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Message from the President



As I begin my term as President of Fernley Republican Women, I am very excited about 2020. Our organization will play a key role in getting our president re-elected and in electing Republicans to state and local offices. We need to turn Nevada red again.

I cannot do it alone, though. I will need the help of each and every one of you. If you have not done so already, please consider taking a leadership position as a committee chair or becoming a member of a committee.

Also, please plan to attend the Nevada Federation of Republi-

can Women's (NvFRW) Leadership Conference on January 18th at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City. This is a perfect opportunity for you to learn about the leadership roles in our organization and we interact with the state and national organizations. It is very important for the officers to attend, but all members are invited. The best thing of all is that it is free and includes a delicious lunch.

You may note that all of the elected officers for 2020 have been officers in the past, some many times. I want to thank them for stepping up to become officers again.

Anita Trone
President



President Anita Trone, 1st Vice President Vida Keller, Treasurer Peggy Gray, 2nd Vice President Nancy Donohue and Secretary Susan Knodell

2020 Leadership

President Anita Trone



I was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and moved to southern California when I was 13. When I was 21, I met my husband, Orlis, and we moved to northern California, where I began my accounting career. I worked in both large and small businesses and had my own consulting business from 2001 to 2006.

I became involved in Nevada Republican politics shortly after moving to Nevada from California, with my husband, in June, 2006. We both joined the Lyon County Republican Central Committee (LCRCC) in 2007 and I was elected

Treasurer in 2009, serving two years. I also served as Credentials, Finance and Publicity chairs from 2010 through 2016. In 2009, I was elected to represent Lyon County on the Nevada State Central Committee (NRCC) and was continuously re-elected until I was forced to resign, due to my husband's illness in 2016. While I was a member of the NRCC, I served on the Credentials committee under the direction of Chair Eileen Rice.

I joined the Fernley Republican Women (FRW) in 2008 and served continuously on the Board of Directors in various leadership positions since 2009. I received the FRW Woman of the Year award in February 2009. I served as FRW President in 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2015. I was instrumental in setting up and co-managing the Fernley Republican Campaign Headquarters in 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016.

Since I joined the FRW, I have been very involved in both the Nevada Federation of Republican Women (NvFRW) and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW). I was a delegate to the NvFRW Conventions in 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019. I served as the Achievement Awards Chair in the 2016-17 and 2018-19. I attended the NFRW Campaign management training 2011 and served as a NFRW convention delegate in 2011 in Kansas City, 2015 in Phoenix, 2017 in Philadelphia and 2019 in Indianapolis.

While participating in these organizations and events, I have connected with fellow Republicans throughout the state of Nevada and the United States. I met with Republican elected officials in federal, state and local positions and Republican candidates running for office. Through these experiences, I have gained a clear understanding of how all of our Republican organizations are interdependent and how they must work together to get Republicans elected.

My husband of 44 years passed away in April 2017. We did not have any children. I am currently partnered with Jeff Beintema, who has two children and one grandchild. So, now I am "grandma" to Chase, who is two years old. He is a joy and I love him as though he were my own.

1st VP Vida Keller



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, as well as 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 for the sight impaired to the Gaming Commission.

I moved to Silver Springs 25+ 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 there we raised our family—son, Daniel, and daughter, Jennifer. Daniel is a Marine veteran who served in Iraq and Jennifer has established a career with AZZ Galvanizing up in TRIC.

When I owned 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. It was a pleasure to serve on the Governor's workforce sector councils both for manufacturing and mining.

I am proud to be the fundraising coordinator for Silver Stage Pop Warner, providing needed funding for the community youth to grow in football and cheerleading team spirit.

Currently I am serving Lyon County as County Commissioner elected again in 2018 (Term 2019 through 2023).

I worked with four others to establish a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to the Lyon County Libraries, I currently serve as the President for the Lyon County Library Foundation.

I have also returned to the Silver Springs Area Chamber of Commerce as the ex officio member of the board.

I believe in doing whatever I can to better the lives of those who reside in our community. With that in mind, I consider it a privilege to work for the principles and goals of the Fernley Republican Women.

