



MRW Meeting Wednesday, January 10th Veterans Center 840 Hafen Lane 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MRW Meetings February 14 March 13

CCRP Meeting
January 16

GOP Caucuses February 8

Lincoln Dinner February 24

MRW's Election Office Opens April

MRW's Mesquite Spring Festival April

Mesquite Days May

JANUARY PROGRAM



We are excited to introduce John Tsarpalas, who will be our guest speaker for our January 10th meeting. John is the dynamic President of the Nevada Policy Research Institute. John's mission? To infuse Nevada with ideas and policies that champion limited government, aiming to create a thriving and prosperous state for everyone. John will be addressing the issues and dangers of Rank Choice Voting, a ballot measure that was approved in the 2022 election and will become an amendment to Nevda law if it passes this election.

John's journey began in the bustling world of commercial construction in Chicago, where he spent the first 25 years of his career. But as he watched government regulations and taxes balloon in Illinois, John, a savvy business owner, realized it was time to dive into the political arena.

His political awakening coincided with Newt Gingrich's 1996 Contract with America, propelling John into the heart of Republican political campaigns. He quickly made a name for himself, with his candidates being the rare Republicans to triumph in Democrat-dominated districts. This success led him to the role of Executive Director of the Illinois Republican Party in 2005, where he honed his skills at the Republican National Committee's Campaign College and Field Management School.

However, disillusionment with Republican decisions in the Illinois State House and Congress spurred John to seek new avenues for change. As President of the Sam Adams Alliance, he focused on educating activists and building support networks to bolster the free enterprise and limited government movements across 10 states. Nationally, he was instrumental in launching the Franklin Center for Government & Public Integrity and American Majority, which now have chapters in 23 states.

John's passion for education and change didn't stop there. He co-founded Think Freely Media, the Haym Salomon Center for Jewish American Thought, and Midwest Speaking Professionals, all not-for-profits dedicated to spreading knowledge and empowering voices.

Leaving behind the economic and political turmoil of Illinois, John has called Henderson, Nevada home for the past six years, where he lives with his wife of 44 years. His story is a testament to the power of political engagement and the pursuit of policies that foster freedom and prosperity. Join us in celebrating John Tsarpalas's remarkable journey and his ongoing commitment to a better Nevada.

Annie Black, 1st VP Programs Chair

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A Message from our President ...

Dear Members and Friends,

It is with great pleasure I write my first letter to you as your newly elected President. I am very proud to be a part of the Mesquite Republican Women and the huge impact **we** make on our community, state and nation. Each one of you, our women and men, are important and appreciated; we cannot get the job done without each of you. From the bottom of my heart I believe that if we all work together, we can save our country! Let's keep pressing forward, think creatively, try new ideas, and make a difference!

Let's review some of our December activities. The December Christmas Party and Installation meeting was so much fun! The food and entertainment were amazing and so many worked hard to make the evening successful! Special thanks to Sue Smith who worked tirelessly with planning and overseeing the entire event, Carol Shepherd, Gladys Irish, Christina Balek, Patty Shelado, Linda Shannon and Kelly Robertson who ran the silent auction, 50/50 drawing, donations, check-in table, and sold tickets (We successfully tried making Eventbrite available for ticket purchase and it worked great! Thank you Kelly!) A big thanks to the band "Grant Gunn and Who Knows Who", for providing music from several eras; we even had a few brave dancers! NvFRW President Mary Beganyl did a lovely job of installing our new Executive Officers. It was great to hear from our guest speakers: Senator Jeff Stone, Candidate for CD4 Former North Las Vegas Mayor John Lee, Senate Candidate Lt. Col. Dave Flippo, Senate Candidate Stephanie Phillips, and Senate candidate Dr. Jeff Gunter.

Mesquite Republican Women also participated in the Salvation Army bell ringing. Each volunteer donated their time during the busy Christmas season ringing the bell to help those in need; this included Kelly Robertson, Linda Shannon, Sue Smith, Jim Knuth, Carol Shepherd and Gladys Irish. A huge thank you for representing our group!

I want to express my thanks and gratitude to outgoing President Sue Smith for her amazing leadership for the past two years. She really put her heart and soul into the club as well as caring for each member. We are blessed to have her kindness, insight and knowledge, commitment and dedication. Thank you Sue.

We are looking forward to our January guest speaker John Tsarpalas, who will be speaking on **Rank Choice Voting**. This deceptive ballot measure was approved in 2022 so if it passes in this election, it will become an amendment to the Nevada Constitution. John will be helping us understand why this is a dangerous, confusing and misleading measure as well as how we can help educate our community about it. Please plan to come out to hear John's presentation. Annie Black, our new 1st VP Program Chair, has been brainstorming about other topics and speakers we will cover this year, fun things we can do at our meetings and ways we can continue to grow. More on that in future email and newsletters.

