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Club Objectives:

Promote principles and policies of the Republican Party
Promote an informed public through political education and activity
Encourage active citizenship
Increase effectiveness of women in the cause of good government
Work for the election of Republican Party nominees
Protect integrity of the electoral process
Facilitate cooperation among national, state and local clubs

TUESDAY JANUARY 16 LUNCHEON

LOCATION: 95a Bistro & Co., 1381 Forest Park Circle, Lafayette, CO 80026

TIME: 11:15 am, COST: \$30 (Members & Guests)

RSVP: Online: www.boulderrepublicanwomen.org

OR Cheryl Merlino, Hospitality Chair, cheryl.merlino@gmail.com, 425-941-8581(Text is preferred)

PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, January 12 at 5 pm.

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JANUARY SPEAKER: BOAZ MEIR, JEWISH NATIONAL FUND WORLD ZIONIST VILLAGE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Boaz Meir is the International Development Director of the World Zionist Village. This project falls under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund, USA (JNF).

JNF, started in 1901, was a dream and vision to reestablish a homeland in Israel for the Jewish people everywhere. Jews all over the world collected coins in iconic JNF Blue Boxes, purchasing land and planting trees until their dream of a Jewish homeland became a reality.

JNF has evolved into a nonprofit organization and a UN NGO (non-government organization). Its long-term vision has grown to building new communities in the desert, expanding the scope of river rehabilitation and water research, exploring energy production and much much more.

Prior to Mr Meir becoming the International Development Director, he was Executive Director of the JDF Mountain States and Pacific Northwest Regions. Mr Meir has been with the JNF for over ten years.

Before JNF-USA he was the Senior Major Gifts Officer with Jewish Colorado and, before arriving in Colorado, he was in Los Angeles as West Coast Regional Director with the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI).

Prior to moving to the New York in 1991 he served in the Israeli Defense Forces as an Intelligence Officer during the first Lebanon war.

When he was growing up and attended The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, he wanted to be a veterinarian. "I have a beautiful degree in animal sciences, " says Boaz. "You know, you do a degree in one thing, and life takes you in another direction."

Mr Meir likes spending time with his 15 year-old son, Homer, and girlfriend, Jessica. His older son, Guy, is an officer in the IDF in Israel.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: A NEW YEAR...TIME FOR "FULL STEAM AHEAD"

Here we go again. A new year begins and we make promises to ourselves and others. Some of these promises we keep. Some fade away without our even realizing they are gone.

This year is different from the last three years as we have local, state, and a national election in November. Perhaps it is time to review our resolutions and to jointly dedicate ourselves to strengthening the Republican Party. This is a tall order in the Boulder Valley as the opposition is so overwhelming. Many think and vote along party lines without even a minimum level of understanding of the issues, both local and national.

The national election in November will take up a lot of air space, internet and printed space. I suggest, as repugnant as it might be, to read some of the editorials and guest opinions in the paper and note the many assumptions and suggested ways of thinking that are presented have no foundation in reality.

With former President Trump as the leading Republican Party candidate, many people will try to direct the conversations to be about his flaws. But we have an unlimited amount of fodder regarding the public and private actions

of our opposition.

We can start with The Colorado Democrat Supreme Court and their disgraceful actions. This is a threat to our country and our democracy, and makes Colorado look quite foolish on the national stage. We can no longer turn a blind eye to the failing and corrupt judicial system.

The actions of the three university presidents and the antisemitism exposed in our colleges and universities changed the minds of many donors and woke up many to the indoctrination running rampant in our educational system.

There is a deafening quiet by the me-too crowd and so many others regarding the awful tragic events that happened to many of the Israeli women on October 7 and, perhaps, in Hamas captivity.

A fifth of the voters said they used someone else's ballot, voted more than once or voted in a state in which they did not live. But the left insists there is no voter fraud. Anyone insisting otherwise is accused of spreading disinformation.

Also, viable evidence points to serious corruption among our top leaders and their family members.

Bring someone new to a lunch meeting. Go to meetings. Attend your caucus. Write a letter to the Editor. Make a resolution and share it with someone. Teach American history to a young person. Be proud to be an American. I am, and I am proud to be a Boulder Republican Woman.

God Bless America, Marty Kinsley President "For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice." T.S. Eliot

BRW CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 19TH was filled with good food and activities. Lake Valley Golf Club



provided a wonderful buffet. They have great desserts! Besides lot of socializing, the new BRW 2024 officers were installed by Sandra Aste, 2024 CFRW District Director and Larimer County RWF President.

