourage members to invite friends and neighbors to attend our informative and friendly meetings.

DCRW dues have remained \$40.00 for the year. You can mail your check to: DCRW, P.O. Box 1214, Minden, NV 89423. Or you can bring your check or cash and renewal application to our next monthly luncheon meeting.

I have had friends ask me "Why do I want to join Douglas County Republican Women (DCRW)?" Here are just a few of my reasons:

1. To do our part to provide a better future for our children, grandchildren, and community.
2. Listen and learn from interesting and informative speakers.
3. Build a special fellowship among women who share the same passion and learn from one another.
4. Being part of a committee is also an important part of club life.
  - DCRW has 17 different committees that all contribute to making this active club a vital part of Douglas County.

6. Getting to know members of other Republican Women's Clubs.
7. DCRW membership also includes a relationship and benefits derived from the Nevada Federation of Republican Women (NvFRW) [www.nvfrw.org](http://www.nvfrw.org) and National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) [www.nfrw.org](http://www.nfrw.org).
  - These organizations drive support for worthy Republican candidates.
  - They provide the publication and distribution of a state and/or a federal newsletter on a regular basis, which always contains useful information about hard-working women in the Republican Party.

We all may have some of the same and additional reasons of why we want to be part of the DCRW. We appreciate you being a member of the DCRW.

Please feel free to email me with any questions or ideas you may have at [dcrwnv@gmail.com](mailto:dcrwnv@gmail.com). You can also call or text me at 775•790•7725.

Your membership is very important to us, and we hope you consider staying with DCRW!

**Together we win!** ♦

*Judy Marsh*

2nd Vice President  
Membership



# February Photo Collage



Back row (L-R): Judy Marsh, Janet Freixas, Paige Shaw, Brenda Robertson, Mo Karas, Virginia Nisse, Linda Houchin, Virginia Starrett, and June Shafer. Front row (L-R): Mary Beganyi (President NvFRW), Elinor Lacy, Kathy Brownlee, Charli Ursic.



June (Sunshine & Stars Chair) and Norm Shafer gathering signatures for the voter ID petition at Zephyr Cove Elementary School.



Ginger Starrett pictured with Riley Gaines, guest speaker at a Nevada GOP event held in the Atlantis Casino, Reno. Riley Gaines is a leader defending women's single-sex spaces, advocating for equality and fairness, and standing up for women's safety, privacy, and equal opportunities.



The line-up outside Pinion Elementary School before the doors opened for the Caucus.



# February Luncheon



Ellie Lindberg, DCRW Historian, presenting Brenda Robertson, DCRW Past President, with her President's Memory Books. The books, covering Brenda's four-year tenure as DCRW President, were created by Ellie and contain programs, photos, agendas, thank you notes, pictures from the newspaper, and any other important, relevant information pertaining to the President's term in office. Thank you, Ellie, for your commitment to blessing our Presidents with this special memento of their time serving club members.



There was a good group of members and guests in attendance to hear Tony Grady, our guest speaker, talk about the History of Republicanism and the Black Community.



Tony Grady, our luncheon speaker.



Barbie Sisneros (left) and Susan Rayburn (right) our Boutique and Silent Auction "angels."





## Tony Talks

In recognition of Black History month, February,

Tony Grady spoke to our membership about the role African Americans have had in the Republican Party.

Beginning with the Missouri Compromise in 1820 that divided the country into slave and non-slave states and followed by the Kansas-Nebraska Act in 1854, Tony took us along the pathway to the birth of the Republican Party that same year.

During the 1850's, the issue of slavery extending into new western territories split the existing political parties resulting in the birth of the Republican Party with the goal of preventing the spread of slavery. With the split over slavery, the Republican candidate, Abraham Lincoln, was elected President in 1860 and shortly afterwards, the Civil War began.

In 1863 Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. When the North was victorious, the U.S. Constitution was amended, and those amendments included a right for Black men to vote. This was followed by Reconstruction.

However, within a few years, the Democrats were able to impose Jim Crow laws that erased most of the advances for Blacks in the South. Tony emphasized the fact that we need to stop the Democrat's narrative that Republicans are anti-Black and bring back the truth that it was the Republicans who voted against slavery, it was the Republicans who voted for emancipation, it was the Republicans who voted to give Black men the right to vote. In contrast, it was the Democrats who solidly opposed all three.



