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From the President..... Michele Turner



Photo Courtesy of
Marian Bond

Ladies:

I cannot believe that my two years as President of NvFRW is coming to an end! Looking back, I find great pride in what we have accomplished: New and better Leadership Training with the new handbooks; three new NvFRW clubs; and the 30th Biennial Convention, the largest NvFRW state convention ever held in Nevada!

Congratulations to the following: Pam Benzing, who was named NFRW Fundraising Chair, Kay Butchko named NFRW Vice Chair for Membership, and Peggy Micco Koning, Regional Fundraising Chair.

There are many who have helped make this a great two years, namely, **Pam Benzing** and **Kay Butchko** for their constant work to make the Leadership, Board Meetings, and the State Convention work almost flawlessly. Without these two women, we would not have been able to accomplish as much as we did. **Maria Schlager** stepped forward to do a great job on the Newsletters. **Martha Kimpel** spent countless hours updating our State Bylaws. **Marian Bond** being always diligent with Minutes; **Nancy Dallas** for Legislation Day; **Mary Ellen Cushard** for a grand job with Achievement Awards. And a special thanks to the many Board

Members for their contributions to our outstanding team.

I find the Republican Party now calling me in a different direction. I will be involved with the state convention in Las Vegas in the spring, Unity Day after the Primary Election, and helping recruit good Republicans for US and state offices. 2010 will be an exciting year for helping recruit good Republicans for US and state offices, and will be an exciting year for us all! We see a change with the victory in Virginia and New Jersey—Nevada is next! Women from all over the country are willing to come to Nevada to help unseat Reid. At the NFRW Convention we often heard, "You are from Nevada? How can we help to defeat Reid?" I will be calling on these women to help.

We are great Republican Women from the great state of Nevada. We will always step up to help the party and keep Nevada the great state it is, and will always be.

God bless you all for making this a truly wonderful two years and best wishes to the new board.

My very best wishes to you and your families for a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Joyous and Blessed Christmas.

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LET US GIVE THANKS



Southern Report - 2009

Kay Butchko

Planning for the convention was a daunting task, but like any "elephant", breaking it down to a "bite at a time" worked.

I studied the financials and minutes of the 2007 convention and established costs based on 100 attendees, a 25% increase over 2007. The objective was to balance attendance with cost in a falling economy.

Many months ago, we polled the entire Board to establish the length of the meeting. By reducing the time to one and one-half (1½) days, we were able to reduce the registration fee to \$145 as compared with \$175 for previous conventions. We cut out the expense of Friday breakfast and lunch. Plus, attendees were able to reduce their own expenses by the cost of one hotel night.

Numbers are beautiful things! With a 55% increase in attendance and almost twice the number coming to lunch and dinner, our hope for a modest profit multiplied big time! I'm very pleased to announce a profit of at least \$8,500 to solidify the financial status for the 2010—2011 team. We hoped for a modest profit and are thrilled with the results. The Excel workbook with all the details for this convention has been forwarded to executive officers, and newly elected officers, and is ready for the audit committee.

Numerous things contributed to the financial success of this year's convention:

- Great attendance of delegates and paid attendees! (130 delegates; 147 attendees);
- The detailed registration form allowed us to vary the numbers for meal guarantees;
- Very successful "Your Choice" drawing—\$1,166!!
- All workshop speakers paid their own travel, most even paid their own hotel costs;
- Terrific attendance for Saturday lunch and dinner (173 for lunch and 185 for dinner);
- Bulk printing;
- Great volunteer support.

I again want to thank everyone who helped with facilitating the meeting. The staff at Palace Station was terrific to change plans numerous times as our numbers grew. They were all delightful to work with.

I am very proud of the value and content offered at the convention and thrilled with the great attendance which brought financial success.

Nominating Committee

Marian Bond

I want to again thank everyone for electing me to the office of Nominating Chair for NvFRW. I am looking forward to carrying on the dedication of Nancy Dallas in handling this position with professional care.

It's going to be important for me to work with the Nominating Committee, but I certainly need the cooperation of each and every club in electing a member to serve, as well as a first and second alternate on the committee. This is in accordance with our state bylaws.

