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Message from the President

Vida Keller, President



Late, but not forgotten I owe the good members a bio since my election and installation at the end of 2022. I have been extremely busy as your Legislative Director for the Nevada GOP. Bills, Bills, Bills has been my life since February 6th. So now a little about who I am and where I started. The short version. I was born in Harbor City, California, and graduated from Fontana (California) High School. I moved to Nevada in 1984. In 1990 I became an owner of Big Iron Drilling in Rialto, California and B.I. Drilling in Pahrump, Nevada. There, I developed my knowledge of manufacturing drilling rigs and completed drilling contracts with Waste Management and Browning Ferris. These companies drilled methane gas extraction wells on landfills and Hard Rock Drilling.

From 1987 through 1993, I was the Coordinator of Family Affairs for the State of California Army National Guard under the leadership of General Thrasher. In 1991, I introduced the first hand-held bingo machine to the Gaming Commission for the sight impaired.

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I moved to Silver Springs 28+ years ago. I started my business endeavors in Fernley when I opened up Vida D's Roadhouse on Newlands Drive. It was a great way to meet the residents of Fernley and surrounding communities. I now relate to many of those I've met as extended family.

I met my husband, Scott Keller, in Fernley. We were married in Fernley in 1997. We made Silver Springs our home and raised part of our family there a son Daniel and a daughter Jennifer. Daniel is a Marine Veteran having served in Iraq and Jennifer is the Office Manager and HR for AZZ Galvanizing. Jennifer and our three grandchildren all live in Silver Springs and are very involved in their community.

While owning Vida D's, two friends and I started the original "Christmas for Kids," serving Lyon County with the support of the Nevada Army National Guard. Our goal of providing new toys for children at Christmas was very successful.

In 1997, I received my Real Estate license and, under the guidance of Peggy Foley, I was inspired to get my own Broker's license. I opened Priceless Realty in Silver Springs. We specialize in residential, commercial and development. From 2005 through 2010, I was the President for the Silver Springs Area Chamber of Commerce. In 2010, I was elected as Lyon County Commissioner, District #2, serving from 2011 through 2014. At the same time, I served on the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) board and was Vice President in 2014.

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Fernley Republican Women Highlights and Training



President's message cont:

I concurrently served on 3 sector councils for the Governors workforce both for manufacturing and mining. I made my comeback to be elected a second time to the Lyon County Board of Commissioner's that I served from 2019-2023. I have proudly fundraised for the Silver Stage Pop Warner providing needed funding for the community youth to grow in football and cheerleading team spirit. In 2020 I went out to raise funds for the Silver Stage High School Graduation during covid. They had such a spectacular event it hit the news everywhere. I continue to raise money for their graduation.

I believe in doing whatever I can to better the lives of those who reside in our communities. With that in mind, I am thrilled to serve the principles and goals of the Fernley Republican Women as part of the leadership team.

Respectfully,

Vida Keller



March 2023 Meeting Highlights:

Lyon County Sheriff Brad Pope, updates the membership on the happenings around the county.



April 2023 Meeting Highlights:

Staci Lindberg, Lyon County Clerk/Treasurer, shares her first 100 days in office.

Highlights cont'd.....

Area happenings....

NvFRW Legislative Day - April 17th;
Fernley RW sent 5 representatives to the federation legislative day: Carol Franich, Candace McCarthy, Lorrie Olson, Patti Palmer and Peggy Gray. In total, about 70 were in attendance from the other clubs around the state.

In the morning, groups were broke into teams and each team visited from 3-4 Assembly members asking for their “NO’ vote on AJR6, which proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to adopt the National Popular Vote Company, thus eliminating the Electoral College and making Nevada voters irrelevant in a presidential election. Unfortunately, this resolution passed on the Assembly floor on a partisan vote.

We then met with Governor Lombardo who spoke about the five bills he submitted to the legislature. After lunch we convened in an Assembly hearing room. Republican Assembly members told of bills they sponsored, the frustration of being in the super-minority, and how and why they were recruited or just plain decided to run for elected office.



McHoppers Craft Fair on April 22, 2023. Pictured are the volunteers who staffed the Fernley Women's Republican booth (left to right) Judy Williams, Peggy Gray and Lorrie Olson.



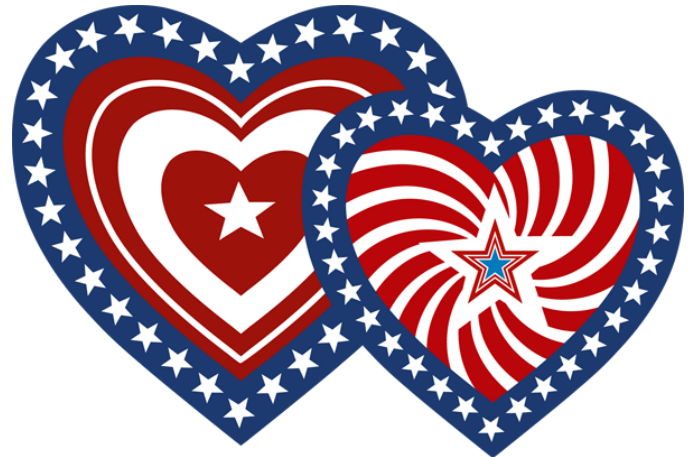
Highlights cont'

May Speaker: Kathi McGathey, Operations Manager for Reno's Veterans Guest House

Kathi gave a very informative update of the Veterans Guest Home in Reno to the FRW membership on May 16, 2023. Typically the Guest Home services an area of 164,000 miles, but takes in veterans from all over the world. The Guest Home began with just 12 bedrooms in 2004 when it was remodeled and today it has grown into 3 properties housing 35 bedrooms, dining room, and other facilities necessary to operate.