After the installation she encouraged us all to attend the caucuses on March 7. Marty Kinsley presented a check for our Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center (BPRC) monetary contributions and baby-related items to Connie Weiskopf. Connie reported the client base has doubled from last year. Our gifts will be fund grants, housing, staff training, facilities, etc. BPRC is funding after-abortion care and a men's ministry and other counseling services. Google is blocking their ads in an effort to help Boulder continue to be "the abortion capital of the world" as BRPC has

started seeing clients from all over the world since Colorado's liberal abortion legislation was passed.

The Big Elephant Award was presented to LeMoine Dowd for significant contributions of time and effort in support of Republican causes, freedom and "doing the right thing". LeMoine has been a member since 1989, served as BRW President and has served on the board in various positions. Most notably, she provides her home and beautiful property for many events, including the Lincoln Dinner and the election year BRW Summer Social which bring together Republicans, family and friends to meet the nominated candidates. Currently, she and her husband, Bill provide complimentary printing for the BRW newsletter at County Line Lumber, saving BRW hundreds of dollar.

Theresa Watson conducted an auction for the remaining Christmas decorations generously donated to BRW by Kay and Richard Seale.



<u>Dear BRW Members</u>, Thank you for honoring me with the Big Elephant Award. Each of us contributes as much as we can. I like to say, "all I do is mow". You make me look good by putting on the wonderful summer events at the farm. With a little luck and hard work from all of us we'll have something BIG to celebrate on November 5th.

Love to all, LeMoine



Mission: To solve problems through the generosity and combined energies of individual citizens. Every year BRW selects at least one charity to support through time and donations

Congratulations BRW members! This past year we supported our local Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center (BPRC) as our selection for Caring For America! We contributed \$1,400 in cash as well as much needed items for babies, moms and dads! There was also an untold amount of money and volunteer work by our members donated directly to BPRC!

This year your board is working on further goals for Caring for America. BRW will continue to support BPRC but since this is an election year we would like to build another fund (currently named the "War Chest") to assist with election opportunities! Stay tuned for further information.

If you would like to contribute to either Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center or to our "War Chest", you can send a check to our new treasurer, Marty Neilson, 363 Riverside Dr., Lyons, CO 80540-8990.

BRW would like to thank Marsha Graham, last year's 1st Vice President, for all her hard work over several years. She has been very devoted to BRW and a tremendous help. Not only did she find great speakers for our luncheons, she also served as the Chair for Caring for America! She has stepped down from a board position to gather her resources and energies for her next yet unknown challenge. We wish her good luck and hope to see her soon at our luncheons and other functions.

If you are interested in becoming the Chair for Caring for America, contact Marty Kinsley, 303-625-3825, martykinsley@comcast.com



MEMBERSHIP CORNER: WE WANT YOU IN 2024!!!

ELECTION YEAR 2024 IS CRITICAL FOR OUR COUNTRY, FOR OUR STATE AND FOR OUR CONSERVATIVE VALUES

Your voices and talents make our organization great. BRW membership enrolls you in the Colorado and National Federation of Republican Women, an organization of 50,000 women working to strengthen conservative values and the Republican Party. There is never a more crucial time than now to get involved.

BRW offers network opportunities, and support with social activities, educational luncheons, fundraising, community involvement and other experiences to help you keep up with county, state and national issues!

To renew your membership or become a new member:

Online: Go to boulderrepublicanwomen.org

NEW MEMBER: Select "NEW MEMBER" tab then select new member signup.

RENEWAL: Log in as a member. Select "MEMBERS ONLY" tab then "Member Renewal"

Mail: Send a check—\$50 for full membership, \$25 for associate membership with printed application form to Marty Neilson, 363 Riverside Dr., Lyons, CO 80540-8990, 303-747-2159.

OR-bring your check to the next luncheon!!

Need information? Contact Karen Vent, Membership VP, (720) 450-6774, karengvent@gmail.com



Tara Menza, Chair (Voice/Text—720-534-1198) HEADQUARTERS: 425 S. Bowen St, #1, Longmont, CO

80501, bocogop.org, 303-443-6606

BCR Executive Committee Meeting: In person/Zoom, 7-9 pm, 4th Thursday of the month.