IT'S AN HONOR—It's possible that clubs and members overlook the importance of this position. In Nevada, every club will have a representative on this committee primarily because we are such a diverse state with the large population areas so far apart.

I'm hoping that every president will put this matter on her agenda early on. And I'm hoping that members will recognize the significance of serving on this committee. It is both a duty and an honor and needs to be treated as such.

While we don't actually go to work until 2011, we have some work to do in terms of considering potential candidates for election to our Executive Committee.

WHO WILL REPRESENT YOUR CLUB—I look forward to hearing from each club as to their member of this important group.



North Valleys News

Vicky Maltman

We are thrilled to be part of the Nevada Federation, receiving our charter in February of this year. Assemblyman Ty Cobb helped us celebrate as our first speaker.

We meet the second Tuesday of the month at Hobey's Casino in Sun Valley. Many of our members enjoy the excellent food either before or after the meeting at either the coffee shop or steakhouse. Good food and service are the standard fare at both.

As a new club, we immediately established our Caring for America Project supporting our troops – a project we are passionate about. We have sent boxes to the Nevada Army National Guard, Nevada Air National Guard, and a Marine. North Valleys' President, Vicky Maltman, was a guest speaker at another local group; they also provided financial support for this project.

We hosted our first social and fundraising event in September. Support came from several Republican Women's groups, gubernatorial candidates, senatorial candidates, NvFRW President Michele Turner, and Northern Director Pam Benzing. We had a great evening.

We are looking forward to increasing our membership and taking an active role in Republican politics in our

area. Please join us for a meeting and let your friends who live in the North Valleys of Reno know about us. For more information about the club send an email to northvalleysrw@live.com.



Installing Officer Pam Benzing, Northern Director NvFRW, opened her home to Charter officers and members for our installation. Pictured from left are Secretary Deann Fraizer, Treasurer, Mary Ann Kelsey, Northern Director Pam Benzing, First Vice President Liz Priest, and Founder/President Vicky Maltman.

Winnemucca Republican Women

Tracy Guinn

We are so excited to be the newest club in Nevada. Founding this club has been a fantastic journey. Who would have realized that when I met Carol Del Carlo as a fellow student of the Silver State Excellence Program, it would result in a new Federated club a few months later?

A casual conversation with Carol in late March resulted in our exploratory meeting to form the club on April 13th. We were thrilled when Michele Turner, Sharon Petty, Kay Butchko, Pam Benzing and Carol Del Carlo made the drive to Winnemucca to kick off our effort.

In our July meeting we elected our officers, finalized our bylaws and filled many committee chairs. We were thrilled to welcome Kay Butchko, Southern Director, as our August speaker. In September we completed our application for charter.

We meet on the second Thursday of each month and are currently changing the meeting locations trying out the various venues available to us. Please do join us. Also – please let your friends know about us. Information can be obtained by addressing an email to me at: tracyleag@hotmail.com.

Our board is planning our 2010 schedule and we plan to be **THE** place to meet to address our local issues and support our candidates.



Tracy Guinn Carol Del Carlo Michele Turner

Far better is it to dare mighty things.. to win glorious triumphs.. even though checkered by failure...than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much.. because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.

Theodore Roosevelt

Letter to Members

Lynne Hartung



To the members of the NvFRW:

Once again, I want to express how honored I am to have been elected President of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women for 2010—2011.

I am so proud you have given me this opportunity to lead such a wonderful organization of dynamic, informed, hard-working Republican WOMEN. We have always made a difference in our state and I have no doubt that the members of the NvFRW will make a difference in the upcoming 2010 elections. Harry Reid beware!!!!

I am excited to be working with a wonderful Executive Board – Maraya Evans, Melody Howard, Virginia Durgin, Christine DeCorte, Marian Bond, Joan Passaro and Mike Hules. Thank you also to those I have spent the last month contacting– asking you to help me by accepting a chairmanship on the Board of Directors. Thanks for saying yes!

We have been talking about our goals for the Federation for the next two years. Everyone I have talked to has been so excited and ready to get to work. Joan Passaro and Mike Hules, our Southern and Northern Directors, are already working on the 2010 Leadership meetings to be held January 16th in Reno and January 30th in Las Vegas. Please plan on attending and bring other members of your clubs with you. There will be something for everyone – officers, chairmen of committees, such as Achievement Awards, Campaigns, Literacy, and Membership. Bring your questions, experiences and successes to share with other clubs.