Renewals are due this month, so please read the article on membership. Karen Campbell, our new 2nd VP Membership Chair will be contacting you if you have not renewed. We are also in need of several committee chairs for a more effective year of outreach to our community. Please see the enclosed list that gives a description of responsibilities involved. You might consider being a co-chair with an associate member or a friend. It really is a fun way to get involved without a huge demand on your time. We are currently working on the location of our campaign office which we need to open by April. Let us know if you have knowledge of a location.

I hope you notice our two associate member articles included in this issue. A special thanks to Frank Shannon and Rocky Dippel for their input this month! Please feel welcome to submit your own Op-ed. All submissions need to be sent to me no later than the 20th of the month for consideration in the next newsletter. My email: hrbsue@yahoo.com

I do hope you had a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year celebration! As you can imagine, 2024 is going to be an exceptionally important year. It will take a strong group effort but I believe we can really make an impact.

See you at the January 10th meeting!



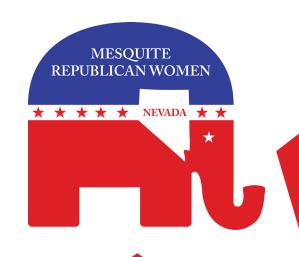






Renewing Members
Lori Utley

MEMBERSHIP SLOGAN Each one, bring one!





Annie Black

Gladys Blodgett

Karen Campbell

Jesse Samuels

Julia Thompson

FACTS ON PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY AND THE CAUCUS



Since 1884, Nevada has made their Presidential candidate selection using the caucus method. "Pursuant to NV law, Nevada does not conduct Presidential Primary elections to select Presidential candidates but uses the Caucus method. All major political parties shall hold their own caucuses. This is a private event directly run by the political party, NOT the state or local governmental entities."

In May 2021, the democratic super-majority passed legislation that Nevada would hold a Presidential Preference Primary at taxpayer expense. This ruling was challenged in court and it was granted that while the Secretary of State would hold a Presidential Preference Primary, the major political parties could hold their caucus to determine their Presidential candidate using their own caucus rules. The state GOP voted to choose the Presidential candidate based on votes only from the caucus votes. All delegates who will attend the state and national conventions to vote for the Presidential candidate will be chosen by those who voted in the caucus, as has been done in Nevada for years. All Presidential candidates were informed of the GOP rules and made their own choice to participate in the Presidential Preference Primary or the caucus.

The state run PPP will be held 2/6/2024 at the various polling locations and using universal mail in ballots. At this time, Nikki Haley is the only serious candidate as most have dropped out.

The State GOP is holding a caucus election with CCRP being responsible for Clark County. This will be held 2/8/2024. Mesquite and Bunkerville will caucus at the Virgin Valley High School and is open from 5:00 – 7:30 pm.

This caucus election is totally funded by candidates who are running

Rules for voters to participate in the caucus:

- Must be registered 30 days prior to the caucus (January 8, 2024)
- · Must bring valid government issued ID
- Must vote in your precinct (mail in ballots are only available to military)
- Must use the provided paper ballot

Votes will be tabulated that night at the caucus site. You are welcome to stay and watch or just vote and leave. (Transparency)

Candidates on the Caucus ballot at this time:

- Ryan Binkley
- Former Gov. Chris Christie
- · Gov. Ron DeSantis
- Vivek Ramaswamy
- Former President Donald J Trump

Personally, I recommend you vote in both. I believe it is important to not allow the public perception to be that the GOP is a dysfunctional party- this would be a field day for the press! I also am concerned about the uninformed becoming disenfranchised with the confusion that the Democrats caused by the PPP and decide to not vote at all. Remember, it is the caucus that will determine who the candidate is. Additionally:

- 1. I want the county recorder to know I voted so that I am seen as an active voter.
- 2. If you don't vote in PPP, there is a public perception of a low turnout of the GOP voters--- the state will not be counting our participation in the Caucus
 - 3. If you don't want to vote for Nikki Haley, either vote "none of the above" or send in a mail in ballot without a vote tallied.
 - 4. If you don't want to vote in both DEFINITELY vote in the Caucus
 - 5. Volunteer to drive those who can't drive after dark to the Caucus
 - 6. Don't give in to the games of the Democrat party-

Double check your voter registration prior to January 8th and correct it if not accurate. Go to https://www.nvsos.gov/votersearch/ You can look up your precinct at that site also.