If you are interested in learning more about this subject, Tony recommended the book, *Lessons from the Least of These* by Robert Woodson (available on Amazon: [Lessons](#)), and he has also written a book, *American Values/Another Voice: A Pilot's Perspective on Living the American Dream* that is soon to be published. ♦

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## Keeping K-9s in Service

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit is comprised of nine Sheriff K-9 teams. The K-9 Unit provides an atmosphere of service and safety in the community due to the canine's specialized training and capabilities. Uses of canine teams serve the purpose of crime prevention, crime suppression, criminal investigation, and officer/citizen protection. The dogs are utilized in the patrol and jail divisions.

The dogs are trained with the ability to manage crowds, detect drugs and narcotics in investigations, locate and apprehend violent criminal suspects, and tracking.

Due to their extraordinary sense of smell, the Douglas County canines



can search extremely large areas in a fraction of the time it would take multiple Deputy Sheriff's to complete the search. This makes the job safer for Deputies and can save hundreds of man-hours per year, allowing Deputies to be available for more proactive policing and give quicker response times. To learn more about each of the K-9's click on this link: [Canines](#)

The Douglas County K-9s are the recipients of DCRW's March table bucket collection.





# Meet More of Your New Board Members

## Catherine (Cathie) Lund Co-Chair Membership



**C**athie met husband, Allan, while he was serving in the Navy on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the day JFK was assassinated. They will be married for 60 years this June. They have a daughter and grandson who live here and a son in Idaho.

During Allan's 20-year career with the Navy they have lived in Salt Lake City, Utah; Newport, Rhode Island; Pensacola, Florida; Corpus Christi, Texas; Coronado, Sunnyvale, Monterey, California and Yokosuka, Japan.

Cathie studied at and graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor's degree and from San Jose State University with a master's degree in Speech Pathology.

After her husband retired, the family settled in Monterey, California, where she went back to work as a Speech Therapist. In 1997, they moved to Douglas County where she was employed by Brain Power working with school aged kids who had auditory processing problems. Her work included testing and speech and reading intervention.

She is very involved in church and Community Bible Study. She also belongs to the Literary Club and Philanthropic Education Organization (PEO). Allan and Cathie are both lifelong Republicans and are happy to be here amongst others of like mind. ♦

## Katherine (Kathy) Brownlee Co-Chair Membership

**K**athy grew up on a farm/ranch in Colorado and married a rancher's son from the other side of Colorado. After University, they moved to Wyoming and then to South Dakota during which time she was blessed with a little boy and a little girl (middle aged now).

In 1976, she moved to California where she went back to university to earn her master's degree in Physiological Psychology.

Upon obtaining her degree, she joined her husband in Saudi Arabia where she found herself staffing a new hospital for the Royal family.

When Kathy returned to the U.S., she worked in the banking industry and then the food processing industry where she worked in Industrial Relations until her retirement.

Kathy's husband passed away in 2000 and she continued working another three years. After retiring, she began traveling and found that she enjoyed traveling by herself because she met so many more people that way. She spent a couple years going back and forth to Italy and later Mexico attending cooking and language schools.

Kathy moved to Douglas County in 2014. She enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren who all live in California. When not traveling, Kathy's favorite pastimes are quilting, reading, and playing the piano. ♦



# Meet More of Your New Board Members

## Judy Brooke, Newsletter Editor



Judy is the editor for DCRW's newsletter. She has four personal passions: God, grandkids, golf, and family. She has been a committed Christian for 40 years and has been involved in many different ministries. She currently is a Children's Church teacher to elementary-aged kids.

Judy and her husband, Gary, will be celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this May. She has four grandkids (three girls and one boy). Her son works for the U.S. State Department and serves in embassies all over the world. He and his family currently reside in El Salvador.

