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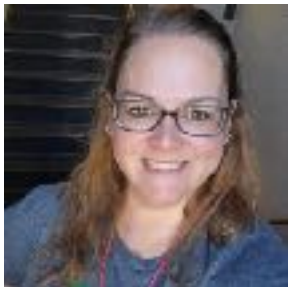
Club Objectives:

- 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 FEBRUARY 20 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, Call Cheryl Merlino, 425-941-8581(Text is preferred)
PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, February 16 at 5 pm.

**FEBRUARY SPEAKERS: MELISSA MARTER, CHAIR, MOMS FOR LIBERTY
 TARA MENZA, CHAIR, BOULDER COUNTY REPUBLICANS**



MELISSA MARTER is the Chair for the Boulder County chapter of Moms for Liberty, one of the newer chapters of many around the country.

Moms for Liberty was founded in January 2021 by Tiffany Justice and Tina Descovich, both residents of Florida. They were former school board members and witnessed how short-sighted and destructive school policies directly hurt children and families. Their mission is the survival of America, unifying, educating, and empowering parental rights at all levels of

government. Moms for Liberty have experienced impressive growth in a very short time. Their June 2023 Conference featured Donald Trump, Ron deSantis, Nikki Haley and Vivek Ramaswamy. They have scheduled their 2024 National Summit in Washington D.C. August 29-September 1.

Many of us already know Melissa. She has been a full-time employee in the St. Vrain Schools since 2021 and Secretary for the Longmont Republican Women (LWR) since 2022. As an active member in the Boulder County Republicans (BCR), she has served in many different capacities.

She has been pushing against local government, school boards, and public health departments since the peak of Covid. Melissa has successfully helped plan protests, rallies, marches and convoys. She has also led a parent advocacy group in St. Vrain since 2021.



HOW HARD IS IT TO HERD CATS? TARA MENZA will fill us in on her last several months as the Chair of Boulder County Republicans. What are the ups? What are the downs? What are the most important tasks the party is pursuing?? Always enthusiastic and entertaining, come hear about her new challenging position!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: THE TAX MAN COMETH!!!



Many of us quiver a wee bit as we retrieve our mail wondering if our tax bill has finally landed in our mailbox. There is a cavalcade of taxes descending on each of us in the first four months of the year. Of course we pay sales tax all year long so we are never free from taxes.

There is something we can do to find a little comfort in revolt of these taxes and that is to start taking advantage of some of the benefits available to us that exist in our communities that are tax-sponsored.

This past week I attended a free engagement at CU that was a part of the Benson Center for Conservative Thought. Chris Rufo spoke to an attentive crowd about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and some of the problems created by this method of performance. It was excellent and thought provoking.

There are more presentations all during the semester and are well worth your participation. There is an option to attend by zoom, but the dynamics in the live event is worth the extra effort. The Conservative Thought program at CU is donor sponsored, but it is free.

My local library did not have the book I wanted on the shelf so they arranged to borrow it from another library and inform me when it was in my library. In some libraries you may do some free printing, receive some computer instruction and rent meeting rooms. There may be some hesitation about the main Boulder library, but we can't give in to destructive behavior and relinquish our rightful place in our community.

There are many free events for families all year long along the creek path, at the Boulder County Fair Grounds, at the WOW museum, at the Lafayette peach festival, at many art shows, and the craziness along the Pearl St Mall all summer.

It's time we cash in on our tax expenditures and retrieve some of the benefits.

God Bless America.
Marty Kinsley
President

"Be thankful we're not getting the government we're paying for!" Will Rogers

OUR JANUARY LUNCH SPEAKER FEATURED BOAZ MEIR,

International Development Director of the Jewish National Fund World Zionist Village. He was born near Tel Aviv on the same day John F. Kennedy was assassinated, November 22, 1963. As a teen he received his letter from the Israel Defense Forces and served three years with the IDF. Every Israel citizen over the age of 18 serves in the military.



He has a long career working for Jewish causes...the Jewish Agency for Israel, the government before the nation was established and the Jewish National Fund (JNF), established in 1901 to collect donations from the Jewish people all over the world to buy land in what was to become Israel. He continues to work for the JNF as the Development Director for the World Zionist

Village which is located on a 20-acre campus representing the largest philanthropic capital project under creation in Israel. The Village will serve as the second home for Alexander Muss High School in Israel, provide an Innovation Center for post-graduates interning in Be'er Sheva-based hi-tech companies and includes a Zionist Adult Education Center.

