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## **MVRW 2024 Fall/2025 Winter President Review**

### **October 2024**

Our main focus was the General Election and informing people of the impact of Prop 1 Initiative to Idaho elections. Our club members supported the Twin Falls County Republican HQ through the General Election. Club members also participated in door-to-door knocking and education with regards to Prop 1. Our club members were busy doing grassroots campaigning (door-to-door, sign waving, etc) with our Republican candidates, and being poll workers, poll judge, and poll watchers during the early voting days

Our main speakers for this month club meeting were Mike Mathews, Kylie Johnson, and Kathy Thomsen. Mike Mathews spoke on his work as Region 7 Chairman, and provided information about Senator Risch's legislative activities and services he provides to his constituents. Kylie Johnson was the region representative from Turning Point USA spoke on her work starting TPUSA Chapters in local schools with emphasis on conservative values and citizenship. Kathy Thomsen gave a report on the election activity and Vote No on Proposition 1 efforts sign waving, walk and talk to get the message out to vote No to Prop 1.

The club 2<sup>nd</sup> highway cleanup was held and met at the Hagerman Rest Area. We collected 15 bags of trash. Several of the volunteers also found some money of which one of them found enough money to enable her and family go see a Museum while they are in Boise visiting a college.

The club members final count for 2024 was 53 members of which 17 were new members, and 28 associates with 7 new associates.

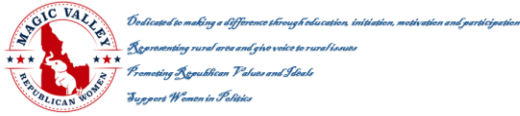
We also created a new club website (<https://magicvalleyrw.com/>) and went live this month.

We voted Leslie Wolff as Director 2 and Jeanie Surprise-Easterday as Director 3 which completed all executive board memberships.

### **November 2024**

First week was focused on the General Election and Vote No to Prop 1 sign waving. Our members also continue supporting the early voting through the General Election as poll workers, poll judge and poll watching.

Our main speaker was Hagerman Christian Center and club associate member Pastor Isaac Telez and talked on thankfulness. This was followed by Kathy Thomsen gave a report on the defeat of Proposition 1; Senator Glenneda Zuiderveld discussed plans for the 2025 Legislative Session. Leslie Wolff read a letter from State Representative-elect David Leavitt, District 25, thanking for our club supports.



In support of Veterans month, we invited local veterans and treat them for lunch of which 6 veterans attended.

In addition to supporting veterans, the club also voted to support the Sage Women Center. The club will do separate fundraising activities of which half of the proceeds will be donated to the center.

### **December 2024**

Instead of having our monthly meeting for this month, we held the club Annual Christmas Party of which was very well attended. Lots of foods, drinks and group singing Christmas songs.

### **January 2025**

We started the year with the same executive board members, however, the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP had to step down and started looking for nomination to be the new 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Leslie Wolff was identified as a nominee. We also changed our club meeting venue to Idaho Pebbles Pond Golf Bar and Grill in Filer.

Our guest speaker was Nicki Krouse, Director of Sage Women's Center who gave a history and evolution of the center and provided printed information. We collected donations by passing around a large baby bottle. Money collected was given to Nicki at the end of the meeting and we stated that we will continue collecting donations throughout the year.

Submitted Political and Campaign Hours for 3<sup>rd</sup> Period (July 2024 – December 2024).

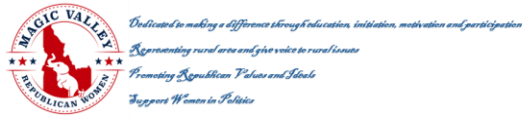
### **February 2025**

Monty Stiles was the club meeting speaker who spoke on the damage caused by drugs in American society and the push for the legalization of marijuana in Idaho. One of the bill that is currently in review is the banning of advertising marijuana/drugs in Idaho.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Kathy Thomsen also have been following the house and senate bills that are being reviewed and started compiling a list of these bills of which she shares to all members and providing updates of where these bills are in the legislative process.

In support of Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee Lincoln Day on 22 Feb 2025, the club donated a couple of silent auction items.

In continuing the club support for Sage, we made a Charcuterie Basket to fundraise. The basket includes a charcuterie board that was made locally, 2 bottles of wine, a \$50 Glanbia gift certificate and boxes of crackers, jars of olives and preserves, and mixed nuts.



## **March 2025**

**Our focus this month will continue to monitor legislative bills going through the legislative process and approvals. Our main speaker this month will be Dorothy Moon.**

## **Miscellaneous**

- **As of 27 February, MVRW has 44 paid members and 24 paid associates.**
- **A total of 9969 Campaign hours from January 2023 through December 2024. Continue to track campaign hours for January 2025 through December 2025**
- **Continue to bring in new members and associates.**
- **Continue to collect aluminum tabs for Boise Ronald MacDonald House, collect food items for pantries in Buhl and Hagerman, collect toiletries for Boise McDonald House and Twin Falls Valley House.**
- **Collect tattered US flags for our Flag Retirement Ceremony this year.**
- **For April 2025 MVRW meeting, the speaker will be Leslie Manookan, the President and Founder of Health Freedom Defense. She will be talking on topics relating to health, freedom, society and politics. Her background is finance and holistic health. We plan to invite other clubs/groups to join us to hear her presentation since the MAHA movement is on the rise.**
- **For May 2025 MVRW meeting, we will be hosting our Republican Legislative elected officials to report on this year Legislative Session.**
- **MVRW will continue doing several road clean ups: one in Spring and one In the Fall**
- **MVRW will also continue to schedule blood drives throughout the year.**