After a 30-year hiatus, Judy started playing golf again. For the past two years, she has been the President of the Carson Valley Women's Golf Club and is the editor of their newsletter. She is also the Secretary for the Northern Nevada Golf Association and started a women's golf club leadership roundtable which meets twice a year. Judy and Gary also love spending time together on the golf course. When not playing golf, you will find Judy working out at the Pulse Fitness senior exercise classes.

Judy was raised in Southern California, and she is one of 11 children—three brothers and seven sisters. For over 30 years Judy and her sisters have rented a house to enjoy special sister time together. Her family, for the last 40 years, also gets together annually to camp. Although her parents divorced after 29 years of marriage and 11 kids, Judy had the privilege of remarrying them when her father's second wife died, and her parents remained married until they passed away about 10 years ago.

In 2013, after 30 years of service, Judy retired from Toyota's USA headquarters where she spent her last five years traveling around the country training dealers on the Express Maintenance program she helped develop.

Before moving to Nevada in 2016, she and Gary spent 2½ years traveling the Western United States living fulltime in their RV visiting the National Parks. Judy holds a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership from BIOLA University. She achieved NRA Sharpshooter certification status when she was involved in a women's gun club. Judy also volunteers at DCRCC headquarters

and for Eden Health visiting patients twice a month who are unable to get around. As you can see, there's never a dull moment in her life! ♦

## Cindy Arvayo Co-Chair Treasurer



Cindy was born in Fremont, California, in the 1950's. Her parents raised seven kids in the suburbs of the San Francisco Bay area. As a young adult she started her high-tech career in the semi-conductor industry at National Semiconductor in Sunnyvale, California.

She continued her high-tech career in the Bay area in different levels of management for twenty-three years.

In 1997 Cindy decided to start her own business, went back to school, became a licensed Aesthetician, and opened her spa, Beautiful by Design, running it for twenty-two years. In 2008 Cindy and her husband, Billy, moved fulltime to Gardnerville, and she continued her spa business until 2019, when she retired from the business.

Cindy got involved in politics about five years ago by joining the DCRCC. She was mentored by Julie Moore and did whatever was needed. She worked as many hours as needed, following Julie's leadership. Eventually Cindy became the Secretary for the DCRCC and the Chairwoman of the Volunteer Committee. Nowadays Cindy is proud to be a part of the DCRW organization. She works closely with Tina Neppi the Treasurer keeping the financials in order. She also works on the Budget and Finance committee.

Cindy and her husband travel to Baja California, Mexico often to enjoy the beach, people, culture, and food. She believes her greatest accomplishment has been raising her two amazing daughters—Jacky works at Calvary Chapel Chino Hills as an Administrative Assistant and Nicolette is a practicing attorney. Cindy has been married for forty-three years to an amazing guy, who supports her desire to contribute to their community in whatever way she can. She feels like she is a blessed woman in many ways. Being involved in the DCRW club is her way of helping by bringing her talents and experience to an important effort to make a difference in our community and country. ♦





This year March provides so much to think about that I am both eager and anxious for its arrival. Even before Daylight Saving Time was observed in the US (in 1918) Spring was important in practical terms because more light and milder temperatures triggered plants to begin their greening. More than a century before (in 1784), Benjamin Franklin had already hinted at DST when he suggested (as a joke) to Parisians that if they got out of bed earlier it would vastly improve their productivity and economic security.

From a spiritual perspective, this year, added to DST and Spring, another "happening" in March is Easter, which is one of the two most important Christian holidays.

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The end of winter is certainly a harbinger of hope, and the Bible has many verses that confirm this idea. In Deuteronomy Spring rains symbolize God's blessing, and in Isaiah Spring rains indicate God's presence. Spring testifies to life after death as we see new buds grow up out of the dark earth and on what were barren branches. My prayer is to always trust God and His promises. Spring helps me do that.

*Ginger Starrett*  
Chaplain




## A Big Nevada Win

Former President Donald Trump easily won Nevada's Republican presidential caucus according to a projection from the AP. The call on Thursday night came quickly after caucus precincts from across the Silver State began reporting results.

The former president, who's the commanding front-runner for the 2024 nomination as he bids a third straight time for the White House, was the only major candidate on the ballot in a caucus run by a closely aligned Nevada GOP.