2nd VP Nancy Donohue



I was born in Texas. When I was sixteen, my family moved to Covina, California. I graduated from Covina High School and later Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, California.

I met and married my late husband, Bill Donohue, in 1960. In 1982 we moved to Reno to open a family business.

Our five children have blessed us with nineteen grandchildren who have further blessed us with fourteen great grandchildren!

I enjoy politics, traveling, reading, gardening and spending time with family and friends.

In 2009 I joined FRW and have served in the following positions: Treasurer, 2nd Vice President and Historian. In addition, it has been my pleasure to serve on various committees, including Ways and Means, Fourth of July, Audit, Budget, Election and Scholarship.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your 2nd VP and look forward to working toward re-electing President Trump in 202

Secretary Susan Knodell



I was born and raised in Petoskey, Michigan. I have one younger sister. Growing up in northern Michigan gave me an appreciation of the outdoors. I spent summers exploring our rural area on horseback.

After graduating from high school, I attended Central Michigan University for my Bachelor's degree. My decision to pursue a career in Audiology was strongly influenced by my parents, both of whom have severe to profound hearing losses. In 1995, I earned a Master's degree from Wayne State University's School of Medicine. After working as the sole Audiologist for three different hospitals, I accepted an opportunity to work for Detroit Public Schools.

In 1997, the Detroit Redwings won the Stanley Cup after a 40 year drought. It was during the victory parade that I met my husband, Mark. We were married in 1998 and still today are die hard hockey fans. Over the past 20 years we have lived in four states following Mark's ca-

reer opportunities. Along the way we have welcomed the birth of our two sons, Jack and Peter. In 2013, we moved to Fernley.

It has been wonderful moving back to a small town to raise our boys. I enjoy golf, Cowboy Fast Draw, and continue my passion for horses with mounted shooting. Our boys keep me equally busy with their school and sport schedules.

As a relatively new member of the Fernley Republican Women, I am honored and excited to serve as secretary again in 2020.

Treasurer Peggy Gray



I have been active in Republican politics since moving to Nevada in 1997. I joined the Carson City Republican Women and served as a member and/or chairman of many committees, as a Parliamentarian and Secretary (two terms). After moving to Fernley, I founded the Fernley Republican Women (FRW) in 2005 and it was chartered by the National Federation of Republican Women in January 2006. I served as its President from inception through 2009. Since then, I have served as Vice President twice, Treasurer three times, acting Secretary multiple times and Parliamentarian. I am thankful to now have the opportunity to serve as Treasurer for the fourth time.

I have been active in the Nevada Federation of Republican Women and have attended Board meetings, leadership training and conventions since 1998. I have served on the Bylaws and Nominations Committees, and as Co-chairman of the Regents. I am currently in my third term as Chairman of the Political Education Memorial Committee.

I am a past Chairman of the Lyon County Republican Central Committee (LCRCC) and was Secretary from 2000-2002 and again from 2006-2012. I have also served on all of its committees and helped coordinate the biennial precinct meeting/caucuses and county conventions over the years. I also served as a LCRCC representative to the Nevada Republican Central Committee from 2000-2016, serving on the state Platform and Elections Committees at various times and was Rural Caucus Secretary for two years.

Also in 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016 I co-managed the joint FRW-LCRCC Campaign Office in Fernley. I helped recruit and schedule volunteers to staff the office from open to close every day, walk precincts and make thousands of telephone calls, exceeding our goals on a daily basis.

I retired from the State of California after 33 years working as a program and budget analyst for both the Board of Corrections and Department of Social Services. I have been married to my husband, Richard, for 54 years. We have two children, two granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

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100th Anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote



The Republican Party pioneered the right of women to vote and was consistent in its support throughout the long campaign for acceptance. It was the first major party to advocate equal rights for women and the principle of equal pay for equal work.

The Women's Rights Convention held in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1848 marked the beginning of the women's suffrage movement in the United States. Two years later there was a nationwide meeting in Worcester, Mass.



