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I am so glad we are going to meet on August 5, 2020 for the third month in a row!!

Our 1st VP, Linda Colavechio, has a great line up for us once again—Congressman Mark Amodei



will be our featured speaker and we also will have the three candidates

for the East Fork Fire Board of Directors - John Ballones, Steven Mihelic and Michael Sommers on hand.

We had our "spring" board meeting for the Nevada Federation of Republican Women in Las Vegas on July 17-18, 2020. President Freixas ran a very smooth meeting with some interesting, entertaining speakers. Congressman Mark Amodei, Nv Republican Party Chair, Michael McDonald and the dynamic Jessie Jane Duff.

Many of you are probably aware already, but at the Nevada Republican Party Convention, in June, nine NvFRW women were elected to be delegates/alternates to the National Convention in Jacksonville FL, however, due Covid19 - our President Trump decided it was necessary to cancel the convention! Oh well, we can try again in 4 years.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on August 5, 2020.



OUR NEXT MEETING

Wed Aug 5, 2020

**Valley Christian
Fellowship Church**

**1681 Lucerne St.,
Minden 89423**

Sign In: 11:00 am

Cost \$10.00

Reservation deadline:

June 26, 2020

Reservations:

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MENU

**No lunch served,
there will be light
refreshments**

Republican Fire District Office Candidates

DISTRICT 1

John Bellona

My name is William “John” Bellona and I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about myself and why I believe I am the candidate of choice for the East Fork Fire and Paramedic District 1 Board of Directors.

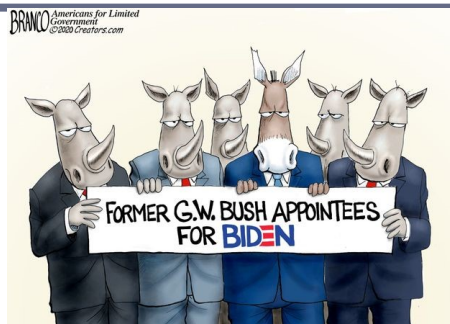


I grew up in Bishop, California and attended secondary education in Southern California, settling in Gardnerville 35 years ago. I have stayed involved in our community throughout all these years.

I have a wide range of experience in public service and the private sector. While with the Nevada Division of Forestry I worked my way up to Statewide Division Chief. Because of this experience I have sat on both sides of the negotiation table. This allows me to have both a management and labor perspective. While with the Cattleman's Group I started as a line cook and worked my way up to a District Manager, working with multiple restaurants and their staff. This also gave me the opportunity to view both sides of the table. For many years I was a volunteer with East Fork's Station 7 starting as a firefighter and working through the ranks to Volunteer Fire Chief. I have the perspective, understanding and background as both a professional firefighter as well as a volunteer firefighter.

The East Fork Fire and Paramedic District is still a young and vibrant organization that is in transition, from being a small tight-knit mostly volunteer organization into a larger organization that continues to grow to meet the needs of our community with career staff. While growth is necessary, it needs to be properly managed and directed. As a Director, I have the background to help guide the organization through this, while also being very cogent about fiscal responsibility. It is also important to insure that both management and labor build trust, respect and have good two-way communication. Being a Director on this board will take time and energy working to build relationships both in and out of the organization. I have been building these types of relationships throughout my career. I have attended training's at the National Fire Academy, the Emergency Management Institute and the National Advanced Fire and Resource Institute to learn how and why these relationships are paramount in protecting our community.

I look forward to being on the East Fork Fire Board of Directors to continue to help this organization meet the needs of our community and the people they protect.



DISTRICT 5

Steven Mihelic

I have lived in
Douglas County



for 50+ years. I graduated from

Douglas County Schools and raised my family here. I am running to retain my seat on the East Fork Fire Protection District board of Directors. I was appointed to the Board representing district 5 (North Douglas County) beginning in January 2017.

I am proud to say that during that time I have consistently voted to support the district and our personnel to provide quality fire and emergency medical services to our community. All the while keeping fiscal considerations in the forefront.