As ballots continued to be counted late into Thursday night, Trump was winning over 99% of the vote in a contest that didn't include Nikki Haley, his last remaining major rival for the nomination. And he grabbed all 26 delegates to this summer's nominating convention that were at stake in the caucus.

"It was tremendous turnout," Trump told supporters at a caucus victory celebration at the Treasure Island Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. "The enthusiasm of the turnout...I don't think we've seen anything like it before." *The above article was acquired from [Fox News](#) *

*In Douglas County, a total of 4,129 voters attended the First in the West Caucus. Donald Trump swept the caucus with 4,010 votes (or 97%). Ryan Binkley garnered 72 votes, and 47 ballots were a "No Vote."*





**G**reetings from your Boutique and Silent Auction “guardian angels”, Barbie Sisneros and Susan Rayburn.

We’ve got a couple new exciting categories of items for our Auction and Boutique!

First is our **Consignment** category. Ladies, if you have some special items that you haven’t worn or used in a while but would like to partially donate, you can consign your item to our Auction and tell us how much of the sale price you’d like to retain and the remainder goes to our club. Sort of a win-win!

Secondly, we have our **Garage Sale** category. Bring items to donate to our Boutique and buyers can name their price. This is a good opportunity to clean out your unwanted items that don’t quite fit the category of our **Auction** or **Boutique**.

Please bring your items to each club meeting and we’ll help you donate. We typically arrive at 9:30 a.m. So, remember our motto, **“if you don’t use it, donate it”**. ♦

KISS ME I’M



## What’s for Dinner?



**C**orned Beef and Cabbage isn't actually the national dish of Ireland. You wouldn't eat it on St. Patrick's Day in Dublin, nor would you be likely to find it in Cork. It's typically only eaten around the holiday here in the U.S. So how did corned beef and cabbage become synonymous with the Irish?

During the time of the Irish immigration to the U.S., the first generation of Irish Americans were in search of the comforting tastes of their homeland. On St. Paddy's Day, that meant boiled bacon. But the immigrants were too poor to afford the high price of pork and bacon products. Instead, they turned to the cheapest cut of meat available, beef brisket.

Given that New York City was a melting pot for immigrants from around the world, rather than boil the beef, the Irish adopted cooking methods from other cultures. Brining was a technique of the Eastern Europeans, which is a way of salt-curing meat. And the corn? Well, the word "corned" has nothing to do with corn. It actually refers to the corn-sized salt crystals used during the brining process. In fact, corned beef is sometimes referred to as “pickled beef.” as you are quite literally pickling brisket with this brining process. The corned beef was paired with cabbage since it was one of the cheapest vegetables available to Irish immigrants. Now are you ready to celebrate St. Paddy’s Day with homemade Corned Beef and Cabbage? ♦

Click on this link to get either an oven-roasted or Instant Pot Corned Beef and Cabbage Recipe: [RECIPE](#)





## Worthwhile Websites

Douglas County Republican Women:

[www.dcrwnevada.com](http://www.dcrwnevada.com)

Nevada Federation of Republican Women:

[www.nvfrw.org](http://www.nvfrw.org)

Douglas County Republican Central  
Committee:

[www.douglasgop.org](http://www.douglasgop.org)

Nevada Republican Party:

[www.nevadagop.org](http://www.nevadagop.org)

Republican National Committee:

[www.rnc.org](http://www.rnc.org)

Nevada Governor:

<https://gov.nv.gov>

The Patriot Post:

<https://patriotpost.us>

Heritage Foundation:

[www.heritage.org](http://www.heritage.org)

Newsmax:

[www.newsmax.com](http://www.newsmax.com)

Pacific Justice Institute

[www.pacificjustice.org](http://www.pacificjustice.org)

Nevada Globe

[www.thenevadaglobe.com](http://www.thenevadaglobe.com)

Nevada Families for Freedom

[www.nevadafamilies.org](http://www.nevadafamilies.org)

Note: All the above website links are clickable  
and will take you directly to the website.