By 1870, the Massachusetts Republican State Convention had already seated two suffragettes, Lucy Stone and Mary A. Livermore, as delegates. In addition, the National Republican Convention of 1872 approved a resolution favoring the admission of women to "wider fields of usefulness" and added that "the honest demand of this class of citizens for additional rights ... should be treated with respectful consideration."

Wyoming, the state that pioneered women's

suffrage, sent two women, Therese A. Jenkins and Cora G. Carleton, to the 1892 Republican Convention in Minneapolis as alternate delegates. This was the first time women were seated at a Republican National Convention.

This convention was also the first to be addressed by a woman, J. Ellen Foster, chairman of the Women's Republican Association of the United States. A strong believer in organization, Foster said her association had prepared work plans for women's involvement in national politics. Copies were given to each delegate and alternate. "We are here to help you," she declared, "and we are here to stay."

At the request of Susan B. Anthony, Sen. A.A. Sargent, a Republican from California, introduced the 19th Amendment in 1878. Sargent's amendment (also known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment) was defeated four times by a Democrat-controlled Senate. When the Republican Party regained control of Congress in 1919, the Equal Suffrage Amendment finally passed the House in May of that year and in the Senate in June.

When the Amendment was submitted to the states, 26 of the 36 states that ratified it had Republican legislatures. Of the nine states that voted against ratification, eight were Democratic. Twelve states, all Republican, had given women full suffrage before the federal amendment was ratified.

On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th and final state needed to ratify the amendment. The U.S. Secretary of State certified the amendment on Aug. 26, 1920.



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FRW Meetings



FRW Meeting • October 15, 2019 • Peggy Gray; Susan Knodell; Lorrie Olson; Daniel S. Reid, National Rifle Association; Joy Connally and MJ Dodson



FRW Meeting • October 15, 2019 • Daniel S. Reid, Western Regional Director, National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action

FRW Meeting • November 19, 2019 • Garage Sale Chair Judy Williams presents Certificates of Appreciation to those who helped with the Garage Sale in August. Front: Peggy Gray, Susan Knodell, Lorrie Olson and MJ Dodson. Back: Pam Duckering, Nancy Donohue, Anita Trone, Betty Mayne and Mary Fimbres.



FRW Meeting • November 19, 2019 • Left: Peggy Gray, Assemblywoman Robin Titus, Susan Knodell, Lorrie Olson, MJ Dodson and Joy Connally. Right: Assemblywoman Robin Titus

FERNLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S MISSION STATEMENT

Fernley Republican Women is a group of women (and men as associate members) who share similar conservative values and ideals, and who are dedicated to increasing the influence and effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through political education and active political participation.

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NvFRW Convention

October 18 & 19, 2019



Peggy Gray & Anita Trone, Credentials Committee

Anita Trone giving her Credentials report



Peggy Gray giving her PEM report

Lorrie Olson giving her FRW President's report

Fernley delegation: Scott Keller (associate), Vida Keller, Carol Franich, Lorrie Olson, Peggy Gray, Anita Trone and MJ Dodson (not pictured)



NvFRW Officers 2020-21: President Janet Frexies, 1st Vice President Caroline Smith, 2nd Vice President Barb Hawn, Treasurer Lorrie Olson, Secretary Kathy Doyle, Southern Director Michelle Baert, Northern Director Linda Colavechio and Nominating Chair Rose Fox

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NvFRW Convention October 18 & 19, 2019



Convention attendees

Campaign Activities



October 22, 2019 • Grand Opening of Reno Trump Headquarters • Tommy Hicks, Jr. Co-chair RNC; Lorrie Olson; Michael McDonald, Chair of the Nevada Republican Party



October 26, 2019 • Nevada Day Parade • Assemblywoman Robin Titus runs into Anita Trone and Josh Skaggs (not pictured) registering voters

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Wreaths Across America

On December 14, 2019, appreciative Americans once again placed wreaths on graves at veterans cemeteries all across America. Each ceremony was timed to coincide with the laying of wreaths at Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C. The Fernley Republican Women participated by welcoming attendees, providing snacks and laying wreaths. Almost 2,500 people braved the cold weather to attend the ceremony at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (NNVMC) in Fernley. The FRW and the Nevada Federation of Republican Women joined the community and succeeded in purchasing enough wreaths to place one on each grave site at NNVMC in Fernley - almost 9,000.