My previous experience provides me with a unique skill set to use in my position on the Board of Directors. I retired after almost 30 years in the fire service, beginning as a volunteer here in the county and 27+ years as a career firefighter in Carson City. During my professional career I worked my way through the ranks culminating as the Assistant Fire Chief. While in the Assistant Chief position I instituted a wildland urban interface program in Carson City. I was instrumental in developing the quad county hazardous materials response team that continues to serve Douglas, Lyon, Storey Counties and Carson City. I have also worked in the construction industry giving me private sector experience. With my unique blend of career exposure, I understand both public and private concerns and how the two interact with each other. With my experience in labor and management in both private and public sector exposure I believe it gives me the ability to understand the issues from all aspects.

If I am re-elected, I am committed to continuing to provide the best service possible with the resources available listening to my constituents and our employees, and maintaining a conservative fiscal approach.

For a more complete collection of information please visit my website: stevenmihelic.com or my facebook page: Steven Mihelic District 5 East Fork FPD Board



Jessie Jane Duff a member of the 2020 Advisory Board, Women for Trump. She served 20 years in the Marine Corps and has been seen and heard on numerous TV and radio shows. She gave an outstanding speech to the ladies during the luncheon.

Picture taken at the Las Vegas NvFRW Spring meeting this past week.

DISTRICT 5

Michael Sommers

Having grown up in Southern California, Mike Sommers moved to Incline Village in June of 1965, where he worked while simultaneously finishing his education at the University of Nevada Reno. He graduated with a business degree in June of 1968, then served in the Army and Nevada National Guard. After his military service, Sommers then returned to Incline Village, where he began his CPA career in 1971.

Sommers became a partner in an international CPA firm, practicing primarily in Nevada and California, and specializing in Gaming, Real Estate Development and Taxes for over 20 years.

While working in Incline Village, he also became a volunteer firefighter, and was a volunteer captain for the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District where he served the community for over 20 years. In addition, he was elected to serve as a Commissioner on the Fire Board, serving a total of 12 years on the Board, 10 years of which he served as the Chairman of the Board.

During his tenure on the Fire Board they were able to establish a full time Paramedic EMS System, to build the district in manpower and equipment, and to reduce response times for servicing the residents and visitors. With the help of the community, the Fire Board introduced a Fuels Management Plan for the Tahoe Basin to the US Congress and successfully passed the Tahoe Basin Defensible Base Act. In addition, the Fire Board assisted in negotiating multiple Fire Agency Mutual Aide contracts to ensure additional emergency support to the Incline Village, Crystal Bay District, and the Tahoe Basin.

Sommers left Incline in 1998 and relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he joined one of his former clients in the aviation industry. He helped to grow this Nevada Company from a small operation of 200 employees with \$6 million-dollar revenue, to a 3,200 employee company with over \$300 million in revenue.

Sommers relocated back to Minden, Nevada in March 2017, settling in and residing in District 5, with his wife Linda Sommers, so they could live close to their four children and five grandchildren.

Mike Sommers looks forward to getting back to community service for the residents of Douglas County, by working with the East Fork Fire District. He hopes to provide support to the East Fork Fire District's personnel, to continue to build this District, to work on Fuels Management, to strengthen the financial position of the District, and to ensure continued protection of lives and property.



PENDING SCHEDULED SPEAKERS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

AUGUST 5TH



Mark's staff has informed us that there is a "slight" possibility he will be called back to DC for a vote during this time.

MARK AMODEI

U.S. CONGRESSMAN 2ND DISTRICT

Fire District Candidates:

John Bellona

Stephen Mihelic

Michael Sommers

SEPTEMBER 2ND

BARBARA CEGAVSKE

NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE

And her Election Deputy



OCTOBER 7TH



JAMES SETTLEMEYER

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JIM WHEELER

NEVADA ASSEMBLY 39TH DISTRICT



DISTRICT COURT JUDGE CANDIDATES

Caren Cafferata-Jenkins

Nathan Tod Young



WOMEN WHO JUST WON'T BE QUIET:

A brief history of Conservative Women Activists

You may find it hard to swallow, but the first mention of “women in conservatism” in Wikipedia chronicles how effective the anti-suffragism movement was in delaying women getting the vote! The official group, which claimed 350,000 members in 1868, known as “The National Association Opposed to Women Suffrage” managed to defeat 40 suffrage proposals and distributed a pamphlet called *Women’s Protest* nationwide. Most of the leaders of this group were married to politicians—imagine that!