## 2024/2025 DCRW Board

### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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### APPOINTED OFFICERS

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Parliamentarian: Virginia Nisse



**Connie Biba 3/27**

**Judy Brooke 3/16**

**Lorilyn Chitwood 3/5**

**Carol Colavecchio 3/28**

**Maria Hodges 3/11**

**Elinor Lacy 3/26**

**Stefeni Luman 3/31**

**Peggy Ristorceili 3/31**

**Sandie Sangster 3/23**

**Ellie Waller 3/27**

NOTE: If your birthday is missing, please contact  
Judy Marsh at [dcrwnv@gmail.com](mailto:dcrwnv@gmail.com) .

Not all completed applications indicate a birth date.



# Let Them Hear from You



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## March Brings "Lucky" Tones of Anticipation

Whoa! Spring is coming and that shall focus on positive feelings of anticipation! Anticipate nature's new growths in her new leaves and budding flowers. Spring is in the air!

Our temperate winter weather welcomes a warm spring and maybe even a warmer, longer summer. Yay for us in the higher altitudes. We need warmth up here!

Remember this month's special guy who is healing from a recent surgery, **AJ Ursic**, and a long-time member who has moved to Carson City, **Lennie Forkas** at Carson Plaza, 1950 East Long Street, Unit #114, Carson City, NV 89706, (541) 425-0048. Give them both a call or send them "well wishes" notes. They need us.

Warmer weather is best for healing body, mind and soul! Positive attitudes can always take on bad days.

I'm happy to have **not** received but two of these above notices. I love to NOT hear/read, "You've got mail."

**Be well; stay safe** with vigilance of your surroundings.

We've got each other's welfare. Call your DCRW friends and ask how they are doing and help where you can.

Anne Frank said, "What a wonderful thought it is that some of our best days of our lives haven't even happened yet."

Choose to be helpful and merry.

June Shafer, Sunshine and Stars  
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# RNC Voter Integrity Resolution Supporting Voter ID

*As Adopted by the Republican National Committee*

**REPUBLICAN**  
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE

## **RESOLUTION URGING A “RETURN TO EXCELLENCE” IN AMERICAN VOTING AND ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, To present a formal Resolution from the Republican National Committee for declared opposition to voting manipulation schemes and to return to the functional and historic balloting and polling experience that Americans understand, appreciate, and love;

WHEREAS, The mission of the Republican Party is to act as the party that encourages and allows the broadest possible participation to all voters and to assure that the Republican Party is open and accessible to all Americans;

WHEREAS, Ensuring the integrity of our voting and election administration is critical and foundational to maintaining a civil and decent society decentralized from a federal government as the Founders intended;

WHEREAS, Americans expect accurate and swift determinations as it pertains to elections and the administration of elections;

WHEREAS, Elections have been under assault from those on the Left as they attempt to implement schemes and intentionally inject chaotic administrative changes that have drastically changed how elections are conducted in hundreds of the most populous counties and regions across the nation;

WHEREAS, Election officials are obligated to apply polling place access equitably in states, and should not eliminate polling places in order and to move to “vote center” models that make polling place access more difficult in more conservative areas;

WHEREAS, Democrats are passing non-citizen voting laws in liberal cities, which the Republican National Committee has previously resolved to oppose and ensure only United States citizens decide our elections;

WHEREAS, Republican officials are explicitly asking for decisive direction and support from the national Republican apparatus and elected Republican leadership;

WHEREAS, The grassroots activists of the Republican Party have discovered and made it abundantly clear that there are recognized problems with electronic election procedures and intentional complications of instituted systems that complicate, belabor, and slow down our election processes;

WHEREAS, Election experts agree that the most resilient voting systems use paper ballots, either marked by hand or with an assistive device, and are verified by the voter before any means of tabulation; and

WHEREAS, The Republican National Committee has unanimously opposed complicated election schemes like Ranked Choice Voting that is a clear example of the chaos being pushed on our states and territories; therefore, be it





# RNC Voter Integrity Resolution (cont'd)

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*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee boldly opposes means of voting that do not have the proper safeguards in place and are exclusively electronic and calls on every county and state in the nation to use as the default ballot systems, which are fully auditable, namely hand-marked, voter-verified paper ballots to ensure every voter is memorialized by a paper record;

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee calls on secretaries of state of each state to implement anti-counterfeit ballot printing, tracing and verification procedures;

