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Republican Women of Reno Newsletter

December 2020

## CALENDAR

**Thursday, December 3, 10 AM:**

RWR Board Meeting at 3500 Lakeside Court, Reno.

**Thursday, December 3, 12:30 PM:**

First Trump/GOP Election Fraud Evidentiary Hearing & pro-Trump MAGA rally, Carson City Court House.

**Monday, December 7:** Pearl Harbor Day.

**Wednesday, December 9, 11:30**

**AM:** Washoe County Republican Party Appreciation Lunch for WCRP Event Volunteers, WCRP Office, 3652 S. Virginia St.

**Thursday, December 10,**

**11:00AM & 1:30 PM:** RWR Christmas Luncheon Meeting and Installation of New Officers at Red Hawk, 6600 N. Wingfield Parkway, Sparks.

**Monday, December 14:**

Presidential Electors Vote in their States.

**Friday, December 25:**

CHRISTMAS DAY.

**Saturdays in December**

**(Tentative) :** "Stop the Steal" rallies in front of State Capitol, Carson City. (For updated information, go to "NV Grassroots Patriots (Flag Parades)" Facebook page or "Conservatives of Northern Nevada" Nextdoor blog.)

## Republican Women of Reno Christmas Luncheon Festive Christmas Attire

*Thursday, December 10, 2020*

*Red Hawk Golf and Resort*

*6600 Wingfield Pkwy., Sparks*

Due to the Governor's limitations we will be having two lunches with 50 each. You will need to choose one.  
11:00 AM to 12:30PM or 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Reservations must be prepaid by December 3, 2020, 4:00 pm

**Meeting:** We will have the installation of officers.

**Lunch:** Chicken Piccata Scaloppini with linguini and a lemon caper butter sauce, Parmesan cheese and parsley, Pumpkin Pie

**Cash Bar:** Red or white wine \$5 to \$8 a glass.

For the safety of all, Red Hawk Country Club and Resort requests that all attendees wear face coverings and practice social distancing. Face coverings will be required except when seated. Seating will be limited to 4 per table.

Caring for America is asking for disposable baby diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6. Please bring them to the luncheon.

First time guest - \$20 -Pre-paid Reservations Required:

**<http://www.rwreno.org>**. For any website problems please call Cindy Sassenrath at 707-621-2009.

Reservations: 866-806-5501, [www.rwreno.org](http://www.rwreno.org)

## Lynda Siminske, President

**IT'S BEGINNING TO  
LOOK A LOT LIKE  
CHRISTMAS! (the positive  
version) IT'S BEEN A  
LONG, EXHAUSTING  
YEAR! (the truthful version)**



Hi Republican Women of Reno, December is here. What a long year! 2021 can't come soon enough. There are all sorts of jokes about 2020. Governor Sissy has even mandated new rules and a "Pause." Look on the bright side three vaccines will be coming out soon to help end the Covid. RWR has had a good and busy year for our club. In January Robin Titus, Nevada Assembly Republican Caucus Leader and Assemblywoman was our speaker. She spoke about "Strategies for taking back GOP seats in the Assembly ( and we did in November election.) Keith Hansen was a most interesting speaker in February telling us about National Security issues. Some of our members began hosting Precinct parties in their neighborhoods. (At my home there was standing Room only for 30 people as we learned how we could help in the 2020 election). March before the Covid struck, Tom Del Beccaro was our speaker. He was the former chairman of the California Republican Party, and an author, speaker, historian, radio and tv personality. He brought, sold, and autographed his new book, "The Divided Era." We hosted a cocktail party for him so ladies could get better acquainted. Unfortunately in April we had to cancel our meeting, and businesses, restaurants, schools were shutdown. During this time some of our ladies did "Trump Calling" with Red Dialer. These phone calls continued in May. In May we still couldn't meet. One of our members came up with a good serving idea. Since we hadn't met in April and May we donated what we would have paid for Lunch to "Caring For America" who purchased diner from Chick-Fil-A for workers and EMT's in Renown and St. Mary's and KFC for NIC Unit at St. Mary's. Thank you Connie Furlong and Barbara Kirk for your work on this. Your RWR Board was very

