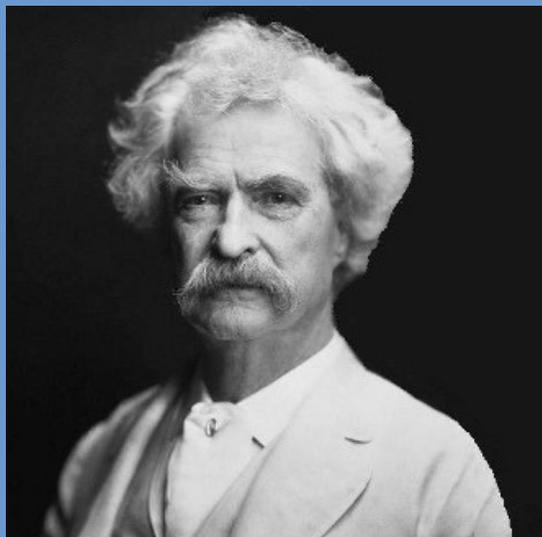




# SUMMITUP MAR 2024

## CONSERVATIVES CARING FOR COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY



**“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds with your sails.”**

**~ Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens),  
1835-1910  
American writer and humorist**

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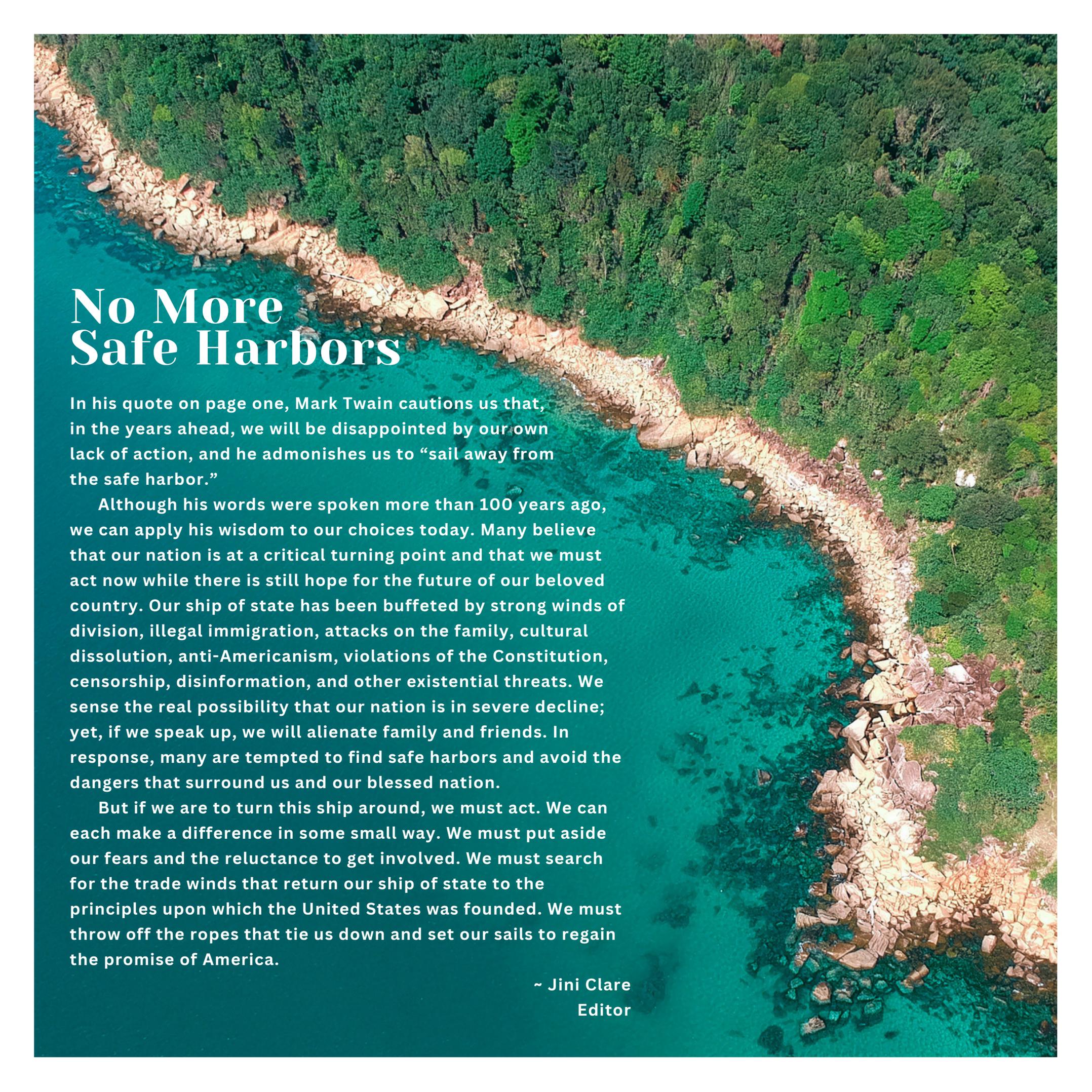
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An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. The land is covered in dense, vibrant green forest. The shoreline is composed of numerous light-colored, jagged rocks. The water is a clear, bright turquoise color, revealing the rocky seabed. The overall scene is a beautiful, natural landscape.

