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The Party Line

SparksRepublicanWomen.com

Wednesday,
October 10, 2018
Sparks Nugget
1100 Nugget Avenue,
Sparks
Southern Pacific Room
Third Floor
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cost: \$27/members,
\$32/non-members for
reservations received
by Friday, October 5
Tax & tip included.
Reservations received
after October 5 :
\$37/members and
\$42/non-members
R.S.V.P. to Barb Hawn
@ 250-4296 or
bbmhawn@gmail.com
If you respond with
a RSVP and do not attend,
you may receive an invoice
Please let Barb know if you
would like a vegetarian
plate. Please be seated by
6 p.m.

While SRW takes **cash** and
checks only at the door,
you may pay in
advance with
a PayPal. The
charge will be
\$28.20 per res-
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Sparks Republican Women present ...



JOHN JORGENSEN

Nevada Firearms Coalition (NVFAC)
2nd Amendment Issues for
Nevada's 80th Legislative Session

Anti-Gun Positions in Election 2018
may be found at
NVFAC Website steve.sisolak.org

President's Corner

We have now
slipped into Fall. The
trees are turning beau-
tiful colors of yellow,
orange and red. The
days are still warm with
crisp cool evenings that
refresh us.

The Mid-term
Elections are com-
ing quickly. I want to
remind us all that it is
very important to vote
for all Republicans up and
down the ticket.

I was told recently that
in the 2016 Election,
many votes were just for
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Cher Daniels

the top of
the ticket.
Not vot-
ing for a
Republican
is like vot-
ing for a
Democrat.
When
someone
has won
the seat
that they
are running for, they must
listen to all people in their
district not just those who

***Remember: Republicans who do not vote
are voting for Democrats. Republicans
who do not vote for the Republican on the
General Ticket are voting for Democrats.***

New dinner night?

SRW would like
to discuss chang-
ing the night of the
Sparks Republican
Women's dinners
to a Tuesday if the
Nugget is available.
Any change
would not start until
after January 1.

New vote on old issue

SRW must vote to reaf-
firm the August 10, 2017,
Bylaw change of eliminat-
ing officer term limits.
There were no minutes
located regarding this
action, so the vote at the
October 10 dinner meeting
will make it official.

SRW's September Speakers

2018 vote crucial for Nevada GOP

In his campaign for Nevada Lieutenant Governor, Michael Roberson made a stop at the Sparks Republican Women's September dinner meeting.

He made it clear that for more than 18 years, Nevada is where he wants to be, he wants to make it a better place to live and gubernatorial candidate Adam Laxalt asked him to run.

Roberson first was elected to the Nevada Legislature in 2010 and has held the positions of both Majority Leader and Minority Leader.

He stressed just how high the stakes are in a little over one month on Election Day.

"I want to be specific of what you can expect if we are not successful. Last session, the Democrats took over the Legislature, and it was the most anti-business, pro-felon session in state history."

Regarding felons, he said:

- ❖ They proposed legislation to let felons out of prison early
- ❖ Reduce sentences for violent felons
- ❖ Make it easier for them to vote
- ❖ Allow felons to vote while in prison

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SRW President Cher Daniels with Mike Roberson, left, candidate for Nevada Lieutenant Governor, and Darin Balaam, right, candidate for Washoe County Sheriff.

Service upgrades vital for WCSO

Being elected Washoe County Sheriff has been a long-time goal for Darin Balaam and that was evident as he outlined his career for Sparks Republican Women at its September dinner meeting.

The fifth-generation Nevadan embarked upon this path and is a 20-year Washoe County Sheriff's Office veteran. His resume is extensive as he has worked in every division of the sheriff's office.

"The sheriff's office is not a small office with its \$119 million budget, 754 employees, over 500 volunteers and a jail that holds 1,087 on average over the past year. We have largest budget in county."

Balaam started at 20 as a civilian in the property room working the graveyard shift. He put himself through the police academy by day. At 21, he tested and in 1995 under Sheriff Richard Kirkland joined the force.

Working in the department's three bureaus – detention, operation, administration – he said he set out to learn everything about all three areas. Along the way, Balaam held the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant,

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Walk with Dean on Nevada Day

Friends, Republicans, please consider walking with Dean Heller in the Nevada Day Parade on October 27 in Carson City. The past week showcased why we need all the support we can get for our Republicans in the Senate.