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### Appointed Offices

**Chaplains:** Beatriz Robinson

**Corresponding Secretary:** Kathy Barcaskey

### Appointed Chairs

**Achievement Awards:** Kathy Doyle

**Armed Srvs/Homeland Security/**

**Americanism:** Joan Shoop

**Audit:** Doni Webber

**Budget & Finance:** Barbara Kirk

**By Laws:** JP Puette

**Caring For America:** Connie Furlong

**E-Communications:** Kathy Doyle

**Fundraising:** Gail Combs

**Historian:** Kathy Doyle

**Hospitality:** Eldora Johnson

**Leadership:**

**Legislative:**

**Literacy:** Angela Haakinson

**Newsletter:** Victoria Crockett

**Nominating:** Joan Shoop

**Parliamentarian:** JP Puette

**Alt. Parliamentarian:** Barbara Kometz

**Political Affairs and Activities Committee:**

Nicol Herris

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**Tele Tree:** Connie Furlong

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concerned about not meeting for two months and loosing momentum of our club and members. We came up with a fun way to get together outdoors. We had a well attended patriotic BBQ block party at board members Nicol Herris and Doni Webber homes in Galena Forest. We did have a July meeting at the Atlantis. Our club is growing and growing. To meet regulations we had our Luncheon in two adjoining rooms. (only 50 per room...we have been averaging 80) and only 3 at a table. Gail Combs arranged for several Reno vendors to sell pretty things at our meeting. In August Governor Sisolak made new Covid rules and we had to cancel our meeting. No more than 50 could attend an indoor meeting (and we couldn't do it with 2 adjoining rooms like last month). The famous annual "Basque Fry" also got cancelled. Some of our ladies participated in "Back the Blue" car parade to support Reno Police. In September we were able to find a venue that would accommodate more than 50 people. We met at Red Hawk Country Club in Sparks. Nevada Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner was our speaker and talked about the Assembly's special session. The Presidential Election was now only a few months away. We pumped up our activities helping with the election including many of our members coming to see the Trump Bus at Trump Headquarters in Reno and hearing important Republican speakers. Our October meeting was again held at Red Hawk with Jessie Jane Duff as speaker. She is on Trump's 2020 Advisory Board and Women for Trump Leader. Jessie is a USMC retired gunnery Sargeant and has appeared on Fox News. A cocktail party and a potluck dinner was held for Jessie, Jessie put on a Special roundtable workshop on Friday following speaking at our meeting. 25,000 Renoites including our members went to the Minden Airport to attend a Trump Rally. It was very exciting and there was lots of good cheering. Many of our RWR members also attended rallies for Mike Pence, Donald Trump Jr., and Eric Trump. Unfortunately we had to cancel our November meeting due to Covid. Our PAA Committee lead by Nicol Herris came up with a fun idea...doing "Trump Corners." Every day for the two weeks before the election in different parts of Reno many of our members met for 2 hours waving Trump signs, giving out yard signs for and other Nevada Republican candidates, and answering questions. As I am writing this your RWR is planning a Christmas Luncheon at Red Hawk Country Club on December 10th. We will be installing our new officers. We are asked to bring diapers size 4, 5, and 6 for Women and Children of the Sierra's. Our members have also made and signed over 2000 Christmas cards for Blue Star Mothers; these will go to military overseas. Many of our members have been involved in big projects this year for the Washoe County Republican Committee: the Lincoln Day Dinner, the Murder Mystery Dinner, Diamonds and Boots, the Great Race. As we come to the close of 2020, we are close to 200 members I am so proud of you and the good work you have done all year. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**MUCH LOVE AND MANY BLESSINGS!**

**LYNDA**



## Connie Furlong, Caring for America

Hey God, its me Harry here in Iraq. Did you see that scrawny ekid in our last town. He was just skin and bones. Just wanted a bite to eat. Sure am glad I had a piece of chocolate in my pocket from those ladies in Reno. His eyes lit up. Wow just a piece of chocolate. Thanks Lord for sending those goodies we got.