# No More Safe Harbors

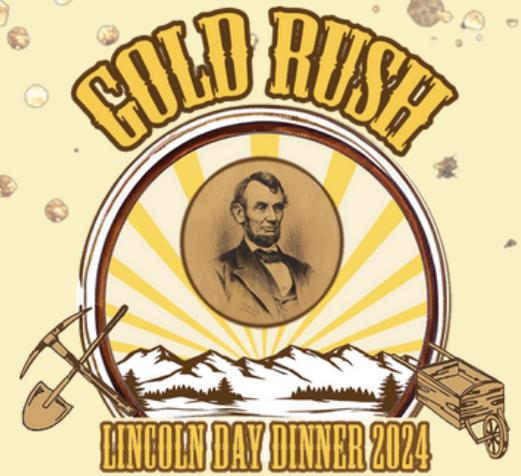
In his quote on page one, Mark Twain cautions us that, in the years ahead, we will be disappointed by our own lack of action, and he admonishes us to “sail away from the safe harbor.”

Although his words were spoken more than 100 years ago, we can apply his wisdom to our choices today. Many believe that our nation is at a critical turning point and that we must act now while there is still hope for the future of our beloved country. Our ship of state has been buffeted by strong winds of division, illegal immigration, attacks on the family, cultural dissolution, anti-Americanism, violations of the Constitution, censorship, disinformation, and other existential threats. We sense the real possibility that our nation is in severe decline; yet, if we speak up, we will alienate family and friends. In response, many are tempted to find safe harbors and avoid the dangers that surround us and our blessed nation.

But if we are to turn this ship around, we must act. We can each make a difference in some small way. We must put aside our fears and the reluctance to get involved. We must search for the trade winds that return our ship of state to the principles upon which the United States was founded. We must throw off the ropes that tie us down and set our sails to regain the promise of America.

~ Jini Clare  
Editor

# GOING FOR THE GOLD



We are “going for the gold” in 2024, kicking off this consequential election year at our annual Lincoln Day Dinner in February at the Elks Club in Silverthorne.

With the theme “Gold Rush,” volunteers created clever era decorations with mining entrances, lanterns, gold bars, and dynamite sticks made of licorice. Each attendee received a Summit Historical Society booklet entitled *Men, Mining and Machines* and a gold brick filled with gold coin chocolates. A silent auction featuring gift certificates, elegant semiprecious-stone jewelry, patriotic items, and historical mining documents netted Summit County Republican Women more than \$1900. We thank the many members and local businesses that generously donated to our organization. We also are grateful for the dozens of volunteers who helped make the event a real blast.

Guest speakers at the Lincoln Day Dinner included Christy Ruckus Fidura, who is running for Colorado Republican National Committeewoman and is on the executive committee of the Pueblo County GOP; Steve Dorman, a board member of the Colorado Union of Taxpayers; and Natalie Menten, who served as the Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights (TABOR) Foundation Board Director from 2020 to present.

Summit County Republican Women President Debra Irvine provided several inspirational nuggets when she spoke about some of the lessons she learned while running for the Colorado legislature. She said, “One of the things I learned, like it or not, politics is a business. It involves analyzing demographics, strategy, statistics, and, of course, marketing.” She defined our platform as our product and Republican candidates and organizations like ours as among our most valuable marketing tools.

Debra also addressed the importance of communications. She explained, “I also learned that it’s very important to keep an open mind, especially when we are talking about our principles and values to unaffiliated voters. These are voters who haven’t made up their minds and are listening to what Republicans and Democrats have to offer; and, if we keep an open mind, we can better understand where they are coming from, and we can also find common ground.” In addition, she spoke about the importance of unity within the Republican Party. She asked, “How do we market our principles and values, which are what make us the greatest nation in the world, if we are not united?” She noted, “Unaffiliated voters aren’t just listening to WHAT Republicans and Democrats are saying, they are also paying attention to HOW we say it.” As she concluded her remarks, Debra affirmed, “I believe our most effective marketing tool is to engage voters in meaningful conversation.”