Meeting so many of the members of the Federation this year has been so satisfying. I would love hearing from you with your ideas and comments. My email address is lynnehartung@att.net.

I am so honored to be the incoming President of NvFRW. I hope all of you, as I am, are ready for a year of working together and playing key roles as the "women power" in electing Republicans in 2010.

New Executive Board with Congressman Dean Heller



Back Row From Left: Marian Bond—Virginia Durgin—Mike Hules—Congressman Heller—Christine DeCorte—President Lynne Hartung

Front Row From Left: Joan Passaro—Melody Howard—Maraya Evans

Photo Courtesy of Marian Bond

Nevada Day

Lynne Hartung

Nevada Day photos courtesy of Lynne Hartung



Republican Women working at the Nevada Day celebration including the Carson City Republican Women's breakfast at the Governor's Mansion (with candidates serving)



Brian Krolicki sponsored a Chili Feed at the Nugget, with Carson City and Douglas Republican Women serving.

Lyon County float with Fernley members were represented



Legislative Report

Nancy Dallas

Appointed Legislative Chair in 2001 by President Su Kemper, I looked at this position as an opportunity to further inform and educate our members to the current state issues, to pertinent legislation, on how to become proactive and effective advocates, to better understand the state governing/legislative process and increase NvFRW participation and visibility in Nevada.

We have held biennial Legislative Days in conjunction with the Spring BOD meeting since 2003. With the coming of the computer generation, a Legislative Mailing List was established. There is now Twitter and Facebook to add to our communication abilities. We must take full advantage of them all.

While I am very proud of what the NvFRW has accomplished, it is very obvious there is much more **each of us** need and must do. Our three vote majority in the State Senate has deteriorated into a three vote minority, we have given a 2/3 veto override ability to the Democrats in the Assembly, we have lost all but two State Constitutional offices to the Democrats, and lost the voter registration battle as well. We are now a 'blue' state.

The membership of the NvFRW must become even more proactively involved – in getting Republican candidates elected, in actively supporting the Republican conservative agenda, in educating the voters, in gaining a greater understanding of the process.... And in **knowledgeably** attacking the Liberal agenda and those who promote it.

And perhaps most importantly, if we as a federation

truly wish to be considered a respected and viable player within the state political scene, we must quit stepping on our own toes. There is proper decorum to be followed and abided by when interacting with our past, present and potential elected officials and candidates. Aside from the absolute necessity of following our bylaws in regard to pre-primary support of candidates, both individual clubs and the state federation must become more knowledgeable of and follow proper protocol at all times.

I have stepped down as Legislative Chair. It is the right thing for me to do at this time.

About a month ago I started sending information relating to Nevada Republican Legislative and Federal candidates - districts, websites and events - to members of the Legislative Mailing List. I will continue to send this information and would appreciate any information relating to a candidate's upcoming events. This information needs to stay as updated as possible.

I will be available and of willing assistance to your new Legislative Chair, Linda Bronstein, BCRW. She will do an outstanding job.

If the new leadership feels there is some other avenue within the NvFRW where I can be of beneficial assistance, I will do my best to accommodate those wishes.

I want to thank you all for your wonderful support during my time as legislative Chair, your many kind words through the years, the many fun times and fond memories – but most of all, I want to thank the very, very special people throughout the NvFRW that I now count among my very dearest and most treasured friends.

Calendar—Leadership Workshops

North—January 16, 2010—Atlantis Hotel & Casino—Reno, Nevada
South—January 30, 2010—Atomic Testing Museum—Las Vegas, Nevada

Watch for Further Information

By Michele Turner

Every summer, Chuck and I go back to Wisconsin; this year it was in early August. A group of girlfriends always do a Saturday at Princeton's Flea Market. And every year as we go through Ripon, I say, "I have to have my picture taken at the Schoolhouse", which was the birthplace of the Republican Party.

One of the most liberal states in the Union. How did this happen??