Help Turn Nevada **RED** Again

Nevada Day - Saturday, October 27 in Carson City beginning at 10 a.m.

The parade is just days before the election, a crucial time when we must show up in force! We need to radiate confidence and show the Democrats we are going to win this election and turn Nevada **RED**.

RSVP to mtrosrsw@gmail.com. We need to show that we are a strong force of women in support of keeping our Senate a Republican Majority. We must continue to help our President make and keep America Great!

If Dean Heller doesn't win ... We will be represented by a Democrat from Vegas. Let's stand together and make Dean's win a reality!

We Celebrate October Birthdays

Maryanne Berdan
Lynne Hartung

October 12
October 26

President's Corner

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voted for them.

We need to make sure we tell our families and our friends how important all the offices on the ballot are. Now is the time for phone calls to voters to get out the vote is crucial.

I have added the mission of our club:

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Sparks Republican Women is to educate and inform the public on the Republican philosophy and the objectives and policies of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women.

OBJECTIVES

Objectives of Sparks Republican Women are to:

1. Promote an informed membership first and then educate and influence the public through political education and activity.
2. Increase the effectiveness of women in the cause of good government, through political participation and activism.
3. Support the objectives and policies of the Nevada Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women.
4. Work for the election of Republican nominees.
5. Be loyal to the Republican Party and promote its principles.
6. Encourage and support Republican women to run for elective office.
7. Select topics which interest the club and focus on new legislation in order to interact with our elected officials within the State and Nation.



National Federation of Republican Women

Endorsement Policy

The NFRW has established a policy for endorsements during election cycles. It is recognized that members of our organization are politically active and should be engaged in the support of Republican candidates. It is further recognized that building quality relationships with our elected officials are critical to our mission. The NFRW has adopted a policy to specifically address endorsements of candidates.

- The president and campaign activities chair of NFRW, any state federation or local club shall not publicly endorse any candidate for public office in any primary, runoff, special or non-partisan race where two or more known Republicans are in the race. No endorsement or evidence of support by any member shall be issued using the NFRW affiliation, logo, or stationery without the approval of NFRW.

- An officer of the organization who is a candidate or whose spouse or family member is a candidate shall be exempt from this rule, however, they may not

do so in the name of the organization or by utilizing the logo or stationery of the NFRW, the state federation, or the local club.

- NFRW Bylaws provide for removal of membership for any member, state federation, or local club that advocates a split party ticket or supports a candidate who is running on an opposition ticket.

The above is the minimum endorsement policy required by NFRW. State federations and clubs may, in their bylaws, adopt stricter endorsement limitations.

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Go, Adam, Go

Sparks Republican Women support and cheer on Adam Laxalt in his campaign for Nevada Governor.

Malinda Campbell, left, Charlene Bybee, Jill Dickman, Barb Hawon and Alexis Hansen all say Go, Adam, Go.

Roberson

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❖ Allow felons to serve on juries

❖ Hide a felon's criminal history from potential employers and the public

Roberson said he was amazed to learn that Democrat Aaron Ford, seeing the state's top law enforcement position of Attorney General, has been arrested four times. While in the Legislature, Ford has had federal tax liens for the last 4 years.

"The worst thing they did was try to make Nevada a sanctuary state," he said. "They tried it twice and if not for law enforcement officials who came to Carson City and made it clear they would not stand for it, it would have passed. My concern is that next session, the Democrats will still have control and if there is a Democrat governor, all that will pass into law."

During the 2017 Legislature, Governor Brian Sandoval vetoed 41 bills, a state record. That should tell you how radical an agenda the Democrats have. All the things that got



Lieutenant Governor Candidate Michael Roberson.

vetoed last session are coming back. Roberson forecast that bills requiring collective bargaining for state employees will be put forward. He said Democrat gubernatorial candidate Steve Sisolak has already said he would sign such a bill as well as raise taxes.

