



Newsletter of the Nevada Republican Men's Club



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Our February Meeting will be on Monday the 7th at 11:30 a.m. at the Ellis Island Hotel and Casino

Our Speaker will be Jon Ralston

VICTORY IN 2005 & 2006

Jerry McElroy

We are off to a great start in 2005, already adding 21 new members. Good Republican candidates are running in the municipal elections and legislative activities in Carson City keep the political juices flowing. Everyone is aware that 2006 is not far away and candidates are positioning themselves for the next statewide election cycle.

The Clark County Republican Party has adopted a grassroots plan designed to help all Republican candidates. Now is the time for members to determine how to get involved so we can complete our mission to support and elect Republicans.

NEW MEMBER PROGRAM REPORT

Al Valdez, Membership Chairman

It's a privilege to welcome 16 new members of Nevada the Republican Men's Club this month.

New Member

George Chehade
Jason Cowles
Pamela Crisman
James Gerke
James Heaton
Jeff Manning
Michael Moore
George Peel
Ken Peffers
Leon Persson
Melanie Persson
Thomas Quinn
Michael Ramay
Glenn Ross
Don Scott
George Trombley

Sponsored By

Steve Sanson
Jeff Manning
Jeff Crisman
Guy Williams
Fran Deane
Jason Cowles
Leo Davenport
Don Carl
Self
Jim Frank
Jim Frank
Norm Anderson
Self
Lonnie Hammargren
Self
Self

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

The following members have sponsored one or more new members during this year.

Sponsors

Jim Frank (2)
Norm "Andy" Anderson
Linda Cooney
Jeff Crisman
Fran Deane
Jeff Manning
Al Valdez

Jerry McElroy (2)
Don Carl
Jason Cowles
Leo Davenport
Lonnie Hammargren
Steve Sanson
Guy Williams

NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Our 2005 New Member incentive program includes recognition and awards as follows:

1. Printing names of new members and sponsors in the monthly newsletter
2. Recognition of new members and sponsors at the monthly luncheon
3. One elephant bookend for sponsoring 4 new members, a second elephant bookend for sponsoring 8 new members.

Please participate and invite a prospective new member to our next luncheon.

JUDGE ALLOWS CHALLENGE TO WASHINGTON STATE GOV'S RACE TO GO FORWARD

By REBECCA COOK

Napa News.com, February 5, 2005

A judge allowed a court challenge to Democratic Gov. Christine Gregoire's excruciatingly close election to go forward Friday, rejecting arguments that the dispute can only be resolved by the Legislature. * * *

The Democrats are defending the election results, saying that Rossi does not have enough proof to nullify the election and that a revote would be unconstitutional.

Read the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/5hqr2>.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Good government, and especially the government of which every American citizen boasts, has for its objects the protection of every person within its care in the greatest liberty consistent with the good order of society and his perfect security in the enjoyment of his earnings with the least possible diminution for public needs. When more of the people's substance is exacted through the form of taxation than is necessary to meet the just obligations of the Government and the expense of its economical administration, such exaction becomes ruthless extortion and a violation of the fundamental principles of a free government.

The indirect manner in which these exactions are made has a tendency to conceal their true character and their extent. But we have arrived at a stage of superfluous revenue which has aroused the people to a realization of the fact that the amount raised professedly for the support of the Government is paid by them as absolutely if added to the price of the things which supply their daily wants as if it was paid at fixed periods into the hand of the tax gatherer.

President Grover Cleveland

Second State of the Union, December 6, 1886
<http://tinyurl.com/6yn32>

REID ALL ABOUT IT!

Paul Adams

In case you missed it, the RNC published a document entitled **REID ALL ABOUT IT: WHO IS HARRY REID? Sen. Minority Leader Determined to Obstruct President Bush's Agenda**. The document provides a compilation of statements by and about Senator Reid, as well as a record of his votes on a variety of matters. Do not rely on summaries; visit www.tinyurl.com/4umrg to read the entire document for yourself.

Sen. Reid's reacted to the document by complaining that the "Republicans were trying to undermine him in his new role and to ask the President to "repudiate the attacks." (LVRJ, February 8, 2005, <http://tinyurl.com/6owx5>.) No response to the document said it was not true; simply that it was not fair.