BCR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: Wednesday, January 3, 7am, Headquarters:

John Fabbricatore, a recently retired US Air Force veteran after 30 years with the US government in federal law enforcement, has spent the last 23 years with the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). He led multi-agency task forces enforcing immigration law, locating criminal alien fugitives, arresting sex offenders and combating drug trafficking. In July 2023 he testified in front of the Congressional House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Integrity, Security and Enforcement, focusing his testimony on The Consequences of Criminal Legal Aliens on US Communities. Fabbricatore is a Congressional Candidate in CO CD-6. To attend please RSVP to Bradley Beck, bradleycraigbeck@gmail.com, 303-775-7473.

MOMS FOR LIBERTY—BOULDER has relaunched!!: Moms for Liberty is dedicated to fighting for the survival of America by unifying, educating and empowering parents to defend their parental rights at all levels of government. Mark your calendars for January 6th! Chair for Moms for Liberty is Melissa Marter, momsforlibertyboulder@proton.me for information!

March 5, 2024 - Presidential Primary

March 7, 2024 - Precinct Caucus

The purpose of Precinct Caucuses is to elect precinct committee persons and delegates to county assemblies. It is during these assemblies that you can nominate your Republican Candidates to run for office. Caucuses are held in locations across Boulder County and are open to the public.

You can learn more about Caucus at: https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Candidates/FAQs/caucuses.html

June 25, 2024 - Colorado State Primary

November 5, 2024 - General Election

COLORADO SUPREME COURT: TAKING AWAY OUR DEMOCRACY TO SAVE IT!!

To Paraphrase Jon Caldera (Independence Institute):

The people passed TABOR in 1992, making it clear we wanted no tax increases without public vote. The Colorado Supreme Court ruled as long as you label it a "fee" governments could raise taxes without a vote. We wanted no debt increase without a public vote so the Colorado Supreme Court ruled as long as you call it a "Certificate of Participation", governments could raise debt without voter consent. We were clear governments could keep excess tax revenue above the rate of inflation and populations growth only with voter approval and only for four years at a time. The Supreme Court ruled otherwise. We voted to limit the legislative session to 120 calendar days. But during COVID, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled "calendar days" don't have to be consecutive.

As of August 2021, all seven Supreme Court judges were appointed by Democratic governors. In Colorado, supreme court justices are selected through assisted appointment with a governor-controlled judicial nominating commission. Initially, they serve for two years then are up for a retention election decided by the voters. Three justices are up next year—Monica Marquez, one of four judges deciding to remove Trump from the ballot and dissenting judges Chief Justice Brian Boatright and Maria Berkenkotter. The other judges are Richard Gabriel, Melissa Hart, William W. Hood III and the other dissenting judge, Carlos A. Samour Jr.

WANT TO HELP STOP THE COURT AND OTHERS FROM TAKING AWAY OUR DEMOCRACY? Join the Colorado



Union of Taxpayers (CUT). CUT, founded in 1976, is Colorado's longest-serving taxpayer advocacy group. The mission is to educate the public to the dangers of excessive taxation, regulation and government spending, thereby encouraging the refuting of taxes, regulation and spending. The annual fee is \$25. Make your check payable to CUT. Mail to P.O. Box 1976, Lyons, CO 80504 or go to coloradotaxpayer.org. RAISE YOUR **VOICE!! JOIN CUT TODAY!**

"Judicial abuse occurs when judges substitute their own political views for the law." Larmar S. Smith



NEWS BRIEFS

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S APPROVAL RATING IS 34% from a Monmouth University

poll in mid-December. Is it because:

- People are paying more for essentials and recreation since Biden took office?
- The open border policy is a disaster for the country?
- The President has enabled his troubled son, Hunter, to amass millions of dollars?
- Mr. Biden continues to deny any responsibility for the Hunter situation?
- The rise in public disorder in the large cities is horrifying?
- President Biden has spent more tax dollars than any other President in history?
- All those tax dollars spent with nothing to show for it?
- There is chaos overseas which seems everywhere but keeps spreading?
- President Biden's administration has embraced the "woke Ideology?
- President Biden's age and mental acuity is in question?

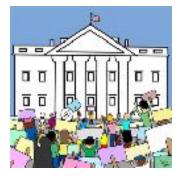
It is actually quite amazing that his approval rating of 34 percent is so high. (Some information from Bill O'Reilly, December 19.)



<u>CONSERVATIVES FLEE TO IDAHO:</u> Over 119,000 people recently moved to Idaho—65% are registered Republican, 12% are registered Democrats. Washington state residents contributed 20,000 residents—62% Republicans, 12% Democrats, 12% unaffiliated, 2% others. California residents contributed 40,000—75% Republicans, 10% Democrats, 16% unaffiliated or other. Oregonians numbered 9,000 with 65% Republicans, 14% Democrats, 9% unaffiliated. Overall registered Republicans in Idaho is at 58%. Idaho Republicans control the state office of governor, secretary of state and the state legislature.