Mary, I am so glad you got the courage to leave that abusive husband. Now to get you back on your feet. There is this organization I went to when I was in your situation, it is called the Women and Children of the Sierras. Pam is the director and she is great. They have so much to offer. They can help you with diapers for the little ones and clothes not only for the little ones but also for you, even food at times. And you should see the classes they offer, even a class to get your GED. I can even go with you for your first visit, if your scared. They are really friendly and a lot to offer.

Hey Sam where did you get that thing under your sleeping bag. This one I got from the VA, it is a plastic mat made from grocery bags that these ladies crochet together. It really keeps me warm from the cold ground, let me see if I can find you one.

Oh, I feel so good, who knew a shower and clean hair could feel so great! Those people at Good Shepard were wonderful. They gave me a prescription bottle filled with shampoo. Great, now where can I get a shower. Then Ralph told me that The Salvation Army has showers I could use. I went there and sure enough, they had a shower and wow, it felt so good, hot water clean hair and body. I still have enough for a second shampoo for another shower next month. Thank you Good Shepard for the shampoo.



This is a photo of the Blue Star Mothers after they have packaged up the boxes for our troops. They only had enough supplies to fill 77 boxes instead of the regular 200. So 77 lucky military personal will receive Christmas packages to share with their fellow mates this year. Thank you so much for your generosity in making this happen.

## Barbara Kirk, Treasurer

### “THE NEW NORMAL”

For those of us that believe freedom and liberty are our most cherished rights the phrase “The New Normal” is a dangerous and slippery slope that threatens our way of life. To hear it used as if it were simply a minute difference in our daily lives is deeply concerning but believed to be just that by far too many. We do not accept these dictatorial changes lightly. We see them for what they are and agree to abide by them only as a temporary measure and only for the good of the whole. Never blindly accept changes that are not beneficial. Always challenge those that wish to impose a “New Normal” upon us as they usually do not have our best interests at heart, for they cherish only their power.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve on the RWR board for the past seven years and I look forward to simply enjoying our meetings and devoting more time to the NvFRW in the future. Strive to always be more than you think you can be, and you might surprise yourself.



Truckee Meadows NV#3 Blue Star Mothers of America  
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November 27, 2020

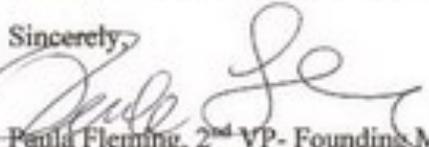
Dear Patriots:

On behalf of Truckee Meadows NV#3 Blue Star Mothers of America and our family members serving around the world, I would like to thank you for your recent donations of Christmas cards, monies, toiletries, and candy to assist us in filling and shipping our Care Packages to our Troops stationed around the world. Your thoughtfulness brings great joy to our children and their comrades as they serve our Country as well as the Commanders, NV and WA Guard units, and 2 USO's currently deployed who receive them.