Throughout his talk he presented very interesting facts about Israel (which is about the size of New Jersey), turning a desert into a habitable place with water projects, like desalination and making the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea sources of water. He recounted the history with Israel's Arab neighbors and its anticipated future after the current conflict ends. For information on the World Zionist Village—<https://zionistvillage.jnf.org/index.php/vision/>



DONATIONS TO ISRAEL: ORGANIZATIONS RECOMMENDED BY OUR MEMBERS

Mimi Ito (kanayahama@aol.com) will donate \$20 to BRW for each donation made to the following (these organizations address immediate needs):



Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces, fidf.org

United Hatzalah, israelrescue.org (also recommended by Mark Levin of Fox News)

Christian United for Israel, cufi.org

Should you make a donation to one or more of these web sites, please notify Mimi

Jane Rubenstein and Ken Stickney recommend Beit Halochem, Zahal Disabled Veterans Fund, www.zdvo.org



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! In 2023 we supported our local Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center (BPRC) as our selected Caring for America charity.

BRW will continue to support BPRC in 2024 as well.

However, the 2024 election is bringing the country to a crossroads. We are in a battle of ideas. What kind of a country will we leave to our children and grandchildren? To do our part in the battle, BRW wants to build a **“War Chest”** to fight for our conservative ideals and values. Please consider making a generous donation.

If you would like to contribute to either the Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center or to the “War Chest”, send a check to Marty Neilson, 363 Riverside Dr., Lyons, CO 80540-8990.

If you are interested in becoming the Chair for Caring for America, contact Marty Kinsley, 303-625-3825,

MEMBERSHIP CORNER: WE WANT YOU IN 2024!!!



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

IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR 2024 BRW MEMBERSHIP PLEASE DO SO SOON!! MEMBERS WHO DO NOT RENEW BEFORE FEBRUARY 29 WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE BRW DIRECTORY NOR WILL THEY RECEIVE ANY FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.

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



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NEWS FROM ELECTIONS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE!!

Still time!! Sign up to be an Election Judge for the Presidential Primary

Contact Theresa Watson, twatson@bocogop.org to learn how to become an election judge or poll watcher. Basic requirements: registered Colorado voter, election judges must be registered Republican, watchers can be registered Republican or Unaffiliated. BCR holds workshops to build knowledge and confidence of our judges and watchers to prepare our teams for work of these positions. Meet others and be part of a supportive team. Workshops in early February.

As we prepare for 2024 elections, we are building our team of:
 Election Judges, Poll Watcher, Attorneys, Data Analysis

ELECTION INTEGRITY STARTS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL WITH EYES AND EARS ON THE ELECTION PROCESS!!!

Legal Ballot Harvesting Meeting: Contact Mark Milliman, mmilliman@bocogop.org

Dates to Remember: February 3: Moms for Liberty
 February 7: BCR Monthly Morning Meeting
 February 28: BCR Executive Committee Meeting

Mark your calendars for March 5: Presidential Primary, March 7: Precinct Caucus
March 23: Boulder County Assembly



COLORADO TAXPAYER ADVOCACY GROUP!!! 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 80540 or go to coloradotaxpayer.org. **RAISE YOUR VOICE!! JOIN CUT TODAY!**

"WE DO NOT HAVE GOVERNMENT BY THE MAJORITY. WE HAVE GOVERNMENT BY THE MAJORITY WHO PARTICIPATE."

Thomas Jefferson



NEWS BRIEFS

Denver to Spend \$180 Million on Illegal Immigration in 2024 according to Mayor Johnston. This amounts to 10-15 percent of the entire general fund for the year. Spending in 2023 was \$36 million, including emergency shelters, and renting hotel rooms. The city is receiving \$1.6 million from Homeland Security and \$3.5 million in state funding. According to the Mayor Johnston, 250 new illegal migrants arrive everyday and Denver is receiving more immigrants per capita than any other sanctuary city. Denver, apparently, is the cheapest bus ticket from El Paso, Texas.

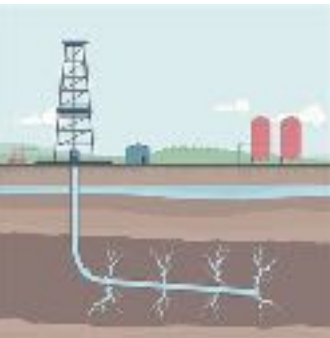


Texas Governor Abbott's office says "Operation Lone Star" has transported 13,800 migrants to Denver from the border towns. The busing operation aims "to fill the dangerous gaps created by the Biden Administration's refusal to secure the border", says Governor Abbott. Appearing on Good Morning America (ABC) Mayor Johnston says "it should not be up to Mr. Abbott to decide where in the U.S. immigrants are sent. The cities and states should be able to accept the influx based on their capacity to do so." (Epoch Times)

There are currently eleven sanctuary states: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, District of Columbia. Colorado (with 64 counties) has 15 sanctuary counties, only exceeded by Oregon (with 36 counties) has 32, California (with 58 counties) has 20 and Pennsylvania (with 67 counties) has 16. There are approximately 600 sanctuary jurisdictions across the U.S.