Russ Duckering, Anita Trone, Pam Duckering and Betty Mayne

Barb Hawn, Darlene Ruedy, Lorrie Olson and MJ Dodson

Janet Freixas, NvFRW President-elect; Anita Trone and Brenda Robertson (DCRW)



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FRW Christmas/Installation Party

December 17, 2019



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FRW Christmas/Installation Party, cont.

Cindy O'Toole, Lorrie Olson & Julianne Colombe

Paul Williams, Lorrie Olson & Judy Williams

Lorrie Olson & Mary Fimbres



Lorrie Olson & Susan Knodell

Lorrie Olson & Carol Franich

Lorrie Olson & Peggy Gray

Anita Trone & Lorrie Olson



Lorrie Olson & MJ Dodson

Lorrie Olson & Betty Mayne

Lorrie Olson & Darlene Ruedy



In the photo to the left, Lorrie passes the torch to the new FRW President, Anita Trone. In the photo to the right above, Peggy Gray presented flowers and gifts to Lorrie. In the photo to the right, Lorrie opened them up and seemed pleased.

We want to thank Lorrie for all she did as FRW President over the last two years. We won the Diamond Achievement Award due to her leadership. We also congratulate Lorrie on being elected the Nevada Federation of Republican Women's Treasurer for the 2020-21 biennium.



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The Honorable Judge Leon Aberasturi administered the Oath of Office to the incoming officers. The officers for 2020 are Anita Trone, President; Vida Keller, 1st Vice President; Nancy Donohue, 2nd Vice President; Susan Knodell, Secretary; and Peggy Gray, Treasurer.



Anita Trone, Vida Keller, Peggy Gray, Nancy Donohue, Susan Knodell and Josh Skaggs from the Nevada GOP

Adopt-a-Soldier

The FRW's newest soldier to adopt is from a platoon of Army Paratroopers stationed in Afghanistan. Master Sergeant Ionna Peterman and her troop are from North Carolina. She describes her troop as communication soldiers or in her own words "the tactical geek squad."

The Anysoldier.com Website is set up to allow many contributors in support of the same unit. This allows each unit to share with other soldiers, who have not been personally adopted.

MSG Ionna Peterman said, "Thank you for supporting all Service Members, we can't do this without

you." In regard to a current address, "nothing is static, the only thing that does not change in the military is that things will change, such as a new location." MSG Peterman mailed us a note to thank us for our help.

Thank you MSG Ionna Peterman and troop for protecting us. These paratroopers are expected to complete their tour approximately in March 2020.

*Betty Mayne and Mary Fimbres
The Armed Forces/Homeland Security Committee*

CANDIDATE ADS:

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Calendar of Events

January 6-17, 2020
Judicial candidate filing period

January 18, 2020
NvFRW Leadership Training
Governor's Mansion, Carson City

January 21, 2020
FRW Meeting
Ross Pfautz,
Mark IV Capital, Inc.

February 18, 2020
FRW Meeting
Speaker to be announced

February 22, 2020
Nevada Republican Precinct Meetings
Locations to be announced

March 2-13, 2020
Non-judicial candidate filing period

March 17, 2020
FRW Meeting
Speaker to be announced

March 28, 2020
Lyon County Republican Convention
Silver Stage High School, Silver Springs

April 18, 2020
NvFRW Board Meeting
Las Vegas

April 21, 2020
FRW Meeting
Speaker to be announced

May 15-16, 2020
Republican State Convention
Reno

May 19, 2020
FRW Meeting
Speaker to be announced

June 9, 2020
Primary Election

June 16, 2020
FRW Meeting
Speaker to be announced

July 4, 2020
4th of July parade and booth

July 21, 2020
FRW Membership Reception
Location to be announced

Fernley Republican Women Membership Application

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Email Address _____

Birth Month and Day _____ Year Joined: _____

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

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

Circle your choice(s):

Achievement

Caring for America

Membership

Americanism

Elections

Newsletter

Armed Forces/Homeland Security

Fourth of July

Nominations

Audit

Hospitality

Publicity/Outreach

Budget

Leadership

Scholarship

Bylaws

Legislation

Ways & Means

Campaign

Literacy

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2019 Good News: Thanks, America and President Trump

by Ron Knecht



There's much to celebrate from 2019. Let's hope for more of the same in 2020.

