



Newsletter of the Nevada Republican Men's Club



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Our January Meeting will be on Monday the 10th at 11:30 a.m. at the Ellis Island Hotel and Casino
Our Speaker will be Garn Mabey, Asst. Minority Leader in the Nevada State Assembly

VICTORY IN 2005 & 2006

Jerry McElroy

As I begin my year as your President, I hope to continue the efforts to grow the club, provide interesting speakers and continue our efforts to support and elect Republicans. We need to continue the effort in the upcoming 2005 municipal elections and prepare for the next statewide elections in 2006.

NEW MEMBER PROGRAM REPORT

Al Valdez, Membership Chairman

It's a privilege to welcome 13 new members of Nevada the Republican Men's Club this month.

New Member

Dean Andrews
Stavros Anthony
Darrow Beaton
Brian Cassels
Phil Galbraith
Martin Haas
Andrew Lashua
Ken Lukaska
Sue Mazzola
Steve Sanson
Keith Stickley
Curt Thayer
Randy Weidner

Sponsored By

Bill Daley
George Assad
Ken Mahal
Self
Self
George Dugan
Al Valdez
Al Valdez
Al Valdez
Paul Adams
Maxine Clark
Harry Allen
Linda Cooney

We sincerely appreciate these committed Republicans who have joined with us to help promote our Republican values and principles. Many thanks to our current members, listed above, who have sponsored these new members.

2004 has been an outstanding year for the Republican Party and for our club. Our exceptional growth will enable us to contribute even more to the election of Republican candidates in the future.

During this membership drive, the NRMC added 174 new members. The 65 individuals listed below have each sponsored new members.

Al Valdez – 20	Paul Workman – 8
Len Yelinek – 7	Rick Burnam – 6
Harry Allen – 4	Maxine Clark – 4
Linda Cooney – 4	Jim Marsh – 4
Conrad Villela - 4	Paul Adams – 3
Dan Barnett - 3	Bob Beers – 3
Jim Frank - 3	Bill Kohn - 3
Ulli Miyashiro – 3	Ronnie Vause – 3
George Assad - 2	Chuck McDonald - 2

Jerry McElroy – 2	David McGowan – 2
Matt Passalacqua 2	Basil Raffa – 2
Betty Rumford – 2	Bill Simpson – 2
Mark Tipping – 2	Rex Wilhoite - 2

The following have each sponsored one new member:

Anthony Bandiero	Charlotte Barnes
Keith Blasko	Phyllis Bougie
Paul Butler	Don Carli
Ernie Clark	Ron Cuzze
George Dugan	Alice Fessenden
Don Guardina	John Hambrick
Harris Ferris	John Hathcock
Joe Heck	Lisa Heck
Joel Jarvis	Catherine Junek
John Laub	Bill Looney
Lynette Boggs McDonald	
Ken Mahal	Ray McKay
Chip Maxfield	Monty Miller
Jim Morrison	Dennis Nolan
Steven Saul	Joe Sortino
Arlene Southard	Nancy Sprague
John Stanhagen	Bruce Thompson
Kenneth Wathen	Jason Wilhoite
Donna Woodward	Bernie Zadrowski

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

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

People have to remember that Iraq is the size of California and Baghdad is the size of Los Angeles. If the news reported all of the deaths in Los Angeles on a daily basis, no one would ever go to Disneyland.

LTC Patrick Nary

US Army 6th Recruiting Brigade, Las Vegas
December 18, 2004
<http://tinyurl.com/4tj9y>

The only thing left for Arab regimes, which are out of tune with the rest of the world, is to understand that standing against the United States is no longer the right way to show their patriotism, especially since they are the real enemies of their people and countries. They must understand the American Administration supports their people, for their freedom and human rights.

Ahmad Al-Jarallah

Editor-in-Chief - Kuwaiti daily Al-Siyassah
December 10, 2004
<http://tinyurl.com/68yzt>

HOW DO WE RESPOND?

Paul Adams

After convincing themselves that they lost simply because the majority of Americans were too stupid to understand how wonderful they are, the democrats are organizing for the next elections. Everyone has seen the mind numbing post-election analysis whereby democrats distort every rule of logic to establish that their election defeat was not their fault. Of course, that is the fundamental problem of the liberal position – anything that goes wrong is always someone else's fault and a "big brother" government's responsibility to fix.

Like a drunk practicing for a field sobriety test, our own Senator Reid is learning to walk the fine line of supporting a democrat agenda in Washington that would be rejected in Nevada. Howard Dean wants to run the DNC and campaign on democrat values. Young democrats are telling the old party establishment to get out of the way, as they are tired of losing.

