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Affiliated with National Federation of Republican Women and Colorado Federation of Republican Women

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 MARCH 19 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, March 15 at 5 pm.

MARCH SPEAKERS: KEVIN LUNDBERG & ERIN LEE

GET AN UPDATE ON ERIN LEE, KEVIN LUNDBERG & THEIR JOINT MOVIE PROJECT:

ART CLUB



Kevin Lundberg, along with Erin Lee and her family, have spent the last year producing the first-hand account of the Lee's experience with public school indoctrination and the transgender social contagion. The film, *Art Club*, is an intimate look at this important issue, incorporating expert testimony and advice to those who want to protect the children in their lives. Erin Lee was the BRW speaker in April 2023 who told us her compelling story about her 12 year-old-daughter who was invited by a trusted teacher at middle school to "Art Club"

which turned out to be a Genders & Sexualities Alliance (GSA) supporting gender issues. Erin got "loud". Supported by the America First Policy Institute, she started filing lawsuits.

Kevin Lundberg served in the Colorado House from 2003-2009 and the Colorado Senate from 2009-2019. He has also owns a media and video production service, served on the Board of Trustees for Colorado Christian University and helped found Christian Educators of Colorado. He grew up in Denver, received a BA degree in history and social science from what is now Colorado Christian University. Many of you might receive the weekly Lundberg Report covering Colorado legislation and other Colorado newsworthy events.

Art Club is a labor of love made possible by the support of many people. This film is available for free. Help turn this project into a tidal wave of action by sharing the film and paying it forward. You can go to ArtClubMovie.com to view.





OUR CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE

"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government." Thomas Jefferson (1809)

Little did Thomas Jefferson know at the time he wrote those words how dangerous life would become for our children. According to Cyber Tipline reports of online enticement of children has increased 323% in the last two years. Young males are the primary victims and are enticed by females soliciting explicit photos. These young victims are then blackmailed. Though consequences vary, they are never good.

This large percent increase only represents the reported incidences. The majority of abuses go unreported and thus are not investigated.

There are two movies currently circulating exposing the dangers confronting our children, *The Sound of Freedom* starring Jim Caviezel and *Social Dilemma* produced by Facebook whistleblowers. The first deals with child trafficking. The second deals with manipulating children via the internet. They are both very disturbing, factual and not a pretty picture about our society and how our children are being exploited.

Being a parent and grandparent is a privilege but a tough job. It is imperative that all adults know the dangers children are facing. There has to be open discussion between parents and children. Sometimes grandparents have opportunities to introduce the topic of on-line conduct and explain the family's moral values and behavior expectations. Oftentimes a grandparent becomes a confident and able to support their grandchild. It is hard to keep a cell phone out of the hands of young people, but research suggests this is the most effective solution to a fast-growing problem.

Many BRW members are engaged with young children and teenagers and can have influence on these most precious and delightful people. It is never too early to start preventing dangers from occurring.

Come to the March luncheon to hear from a mother of an exploited child and the journey of her fight. Along with former Colorado Legislator, Kevin Lindberg, this mother, Erin Lee, will discuss this journey and their new movie, *Art Club*.

God Bless America
Marty Kinsley, President

Lunch Reservation Reminder: Please make your reservation early. Using the website to reserve would be appreciated. If you need to pay at the door, please have your check prepared ahead of time. Many thanks to all who attend the luncheons to hear and support the work of our speakers and the work of BRW.

(Unfortunately, Melissa Marter who was scheduled to speak on behalf of Moms for Liberty in February had to cancel due to illness. Tara Menza, also scheduled, was able to be in attendance and speak on behalf of BCR.)