So what is fair? Visit Senator Reid's web site and read his attacks on the President in press releases at <http://reid.senate.gov>: Here are just three examples of releases that call President Bush a liar:

Reid urges White House to come clean about Social Security Cuts 1/6/05; (A new memo from President Bush's Director of Strategic Initiatives reveals for the first time that **George W. Bush is determined break his word** and cut Social Security benefits for our seniors. The memo discloses that the president will go back on his campaign pledge and try to convince the public that Social Security is "heading for an iceberg" and the only way to solve this problem is to cut guaranteed benefits.) **George Bush's Social Security Privatization will Hurt Hispanics 1/11/05** (Social Security is America's promise to those who work hard and play by the rules. But through news reports and White House leaks, **we know the President intends to break this promise**. I hope the President uses today's conversation to come clean about this fact.); **Reid Calls Bush's Budget Irresponsible and Misleading 2/8/05** (The President said today that his job is to confront problems and not to pass them on to future Congresses and future generations. **But once again, he is saying one thing and doing another.**);

Sen. Reid has the remarkable ability to find a cloud in every Republican silver lining, even if he supported the same idea when proposed by his own party. A review of his statements reveals that Sen. Reid offers no constructive alternative, just incessant negative commentary. His attacks are not principled, but rather mean spirited and nasty. "Independent like Nevada" turned out to mean "Parrot of the Democratic Party." As the American people get to know Sen. Reid, I hope they do not think that all Nevadans are as unprincipled and whiny as Harry Reid.

SUPPORT AND ELECT REPUBLICANS



PROPERTY TAXES

Focusing on individual taxes, such as property taxes, is a bit like focusing on one tree in a forest. The perspective is as wrong as the potential solution. Government should collect only what is necessary and spend what it collects wisely. Rather than focus on the amount of an individual tax, citizens should focus on the entire tax and spend structure in our state. A good place to start is by reviewing The Nevada Policy Research Institute Analysis of Nevada's 2003 Tax Increases at (<http://tinyurl.com/42cmr>). The Analysis states, in part:

It is now apparent that Nevada's citizens, and to some extent Nevada legislators, were misled by faulty and unreliable methodology into supporting a set of unnecessary tax increases. This is the unfortunate legacy of the prior budget process. How did this happen? How can these significant errors be avoided in the future? **Analysis, Page 7.**

The property value spike experienced by Clark County has not been experienced statewide. Article 10, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution requires the legislature to enact a "uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation" for the state. **NV Constitution** <http://tinyurl.com/6sxo9>. Any relief plan for Clark County must apply to the entire state. Caps appropriate to Clark County could be devastating to other counties.

Each dollar of property tax collected is divided so that 32% goes to Clark County, 34% to fund state programs, primarily education and the balance to specific voter approved projects or programs. **Analysis, Page 15.** In analyzing the budget increase for education in 2003 concludes:

the education spending increase proposed by Governor Guinn was more than double what would have been necessary to allow for inflation and enrollment increases. **Analysis, Page 12.**

There are a multitude of proposals pending before the legislature to "fix" the property tax problem. (Details are at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/>, sign up to track the bills that interest you.) An excellent discussion of property tax schemes, presented by someone with 35 years of experience as an appraiser and who lived through the implementation of Proposition 13 is at <http://www.nevadatireform.com/>.

Do not focus exclusively on your property tax bill. Many of the property tax proposals will require a constitutional amendment. Rather than simply treat the symptom of a spike in Clark County property taxes, Nevada should take a comprehensive look at the entire tax and spend structure to ensure the government receives what it needs and not one dime more.

SOCIALISM'S LAST REDOUBT

Pete du Pont

Wall Street Journal Online February 16, 2005
In 1945 Clement Attlee led the British Labour Party to victory over Winston Churchill's Conservative Party. He then proceeded to socialize much of the British economy, for he believed that "the creation of a society based on social justice . . . could only be attained by bringing under public ownership and control the main factors in the economic system." Labour's goal was to get rid of the waste and irrationality that, in the socialist view, doomed market economies to failure.

Fast forward six decades, and you hear an Attlee echo--Sen. Hillary Clinton telling a California audience last summer that taxes must rise because "We're going to take things away from you on behalf of the common good."

So the 2005 Social Security argument is an old and familiar one: government decisions versus individual ones, government control of assets versus individual ownership. In short, socialism versus individualism.

See the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/5rm7w>.

HARRY REID'S 'ROULETTE'

George F. Will

Newsweek February 14, 2004

In Reid's televised "response" to the president's State of the Union address—written before the address—he disparaged the idea of voluntary personal retirement accounts funded by portions of individuals' Social Security taxes as "Social Security roulette." This is the crux of the Democrats' argument against Bush's plan: Equities markets are terribly risky—indeed, are as irrational and risky as roulette. Think about that.