Other potential proposals include:

- ❖ Ban on plastic bags
- ❖ Allow home intruders to sue the homeowner victims
- ❖ Ban the death penalty
- ❖ Fund abortions
- ❖ Require mandatory sick leave for small businesses
- ❖ Raise the minimum wage to \$15
- ❖ Eliminate Uber and Lyft from state

"We passed a lot of legislation in 2015 and the Democrats tried to roll back that legislation in 2017. That included construction defect reform, you can't be paid by the taxpayers for doing union business on taxpayer time, a ban on all gifts ... and rename McCarran International Airport to the Harry Reid Airport.

"When I say the states are high, they really are. Every one of the top state races is basically tied, within the margin of error. This is not going to be 2014. If there is a blue wave, it's going to be rough."

All are urged to call, ask for Kavanaugh confirmation

Dear Sparks Republican Women,

Last week we witnessed a confirmation hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee that was disgraceful and an embarrassment to this nation. Instead of the Senate exercising its duty to "advise and consent" to a nominee for the Supreme Court, we witnessed an attempt to "search and destroy" the character of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, one of the most highly qualified and vetted nominees ever to have come before the Senate. Democrats have succeeded in weaponizing the "Me Too" movement to try to defeat a conservative candidate for the Supreme Court.

Republicans voted this nomination out of the Judiciary Committee on a partisan 11:10 vote, with Sen. Jeff Flake calling for a further one week FBI investigation to determine if there were any more witnesses who could be interviewed regarding the unsubstantiated accusations of sexual assault by his accuser, Susan Blasey Ford. That is supposed to be limited to a one week investigation, as agreed to by the Senate. The

FBI report, though, could be released as soon as Tuesday or Wednesday, and voted on as soon as Friday (or Monday).

There is much, much more at stake here than Judge Kavanaugh's appointment to the Supreme Court. There is the fundamental principle in our system of law and government of "Innocent until Proven Guilty". Without this safeguard anyone can be accused and found guilty of any charge made against them without any supporting evidence or corroboration of those charges. That is a very dangerous precedent to set in these hearings. We know that the opposition will continue to try to push this Senate vote past the midterms, in order to try to get majorities, in either the House and/or the Senate, to not allow any conservative candidate to take a seat on the Court. The President does not have time to even nominate and get approved another candidate before the midterms in November.

Republicans have the power to confirm this nominee if all of them vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh in

the full Senate. There are a handful of Democrats, from states where the President won the majority, who are up for re-election and may also vote with the Republicans in the Senate. Please call the following Senators who have not committed to a "Yes" vote, based on the evidence already presented, and being further vetted by the FBI. They will cast the deciding votes to either confirm or deny this nomination.

Jeff Flake (R) Arizona
Susan Collins (R) Maine
Lisa Murkowski (R) Alaska
Heidi Heitcamp (D) North Dakota
Joe Manchin (D) West Virginia

Call or e-mail these Senators. The number of the Capitol Hill Switchboard in Washington D.C. is (202) 224-3121. Please urge confirmation of Judge Kavanaugh when the vote comes to the floor this week or next. The future of our highest court and the integrity of the confirmation process depends upon it.

Sincerely,
Melodie Solton,
SRW legislative Chair

Balaam

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captain and then assistant sheriff for operations.

"I learned how to budget, how to lead men and women in the office, I sought out some of the more high-risk assignments," he continued. "I was SWAT commander, hostage negotiation team commander, detention response team commander, I started regional gang unit, canine unit, Raven."

Halfway through my career, he asked his mentors what else did he need to do? Go back to school he was told.

From the University of Nevada, Reno, in 2012 he earned a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice, attended the University of Louisville and the Southern Police Institute. He was graduated from there with a Master's in Criminal Justice Administration.

Since his retirement in 2015, he has taught at Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada College – and campaigning.

Balaam has targeted four areas for WCSO:

❖ Keep up with growth. "We are exploding. I want to put 10 deputies on the line every year for the next four years. We cut 23 deputy positions during the recession, and 81 positions in the office. We haven't gained any of those back."

❖ Opioids. "We have get with the medical and non-profit communities and decide how we're going to address that."

❖ Mental health. "We are the second largest mental



Washoe County Sheriff Candidate Darin Balaam listed his priorities to improve Quality of Life issues.

health facility in the state. We need to stabilize them, those who are non-violent misdemeanors. How do we prevent them from coming through the jail routinely? There are some programs in this community to help them stabilize.