As Republicans, we cannot put politics on the shelf until the next election approaches. If we do not learn from history, we will simply dust off the plans from 2004 and hope we are competitive. If we do that, we will lose. Starting now, we must apply the lessons learned of the last campaign and start planning for the next election. We need to harness the excitement and passion of the Presidential campaign and focus the effort over the long term to support and elect Republicans. To be effective, we need precinct leaders, volunteer organizers and a continuing and effective voter registration effort. We need to build an organization that provides Republicans a venue to discuss issues and hold government at all levels accountable to our beliefs.

The Clark County Republican Party is looking for ways to be more effective in support of the upcoming campaigns. As a newly elected member of the Executive Board, responsible for precinct organization, I am working on building a grassroots organization that will effectively support all future Republican candidates. Please feel free to provide any ideas you may have. I hope each of you will find a way to contribute to future Republican victories.

SUPPORT AND ELECT REPUBLICANS

ARE CONSERVATIVES

'MISUNDERESTIMATING' HARRY REID?

By Brian Maloney
WorldNetDaily December 11 2004

Has conservative euphoria over Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle's toppling begun to subside? Hope so, because here's a reality check: His supposedly "mild-mannered" replacement, Nevada Sen. Harry Reid, could become a bigger headache for Republicans and conservatives than Daschle ever was. He's misunderstood by the opposition, and the political machine he built in Nevada provides great insight into what may happen nationally. * * *

Let's shatter some myths: One, he isn't the bipartisan-division-healer the press has made him out to be. His recent mean-spirited slam against Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas on "Meet the Press" ought to shatter this faulty perception.

Two, the low-key image he's created is exactly how he wants to be seen. It's to disguise a very experienced operative in the art of political hardball, a skill developed across years of getting Nevada's good ol' boys to do exactly what he needed.

Most of all, he isn't a moderate (or laughingly, a "conservative" as the New York Times labeled him recently). Aside from some pro-life positions held until recently, due to his Mormon faith, his voting record is liberal.

This hasn't wavered: In 1996, Americans for Democratic Action, a leftist group, gave Reid a solid 85 out of 100 approval rating based on his votes. The American Conservative Union consistently rates him in the single or low double digits on a scale where 100 reflects full agreement on bills. He's not far from Ted Kennedy territory. National Journal has given him liberal marks especially on economic and foreign policy issues. Waffling on the abortion issue to appease the party base is the one recent change. ***

So, just in case this hasn't yet happened, it's time to clean up the paper plates and leftover cake from the Adios Daschle party and take his replacement seriously before he has a chance to do nationally what he did with ease in his home state.

See the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/6ory4>.

DEAN: DEMOCRATS MUST STICK TO CONVICTIONS

By Nedra Pickler
The Associated Press, December 8, 2004

Howard Dean, with an eye on leading the Democratic Party in the wake of widespread election losses, said Wednesday that Democrats must campaign on their convictions and not give into the temptation to behave like Republicans.

"If this election had been decided on moral values, the Democrats would have won," Dean continued. "I think it's time for us to start framing the debate. We have to learn to punch our ways off the ropes." * * *

Dean said the party must fight for victory in every state at every level of government and added, "we can't be a party that wins the presidency by running an 18-state campaign."

See the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/6nksy>

When reading the papers, one would think that Europeans do not like, appreciate or understand the United States. The next two articles provide a refreshing counterpoint.

AN ODE TO AMERICA

by Cornel Nistorescu
Evenimentul zilei September 24, 2004

Why are Americans so united? They don't resemble one another even if you paint them! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations. Some of them are nearly extinct, others are incompatible with one another, and in matters of religious beliefs, not even God can count how many they are. Still, the American tragedy turned three hundred million people into a hand put on the heart. Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the army, the secret services that they are only a bunch of losers. Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts. Nobody rushed on the streets nearby to gape about. The Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand. After the first moments of panic, they raised the flag on the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colours of the national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car a minister or the president was passing. On every occasion they started singing their traditional song: "God Bless America". * * *

What on earth can unite the Americans in such a way? Their land? Their galloping history? Their economic power? Money? I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases which risk of sounding like commonplaces. I thought things over, but I reached only one conclusion.

Only freedom can work such miracles!

See the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/5stww>

AN END TO NONSENSE

By Heinrich Maetzke
The Washington Times October 20, 2004

If my Michael Moore-obsessed fellow German countrymen were honest, they would admit that what really frightens them is this dangerous new century we have just entered and the scary glimpses we have had of it so far.

