



Newsletter of the Nevada Republican Men's Club



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Our October Meeting will be on Monday the 4th at 11:30 a.m. at the Ellis Island Hotel and Casino

Our Speaker will be Congressman Jon Porter

VICTORY IN 2004

Len Yelinek

This is the second to last newsletter before the election. If you have been sitting on the sidelines wondering how to get involved, you are running out of time to make a difference. Included with this newsletter is information from many Republican candidates. We have worked all year to be in the position to achieve Victory in 2004. In my first column, I emphasized the purpose of the NRMCM – to support and elect Republicans. The polls are tilting in our favor, but this is not the time to be complacent. If you are not already involved, now is the time to do something.

NEW MEMBER PROGRAM REPORT

Al Valdez, Membership Chairman

It's a privilege to welcome 11 new members of Nevada the Republican Men's Club this month.

New Member

Todd Butler
Carmine Calitri
Joe Doran
Harris Ferris
Jeff Goldman
Elizabeth Halverson
David Hensey
Michael Kucala
Clifton Marshall
Chris McInnis
Patrick Orme

Sponsored By

Paul Butler
Basil Raffa
Len Yelinek
Bob Beers
Jason Wilhoite
Jim Marsh
Kenneth Walther
Self
Basil Raffa
Bill Simpson
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We recognize the following RMC members who have sponsored one or more new members during the first nine months of our incentive program:

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| Al Valdez – 16 | Paul Workman – 8 |
| Len Yelinek – 6 | Rick Burnam – 5 |
| Conrad Villela - 4 | Jim Marsh - 4 |
| Harry Allen – 3 | Dan Barnett - 3 |
| Maxine Clark – 3 | Bill Kohn - 3 |
| Ulli Miyashiro – 3 | Ronnie Vause – 3 |
| Paul Adams - 2 | Bob Beers - 2 |
| Jim Frank – 2 | Chuck McDonald - 2 |
| Jerry McElroy – 2 | David McGowan - 2 |
| Matt Passalacqua 2 | Basil Raffa - 2 |
| Betty Rumford - 2 | Bill Simpson |

The following have each sponsored one new member:

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| Anthony Bandiero | Keith Blasko |
| Phyllis Bougie | Paul Butler |

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| Don Carli | Ernie Clark |
| Ron Cuzze | Alice Fessenden |
| Don Guardina | John Hambrick |
| John Hathcock | Joe Heck |
| Lisa Heck | Joel Jarvis |
| Catherine Junek | John Laub |
| Lynette Boggs McDonald | |
| Ray McKay | Chip Maxfield |
| Jim Morrison | Dennis Nolan |
| Steven Saul | Joe Sortino |
| Arlene Southard | Nancy Sprague |
| John Stanhagen | Bruce Thompson |
| Mark Tipping | Jason Wilhoite |
| Rex Wilhoite | Kenneth Walther |
| Donna Wodward | Bernie Zadrowski |

We sincerely appreciate the efforts of the 55 members who have contributed significantly to the strength of the Nevada Republican Men's Club.

A Special Note to All Members

Just 537 votes decided the Presidency in 2000. George W. Bush won the election by just one electoral vote.

Five states were decided by less than one percentage point. A margin of one vote per precinct can make the difference between winning and losing an election.

Every registered Republican voter in every voting precinct is vital to the re-election of President Bush. No one can be overlooked. We need your personal involvement and help to win this election in **YOUR PRECINCT! PLEASE VOLUNTEER.**

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

I am running for President with a clear and positive plan to build a safer world, and a more hopeful America. I am running with a compassionate conservative philosophy: that government should help people improve their lives, not try to run their lives. I believe this Nation wants steady, consistent, principled leadership and that is why, with your help, we will win this election.

President Bush Republican Convention Speech. <http://tinyurl.com/6orc7>

John Kerry, who says he doesn't like outsourcing, wants to outsource our national security. That's the most dangerous outsourcing of all. This politician wants to be leader of the free world. Free for how long?

Senator Zell Miller, Republican Convention Speech <http://tinyurl.com/6b5xm>

LET'S ROLL V LET'S ROLL OVER (AND OVER AND OVER)

Paul Adams

According to all of the polls, the two primary issues in the upcoming Presidential election are the war on terror and the war in Iraq. What is curious is that the mainstream media has succeeded in convincing many people that the two are not related. This phony separation is key to Senator Kerry's argument that President Bush has mishandled the war on terror by "diverting" resources to Iraq. Of course, considering Senator Kerry's vast number of different positions on Iraq, this discussion might be moot by the time the newsletter is published.