Wonder why Warren Buffet, Exxon and Chevron made recent acquisitions in the oil industry? U.S. Has Record Amounts of Oil Production

exceeding pre-pandemic levels. According to Energy Information Administration (EIA) domestic crude output accelerated in October 2023 to 13.1 million barrels per day (bpd). In March 2020 13.1 million bpd were produced, February 2021 9.7 bpd and June 2022 to August 2023 it stalled at 12 bpd. The uptick in production is attributed to shale oil drilling in the Texas/ New Mexico Permian Basin. This allows crude oil shipments, refined products and liquefied natural gas (LNG) to equal those of Russia and Saudia Arabia. Domestic oil production is expected to average 13.1 million bpd with record exports of 2 million bpd (up from 1.8 last year) over the next year.



The Permian Basin, in western Texas and southeast New Mexico, is the highest producing oil field in the U.S.—250 miles wide and 300 miles long encompassing dozens of counties in both Texas and New Mexico. During World War II this Basin was responsible for one half of the world's gas and oil production helping fuel tanks, jeeps, ships and planes attributing this to the allied victory. The fracking boom of the last decade allowed drilling to extract gas and oil from previously unreachable depths. The Wall Street Journal credits prolific wells and low costs for the Permian Basin remaining such a viable area for production.

What is a DINK?: Double Income No Kids is a new trend among millions of social media viewers (particularly TikTok). One half of U.S. households don't have children (2022 survey). More and more are choosing to remain child-free. Some of the reasons include: high cost of living, spend their money freely, live spontaneously, career flexibility, saving for a house, more time for hobbies, can sleep in, play golf, go out to eat every night, the only noise made in the house is theirs, women don't want to gain weight. This lifestyle is sometimes a phase not a permanent life plan.

What are the downsides for DINKS? Having children leads to a higher level of feeling like life has meaning, increases a healthy society via social capital such as an expansive family network, higher levels of long-term happiness, the poverty level among older childless couples is higher, as one grows older and loses friends, there is a lack of motivation to make new associations so family relations become more important.



Declining birth rates which in the United States is 1.64/woman have become a concern throughout the world. They have long term effects on society, schools and other institutions, government budgets and the economy. The population grows older, economic growth slows, today's babies are tomorrow's workers and taxpayers. They fund pensions, social security, buy houses. They staff the service industries. Perhaps as the economy improves and young people mature, having a family will become a more inviting adventure.

"Kids bring meaning to your life." Naval Ravika

Hertz Plans to Sell 20,000 Electric Vehicles and reinvest in gasoline models, due to repair costs, low demand and rapid depreciation. EV's electric range drops 20% when temperatures start hitting 32 degrees fahrenheit.

Frigid Temperatures Grip Midwest as electric vehicles line up for hours at the Tesla charging stations with dead cars in the freezing cold. "It's not plug in and go. You have to precondition the battery, meaning you have to get the battery up to optimal temperature to accept a fast charge," said Mark Bilek of the Chicago Auto Trade Association.

Colorado Property Relief? Senate Bill 23B-1 from the special session will reduce residential assessment rate from 6.765 percent to 6.7 percent and exempt \$55,000 of their home's value from taxation. This amounts to \$430 million in property tax relief.

How does it effect you? Here is the formula:

(Actual value-value adjustment) x Assessment Rate = Assessed Value
Then: Assessed Value x mill levy (0.092 for Boulder County)=Taxes Due

Example for a home worth \$600,000:

$(\$600,000 - \$55,000) = \$545,000 \times .067 = \$36,515$ Assessed Value
 $\$36,515 \times 0.092 = \$3,359$a savings of \$864 with the exemption and lower rate.

YOUR PROPERTY TAXES WILL STILL RISE BUT NOT AS MUCH!!



In October 2023 the Secretary of State announced that Initiative #50, "Voter Approval to Retain Additional Property Tax Revenue" obtained enough signatures to be on the 2024 ballot. A **YES** vote: limits property tax revenue to 4% growth above the total statewide property tax revenue collected the previous year and requiring statewide voter approval if property tax revenue is projected to increase by more than 4%. A **NO** vote: opposes establishing a 4% cap on property tax revenue and requiring statewide voter approval to retain property tax revenue above the cap.

Initiative 50 is sponsored by Advance Colorado Institute, a conservative think tank led by Michael Fields and supports limited government, free enterprise, low taxes and public safety..

Opponents are the Bell Policy Center, a progressive organization supporting Proposition HH in 2023 and Amendment B (repeal of Gallagher Amendment) in 2020.



Revisions, Revisions, Revisions: Reportedly the U.S. economy created 216,000 jobs in December. However, the government was the top job creator, adding 52,000 jobs. Last year the government created 676,000 new jobs, **a quarter of job creation**. Government jobs exceeds health care (600,000), leisure and hospitality (367,000), construction (171,000), retail (43,000) and manufacturing (75,000). "Government jobs are eating the private sector alive," says Andrew Crapuchettes, RedBalloon CEO.