Gold Star Plates

GOVERNOR PRESENTS NEW “GOLD STAR” LICENSE PLATES

Carson City— New “Gold Star” license plates are now available from the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles. The license plates allow relatives of American soldiers killed in the line of duty to honor their fallen family member. To be eligible to receive the special license plates, the licensee must be a direct relative of a soldier killed in the line of duty.



Governor Jim Gibbons personally gave the first two Gold Star license plates to Roger Varela and Sally Wiley at the DMV office in Carson City.

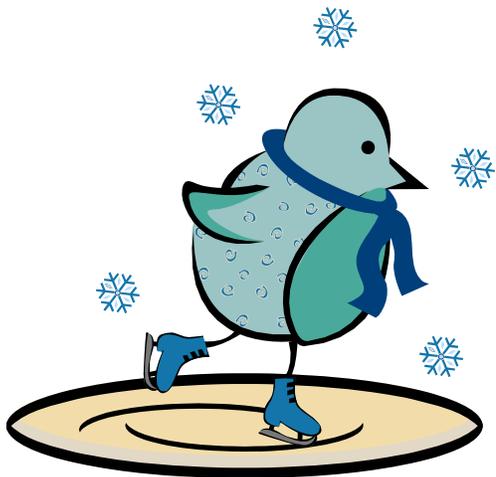
Roger Varela, a Fernley resident and the founder of the Gold Star Families of Northern Nevada, was presented Gold Star license plate 0001. Varela’s son Ray was killed near Baghdad May 19, 2007 when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device (IED).

Sally Wiley, a Gardnerville resident, received Gold Star plate 0002. Wiley’s son Sean was killed Feb. 15, 2009 near As Salam, Iraq. His vehicle was also struck by an IED.

“Every Nevadan who receives one of these license plates should feel proud to carry on the honor of their fallen family member,” Governor Gibbons said, “And every Nevadan who sees these license plates should remember the sacrifices made by the men and women of the American Armed Services.”

The Gold Star plate, available statewide as of Nov. 9, was authorized by the State Legislature last session and signed into law by Governor Gibbons last May. The Gold Star license plate does not raise funds for any organization. The cost for a set is \$1 which is the cost to produce the plate.

The Gold Star plates feature a single gold star next to the letters “FV”, which stand for Fallen Veteran. The Gold Star license plates can be purchased only by close relatives (parent, child, brother/sister, grandparent, step-parent, and step-child) of a member of the military killed in the line of duty.



Oh, the weather
outside is
frightful.....





These photos were taken by Carol Del Carlo, 1st VP Incline Village/Crystal Bay RW, on Thursday evening prior to the start of the NvFRW Biennial Convention, at a dinner hosted by Lorraine Hunt-Bono. Guests Tonya Stiel and Jessie Morton also attended.



A Christmas Story



Once **Upon A Time**, in a land called Nevada, a rebellion was beginning to form. This was because a Very Influential Man, who called Nevada home, was attempting to keep the job he's held for many years.

This job is based in a land called Washington, D.C., and is home to many very important people. The most powerful person there is called the "President" and, after moving to Washington in early 2009, he and the Very Influential Man from Nevada became very friendly. The Very Influential Man had been in Washington, D.C., for so many years that he forgot all about the good citizens of Nevada and was no longer looking out for their best interests. He became what's known as a "self-serving politician", and only thought about Nevada when he referred to his birthplace.

And so it came to pass, that some citizens of Nevada decided they wanted the job held by the Very Influential Man, and called themselves "candidates". They began "campaigns" to see if the other citizens of Nevada would endorse and assist them in defeating the Very Influential Man. There were several of these very qualified citizens, and each one felt it was his or her duty to try to gain the position held by the Very Influential Man, and to restore dignity and importance to Nevada.

Which Brings Us To The Present— It will be up to the good citizens of Nevada to determine which of these people will quell the uprising and defeat the Very Influential Man. The good citizens of Nevada have a formidable task at hand, and will need to ensure that the person they choose to defeat the Very Influential Man will be the best and most able person to meet the challenge. The future of the great land of Nevada depends upon its good citizens to make the right choice.

Thus, as we ready ourselves for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, let us give thanks that we live in a democracy, where we are able to exercise our freedom and rights, and challenge someone like the Very Influential Man—**AND WIN!**



Happy Thanksgiving

**Merry Christmas to All
and
To All A Good Fight!**



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