Those who fled cite spiraling crime, high taxes, rampant drug use as well as the pandemic restrictions. (Fox News, December 11, 2023)

Colorado (as of October 2022) has 3,759,999 registered voters—935,045 (24.9%) Republicans, 1,045,459 (27.8%) Democrats, 1,710,800 (45.5%) Unaffiliated.



QATAR AND AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS: A new report from the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy titled, "Networks of Hate: Qatari Paymasters, Soft Power and the Manipulation of Democracy" says Qatar is the largest foreign donor to U.S. universities. "Islam developed in Qatar between the 1960's and 1980's, influenced by the writings of the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) scholars and ideologues." The Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) has estimated assets between \$500 billion to \$1 trillion and has invested in the Empire State Building, Plaza Hotel and St. Regis Hotel in NYC. According to a US-Qatar Business Council 2022 publication it plans to invest \$45 billion in the US market.

The Qatar Foundation (QF) for Education, Science and Community Development is a non-profit established in 1995 but changed its status to a "private institution for public benefit" which enabled Qatar to mask state funding as private sector giving. In short the report says there is "collaboration on joint projects between different universities utilizing foreign entities—including Spain—to transfer money from Qatar into various universities."

Evidence indicates Spanish energy company, Iberdrola and its American subsidiary, Avangrid were utilized to channel Qatari money into universities without proper disclosure. "Additionally, Santander Bank was involved in channeling funds to different faculties to support collaborative study programs with QF.

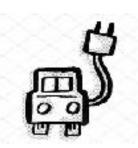
When Hamas was created, it designated itself as "one of the wings of Moslem Brotherhood in Palestine"...Qatar has provided a safe haven for Hamas' political leadership (some worth billions) since 2012. Is the Qatari money/political influence one of the sources of support for our current pro-Palestine, anti-Israel protests which are causing havoc? (Daily Wire 12/7)

"History and experience prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of republican government" George Washington

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE IN NOTRE DAME, INDIANA reverses their decision to allow biological males who identify as women to attend the University. "Saint Mary's will consider undergraduate applicants whose sex assigned at birth is female or consistently live and identify as women", said President Katie Conboy in November. At that time Bishop Kevin Rhodes (Ft. Wayne-South Bend) urged the college to reverse course as the policy went against Catholic teachings.

On December 20th, Conboy and the Board of Trustees declared the school would return to their previous admissions policy— "As this last month unfolded we lost peoples trust and unintentionally created division where we hoped for unity." For this we are deeply sorry," the announcement read. The school opened by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1944.





ARE EV'S GOING OUT OF STYLE? Only 1/2 of all Ford dealers will sell EV's next year. Half of Buick dealers choose buyouts of their franchises instead of selling EV's. GM now has 47% fewer Buick dealers at the end of 2023 than last year. German Automaker Audi slashes EV production as demand plummets, halting future plans. GM is abandoning a goal to build 400,000 EV's thru mid-2024. Ford postponed a \$2 billion planned EV production. Volkswagen is cancelling plans for a \$2 billion factory in Germany. Tesla Elon Musk is slowing plans for a Mexico factory. Thousands of American auto dealers have signed a letter to Biden urging him to scrape his EV mandate.

In May 2023 Michigan's Ann Arbor Public Schools District's, Emile Lauzzana, the environmental sustainability director, told the school board the district's electric bus fleet has had "a lot of problems. It's been a tough 2-1/2 years with this program. Electric buses are

roughly five times more expensive and the infrastructure, originally estimated to be \$50,000, ended being \$200,000." In 2020 Philadelphia removed 25 of its electric buses (purchased by the city for \$24 million) due to structural problems. A Southern California city waited months in 2021 to repair nearly a dozen electric buses—1/3 of all their buses at the time.

Minnesota cities went for EV's in public transit after receiving millions in federal grants for buses, delivered in 2018. However, they failed in subzero temperatures with charging, repair and other issues. The Duluth buses couldn't easily navigate the steep hills and didn't keep the passengers warm.



The buses were made by Proterra, an Electric Bus company touted by Biden and Obama. In May 2021 Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm (former Governor of Michigan) was heavily invested in Proterra with 240,000 shares. She was pressured to divest in the stock, but made \$1.6 million in capital gains. Proterra filed for bankruptcy protection in August 2023.