OUR FEBRUARY SPEAKER: TARA MENZA, CHAIR BOULDER COUNTY

REPUBLICANS: With Melissa's absence, Tara discussed work Melissa is doing with Moms for Liberty. She has filed for Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) requests to the libraries at St. Vrain and Boulder Valley School Districts for their list of library books. After an apparent stonewalling attempt, St. Vrain provided a digital copy. Library books are rated 1 to 5. A ratings of 5 is pornographic. Four is inappropriate for those younger than 18. St. Vrain has five library books with a rating of 5. Melissa's wants to address the narrative that conservatives are 'banning' books. The actual goal is to gain parental approval before children check out books rated inappropriate. Tara requested BRW support Melissa in her battle by attending school board meetings. BVSD has not yet provided their book list.

What are the biggest problems faced by Republicans? Some people are far right and others far left. Middle ground must be found. What would be our message? If you have any ideas, Tara wants you to email her. BCR is embroiled in election year work, currently setting up the March 7 caucuses. Republicans can go online and preregister for their caucus at bocogop.org to find their caucus location. Everything starts there with "we the people" and progresses to County Assembly then State Assembly after the June 25th primary election. This is a grass roots movement with the people taking control of how they want the Republican Party to work.

Discussion ensued about civil discourse. Comments: Don't let the left define us. "Can catch more flies with honey than vinegar." Stick with the truth. People like to redirect discussions to federal politics; stick to local issues where everyone is effected the same way. Don't begin by labelling people; listen to what they say. Kill them with kindness.

Tara resigned from the League of Women Board as she violates their bylaws with her GOP position, but she is still involved. She said [The League is presenting, "Civility Matters: Promoting Respectful Dialogue in a Divided World"](#), Speaker Cam Scott, Lafayette Public Library, March 17, 1:30-3: Registration required.



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

Thank you BRW members for continuing your generosity into 2024 during the passing of the baby bottle for Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center!

HOWEVER, THE 2024 ELECTION IS BRINGING US 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.

SUMMER SOCIAL!!!! BRW has scheduled the biennial Summer Social....July 20th. This is the exciting meet-the-candidates dinner and social occasion. We need a chair to followup on details and some helpful committee members! Please contact Marty Kinsley if you are interested in planning this fun event!!! 303-625-3825, martykinsley@comcast.net



MEMBERSHIP—WE WANT AND NEED YOU IN 2024!!!!!! **BENEFITS OF BOULDER REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEMBERSHIP**



- Interacting with Like-minded People
- Educational Opportunities
- Monthly Meetings
- Informational Publications
- Support Community, State, & National Organizations
- Membership - Colorado Federated Republican Women
- Membership - National Federated Republican Women
- Networking Opportunities
- Life-long Friendships

TO RENEW YOUR BRW MEMBERSHIP, BECOME A NEW MEMBER OR RENEW YOUR ASSOCIATE* MEMBERSHIP OR BECOME A NEW ASSOCIATE* MEMBER:

*associate members: include men or current member of another RWF club

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, karenvent@gmail.com



Tara Menza, Chair (720-534-1198)
HEADQUARTERS:
425 S. Bowen St.
Longmont, CO 80501
bocogop.org, 303-443-6606

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.

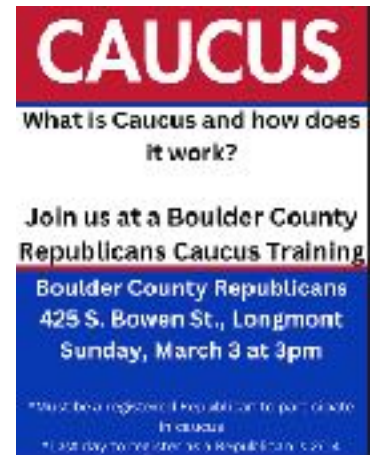
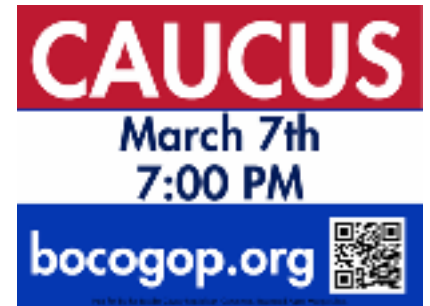
**As we prepare for 2024 elections, we are building our team of:
Election Judges, Poll Watcher, Attorneys, Data Analysis**