The Veterans Guest House operates through donations only. Many of the services offered are donated by people with a desire to help our veterans. Volunteers help with housekeeping, maintenance, transportation, and cooking. They have even offered to babysit (kennel) pets while a service member attends doctor appointments or even during hospital confinement for surgery. The Veterans Guest House doesn't just stop with temporary housing, they also have a program to help homeless veterans with training, housing, furniture, and even help with rent.

The Fernley Republican Women's group is proud to be a small part in helping the Veterans Guest House by donating food, money, and supplies. Kathi was presented with a donation from the FRW for the Veterans Guest House at the conclusion of her presentation.



Veterans Guest House
880 Locust St. Reno, NV
89502
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veteransguesthouse.org

Memorial Day 2023



On Memorial Day, a group called the "Ruckers", walked from the Capital in Carson City to the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, carrying dog tags of fallen servicemen and first responders. They were then presented to the Governor. An Honor Guard presented the colors during the Flag Ceremony. Representatives from the Fernley Republican Women's Groups were Lorrie Olson, Kerry and Patti Palmer, Betty Mayne, and Candace McCarthy.





Fernley Republican Women Calendar of Events



Calendar of Events



May 9, 2023

FRW Executive Board Meeting Silver Springs, Community Center

May 16, 2023

FRW Meeting, Fernley High School Library
Speaker, Kathi McGathay, Operations Manager. Veterans Guest House

June 13, 2023

FRW Executive Board Meeting

June 20, 2023

FRW Meeting, Fernley High School Library
Speaker to be announced

July 4, 2023

Fourth of July Parade and Booth, Theme "Fernley Moving Forward"

July 18, 2023

FRW Membership Celebration and Dinner at the Fernley Senior Center, time to be announced

August 8, 2023

FRW Executive Board Meeting

August 15, 2023

FRW Meeting, Fernley High School Library
Speaker to be announced

September 12, 2023

FRW Board Meeting

September 19, 2023

FRW Meeting, Fernley High School Library

October 10, 2023

FRW Executive Meeting

October 17, 2023

FRW Meeting, Fernley High School Library

November 14, 2023

FRW Executive Meeting

November 21, 2023

FRW Meeting, Fernley High School Library

December 12, 2023

FRW Executive Meeting

December 19, 2023

FRW Meeting, Fernley High School Library

Scholarship News: The Fernley Republican Women (FRW) is pleased to announce it has awarded three \$1,000 scholarships.

One scholarship was presented to Josie McMahan on Silver State High School's Senior Awards Night, May 24.



The second scholarship was presented to Anna Barrus on Fernley High School's Senior Awards Night, May 31.



The Margaret Spooner Memorial Scholarship was presented to Mikyla Durham on Fernley High School's Senior Awards Night, May 31.



Congratulations!

All three young women and their parents have been invited to attend our June 20 meeting so you can meet each of them.

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Fernley Republican Women MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2023

*FRW invites you to become a member of our dynamic and active group.
We hold monthly meetings with interesting guest speakers, as well as special activities during the year.*



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(An Associate Member is a woman who is a Regular Member of another Republican Women's Club or a spouse or any Republican male interested in the Fernley Republican Women. All Associate Members are non-voting members. If you are a member of another federated club, which one? _____)

The Fernley Republican Women will need a lot of help to keep our club running. Committees need people to help with our various fundraising events and other activities. Please review the following committees and volunteer your assistance.

Circle your choice(s):

Achievement	Campaign	Legislation	Scholarship
Americanism	Caring for America	Literacy	Ways and Means
Armed Forces/Homeland Security	Elections	Membership	Website/Facebook
Audit	Fourth of July	Newsletter	
Budget	Hospitality	Nominations	
Bylaws	Leadership	Publicity/Outreach	

WHO CAN WE THANK FOR REFERRING YOU? _____

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Thank you in advance for participation with the Fernley Republican Women!

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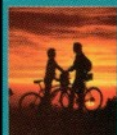


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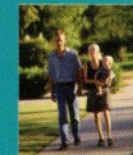


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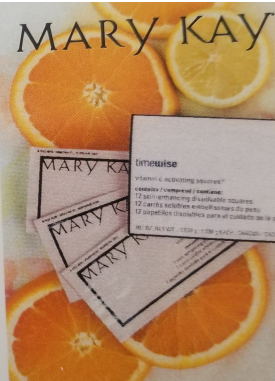
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