Balaam described that those to be released are escorted from the jail at 5 a.m., going to the bus stop and then traveling to downtown Sparks or Reno. Many return to the jail because they have no place to go. He said the county Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health facility on Galletti Way. He said it would be a three-phase program with the county and cities taking over wrap-around services. Such a move will free up space for predators and other criminals in the jail facility.

❖ Sex trafficking. "We have to address that. When I was in the gang unit years ago, I stopped the Russian Mafia in downtown Reno as they were running young women out of the Flamingo/Golden Phoenix (and now The Montage).

❖ Seniors. "Those 55 and older are our largest population in Washoe County. We did a community assessment and next, the 70 and above are our largest growing population." He talked about seniors with technology and cell phones who fall prey to phone scams. How do we protect them, educate them?

He also cited many seniors who live alone. When family is unable to contact them, deputies show up and it's too late. He pointed to a City of Sparks program that seniors can sign up for so they get a daily phone call and punch in a code. If they don't respond, Sparks D will send an officer to check up on them. "It is a great program, and we have to expand that program.

"So why do I want to be your sheriff? I am asked that all the time. Besides my family, I absolutely love law enforcement; I'm raising 4 wonderful kids; I was taught that you leave a place in better shape than when you started and I want to make a difference."

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SRW President Cher Daniels and husband Bryan portray President Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln at an Incline Republican Women event recently. Also joining in the presentation was Nevada Federation President Diane Baranowski.



Sixth Question added to Ballot

Nevada Question 6: Renewable Energy Standards Initiative

A “yes” vote supports this initiative to require electric utilities to acquire 50 percent of their electricity from renewable resources by 2030.

A “no” vote opposes this initiative, thus keeping the existing requirement that electric utilities acquire 25 percent of their electricity from renewable resources by 2025.

On July 12, 2018, Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske announced that 133,005 signatures were valid, certifying the ballot initiative to appear on the ballot for the election on November 6, 2018. At least 112,554 signatures needed to be valid.

What would Question 6 change about energy policy in Nevada?

Question 6 would increase the state’s Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS). An RPS is a mandate that electric utilities acquire a minimum amount of electricity from renewable energy sources. As of 2018, Nevada’s RPS is 25 percent by 2025. Question 6 would increase the RPS to 50 percent by 2030. The initiative would define renewable energy to include sources such as solar, geothermal, wind, biomass, and hydro-electric. Specifically, Question 6 would require an increased RPS each year until reaching 50 percent in 2030.

2018 Nevada Ballot Initiatives

Question 1 – Marsy’s Law (SJR 17, 2017) – Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to include certain rights for victims of crime (arguments written by the Legislative Counsel Bureau);

Question 2 – Sales Tax Exemption for Feminine Hygiene Products (SB 415, 2017) – Proposes to amend NRS to exempt certain feminine hygiene products from being taxed under the Sales and Use Tax Act of 1955 (arguments written by the Legislative Counsel Bureau);

Question 3 –The Energy Choice Initiative (Q3, 2016) – Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to require an open, competitive retail electric energy market (arguments the same as on the 2016 ballot);

Question 4 – Medical Patient Tax Relief Act (Q4, 2016) – Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to exempt certain durable medical equipment and mobility enhancing devices from any tax upon the sale, storage, use, or consumption of tangible personal property (arguments the same as on the 2016 ballot);

Question 5 – The Automatic Voter Registration Initiative (IP1, 2017) – Proposes to amend NRS to provide for the automatic voter registration of citizens qualified to vote when they obtain certain services from the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) (requires the appointment of ballot question committees).

Remember, we must turn
“Washoe Red Again”



Remember our heroes, donate to Wreaths Across America

As we enter Fall, Winter and the holidays are soon to follow. It's also at this time that we remember all those souls who have given their lives so that we may enjoy ours as well as the safety of America.

It is time to ... REMEMBER the Fallen ... HONOR those who Serve ... TEACH our children the value of Freedom.

The Nevada Federation of Republican Women have teamed up with the Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition to help provide wreaths for as many of our fallen heroes as possible.

