



Newsletter of the Nevada Republican Men's Club



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Our August Meeting will be on Monday the 2nd at 11:30 a.m. at the Ellis Island Hotel and Casino
Our Speaker will be Congressman Jim Gibbons

VICTORY IN 2004

Len Yelinek

Now that we have had two programs on how to get involved, we will start hearing from some candidates. In addition to the regular introductions of all candidates present at the luncheon, our guest speaker will be Congressman Gibbons.

In the words of the old song, "the days trickle down, to a precious few. September, October, November." Have you chosen how to get involved yet? Did you select a candidate or issue to support? Increasing our membership will do us no good if the discussion at our December meeting is President Elect Kerry. Each of you can make a difference beyond your individual vote. Support and Elect Republicans.

NEW MEMBER PROGRAM REPORT

Al Valdez, Membership Chairman

It's a privilege to welcome 10 new members of Nevada the Republican Men's Club this month.

New Member	Sponsored By
Jerry Bruner	Self
Kay Burnam	Rick Burnam
Charles Carpenter	Conrad Villela
Justin Doucette	Al Valdez
Bob Ellis	Jim Marsh
Julene Haworth	Self
Walter D. Jourdan	Mark Tipping
Michel Martel	Conrad Villela
Kenneth Wegner	Self
Kevin Zelenka	Conrad Villela

We appreciate these committed Republicans who have joined to become actively involved in helping elect Republican candidates in 2004.

We recognize the following RMC members who have sponsored one or more new members during the first eight months of our incentive program:

Al Valdez - 13	Paul Workman - 8
Rick Burnam - 5	Len Yelinek - 4
Conrad Villela - 4	Dan Barnett - 3
Maxine Clark - 3	Bill Kohn - 3
Jim Marsh - 3	Uli Miyashiro - 3
Ronnie Vause - 3	Harry Allen - 2
Jim Frank - 2	Chuck McDonald - 2
Jerry McElroy - 2	David McGowan - 2
Betty Rumford - 2	

The following have each sponsored one new member:

Paul Adams	Anthony Bandiero
Bob Beers	Keith Blasko
Phyllis Bougie	Don Carli
Ernie Clark	Ron Cuzze
Alice Fessenden	Don Guardina
John Hambrick	John Hathcock
Joe Heck	Lisa Heck
Catherine Junek	John Laub
Lynette Boggs McDonald	
Ray McKay	Chip Maxfield
Jim Morrison	Dennis Nolan
Matt Passalauqua	Steven Saul
Arlene Southard	Nancy Sprague
John Stanhagen	Bruce Thompson
Mark Tipping	Rex Wilhoite
Donna Woddward	Bernie Zadrowski

We sincerely appreciate the efforts of the 48 members who have contributed significantly to the strength of the Nevada Republican Men's Club.

In eight months, we have added 119 new members.

At the August meeting, we will recognize Paul Workman, Jim Marsh, Conrad Villela and Ronnie Vause for their recruiting efforts.

The active involvement of each of us is required to assure the overall success of Republican Victory 2004.

Thank you for your support

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Reflect on the following exchange between Larry King and Kerry on CNN's Larry King Live Thursday evening 8 July:

KING: Let's get to, first thing's first, news of the day. Tom Ridge warned today about al Qaeda plans of a large-scale attack on the United States, didn't increase the -- do you see any politics in this? What's your reaction?

KERRY: Well, I haven't been briefed yet, Larry. **They have offered to brief me; I just haven't had time.** But all Americans are united in our efforts to defeat terrorism.

Larry King Live Transcripts
<http://tinyurl.com/2u96g>
What are his priorities?

THE DUTY TO VOTE

Paul Adams

From time to time, commentators identify voters who, for one reason or another, decide not to vote in an election. Often, this misguided decision is based upon a disagreement with a candidate over one particular issue. While the voter may agree with the candidate on 90% of the issues, THIS one particular issue is so important that the voter does not vote. To live in this great land and not participate in the electoral process is wrong for many reasons, the primary one being that voting is a duty of all citizens.

Aside from being irresponsible, not voting has practical, and not always pleasant, consequences. Despite what we may think of politicians, our elected officials should be our friends in government. One does not abandon a friend just because one disagrees with that friend on a few discrete issues. This is especially true if the result of that abandonment is the effective embrace of someone with whom one disagrees with on 90% of those same issues. The consequence of not voting for a political friend is to embrace an enemy.