Of course, suffrage arrived in 1919, but organized conservative women’s groups didn’t get much notice (there was the Depression and WWII after all), but at about the same time as the countercultural “Hippie” movement swept in on the West Coast, along came squads of what were described as “suburban warriors” (particularly in Orange County, California—a very Republican county then) banding together to fight what they viewed as an attempt by anti-Christian, communistic proponents to gain control of America. These “warriors” are attributed with getting Barry Goldwater nominated on the Republican ticket in 1964 (but, we all know how that turned out). They also were greatly assisted in their battles by the ACLU, and I am not making this up.

Rethinking their strategies, those Orange County agitators settled their gaze on a good-looking actor, one Ronald Reagan, to carry their banner. He first became governor, and after **he adjusted his strategies** to be more anti-liberal thanks in great part to those Orange County women, he won the presidency and became, in the view of today’s Republicans, one of the best presidents in U. S. history.

More recently, we see conservative women influencing the national conversation through the actions of Sarah Palin, the first female Republican vice-presidential candidate, Michele Bachmann, and Carly Fiorina (both of whom ran to be the Republican candidate for president), through the Susan B. Anthony List, through Phyllis Schlafly (pictured above), who led the opposition against the Equal Rights Amendment and founded the Eagle Forum, and most currently through Candace Owens, Kellyanne Conway, Laura Ingraham, and Alveda King.

Women, conservative women, deserve far more recognition in the shaping of the Republican Party than they often get. Courage and persistence are hallmarks of conservative women. We certainly need a giant dose of both of those to get us out of the chaos the progressive left is trying its best to bring to our wonderful country.

Be one of those women who won’t be quiet!

Virginia Starrett,
Americanism Chair

SUNSHINE ALERT

A get well card was sent to **Sally Wiley**, she had to spend some time in the hospital, but is doing great now.

Our prayers and best wishes go to **Sandy Girdner** an active member of our club. Sandy lost her mother on July 16th.

And sadly we must report the recent loss of a long time DCRW member; **Lois Carty**. Lois and her husband Richard moved to Gardnerville in 1989. They have a son Jeffrey and daughter Lisa Smyth, two grandsons, Steven and Daniel, a granddaughter, Sydney and several nephews and nieces.

Lois was an active member of this club, working on committees, fund raisers and other projects for many years. After her husband passed in 2015 she left us to be near her family in California. Lois was 95.

We send her family our heartfelt condolences and prayers. For those that wish a card may be sent to her daughter:

Lisa Smyth
3424 Java Dr,
San Ramon CA 94582.



Please remember these families and all our club members in your prayers.

And please let Jean Tomlinson know if anyone is in need of a card. tomlinson4@frontier.com

Douglas County Republication

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Maureen Karas <mmkaras@yahoo.com>

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and stewardship in bringing in new members through this unusual year.

The good news is DCRW proudly reports we now have 49 regular members and 42 associates. Wouldn't it be terrific to break 100 this year? With your help we can make this happen. Please think about the people you know and people you meet with Republican values who have interest in our community, our national, state & county elected officials and invite them to a meeting.

We will begin accepting membership for 2021 beginning with our October meeting, just two months away. Make a note on your calendar to bring someone new. We would love to have them!

Thank you,
Mo Karas,
2nd VP-Membership

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2020 we hope you will do so at our next meeting. We can only count you if you've paid for the year.

August Birthdays



Shawnyne Garren

Joe Hooven

Natalie Maddox

James McKalip

Elaine Walker

And anyone we've missed!



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Sites of Interest:

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www.dcrwnevada.com

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your Calendars

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| Aug. 5 | DCRW General Meeting |
| Aug. 12 | Sierra Nevada General Meeting |
| Aug. 13 | DCRCC General Meeting |
| Aug. 20 | Nevada PAC Basque Fry CANCELLED |
| Aug. 24-27 | Republican National
Convention CANCELLED |
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| Sept. 2 | DCRW General Meeting |
| Sept. 9 | Sierra Nevada General Meeting |
| Sept. 10 | DCRCC General Meeting |
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| Oct. 3 | DCRW Fund Raiser at CVI |
| Oct. 7 | DCRW General Meeting |
| Oct. 14 | Sierra Nevada General Meeting |
| Oct. 15 | DCRCC General Meeting |
| Oct 16-17 | NvFRW Fall Meeting, Reno |

Thank you Mo Karas for the lovely cake you brought to last months meeting.