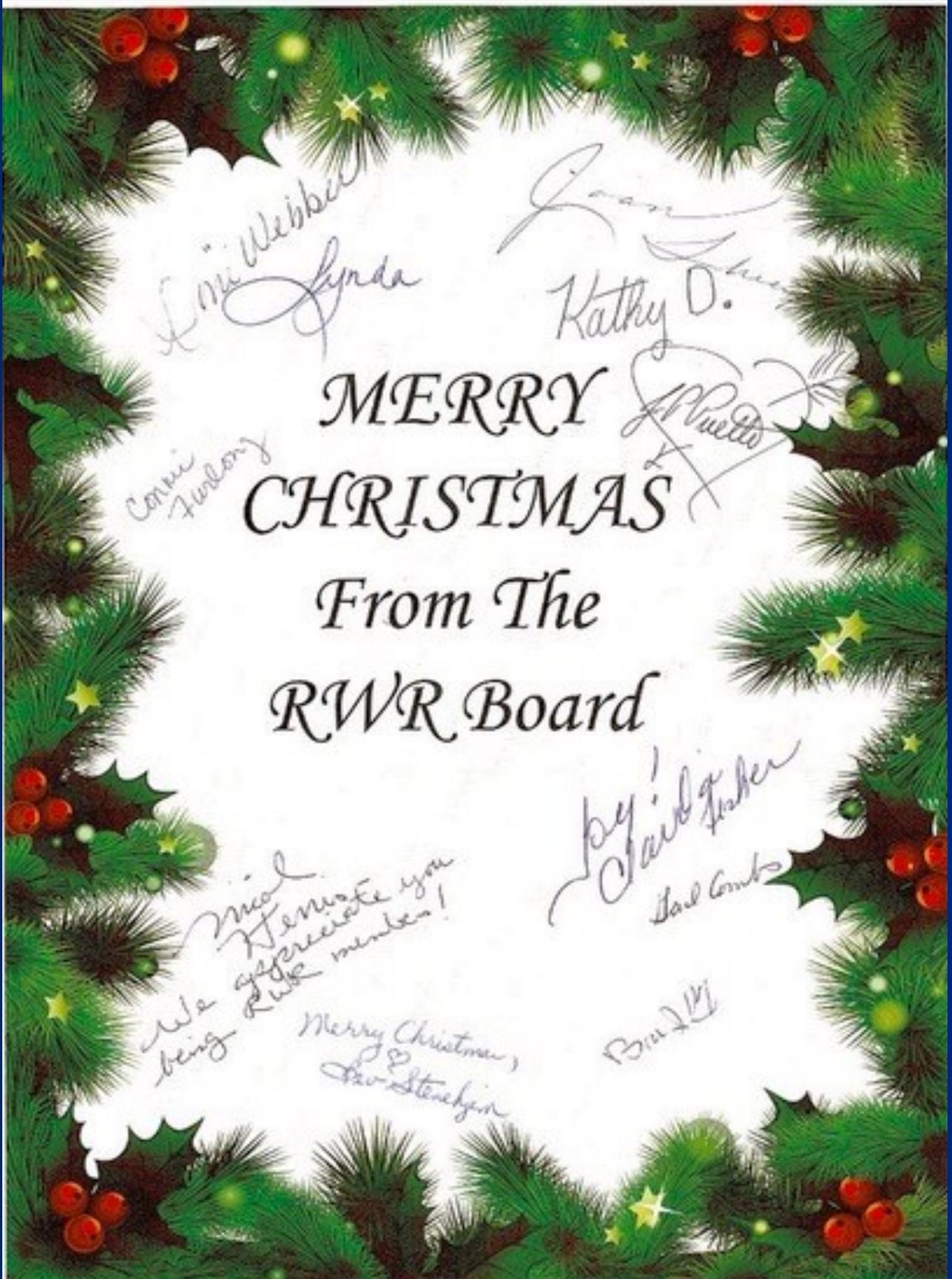
Because of the ongoing support from you and our wonderful community and thru the blessings of our Lord, on November 21, 2020, we packed Christmas gifts, Stockings filled with goodies, Christmas wrapped soups, fruits and meats, Christmas Cards bundled and tied with ribbons and ornaments, Ditty Bags filled with toiletries and included Girl Scout Cookies and Nuts, healthy snacks and candy to complete 70 Care Packages.

May our organizations both continue to be an integral part of our Northern Nevada community to meet such worthwhile needs. Again, thank you from the bottom of our red, white and blue hearts.

Sincerely,



Paula Fleming, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Founding Mother  
Proud Army National Guard Mom  
Proud Army Grandmother  
RGJ "Citizen of the Year 2012"



Lini Webber  
Lynda

Joan  
Kathy D.

Connie  
Anthony

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

From The  
RWR Board

Michelle  
Thank you  
we appreciate you  
being RWR members!