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

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

March 2: Moms for Liberty, Chair, Melissa Marter, momsforlibertyboulder@proton.me

BCR Monthly Morning Meeting, March 6, 7 a.m, BCR Office: Guest Speaker Robin Wise, President, CEO of Junior Achievement Rocky Mountain, Serves on the Board of Common Sense Institute. Since 1992 she has led JA's efforts to ensure our region's youth are inspired and prepared to succeed in a global economy. Please RSVP to Bradley Beck, bradleycraigbeck@gmail.com, 303-775-7473



INVEST IN WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN!! BECOME A BCR MEMBER.

Your contributions are used for emails, the office, caucus materials, elections, the website, candidates themselves, the Liberty Road Show and more! Please share your ideas too! What's the best way to reach your friends?

By becoming a "member" of BCR you are investing in all of this! Join for at least \$15/month and receive a few benefits back directly to you too! bocogop.org



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!



NEWS BRIEFS

Minimum Wage Increases: Boulder, Lafayette, Longmont, Louisville and Erie are jointly considering a local minimum wage increase. City Councils will determine whether and how to proceed with the increases effective January 2025. The current state minimum wage is \$14.42 per hour. Boulder County Commissioners voted unanimously to increase the minimum wage to \$15.69/hour in January 2024. An 8.5 percent increase per year will bring the minimum wage to \$25/hour in the next six years. From the Colorado “self-sufficiency study”, a single adult needs \$41,058 per year to meet basic needs in Boulder County or an hourly wage of 19.70/hour.

FROM COMMON SENSE INSTITUTE: Employers tend to hire less labor at a higher price imposed by minimum wage laws than they would hire at a lower price based on supply and demand. The unsalable surplus is called unemployment. These laws tend to be set at a lower rate than the average workers makes but set at a higher rate than an unskilled worker would earn by supply and demand in a free competitive market. The biggest impact is on beginners, usually teenagers.

The higher the price, the lower the level of demand (employers hire fewer applicants).
The higher the price, the higher the quantity supplied (more applicants and fewer employed).

These government policies rob both workers and employers of the ability to make their own decisions and interfere with the supply and demand economics of a free society.

“All you idiots running this town can do is raise the minimum wage, running small businesses out of business”
Owner Kevin Jennings upon the recent closure of his restaurant, Avelina, in Denver.

Denver’s minimum wage is \$18.29/hour

Bloom is Off the Weed?: The marijuana industry in Colorado is struggling. “We are looking at an industry on the brink,” says Truman Bradley, Executive Director for Marijuana Industry Group (MIG). He places blame on overburdensome regulations and massively unfair tax rates. However, cannabis tourism is down in Colorado as other states are legalizing marijuana. Brian Lewandowski, Executive Director Business Research Division at UC Leeds School of Business predicts that the marijuana industry is in its mature stage of its life cycle.

Prices are decreasing and licenses are on the decline. Sales have been in decline since 2020. 100,000 cultivation jobs have been lost in the last year. There is also \$100 million less tax revenue in 2023 compared to two years prior.

In the meantime, Californian Kyle Kazan, a former cop for the LA Police Department, is one of the biggest legal pot growers in the country. As CEO of Glass House Brands, he produces 600,000 pounds of weed a year and expects to break a million with 6 million square feet of greenhouse space and using less than half of that. He is an advocate for decriminalization. “No one should be in prison for a plant.” *The Last Prisoner Project* (Colorado-based nonprofit) estimates 32,000 cannabis-related inmates in 2018 around the country. (The over-the-counter stock price for Glass House Brands was \$6.70 as of February 26th.)