The labor participation rate (LFPR) slumped last month. The measurement is a share of civilian working-age population employed or looking for a job and fell to 62.5 percent down from 62.8 percent in November...the lowest reading since February. It is also below pre-pandemic level of 63.5 percent. Household survey data (from the Bureau of Labor Statistics)

shows that the number of employed workers collapsed by 683,000 workers in December...the largest decline since the country shut down.

Revisions have been a habit of of the administration over the past 12 months. The last 11 jobs reports have been revised. November's report was revised down 26,000 jobs (to 173,000). October revised to 105,000 (down 45,000). The year saw 488,000 revisions downward (not counting the possible December revisions).

President Biden is bragging he created 13 to 14 million jobs. But economists analysts point out those were jobs the U.S. "clawed back" after pandemic shutdowns erased 22 million jobs. In reality" those jobs lost in the pandemic were added back and Biden created only 4.86 million jobs since February 2020.

The bottom line is the U.S. jobs report effects markets and U.S. Treasury leads and factors into the Federal Reserve's decisions about rate hikes and cuts...all that affects consumers. Our administration wouldn't play politics with the job numbers would they?

"Government jobs are not an addition to the country's payroll; they are an increase to the nation's payload." Ilana Mercer



Meet the first chapter of the Colorado Young Republicans—Boulder County Young Republicans: Jacob, Treasurer, Matt, Co-Chair, Trey, Co-Chair, Adair, State Committee Chair, David, Vice Chair..
 Not pictured: Andrew, State Commissioner and Parker, Secretary. Also pictured: Tara Menza, BCR Chair. Tara—thanks for the picture and information. Congratulations everyone and good luck with your new adventure!!

COLORADO'S EISENHOWER TUNNEL

LONGEST MOUNTAIN TUNNEL, , HIGHEST INTERSTATE VEHICULAR TUNNEL, HIGHEST VEHICULAR TUNNEL IN THE WORLD

- Approximately 1.69 miles long.
- Drilling on Interstate 70 started in 1968.
- Westbound “bore” opened in 1973
- Ribbon cut on Eastbound “bore” in 1979
- Saves drivers roughly 9 miles and the hazards of driving Loveland Pass
- Seven workers killed, many others injured on the job.
- Construction costs: \$262 million (inflation adjusted \$1.5 billion today).
- Parts of the tunnel estimated 1,500 feet below the surface.
- Officially called the Eisenhower-Edwin C. Johnson Memorial Tunnel
- Eastbound named after Edwin C. Johnson, who served as Colorado’s governor and in the U.S. Senate and instrumental in making I-70 a reality.
- Tunnels staffed 24 hours/day with 52 full-time staff members.
- Serves more than 13 million drivers a year, 37,000 per day.



Birthdays—February and March (apologies to Kay Seale--her January 15 birthday went unreported)

February 3 Katy Fassett
 February 4 Patty O’Donnell
 February 6 James Paine
 February 8 Joan Martin



February 9 Ron Neilson
 February 18 Ann Wakely
 February 26 Francie Sinton
 March 1 Anya Kirvan

March 10 Bernice Moon
 March 12 Jeanne Rutledge
 March 17 Bradley Beck
 March 23 Sandra Sweeney

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If you are interested in participating on the board contact the BRW President!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS/INFO

- **FEBRUARY 28.** Yoram Hazony: Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State, and a Defense of Israeli Nationalism, CU Benson Center's Visiting Scholar Conservative Thought and Policy Program, 5:30 p.m., Wolf Law Wittmeyer Courtroom (room 101). Information: <https://www.colorado.edu/center/benson/>
- **APRIL 13:** Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center 4th Annual Golf Benefit, "Play for the Love of Life", Register by April 4: <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/home.php?e=26809>
- **BEAUTY & THE BULLET (2nd Wednesday of each month)**, Boulder Rifle Club, noon to 1:30 (weather permitting) Just \$10 to shoot with the ladies: contact Katy Fassett, katyfassett@gmail.com
- **BOULDER COUNTY REPUBLICANS (BCR)**
Tara Menza, Chair, Office location: 425 S. Bowen #1. Longmont, (303 443-6606) (bocogop.org)
- **BOULDER REPUBLICAN WOMEN:** brw.clubexpress.com, Marty Kinsley, President
January 20, Luncheon meeting, 11:15 am, 95a Bistro & Co., 1381 Forest Park Circle, Lafayette
- **LONGMONT REPUBLICAN WOMEN (LWR):** longmontrepublicanwomen.org
Peg Cage, President: Meeting—**January 21**, Pinocchios, 210 Ken Pratt Blvd., #260., 6pm. Order off the menu.

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