For every two wreaths purchased, we will get one free. Please help us by purchasing at least two wreaths.



WREATHS — across — AMERICA

Send your check made out to Wreaths Across America and send to NV Veterans Coalition, PO Box 415, Fernley, NV 89408

In Memo line, please put that it is for the Northern Nevada Vets

This year, on Saturday, December 15, at Noon, the NNVC will be helping Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery to lay Remembrance wreaths on the graves.

Help honor and remember these many fallen heroes by sponsoring the wreaths or volunteering on Wreaths Day. Thank you so much for supporting the

Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition (NV0010) and Wreaths Across America!

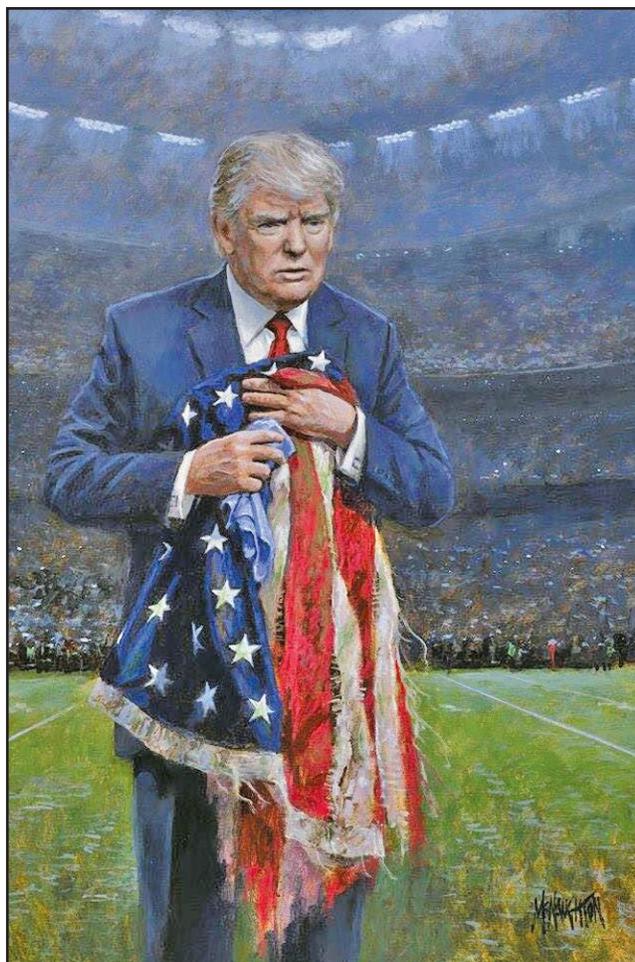
Nevada Day

Nevada Day is a grand celebration commemorating admission to statehood on October 31, 1864. Nevadans have the distinction of holding the largest statehood celebration in the nation! The highlight is the Nevada Day Parade.

The first known observance of Nevada Day (originally known as "Admission Day") was by the Pacific Coast Pioneer society during the 1870s. It was not until 1933 that the state legislature designated October 31 as Nevada Day and a state holiday.

Nevada Day was originally observed on October 31 each year. In 2000 however, the Nevada Legislature decided to celebrate the holiday on a Friday, hoping that a three-day weekend would generate more interest. Nevada Day is now observed on the last Friday in October. But, most of the big events in Carson City, including the parade through the heart of downtown, occur on the following day (Saturday). This idea was shortly followed by Las Vegas and Henderson, adding up to three Nevada Days throughout the year in addition to the actual holiday.

On Nevada Day, all state, county and city government offices are closed, along with most schools and libraries. Some private businesses, like banks,



Respect and Honor

John McNaughton painted this image of President Trump and named it

"Respect The Flag." The painter says, "I painted President Trump picking up a shredded and trampled flag off the football field. He holds a wet cloth in his right hand, as he attempts to clean it. I respect America. I respect the flag, the anthem, and the President because he doesn't back down to those who do not."

"Those who would disrespect our flag have never been handed a folded one"

also close at their discretion.

Until 2000, Halloween was observed in Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County, and Storey County on October 30, so as to not

conflict with the holiday.

In 2003, 2008 and 2014, the legal holiday for Nevada Day fell on October 31, the actual day of admission.

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