Not so Hidden Costs: Last year at this time the Denver School District had 82,401 students. However, students arriving after the October count are not included in determining the funding requirements for the district. With the influx of illegal immigrants, 200-250 students are enrolling in the district each week or 3,402 so far this academic year, Denver Public Schools have lost roughly \$14 million. The legislature is trying to rescue the schools, possibly allocating \$24 million of Colorado taxpayer money to districts hardest hit after the October count. The City and County of Denver alone is already estimating spending \$180 million or 10-15% of its entire budget on emergency shelters and renting hotel rooms for 2024.



Free Lunch?: Colorado’s *Healthy School Meals for All* provides “free” breakfast and lunch to all public school students. This measure was approved by voters in 2022. However, it is projected to come up short by \$24 million this year and up to \$50 million next year. The funding comes from taxpayers making over \$300,000/year. It was expected to make \$100 million. Are there less revenues or more students eating for free? Breakfast servings are up 35 percent, lunch 31 percent, a big difference from the estimated servings. Supply cost estimates were based on 3.5 percent inflation but it is currently 7.5 percent. What to do? Make the state budget cover the gaps? Change eligibility requirements? Delay other parts of the ballot measure, i.e., grants/raises for cafeteria workers, purchasing food from Colorado farmers/ranchers and support for districts buying equipment for healthier cooking. Projected savings would only be \$22 million, but impacting growers who have made investments planning for their involvement in the program.



Surprise! Surprise!: According to the legislative analyst office, California's state budget deficit is expected to be \$73 billion—twice as much as Governor Newsom's prediction. This amount represents a 26 percent increase over the \$280 billion budget. Tax receipts have fallen short with traditional corporation tax collections declining more than 33 percent in December from the year before.

Republican State Senator Brian Dahle said, "We've seen wasteful spending for years and Republicans have been sounding the alarm. Sadly, this deficit will continue for years to come as bad policies drive taxpayers out of this state. Newsom needs to stop campaigning for president and focus on serving the people of California."

The top one percent of taxpayers pay one-half the state income tax. The tax withheld from paychecks have been underwhelming. The unemployment rate in December was 5.1 percent up from 4.1 percent the year before. The U.S. rate is 3.7 percent, Florida's three percent. According to the Hoover Institute in 2022, 352 companies moved it's headquarters to other states from January 2018 through 2021. In 2018-2019 765 commercial facilities left between 2009-2016 and an estimated 13,000 businesses left.

In the meantime, Barbara Lee, California Democrat Senate candidate, is advocating a \$50/hour minimum wage. She has been the District 13 (Oakland/Northern Alameda County) congressional representative since 1998 and chairs the Congressional Progressive Caucus.

Recently, Governor Newsom expanded medicare and medicaid benefits to illegal immigrants age 26-49 (estimated at 700,000). Current coverage includes children and illegal immigrants age 19-25. The annual cost is expected to be \$6.5 billion and growing. At least 300,000 crossed into California in 2023.

***"The trouble with socialism is that you eventually run out of other peoples' money."
Margaret Thatcher***

CIVICS 101

A democracy is a political system in which the people periodically, by majority vote at the polls, select their rulers. The rulers then have absolute power to make whatever laws they please by majority vote among themselves.

In a constitutional republic the people also, by majority vote at the polls, select their rulers who make laws by majority vote among themselves. However, the rulers cannot make any laws they please because the Constitution severely restricts their law-making power.

The ideal of a democracy is universal equality. The ideal of a constitutional republic is individual liberty. In this century great strides have been made toward the goal of subverting our republic and transforming it into a democracy. The foremost tactic of the subverters is subversion of language.

By calling America a democracy until people thoughtlessly accept and use the term, totalitarians have obscured the real meaning of American principles of government.

Writers of the Constitution were anxious to safeguard liberty against dictatorship, monarchy they called it. But their chief anxiety was to protect the country against democracy.

Edmund Randolph, delegate to the Constitutional Convention from Virginia, said the general objective of the convention was to provide a cure for the follies and fury of democracy. Elbridge Gerry and Roger Sherman, delegates from Massachusetts and Connecticut, urged the Constitutional Convention to create a system to eliminate the evils that flow from the excesses of democracy.