Despite the mounting problems, the Biden administration spent \$1 billion in May 2023 to "transform America's school bus fleet." EV, infrastructure and related items are funded at \$30.7 billion in the Democrat's November 2021 Infrastructure Bill with \$9 billion set aside for electric buses and local transit vehicles. Last June the Michigan Legislature passed a budget including \$125 million to help school districts fund electric buses.

<u>POTENT DRUG DETECTED FOR THE FIRST TIME NATIONWIDE IN BOULDER:</u> One person was confirmed dead from a new drug, a type of opioid called N-Desethyl etonitazene, considered 10 times more potent that fentanyl. According to Cmdr. Nicholas Goldberger of the Boulder County Drug Task Force the deadly overdose occurred in mid-2023, the first in the United States.

Nitazenes were originally developed 60 years ago as an alternative to morphine. The Drug Enforcement Administration says it is primarily sourced from China. The victim is believed to have ordered quaaludes, as sedative used as a recreational drug, on the dark web without knowing they were tainted with nitazene.

Goldberger said the task force partners with local prevention and treatment programs to stay aware of the drugs present in the community. National data bases are tracked for new and emerging drugs. Sgt. Patrick Compton, also of the Boulder County Task Force, says it is very hard for law enforcement to keep up. Compton said nitazene presence in Boulder County is something law enforcement is likely going to be seeing a little more of. (Information from Hometown Weekly)

"There's not a drug on earth that can make life meaningful"
Unknown



THE EXTRAVAGLAMZA BLING IS BACK!!!

JEWELRY SALE CONTINUES IN JANUARY

Buy that Special Valentine's Day or Birthday Gift for those Thoughtful People in Your Life!! Last Opportunity!! All Proceeds Benefit BRW!!! Questions? Contact Beverlee White, beverleewhite@gmail.com. 703-867-7653

THE SANTA TRACKER!!!!

In 1954 the Continental Air Defense Command, a joint operation of the Air Force, Army and Navy, was set up in Colorado Springs. It was tasked with keeping an eye on the Cold War Skies. A year later the red phone (meant for warnings of a nuclear Soviet attack) rang. Col. Henry W. Shoup picked up. "Yes, sir this is Col. Shoup". The response, "Are you really Santa Claus?" Realizing this wasn't a joke, he answered, "Yes, I am. Have you been a good little girl?"

A tradition was born that continues today. On Christmas Eve over 1,000 volunteers gather at Peterson Space Force Base in Colorado Springs answering calls from children all over the world asking where Santa Claus is. The initiative is led by the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD). The Santa tracker is "one of the largest, if not the largest, community engagement programs in the Department of Defense", said John Ingle, a NORAD spokesman. They had 250,000 calls in 2022, expecting more for 2023.

Two hour shifts start at 4 a.m. on Christmas eve. The "elfs" are a mix of active-duty military members, family members and civilians. The most common question is "where is Santa?" Volunteers simply read Santa's coordinates from massive projections on the wall.

The best part of this story is that you too can track Santa on Christmas Eve at www.noradsanta.org starting at 4 a.m. Our family has tracked Santa for two years now, watching Santa travel across the globe along with hundreds of cameras everywhere. With a click on a camera, you can view wonderful places —In 2024 watch Santa's travels, go on a virtual vacation and learn geography all at the same time! NORAD hotline—1-877-HI-NORAD (1-877-446-6723) for questions.

Birthdays—January and February

January 3 Robert Erdmann February 4 Patty O'Donnell
January 8 Erin Dowd Cygan February 6 James Paine
January 30 Beth Hall February 9 Ron Neilson
February 3 Katy Fassett February 18 Ann Wakely



BRW OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2024

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UPCOMING EVENTS/INFO

<u>BEAUTY & THE BULLET (2nd Wednesday of each month)</u>, Boulder Rifle Club, 6-7:30pm. Just \$10 to shoot with the ladies: contact Katy Fassett, <u>katyfassett@gmail.com</u>
BOULDER COUNTY REPUBLICANS (BCR)

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January 16, Luncheon meeting, 11:15 am, 95a Bistro & Co., 1381 Forest Park Circle, Lafayette LONGMONT REPUBLICAN WOMEN (LWR): longmontrepublicanwomen.org

Peg Cage, President: Meeting—January 17, Pinocchios, 210 Ken Pratt Blvd., #260., 6pm. Order off the menu.

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