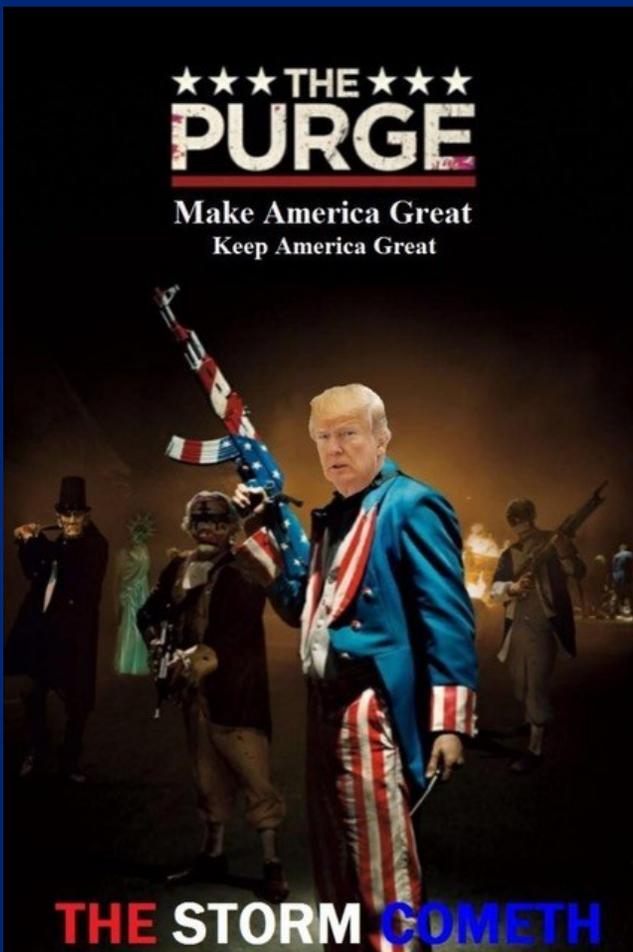
Joy!  
Claudia Fisher  
Dad Combs

Merry Christmas,  
Pat Stenehan

Bob & Kay

## Nicol Herris, 2nd VP, Membership

It has been an honor and privilege to have served as your Membership Chair for the past 2 years. Our membership has grown from 86 members to over 207 members during these 2 years. It's been a wonderful and exciting journey as our club has grown as we attract and retain like-minded women who believe in our mission. THANK YOU for asking your friends to join RWR and for all you do for our club! Please welcome our newest members: **Carol Kitchuck and Jane Pane (referred by Toni Taylor) and our John Hancock members Toni Taylor, Jennifer Arton and Cindy Sassenrath.**



*Glen Duppenthaler and RWR mascot Toby at Stop the Steal Rally in Carson City, Nov 28*

### DID YOU KNOW.....

- \* Mickey and Minnie Mouse turned 92 on November 18, 2020. They also have a star on the Walk of Fame.
- \* Every 3 seconds there is a kidnapping attempt. Every 35 seconds there is a successful kidnapping.
- \* The only person from the British Isles who does not need a passport to travel is Queen Elizabeth.
- \* Wrong way drivers make up 3% of all car crashes, but they have the highest fatality rate.
- \* It is the 15th anniversary of The Elf on the Shelf and has been one of the best selling childrens' books.
- \* After sunset on December 21st, the winter solstice, in earth's southwest sky, Jupiter and Saturn will appear very close together - about a full moon apart. The last time this happened was March 4,1226. The next time they will look somewhat close together will be March 15, 2080, and again in 2400.
- \* There is now a blackmarket list for Covid-19 negative tests. California and Texas both have more than 1 million positive cases of the Coronavirus.
- \* From 1885 to the early 1900's, Pasadena, California had the most bicycles per capita in the world.
- \* From space, the brightest object on earth is Las Vegas.
- \* Since the election on November 3rd, there has been an increase of internet search activity on two subjects:
  - \* How to move to Canada. And, how to move to New Zealand.
  - \* in 1924, Chamonix, France, hosted the first Winter Olympics. Sixteen countries participated, and there were 10,004 paying spectators.
  - \* Of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II, 325,000 veterans are still alive. The U.S. had been losing an average of 220 every day. With Covid, it has gone up to about 245 per day. Every day 20 commit suicide.
  - \* The last time there was a full moon on Halloween was in 1944. The last time the Dodgers won a World Series was in 1988.
  - \* China's manufacturing activity is at its' highest level since 2011.
  - \* About 30% of married couples are voter registered under different political parties.



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I would like to get involved: Membership  Luncheon Greeter  Historian   
Fundraising  Special Events  Other

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