**The work has begun. The fuse has been lit.  
It is up to us to strike gold in 2024!**





# COLORADO PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MARCH 5 • SUPER TUESDAY



In mid-February, ballots were mailed to all registered Colorado voters for the March 5, Super Tuesday, presidential primary election. Registered Republicans were sent Republican presidential primary ballots; registered Democrats were sent ballots for their party's presidential primary. Those registered as unaffiliated were mailed both ballots but may return only one. Ballots can be returned in the mail or in drop boxes. Registered voters may also vote in person.

Complicating the election, in December 2023, in a 4-to-3 decision, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled that former President Trump was disqualified from appearing on the ballot and sought to remove his name. However, on February 8, 2024 the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments regarding the Colorado Supreme Court's decision, allowing Trump's name to appear on the 2024 presidential primary ballot. The arguments by the attorneys and questions by the justices in Case 23-719, Trump vs. Anderson, lead many to believe the U.S. Supreme Court will rule in Trump's favor. We await the court's decision. To add more confusion to the Republican primary ballot, numerous candidates who have since dropped out of the race are still listed on the ballot. They are Ron DeSantis, Chris Christie, Vivek Ramaswamy, and Asa Hutchinson.

Many voters in Colorado and elsewhere are unaware of the opportunities for fraud that are inherent in unmonitored drop boxes. There are more than 350 drop boxes available around the state of Colorado. Make sure you vote and that your vote is secure and counted!

For more information, visit [www.GoVoteColorado.gov](http://www.GoVoteColorado.gov) and links that website provides.



# VOTE



# Spreading the Word



Help spread the word and increase the visibility of Republicans in Summit County by purchasing and using our new insulated, zippered, quality grocery totes. We have ordered these attractive totes in royal blue and in red. Each bag has the Summit County Republican Women's logo, tagline, and website imprinted on one side and the Summit County Republicans' logo and website imprinted on the reverse. Enjoy them while you shop, picnic, or travel. The price will be determined soon and will be very reasonable. We expect delivery in mid-March.



We have also ordered beautifully designed notecards for Summit County Republican Women to use when writing thank you notes or official correspondence. We thought you might like to see the design.



**Let other conservatives know  
they are not alone in Summit County!**



# Summit County GOP Precinct Caucuses and County Assembly

**MARCH 7, 2024 • 7 PM**

**Colorado Mountain College  
107 Denison Placer Drive, Rooms 142/143  
Breckenridge, Colorado 80424**

Pursuant to the Bylaws of the Summit County Republican Central Committee and Colorado Revised Statutes 1-4-601 and 1-4-602 Notice is hereby given that the Summit County Republican Precinct Caucuses and County Assembly shall be convened beginning at 7:00 pm on March 7, 2024, at the Colorado Mountain College, located at 107 Denison Placer Drive, Rooms 142/143 in Breckenridge, Colorado 80424. Check-in and credentialing for these Assemblies shall begin at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend, but you must be registered as a Republican to vote in Summit County as of February 14th, 2024 to participate as a voting member. It is not required, but it is helpful if you pre-register here.

The principal purposes of these Assemblies of County Delegates shall be:

- To ratify the election of Precinct Committeepersons;
- To designate Republican candidate(s) for the office of County Commissioner;
- To elect 16 delegates and alternatives to the Colorado State Republican State Assembly;
- To elect or ratify the election of delegates and alternates to all higher District Assemblies;
- To consider and adopt other rules and resolutions and conduct all other business of the Republican Party that may lawfully come before such an Assembly of Delegates.