No Voter Fraud, Eh Democrats? A Dead Cat Just Got A Voter Registration Form



Source: AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin, File



As the Chinese Coronavirus and all the restrictions and closures that come with it seem to be here to stay for the foreseeable future, Democrats have made a forceful push to eliminate in-person voting. President Trump has consistently rejected the notion of mail-in voting, citing the troubling instances of fraud and inaccuracies associated with ballots being unmonitored and unchecked within the postal system.

Democrats have maintained their position and frequently cite the common practice of absentee voting as being the same thing, even though absentee balloting requires specific verification requirements and regulations. But despite their best efforts to keep voters away from the polls this November, the evidence just isn't falling to the side of the Democrats.

Just last month, [four men in New Jersey](#), including a sitting councilman and a councilman-elect, were charged with multiple counts of voter fraud that involved tampering with the mail, stealing ballots, and falsifying ballots. This week, a [mailman in West Virginia](#) was charged with voter fraud after altering several registration form requests to change the political party affiliation.

Now, it seems, an enthusiastic activist group in Atlanta has mailed a voter registration form to a [deceased cat](#).

The Secretary of State's Office in Georgia acknowledged that there was a statewide push by many third party organizations to get people registered to vote. The form for the cat, they said, definitely did not come from their office.

Carol Tims, whose pet cat Cody received the form, said it was amusing for the family to see the piece of mail addressed to him but also alarming that such an important form would be sent to dead animals.

"There's a huge push but if they're trying to register cats, I'm not sure who else they're trying to register," Tims said. "I'm not sure if they're trying to register dogs, mice, snakes."

Though comical, the Secretary of State's Office said that this type of fraud was no laughing matter.

"Third-party groups all over the country are targeting Georgia to help register qualified individuals," the office said in a statement. "This group makes you wonder what these out-of-town activists are really doing. Make no mistake about it, this office is dedicated to investigating all types of fraud."

The office further stated that no cat would be allowed to vote at the polls since they would obviously not be able to provide a valid photo identification, a requirement to vote in the state of Georgia. But if the state moved to mail-in voting only, as many in the state and nation are pushing for, that ID requirement would be exempted.

As the presidential election in November looms large on the calendar and the threat of COVID-19 shutdowns remains, questions about how voters will safely cast their ballots without fear of widespread fraud continue to be raised.

Democrats have persistently asserted that requiring in-person identification is tantamount to racism, because apparently people of color do not have identification. Now they say that in-person voting is too dangerous because of the threat of illness, while they champion thousands of radical leftwing protesters filling city streets.

Perhaps the dead cat getting a pre-filled voter registration form will raise alarms in the Democratic Party, who seem to be actively dismissing the mountain of proof that mail-in voter fraud is a rampant problem.

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It's that time again.

Time to make some money for our Scholarship Fund.

Due to the virus, we are facing this event with a lot of tribulation. Anything can happen between now and October. There may even be restrictions on how many can attend....in which case we will have to rethink the event. It is really hard to plan folks. But we must proceed with faith that things will work out by then.

CVI is requiring we have plated meals for the event, which is always more expensive, but safer in the scheme of things. Our beloved Governors' law, limiting ways we can make money to only auctions, really puts a bite on how much we can raise. We can sure use your thoughts and help in finding good auction items. It looks most likely that the majority of our income will be the meals. So we urge you to support this event as best you can.



Menu for October fund raiser

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Steak (strips) & Onions, Herb Mashed Potatoes & Hominy Au Gratin

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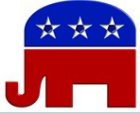
Cod Fried (like) Steak w/ Herb Mashed Potatoes & Hominy Au Gratin

WITH

Freshly Baked Pumpkin Bread w/ Butter

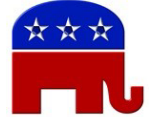
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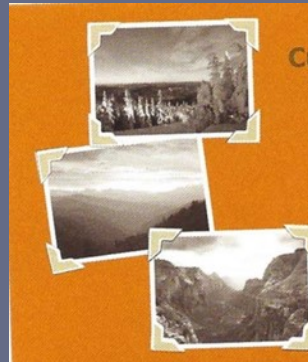
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