Throughout the Cold War, many Germans were used to having it easy and both ways: staging demonstrations against "U.S. imperialism" while at the same time enjoying the protection of the Pax Americana. Wealth and security were guaranteed, and the United States footed most of the security bill. What a wonderful world. Now the future does not look so wonderful any longer: global terrorism, nuclear weapons, Islamist extremism and failing states just across the Mediterranean Sea. * * *

That is the reason why it was so important that Mr. Bush took on the issue of Iraq. For 20 years Saddam Hussein had done his utmost to acquire nuclear weapons. For 12 long years he had mocked the United Nations. When challenged to come clean in March 2003, he refused to. However, when it comes to global terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, the burden of proof must lie with the suspect, not with the prosecutor. We now know that Saddam intended

to pick up his nuclear threads where he had been forced to drop them, once sanctions were lifted and U.S. forces withdrawn. We also know that he had all the reason in the world to feel safe: He had the United Nations in his deep oil-for-food pockets, plus a couple of veto-yielding members of the Security Council, who had never liked the sanctions anyway. If it had not been for one factor, Saddam's infamous gamble almost certainly would have paid off. This factor had a face and a name: President George Bush.

See the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/3t6l3>

MEMBER SUBMISSION BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA Marilyn Kidwell, President

Blue Star Mothers of Southern Nevada a nonprofit, nonpartisan and all-volunteer group who SUPPORT OUR TROOPS right here in the Southern Nevada area. Members/volunteers are composed of everyone who SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS. Anyone who would like to share their time and talents by volunteering with Blue Star Mothers of Southern Nevada is more than welcome! The love and support of our community does make a difference in the lives of so many airmen, soldiers, sailors and marines.

Recently Blue Star Mothers of Southern Nevada shipped several thousand dollars worth of donated goods to bring love and comfort to the recovering wounded military personnel who are / will be in-patients at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

Earlier today I spoke with Aster Block, Station Manager / American Red Cross at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. When asked what their current needs were, she replied that they are in need of approximately five DVD players for the hospital wards. Anyone who would like to contribute money towards a DVD player or donate a new DVD player, please contact Marilyn Kidwell at the below contact info. It is tax deductible!!!

Additionally, Blue Star Mothers of Southern Nevada is selling those beautiful yellow & blue magnetic "Support Our Troops" car magnets for only \$5. Dr. Walter Kidwell (my husband) kindly donated to Blue Star Mothers of Southern Nevada approximately \$1000 to purchase 1000 magnets. All monies raised in the sales of these magnets will be spent entirely on acquiring needed items for our military troops.

Lastly, President, Blue Star Mothers is a 501(c)3 ... meaning all contributions - whether in money form or in in-kind contributions - are 100% tax deductible!

Blue Star Mothers of Southern Nevada appreciates any and all assistance you can provide to us.

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Support & Elect Republicans

Happy New Year to all. Please be sure one of your New Years Resolutions is to volunteer to help organize the Republican Party for more victories in 2005 and beyond.

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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
Jan 05	10	24	Feb 05	7	14	Mar 05	7	21
Apr 05	4	18	May 05	2	16	Jun 05	6	20
Jul 05	11	18	Aug 05	1	15	Sep 05	12	19
Oct 05	3	17	Nov 05	7	21	Dec 05	5	19

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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BASIL RAFFA - Treasurer

Mr. Basil J. Raffa CRE is the owner of Raffa Mortgage and Consulting Services in Las Vegas, NV since 1994.

Prior to founding RMCS, Mr. Raffa was Director of Development for several Commercial and Residential Developments firms. He has overseen the development of medical, office and industrial complexes along with numerous single family and land development projects. Mr. Raffa was Vice President of Far West Mortgage Company, Commercial Mortgage banking firm.

The Commercial Mortgage Loan division places Construction and Development loans for Residential Developments and Commercial Developments and arranges Permanent Loans for Commercial Developments. The Residential Mortgage division offers a full range of residential financing for Owner & Non Owner occupied properties. The Consulting division specializes in Project Management, (New & Troubled Projects), Project Review, Site Evaluation and Economic Feasibility for Commercial or Residential Developments.

Mr. Raffa is holder of the distinguished CRE Designation from Counselors of Real Estate. The Counselors of Real Estate is an international group of seasoned real estate practitioners who provide advisory services to clients on real property and land related matter. Those designated a CRE are recognized by their peers as having consistently demonstrate the highest levels of knowledge, experience and judgment in the practice of real estate.

Mr. Raffa holds a degree in Economics from the University of Baltimore along with a degree in Finance and a MBA from UNLV.

Mr. Raffa has been a resident of Las Vegas since 1972. Mr. Raffa is active in community service. He is on the Board of Directors for Safenest, having been a two-term President. As a founding board member of the Nevada Special Olympics, he served for 9 years, and was elected State President for two terms.

For nearly 10 years, he has been a martial arts instructor for Clark County Parks & Recreation. He works in an "At Risk" center helping to provide the children with a positive alternate activity.