We have a lot of work to do to turn this country around- be as active as possible!!



PERSON OR PARTY?

People often ask me whom I like for president. My response is always that my beliefs and values line up more with the Republican Party, so I will be voting Republican at every opportunity regardless of the person. The reason is that we are governed by parties, not people. This way, I can ignore all the lies and distortions that are rife during election season, not to mention the associated anger and heartburn. Let me illustrate why I vote for a Party.

After the last election, a small Republican majority in the House of Representatives changed all the committee chairs and cost Rep. Pelosi her job as Speaker. Also, it changed the entire focus of the House.

My wife and I came from Colorado where I was heavily involved in politics as head of the Colorado branch of the Coalition for a Prosperous America. Our mission was to convince the federal government that shipping our manufacturing jobs overseas was a mistake. We lobbied locally and in Washington for 20 years and eventually convinced most Americans and our government that it was a mistake. Since the election of Donald Trump, a consensus has formed around the idea of balancing trade and forcing China to behave in accordance with the WTO. The US is now trying to rectify our \$300-500 billion annual trade deficit and decouple our economy from China. It took us 30 years of neglect to get us into this deep hole. It will take some time to rebalance trade.

We convinced our Colorado elected federal officials to go to Washington and correct this problem, except for economic Libertarians in my party who remained unconvinced. They were aligned with the Koch brothers and Americans For Prosperity, which still holds the view that Laisse-Faire trade is best. This is probably true if all trading partners trade fairly. However, when China was allowed into the WTO, the cheating began. Needing to protect their own economies, other counties began similar mercantilist behavior. Since the US decided to not reciprocate, our accumulated trade deficit over the past 30 years accounts for a huge part of our national debt.

After moving to Mesquite, I met with a very good man on many occasions who wanted to be educated on the subject as he was running for Congress. By the time he went to Washington, he really believed what I had told him regarding America's growing trade deficit and what needed to be done. Once he got to Washington, his commitment began eroding. We continued to meet to discuss the issue, but it felt like I was arguing with Paul Ryan, then Speaker of the House, as he would counter my points with those of Ryan's. Eventually, he adopted the party line which is the entire point of this soliloquy.

Good, honest men and women who truly love America and want to do good have their views changed to the "Party Line" once they learn that their committee assignments and reelection funds are tied to towing the party line.

Although I disagreed with my party for decades on a policy, I will always vote for the political party that is closest to my personal beliefs and values, and I advise others to do the same.

Frank Shannon, Mesquite, NV

WHAT HAPPENED TO MY COUNTRY?

Since January 2023 the Democrats have single handedly almost destroyed America with their Leader Joe Biden, and Kamala Harris, trashing the Constitution!

- They have violated their oath of office Article II, Section I, Clause 8.
- Voided the "Guarantee Clause", allowing our country to be invaded Article IV, Section 4.
- Corrupted the Bill of Rights "Due Process Clause" 5th Amendment.
- Corrupted the Reconstruction Amendments "Disqualification for Rebellion" 14th Amendment.
- Met the "Standards for Impeachment" Article II, Section 4.
- Mentally Competent? 25th Amendment.

We have been attacked over 100 times in the Mid-east. Our country is being invaded! The Biden Crime Syndicate continues to thumb their collective noses at America; the white house has been sold to the Chinese (or highest bidder). Even the DNC (Democratic National Committee) knows that they are in trouble by looking at the shallow depth of their bench! Who knew that the Democrats (including the lame stream media) hated a free country so much?

The Democrats' hate for Trump has bypassed the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments (it's called "Due process...."). Four judges in Colorado (most have "poison" lvy League degrees) and have had his name REMOVED from the state presidential ballot! Was there a secret trial to convict President Trump as an 'insurrectionist' as the DEMOCRATIC JUDGES stand and point to the 14th Amendment (clause 3)? This is the danger of mobocracy and a clear violation of the Constitution. Following suit is Maine: endangering the Constitution even more!

The DNC membership seems to require that one be devious and evil in nature. Our learning institutions are failing because of their agenda to indoctrinate, not educate America's youth.1 Further evidence brought to light by Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH) has shown that the DOJ had labeled dozens of parents as "Domestic Terrorists." 2

Consider the Republican platform: most subscribe to respect for individual freedom, free enterprise, limited government, a strong defense, and a moral compass wrapped around traditional American values.3

As Sean Hannity would say: "We are in the fight for our lives!" I have to agree with him. The House of Representatives has formalized an impeachment inquiry as of the thirteenth of December. Some say it's too little, too late. Any time is a good time to fix the problems America faces! As we start the New Year, let's do it on the right foot! We have a ton of work ahead of us to bring America back on the right track!