Unless the voter is the candidate, it is doubtful that any voter will agree with a candidate on 100% of the issues. If one feels that strongly about certain issues, then run for office. Otherwise, either support the candidate that best reflects your collective values or be prepared to be governed by those who disagree with the bulk of your values.

As you work to support and elect Republicans, you will encounter the "non-voter." When you do, tell them to consider the alternative. Why would the most liberal Senator select the 4th most liberal Senator as his potential Vice President? As President Bush said, in Massachusetts, that is called balancing the ticket. By all accounts, this will be a close election. Those who fail to vote for President Bush, or any good Republican candidate, are effectively voting for the opposing candidate.

If you, or someone you know, are not receiving the newsletter, please contact Basil Raffa at braffa@raffamortgage.com

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VETERANS' ISSUES

Dick Higgins

TOTAL FORCE Unaffordable?

DoD manages the war on Terrorism with a TOTAL FORCE concept. Elements of National Guard, various reserves and active duty troops are deployed without differentiation, as if they were all ready to go.

This brings up various issues; training, health and family, as a minimum.

Today's warriors manipulate weapons and tactics in methods transformed from previous wars. Units are usually given advance notification of pending deployment. However, this paperwork alone does not accomplish the new training manual's requirements. Are the nation's troops, traditionally trained for backup, ready for today's battles?

Today's warriors are younger and are required to carry a heavier load of personal weaponry than those of the most previous wars. Superior health, by virtue of constant medical supervision helps them with the new back packs and heavier protective clothing.

Should Guard and Reserves be allowed enrollment for themselves and their families in DoD's TRICARE, a subsidized health insurance program?

The non-regular elements have job and other issues that directly affect spouse and children. These have not been considered by Congress and the President. Will the system face a recruiting crisis for National Guard and the Reserves?

If benefits paralleling those of today's regulars are awarded the non-regulars, will the TOTAL FORCE be affordable?

POW-MIA SEARCHES: GOOD NEWS

Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA Affairs Jerry D. Jennings is earning his pay.

Jennings recently made a June visit to Vietnam that resulted in agreements to cooperate in America's efforts to account for servicemen missing in action from the Vietnam War. As a result, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam will:

- allow access to its national archives, with focus on Ministry of National Defense
- permit their archivists to pursue POW/MIA leads wherever they go
- allow Jennings to visit the Central Highlands, previously denied. Joint discovery teams are expected to follow.
- provide interviews with Vietnamese wartime leaders.
- agree in principle to support underwater recovery operations
- support the year 2004 consultations with Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam that will take place in Cambodia.

KERRY IN FULL BLOOM

By Jeffrey Herbener

The bankruptcy of the activist view of government is in full bloom again, thanks to the John Kerry campaign.

For starters, Kerry promised to raise the minimum wage. Even if Kerry is an Economics 101 dropout, [he should know] that raising the minimum wage makes the lowest-wage workers unemployable and, thus reduces their competitiveness with union workers.

Creating an underclass of low-skilled, unemployable persons is, perhaps, the most socially malignant way imaginable to raise union wages.

Not content minimum wage folly, Kerry has also proposed making health care a right for all Americans. Now everyone across the political spectrum agrees that material benefits such as high wages and adequate food, housing and health care are desirable. Kerry and the proponents of activist government, however, seem to think that such benefits can be legislated into existence.

Kerry's education proposals, as so often happens with activists' schemes, work at cross purposes. They do nothing to solve any real or imagined problem with higher education, but instead serve to transfer wealth and power to Washington.

Since the government, at best, aggravates and, at worst, creates the social ills it presumes to cure, the proper policy is clear—wealth and power must remain with people, not become even more centralized in Washington, D.C. To use the coercive power of the state to force people to subsidize what they would not fund voluntarily is a repudiation of the birthright of Americans: the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Read the full editorial at

<http://tinyurl.com/2kdsx>

COST OF GOVERNMENT DAY

Cost of Government Day is the date of the calendar year, counting from January 1, on which the average American has earned enough in cumulative gross income to pay for their share of government spending (total federal, state, and local) plus the cost of regulation.

In 2004, Cost of Government Day was July 7th.