The evidence of Iraqi support for international terrorism and regional instability is well documented and pre-dates the current administration. In 1997, Senator Kerry, acknowledging that the US could not depend upon France or Russia, advocated a unilateral pre-emptive strike against Iraq. (See <http://tinyurl.com/hu3n>) In 1998, Senator Kerry voted for, Congress passed and President Clinton signed the Iraqi Liberation Act, calling for regime change. Evidence of Iraq ties with Al Qaeda accumulated during the Clinton years are conveniently ignored today. (See <http://tinyurl.com/3fip2>). Of course, in a campaign fueled by forged memos, the truth is immaterial.

Immediately after 9/11, President Bush ordered the invasion of Afghanistan. The Taliban was destroyed, Al Qaeda was routed to hills and caves and 25 million people were liberated. If one destroys a rat's nest without killing all the rats, everyone knows the rats find a new home. The most logical place for terrorists to re-locate was Iraq. Saddam was a terrorist, he hated the US and, left unfettered, could be a powerful ally of Al Qaeda. Recent articles tracing the flow of money from the UN Oil for Food scandal expose evidence that Saddam Hussein may have used the UN to fund Al Qaeda. (See <http://tinyurl.com/yv28f>).

We face a stark choice between a President providing steady leadership and a candidate with no moral compass playing politics with national security. Do not be fooled by the polls, this election will be close and will come down to who gets out the vote. We stand at a cross roads and we can decide our own fate. Under a President Kerry, I submit that the America of tomorrow will not be the same as the America of today. There are many ways to help - pick one now.

SUPPORT AND ELECT REPUBLICANS

VETERANS' ISSUES

Dick Higgins

WOUNDED WARRIORS' CARE

In 1789, George Washington, our nation's first Commander-in-Chief said "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."

Warriors' health care and benefits for those of all present and past wars is a dual responsibility of the departments of DEFENSE and VETERANS AFFAIRS. This brings up various issues; training, health and family, as a minimum. Issues concerning Guard and Reserves, operating under the Total Force concept, are particularly unfunded and deserving of attention.

The transfer of health care responsibility for wounded individuals from DoD to VA is not smooth. The two agencies are trying to cooperate to make it so, but enough funds are not available.

Despite President Bush's appreciable increases in the VA budget since he took office, the amount allocated to wounded warriors does not reach the amount calculated in the INDEPENDENT BUDGET, a product calculated by a coalition of veterans' service organizations.

In 1996, Congress mandated that all veterans who desired to get their health care from VA were eligible to enroll in VA Health Care. This mandate is not being obeyed by VA due to lack of funds. A large segment of veterans are forcibly restrained from VA Health Care enrollment.

After Gulf War One, it was found that veterans were suffering from a special set of illnesses attributed to their service. Congress directed DoD to give deploying troops a physical examination before deployment and after. Recently, the Government Accounting Office reported that DoD was not 100% following the post-deployment requirement. Again, money.

There has to be a solution.

Organizations such as The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and others unanimously recommend that the nation adopt MANDATORY FUNDING; count the enrolled veterans and multiply that by a computed average cost per enrollee and at the first of the fiscal year the U. S. Treasurer will cut a check in the total amount.

President Bush established a Presidential Task Force in 2001 and for two years the PTF studied the funding problem, finally proposing Congress adopt MANDATORY FUNDING based on the number of VA enrollees.

Don't our warriors, the keepers of the peace, deserve a guaranteed care funding that is not, every year, the target of budget cutters?

A CONTRACT WITH NEVADANS The Republican Assembly Action Plan for Nevada

If elected as the Majority Party, a Republican-controlled Assembly promises to pass legislation to address the following issues:

1. NO ADDITIONAL TAXES

The tax measure passed last session is projected to have surplus. A vote for Republican control in the Nevada State Assembly WILL ASSURE a vote for no new taxes this session, unless voter approved. Nevada must learn to live within its means.

2. CAP PROPERTY TAXES

At the present time there are no restraints on the annual assessed value of property. A vote for Republican control of the Nevada State Assembly WILL ASSURE passage of legislation to cap the assessed value of property taxes.