See you January tenth at the Veterans' Center—It's going to be a great election year!

Happy New Year, my friends!

References:

- (1) The House Committee on Education on Capitol Hill December 5th, 2023
- (2) https://nsjonline.com/article/2022/05/us-house-judiciary-republicans-doj-labeled-dozens-of-parents-as-terrorist-threats/
- (3) The Heritage Guide to the Constitution, fully revised second edition

By Rocky Dippel





January is the time you need to renew your membership. Members need to pay \$50 and Associate Members need to pay \$25 for your 2024 membership. To renew, complete the application included in this newsletter and submit either cash or a check. You can bring them to the January 10th meeting or mail it to our PO Box indicated on the application (we'll have blank ones at the meeting also). It is important to check any areas of interest on the back of the application so we have an idea of how you might want to be involved. We welcome hearing any ideas you might have for MRW this year also, so either call, email or write your idea on your application.

We have several committee chairs that need to be filled. I encourage you to consider becoming a shared chairperson along with your Associate spouse or with a friend. It is as we participate, we will become more connected as a solid group.

Also consider bringing a friend or neighbor to a meeting so that they might want to join. We need to build our club and make a huge impact on our community, county and state!

As a reminder, renewing through Mesquite Republican Women allows you full access and membership to the Nevada Federation of Republican Women as well as the National Federation of Republican Women.

This is going to be an exciting, hardworking, fun filled year as we work together getting Republicans elected! Please feel free to call any one of us on your Board if you have any questions.

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HELP NEEDED!!

One of the funnest ways to get the most out of being a member is by volunteering to serve on a committee. We have several areas that are vacant and need to be filled quickly. Please consider getting involved in the area that sounds interesting to you. Keep in mind, you can chair a committee alone or you can co-chair it with an Associate or other member. I am including a brief description of the committee and will go into more detail. If you are interested, please email me and I'll reach out. My email is hrbsue@yahoo.com

Events: The events chairman shall coordinate all activities of the MRW Events Program. The purpose of the Events Program is to ensure MRW is represented, visible and participating at citywide and other community events such as Mesquite Days, Mesquite Night Out, Veterans' Parade, Christmas Parade, etc.

Fundraising: The Fund Raising Chairman shall prepare and implement a plan for raising funds in order **to** meet the MRW budget.

Americanism: The Americanism Chairman shall implement a program that seeks to promote respect for the American Flag and foster allegiance to the United States and its customs and institutions. This is carried out through educational and inspirational programs and projects.

Armed Forces: The Armed Forces Chairman shall oversee MRW efforts to support our troops and to provide information, resources and program suggestions.

Caring for America: The Caring for America Chairman shall encourage Club members to expand activities in their communities and organize Club projects as directed by the Executive Board.

Legislative: The Legislative Chairman shall: a. Inform and discuss with the Executive Board and the Club any local, State, or Federal legislation affecting the interest of the MRW. Implement MRW current directives.

Literacy/Education: The Literacy and Education Chairman shall: a. Coordinate the MELP Book donations to local schools. b. Encourage qualified candidates to apply for NvFRW scholarships.

Publicity: Co-chair needed. The Publicity Chairman shall: a. Solicit and promote maximum publicity for all activities of MRW. b. Coordinate all releases for the media with the Club President. c. Maintain a good working relationship with the media to enhance the public image of the MRW. d. Maintain a good working relationship with the Website, Newsletter and Events Chairs and coordinate efforts with those on the Board of Directors. e. Establish, maintain and update social media sites directly associated with MRW. f. Maintain and update Chamber of Commerce information (i.e. events and club information).

Website: Co-Chair needed. Establish and maintain the official MRW website, MRW internal Chamber of Commerce web page and any other websites owned or associated directly with MRW with current information in a timely manner.

I would also like to develop a **phone tree** for ease of phone communication. Please let me know if you would be interested.

"Many hands make light work"



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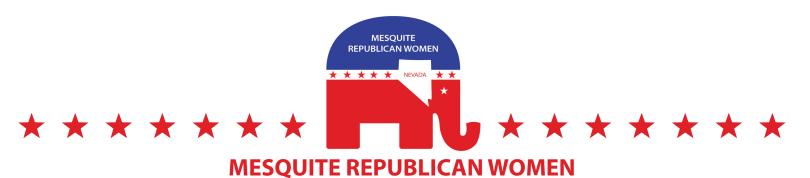


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