In only four of 17 years has the rate of return been negative. But in 11 years the rate has been greater than 10 percent, in eight years it has been greater than 20 percent, in four years it has been greater than 30 percent. The compound annual rate of return for the last 10 years has been 12 percent, and the return over the 17 years has been 12.1 percent.

Reid participates in the plan, but opposes allowing all Americans the comparable opportunity that Bush is proposing. But if the numbers just cited are the result of roulette, the legislators should let the rest of us into the game in which they are prospering. full article <http://tinyurl.com/4ppzr>.

Tell Sen. Harry Reid You Won't Support Efforts To Obstruct Plans for Strengthening Social Security! Go to <http://tinyurl.com/5xwtr> to sign the petition.

Support & Elect Republicans

The Clark County Republican Party Executive Board adopted a grassroots organization plan on 1 February. The plan consists of two parts, precinct organization and issue coalitions. If interested in participating, contact [Paul Adams](#)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We all have opinions and read the nonsense published in the local papers by those that oppose the Republican Agenda. Take a moment to write a letter to the editor so that some positive Republican views can make it to print.

LINCOLN DAY DINNER - MOVED

The Clark County Republican Party will hold its annual Lincoln Day Dinner on

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2005

PLACE – THE VENETIAN

GUEST SPEAKER: TBA, (BUT WORTH IT!)

VIP reception: 5:30 - 7 p.m.

No-host bar cocktail hour - 6 - 7p.m.

Dinner will start at 7 p.m.

Tickets for VIP reception and dinner : \$250.00 per person Tickets for dinner only : \$75.00

Make checks payable to CCRP and mail to **CCRP, 574 S. Decatur, Las Vegas NV 89107**

Contact the CCRP at 258-9184 for further information

If you would like to donate an item for our live auction, please contact Ulli Miyashiro at 258-9184

NEVADA LEGISLATURE WEB SITE

Visit <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/> to keep up to date on what is happening in Carson City. This is an excellent site, with links to let you meet and communicate with legislators [Assembly](#) or [Senate](#), find [Information on pending bills](#), sign up for [Personalized Bill Tracking](#), [listen or view hearings](#), and [provide your opinion on bills](#).

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<http://tinyurl.com/4t29z>

WILDFLOWERS

The rainfall this year is providing what could be one of the best desert wildflower shows in the last 50 years. See reports by area at <http://tinyurl.com/5d2jm>.



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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
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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If you have ideas for newsletter content, or desire to receive the newsletter by email – please contact [Paul Adams](#).



SUPPORT AND ELECT REPUBLICANS

MILTON SCHWARTZ, Past President

Milton Schwartz, Las Vegas businessman and philanthropist, is someone who has lived the American Dream. Following his honorable discharge from the US Army Signal Corps in 1946, Milton settled in Las Vegas and has been enormously successful. His first job in Las Vegas was as a refrigeration mechanic, helping build the Flamingo Hotel and Casino for Bugsy Seagull. Today, Milton, along with five other partners, owns Yellow Checker Star Cab Company, the largest taxi fleet in the Valley.

Between these jobs, Milton built, owned, and ran Valley Hospital, which he sold in 1979, and participated in numerous other business ventures contributing to the growth of the Las Vegas Valley. To Milton, the key to success is to do the right thing in business and in his personal life. Being a good corporate citizen means giving back to the community, and Milton has been an excellent corporate citizen.

Despite rifts on the national stage between unions and transportation companies, his company has never had a labor strike. By treating his employees right and paying them well, he has been able to avoid labor strife that is disruptive to management, employees and the local community. His vehicles are earth-friendly, with all taxis running on propane gas.

He founded the Milton I. Schwartz Hebrew Academy, a private K-8 school in Summerlin and devotes close to 25% of his time to fundraising for the school. His involvement in efforts such as the "Help Them Walk Again Foundation," the "American Diabetes Association," "Bluecoats, Inc." and the Institute of Pastoral Counseling" resulted in his being honored by a "Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition," sponsored by Congressman Ensign and Senator Laxalt.

He has been extensively involved in the local Republican Party, serving as a Precinct Captain, a member of both Executive Board and Central Committee of both the State and County party, served as Chairman of the County Party, was a member of President Reagan's transition team, involved in multiple campaigns and honored in 1994 as the first "Republican of the Year by the Nevada Republican Men's Club.

We should have featured Milton in our October issue, because October 28, 1989 was designated "Milton I. Schwartz Day" by the State of Nevada, Clark County and the City of Las Vegas. We are proud to count Milton as a former President of the Nevada Republican Men's Club.