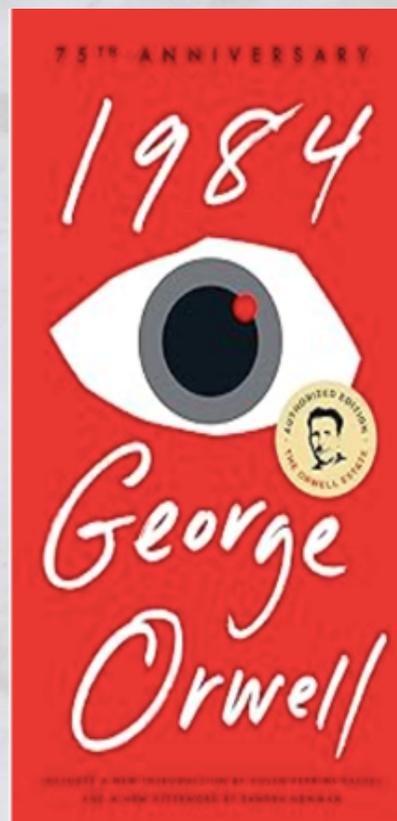
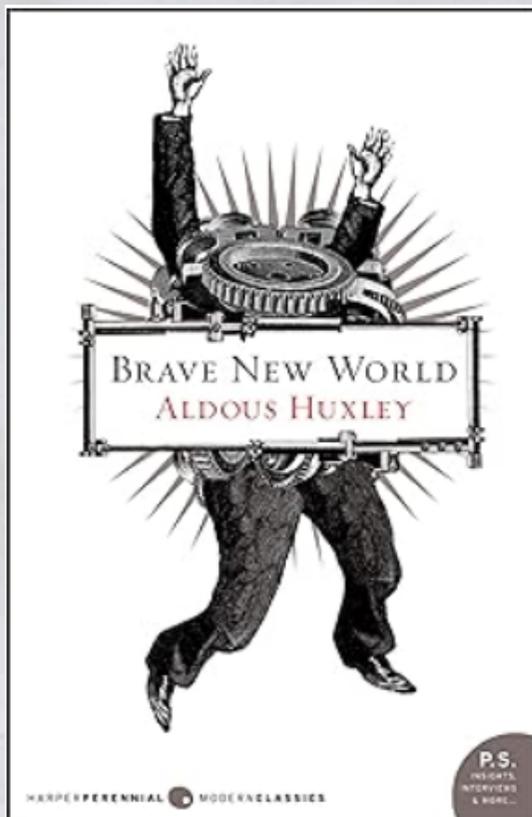
At the Precinct Caucuses we will elect Precinct Committeepersons to attend the County Assembly which will be convened immediately following conclusion of the Precinct Caucuses. At the County Assembly we will elect delegates to the State GOP Assembly. If you are elected to be a delegate to the state assembly, please be prepared to make a payment of \$50 for state badging fees. If you're elected as an alternate, the state badging fee is \$40. Please bring payment with you as we are required to turn these into the state immediately. State Assembly is in Pueblo, CO, on April 5th & 6th; travel and expenses are the responsibility of the delegate.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2024

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C.J. Milmoie, Chairman Summit County Republican Central Committee





*March*

**BOOK  
CLUB**

**BOOKS/AUTHORS:** *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley and *1984* by George Orwell

**MODERATOR:** Alexander (Sandy) Gunow

**DATE:** March 18, 2024, 5:30 pm

**HOSTS/PLACE:** Home of Nancy and Sandy Gunow, Silverthorne

**RSVP and questions:** Nancy Gunow at [GunowN@aol.com](mailto:GunowN@aol.com) or 248-568-6415

Please bring an appetizer and/or beverage to share. All are welcome to attend: spouses, friends, family members!

# MARCH 2024

## FRIDAYS | 6:00 PM ELKS CLUB HAPPY HOUR

Location: Elks Club, 1321 Blue River Pkwy, Silverthorne  
Join us at the high top table in bar for dinner and social time. If you choose, there is an offering of buffet \$15, house drinks \$5. Bring cash for adult beverages. Contact Penny TerHaar at [phaar10@gmail.com](mailto:phaar10@gmail.com) or 849-269-0568 to RSVP or more information.

## MAR 5 | COLORADO PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Registered Republicans, don't forget to vote on or before March 5, Super Tuesday, for the presidential primary election.

## MAR 7 | 7 PM SUMMIT COUNTY GOP PRECINCT CAUCUSES AND COUNTY ASSEMBLY

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## MAR 13 | 1:00 PM SUMMIT COUNTY GOP WOMEN LUNCHEON

Join our women for a luncheon and brief business meeting at UpTown in Frisco. We will have a fantastic guest speaker, Matt Benedict, Wildfire Division captain for Red, White, Blue Fire Department. He will speak about winter home safety.



## MAR 17 | ST. PATRICK'S DAY



## MAR 18 | 5:30 - 7 PM CONSERVATIVE COCKTAILS

Where: TBA - Private Home- Send request to [news@thesummitgop.org](mailto:news@thesummitgop.org).

## MAR 18 | 5:30 PM MARCH BOOK CLUB

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## MAR 31 | EASTER



# CALENDAR

# MAR 2024