Alexander Hamilton, delegate from New York, said we are forming a Republican government. Real liberty is not found in democracy. If we incline too much to democracy we shall soon shoot into monarchy.

John Adams, one of the giants of the American Revolutionary period said democracy will envy all, content with all, endeavor to pull down all. And, if by chance it happens to get the upper hand for a short time, democracy will be revengeful, bloody and cruel.

America was not founded as a democracy but as a Constitutional Republic.

We pledge allegiance to the republic for which the flag stands not to a democracy.

The Constitution requires a republican form of government for all the states but does not mention democracy and neither does the Declaration of Independence or the Bill of Rights.

Benjamin Franklin, approached by a group of citizens asking him what kind of government the convention had given America replied, "a republic, if you can keep it."

Very old and wise, Franklin saw through the mists of time to the day when Americans might trade their freedom in a constitutional republic for the promise of government guaranteed equality and security in democracy and beyond that to the day when democracy inevitably degenerates into a dictatorship, guaranteeing nothing but poverty and serfdom for the people it robs and rules. (Unknown source; contents were fact checked.)



CHIEF LEFT HAND—IMPORTANT IN COLORADO HISTORY



Chief Left Hand (or Chief Niwot which translates to Left Hand), was the tribal leader of the Southern Arapaho. The Arapaho lived along the Front Range, wintering in Boulder Valley. Despite breaching the Treaty of Fort Laramie, early prospectors were welcomed by the Chief in Boulder Valley during the Colorado Gold Rush. The prospectors, led by Captain Aikens, camped (October 1858) in the area of Settler's Park in Boulder Canyon. The prospectors, claiming they would only winter there, built cabins. Later Captain Aikens formed the Boulder City Town Company.

Chief Left Hand, realizing peace was necessary for the survival of the Arapaho, made peace with the white settlers. Peace did not last with violence erupting between other tribes (primarily Cherokees) and the settlers.

Territorial Governor John Evans, convinced all tribes were responsible, ordered the Arapaho and Cheyenne to camp near Fort Lyons, on Sand Creek, in eastern Colorado. The Governor directed the Third Colorado Cavalry to patrol the plains for hostile Indians. Reportedly, they did not find any hostile Indians but, out of frustration, the cavalry attacked the Native people at Sand Creek in November 1864. Historians estimate about 180 natives, mostly women, children and elderly, were killed. Chief Niwot was mortally wounded and died a few days later. Many places in Boulder Valley are named after Chief Niwot (Left Hand).

President Lincoln's Congressional investigation labelled it a massacre. Governor Evans was removed and Colorado was placed under martial law.

In September 2023 Mt. Evans' name was changed to Mt. Blue Sky People. Originally named after Governor Evans, a movement began in 2018 to change the name because of his involvement in the Sand Creek Massacre. The Arapaho people are known as the "Blue Sky People" and the Cheyenne have an annual ceremony marking the renewal of life called "Blue Sky".

Birthdays—March & April

March 1 Anya Kirvan
March 10 Bernice Moon
March 12 Jeanne Rutledge
March 17 Bradley Beck
March 23 Sandra Sweeney



April 6 Jim Graham
April 10 Jane Rubenstein
April 14 Cathy Zabel
April 16 Jane Meagher
April 18 Julie Kaewert
April 22 Elisabeth Nelson

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in participating on the board
contact the BRW
President!!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS/INFO

- **BEAUTY & THE BULLET** (2nd Wednesday of each month), Boulder Rifle Club, Just \$10 to shoot with the ladies: contact Katy Fassett, for time which varies with the current winter weather, 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
March 19, Luncheon meeting, 11:15 am, 95a Bistro & Co., 1381 Forest Park Circle, Lafayette
- **LONGMONT REPUBLICAN WOMEN (LWR):** longmontrepublicanwomen.org
Peg Cage, President: Meeting—**March 20**, Pinocchios, 210 Ken Pratt Blvd., #260, 6pm. Order off the menu.

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