3. MAKE WATER A PRIORITY

A vote for Republican control of the Nevada State Assembly WILL ASSURE we will make water Nevada's number one priority. Rather than ignore our water problems and use the surplus to construct another public building, we will use the projected surplus to enhance Nevada's dwindling water supply.

4. EDUCATION PERFORMANCE AUDIT

Nevada ranks 29th nationally in per pupil spending¹, yet today we are 50th in performance². Our children deserve to at least get what we already pay for. A vote for Republican control of the Nevada State Assembly WILL ASSURE passage of legislation to require accountability and a performance audit to help us adjust programs to improve education for our children.

5. LIMIT GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT

A vote for Republican control of the Nevada State Assembly WILL ASSURE passage of a bill to cap state budget growth. Government spending should not grow faster than your paycheck.

6. MEDICAL MALPRACTICE REFORM

A vote for Republican control of the Nevada State Assembly WILL ASSURE passage of legislation to help control health care costs in Nevada and retain quality doctors in our state³.

7. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A vote for Republican control of the Nevada State Assembly WILL ASSURE passage of legislation to keep housing costs more affordable. We will pass legislation protecting the homeowner and providing measures to control lawsuit costs which are driving up the cost of housing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT

www.contractwithnevadans.com

¹ National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), (2000-2001 statistics, published May 2003; ranks 29th nationally, includes all expenditures.

² National Association of Education Performance (NAEP), most recent published data, 2003.

³ We support Question 3 "Keep Our Doctors in Nevada" Initiative.

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](mailto: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/>.

The Clark County Republican Party along with Victory 2004 are asking for your help to assist us by providing transportation to the polls for citizens who cannot provide for themselves. The service will begin with the start of early voting through Election Day. If you are interested in helping, please call (702) 258-9184, (702) 456-4518 1 866 640 2874; (702) 258 9182.

VOLUNTEER IN YOUR PRECINCT

Getting out the vote is critical. If you want to volunteer, contact Mike McCarlie at mmccarlie@georgewbush.com or (702) 218-0494.

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?

Prime Minister Allawi's "Thank You, America" speech is available at <http://tinyurl.com/6jpk6>.

Aljazeera's response to PM Allawi's speech is available at <http://tinyurl.com/5m23c>

Former Senator Hatfield has endorsed President Bush (<http://tinyurl.com/64msg>)

A nice summary of Senator Kerry's various comments on Iraq are found in the ad at <http://www.kerryoniraq.com/>

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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 |
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| 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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BIOGRAPHY

JERRY MCELROY

VICE PRESIDENT

NEVADA REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB

Jerry, although born and raised just an hour from the ocean in Pasadena, California, has been a Nevada resident for over 20 years. He has always been drawn to broadcasting and earned his degree from Pasadena City College in communication arts, with a broadcasting focus. In 1965, he worked in radio until he realized he needed a more stable income to raise a family. This resulted in a 13-year diversion from broadcasting and into the pharmacy business, working initially as a retail pharmacy store manager for a Southern California Pharmacy Group. By the late 1970's, even with multi-store responsibilities, he was still pulled to broadcasting. In the early 1980, through a Jaycee connection, he applied for a full time on-air position and was hired as a full-time advertising sales account executive and a part-time on-air announcer for KXTZ radio in Las Vegas. He has a diverse background, working in all forms of advertising, as a radio announcer, in radio sales, selling billboard advertising, and currently in television as the local sales manager for Las Vegas ONE seen locally on Cox Cable Channel 19.

Jerry has always been active in community service organizations. At 21, he joined the Altadena Jaycees. Over the next 15 years he held most local offices, served as a state officer in the California Jaycees and received a JCI Senatorship in 1976. In Reno, Jerry was vice president of the Nevada Outdoor Media Association and volunteered at Harrah's Auto Museum. In Las Vegas, he has been active with the Nevada Division of the American Cancer Society, a past president of the Las Vegas Kiwanis Club, a past president of the Las Vegas Namefinders and a past area representative for the Lakes Homeowners Association. In addition to Toastmasters, Jerry is currently active with the Association of Regional News Channels, the Las Vegas Ad Federation, Working in Communications, the Las Vegas Kiwanis Club and the current vice president of the Nevada Republican Men's Club.

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/5fzas> for a complete list of contact information on candidates for the Nevada Assembly

Visit the Club Web Site at <http://www.republicanmensclub.com>

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



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