First, this from a recent *Wall Street Journal* article: "Wages for rank-and-file workers are rising at the quickest pace in more than a decade, even faster than for

bosses ... Gains for those workers have accelerated much of this year, a time when the unemployment rate fell to a half-century low. ... Pay for the bottom 25 percent of wage earners rose 4.5 percent in November from a year earlier ... Wages for the top 25 percent of earners rose 2.9 Percent."

Thank you to the American economy and people, and to President Donald J. Trump for his tax cuts and reining in excess regulations and the administrative and deep state. In three years, he's achieved what Barack Obama could not in eight years. And Democrats wonder why people find their rage and hate-driven impeachment fantasies turning folks off.

More from John Merline in "Government Dependency Plunges Under Trump – Why Aren't We Celebrating?" He emphasizes that under Trump, dependency is down, after rising during the Obama years.

The most important thing is that employment increased by 6.2-million jobs in President Trump's first 34 months. When he took office, many economists claimed we were already at full employment.

Merline notes: "The healthy labor market has resulted in something even more important yet little noticed: A sharp trend away from dependency on federal welfare and other benefits."

Through the first half of this year, enrollment in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps) declined nearly 1.2-million. Better yet, the decline in Trump's first 34 months was 6.4-million – to a level lower than Obama's in late 2009.

Democrats, progressives and statist liberals like to brag when dependency rises on their watch, as if that demonstrates their compassion. It does no such thing. It only shows their policies retard economic growth and diminish overall human well-being. Lower dependency numbers point to a vigorous economy and society and human flourishing.

On another front, the number of workers drawing Social Security Disability Insurance benefits dropped from 8.8-million in January 2017 to 8.49-

million as of May 2019 – the lowest level since August 2011.

My first reaction was: The drop reflects the retirement of Baby Boomers, who then move from Disability to Retirement. That's true. However, new disability applications are also down, nine percent lower this year than in 2016. Hence, the Boomer effect does not explain the whole trend, which again shows more people being productive and thus contributing to a better society.

What about Medicaid, which poses an even bigger threat in the future than Social Security? Enrollment in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program dropped from Trump's inauguration to March of this year by 2.5-million. This, despite the fact Virginia has expanded its program by 300,000 people under ObamaCare.

And ObamaCare overall? Its enrollment has declined every year since Trump took office, and it is now over 1-million below what it was at the end of 2016. Recent Supreme Court rulings vacating taxes for those without insurance will accelerate this good trend.

Finally, the need for federal welfare, either Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or what are called "separate state programs." These numbers have dropped more than 800,000 under Trump.

Our society rightly takes care of folks who, through no fault of their own and despite their own reasonable efforts, cannot provide for themselves. But fewer, not more of such cases is a good thing and the mark of better policy. Most Republicans and limited government conservatives understand this. Folks trying to signal their virtue by spending other peoples' money via higher taxes don't get these fundamentals.

What about the larger picture for freedom and prosperity compared to the rest of the world? The 23rd edition of *Economic Freedom of the World*, a joint project of the Cato and Fraser Institutes, shows the United States has risen from sixth to fifth among 162 countries and territories.

We still trail Hong Kong, Singapore, New Zealand and Switzerland in the combined 42 data points over five broad areas. But during Obama's tenure, we sank as low as twelfth.

Thanks to the American people and President Trump. And Happy 2020!!!

Ron Knecht has served Nevada as state controller, a higher education regent, economist, college teacher and legislator. Contact him at RonKnechaol.com.

Editors note: Thanks to Ron Knecht for allowing us to reprint his article.