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee formed a special Election Integrity Committee designed to offer ideas, suggestions and reports on election equipment and voting procedures and it will integrate its findings of best practices through the Election Integrity Department and communicating its findings on voting schemes, balloting systems, election equipment, and safeguards to elected officials, candidates, and voters;

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee supports the rights of counties and states that are willing and able to competently and efficiently implement voting procedures that do not require the use of machines and those that implement hand counting procedures that are fully auditable;

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee calls on state legislatures, county, and municipal governments to pass laws and municipal codes and rules that allow for full transparent hand-counting procedures that are planned, timely and fully observable by the public and the registered parties for geographically defined audits and recounts;

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee calls on all Republican officeholders to defend the historic practice of geographically-defined and assigned precinct, ward and localized polling places for means of balloting and tabulating paper ballots by geographic unit;

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee stands firmly behind voter identification laws and calls on state legislatures to pass laws to ensure every voter is verified to be the actual voter regardless of method in which they vote at the time of voting, casting, or delivering a ballot;

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee hereby opposes any and all efforts for states to unreasonably expand time periods for early or vote-by-mail that makes ballot counting procedures intentionally unmanageable or incapable to complete expeditiously following the conclusion of an election on election day;

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee calls for elimination of temporary or 'pop-up' voting locations, drop boxes, and any other voting center that are not fairly defined and bound to a designated geographic territory and where voting locations exist, namely by precinct, so that voting is accessible equitably by legal precinct, ward or defined geographic unit in order to provide impartial access for all voters; and

*RESOLVED*, The Republican National Committee calls for a necessary "return to excellence" or in other words, a return to the simple and proven methods of precinct, ward or geographically-defined localized voting with auditable balloting procedures using paper ballots, in fair, reasonable limited time periods, using proper identification to strengthen voter confidence and to ensure that American election procedures can be a fair and open process for all to participate.



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## RANKED CHOICE VOTING

### 1 CALIFORNIA-STYLE 'JUNGLE' PRIMARIES

The first prong of RCV installs 'open' or 'jungle' primaries—meaning any registered voter, regardless of party affiliation, can cast a vote for their preferred candidate—from which the top five candidates will advance to the November general election.



2 The second prong of RCV requires that voters list their preference of the remaining five candidates for the general election; if no candidate receives more than 50% of first-place votes, then an 'instant runoff' occurs

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# **RANKED CHOICE VOTING COMPLICATIONS AND ERRORS**

## **BALLOT EXHAUSTION**

One of RCV's greatest deficiencies is the phenomenon of 'ballot exhaustion'—when a ballot is cast but does not count toward the end election result. This occurs when a voter overvotes, undervotes, or only ranks candidates that have already been eliminated on their ballot. Ballot exhaustion is pervasive in RCV elections; it leaves votes uncounted and voices disenfranchised. 'Exhausted' RCV ballots are discarded—inevitably leading to increased voter disenfranchisement.

## **DECREASED VOTER TURNOUT**

Jurisdictions which have embraced RCV have experienced comparably lower voter turnout. A 2016 Cato Institute study examined voter turnout in five San Francisco elections from 1995 to 2011 and found that the “adoption of RCV exacerbated disparities in voter turnout between those who are already likely to vote and those who are not, including younger voters and those with lower levels of education.”

## **THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE**

Whether or not one agrees with the merits of ranked-choice voting, it would be very unwise to enshrine such an unproven and confusing system into our state constitution. If Nevadans choose to enshrine RCV in the constitution and later find the new system to be complicated, burdensome, or otherwise undesirable, a prolonged constitutional process would be required to abolish it and return to the 'one person, one vote' status quo.

## **COMPLEXITY AND CONFUSION**

RCV is needlessly complicated and confusing. RCV urges voters to make decisions about all the candidates on the ballot, prompting them to cast their vote for candidates they may disapprove of or know nothing about. It is likely there will be more candidates on the primary ballot than any individual can possibly research. Moreover, a lack of familiarity with RCV naturally creates more confusion for both voters and election administrators, making it more prone to tabulation error and long-delayed election results.



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