Read the full article at

<http://tinyurl.com/23ocm>

Image what the COGD will be under President Kerry.

Support & Elect Republicans President Bush

BECOME A TEAM LEADER

Visit <http://www.gopteamleader.com/> for a wealth of information on how to get involved in the campaign.

JOIN THE 72-HOUR TEAM

Visit <http://www.gop.com/72Hour/> for more details.

JOIN A COALITION

Contact [Ross Mellor](#) at the Bush Cheney office at (866) 640-2874 for more information on the various coalitions.

NEVADA REPUBLICAN PARTY

More interested in State Issues, visit the Nevada Republican Party page at <http://www.nevadagop.org/>

CLARK COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

Want to volunteer close to home, visit <http://www.clarkgop.org/>

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Express your support of President Bush by writing a letter to the editor the Las Vegas Sun <http://tinyurl.com/38rv2>, or LV Review Journal <http://tinyurl.com/3czu4> Exchanging emails among friends is nice, but it is preaching to the converted. May feel good when you click send, but what is the long-term impact? Take the time to express yourself in the local paper – who knows, you may convert an undecided voter to your cause.

DO SOMETHING!

DID YOU KNOW?

The complete Senate Intelligence Report on Iraq is available at <http://tinyurl.com/38vnu>

Blue Star Mothers of Southern Nevada

is a benevolent organization that any person can join, and its purpose is solely to benefit and support our active duty personnel as well as veterans. For information contact Marilyn Kidwell at maklv@cox.net. For information about the organization, visit <http://www.bluestarmothers.org/>

The **National Federation of Republican Women** is conducting a membership drive? For details on the program, contact Margaret Penn at mpenn@nfrw.org. For details on the organization, visit www.nfrw.org.

We are in the midst of a **Young Republican Roundup?** For details, contact Nancy Sprague at 702-594-7551 Fax: 566-6204, Email: SpragueCo@cox.net

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Year 2004 Meetings -- All dates are Monday -- Please Mark Your Calendars

Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board	Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board	Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board
Aug	2	16	Sep	13	20	Oct	4	18
Nov	1	15	Dec	6	20			

Notice: The cost of the luncheon at the regular meeting of the Men's Club is \$15.00 each for Members and Guests.

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Wade Stephens, Jr.	Dave Cook
Mark Risman	Mahlon Faust**
Scott Black	Robert Wiseman
Mike Moody	Michael Schaefer
Charley Johnson	** Deceased

I'M CONFUSED

Clinton awards Halliburton no-bid contract in Yugoslavia - no problem, not even newsworthy
 Bush awards Halliburton no-bid contract in Iraq - bad news

Clinton spends 77 billion on war in Serbia - no problem, very little cost coverage
 Bush spends 87 billion in Iraq - terrible waste of money that should be spent at home

Clinton imposes regime change in Serbia - good news
 Bush imposes regime change in Iraq - out of control
 Cowboy unilateralist menace

Clinton bombs Christian Serbs on behalf of Muslim Albanian terrorists -no problem
 Bush liberates 25 million from a genocidal dictator - No WMD found and he failed to stop the looting

Clinton bombs Chinese embassy - no problem
 Bush bombs terrorist camps - press emphasize phony civilian casualties (The Desert Wedding that Wasn't)

Clinton says mass graves in Serbia - good reason to go to war
 Entire world says WMD in Iraq - Bush lied

No mass graves found in Serbia - no problem
 No WMD found Iraq - Bush lied

Clinton refuses to take custody of Bin Laden when offered - good policy decision
 World Trade Centers fall under Bush - Massive Intel and Presidential leadership failure

Clinton says Saddam has nukes - all nod in agreement
 Bush says Saddam has nukes - Bush lied

Clinton calls for regime change in Iraq - Sound Policy
 Bush imposes regime change in Iraq - out of control
 Cowboy unilateralist menace and he didn't prevent the post war insurgency and foreign jihadis' terrorism

Terrorist training in Afghanistan under Clinton - no problem
 Bush destroys training camps in Afghanistan - incited more terrorists to strike us

Milosevic not yet convicted - no problem
 Saddam in custody - He can't get a fair trial and why did it take so long to find him

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If you have ideas for newsletter content,
 please submit suggestions to [Paul Adams](#).



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