



Newsletter of the Nevada Republican Men's Club



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Our April Meeting will be on Monday the 4th at 11:30 a.m. at the Ellis Island Hotel and Casino
Our Speaker will be GySgt Jon Carpenter, USMCR - Veteran of Afghanistan and Iraq

VICTORY IN 2005 & 2006

Jerry McElroy

As our membership continues to grow, we need to continue our involvement in Republican affairs. As John Hambrick said recently, "Politics is not a spectator sport." The recent elections proved the effectiveness of grassroots politics. The Clark County Lincoln Day Dinner Speaker will be Karl Rove, the architect of the President's victory in 2004. Support the party by attending the Lincoln Day dinner and by getting involved.

We all need to ensure we are doing our share to Support and Elect Republicans.

NEW MEMBER PROGRAM REPORT

Al Valdez, Membership Chairman

It's a privilege to welcome 14 new members of Nevada the Republican Men's Club this month.

New Member

Jerry Binder
Kerry Cartmill
Dayna Comfort
Thomas Crisman
Michael Cureton
Jason Dixon
Shane Hennessy-York
Edward Lanigar
Dale Olson
John Robers
Wayne A. Root
Elwood (Woody) Stroupe
Don Stubbs
Paul D. Yeager

Sponsored By

Al Valdez
Chris Comfort
Chris Comfort
Jeff Crisman
Self
Dean Alford
Bill Daley
Self
Lonnie Hammargren
Self
Norm Rothbart
Bill Garfield
Jim Marsh
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

Chris Comfort (2)
Jim Frank (2)
Jerry McElroy (2)
Norm "Andy" Anderson
Don Carl
Jason Cowles
Leo Davenport
Bill Garfield
Jim Marsh
Steve Sanson

Jeff Crisman (2)
Lonnie Hammargren (2)
Al Valdez (2)
Dean Alford
Linda Cooney
Bill Daley
Fran Deane
Jeff Manning
Norm Rothbart
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.

TORTURING TERRI SCHIAVO

She'd be better off if she were a terrorist.

By Andrew C. McCarthy
National Review On Line, March 17, 2005

On Friday afternoon, unless humanity intervenes, the state of Florida is scheduled to begin its court-ordered torture-murder of Terri Schiavo, whose only crime is that she is an inconvenience. A nuisance to a faithless husband grown tired of the toll on his new love interest and depleting bank account — an account that was inflated only because a jury, in 1992, awarded him over a million dollars, mostly as a trust to pay for Terri's continued care, in a medical malpractice verdict.

In this instance, though, deafening is the only word for the silence of my former interlocutors — civil-liberties activists characteristically set on hysteria auto-pilot the moment an al Qaeda terrorist is rumored to have been sent to bed without supper by Don Rumsfeld or Al Gonzales (something that would, of course, be rank rumor since, if you kill or try to kill enough Americans, you can be certain our government will get you three halal squares a day).

Not so Terri Schiavo. She will be starved and dehydrated. Until she is dead. By court order.

Read the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/5sp49>.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Here they are again using a property tax hike to fund social spending. No one is suggesting a tax cut. Heaven forbid that.

Senator Bob Beers

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

WHAT TO DO NEXT

Paul Adams

I wonder if those who assert that we have a representative government in Carson City and that there is no need for the initiative process have looked at the record of the current legislature. Even the dead who voted in the last election knew that the people of Nevada were upset about skyrocketing property taxes. Apparently, this came as a surprise to legislators.

No one traveled to Carson City with a property tax plan and addressing the property tax issue was not the highest priority. The first thing that had to be done was to ensure that the people would have the opportunity to vote on a pay raise for the legislators. Then they worked diligently to ensure passage of other legislation addressing their personal concerns as legislators. The people would have to wait.

I always thought that leaders first took care of "the troops" and then addressed personal issues, but then, I have never been a legislator.

They say we get the government we deserve. A legislative body that puts the critical peoples work second to their own interests is not a representative government. A legislative body that passes \$833 million in new taxes because the state is about to go broke and then reports a surplus in excess of \$1 billion has no credibility. A legislative body that asserts that the problem is "so complex" is too wrapped up in trying to deceive the public than to solve problems.

So, perhaps you are upset with government as we know it. Now is the time to get involved to change things in Carson City and in Washington. The Clark County Republican Party is organizing a grassroots plan to provide a vehicle for everyone to get involved and influence the process. Email your Senate District Leader at SenateDistrictX@ClarkGOP.org, where X is your Senate District. There are multiple coalitions being formed to cover a smorgasbord of issues. For information on the coalitions, send an email to Grassroots@ClarkGOP.org. You can keep up to date on developments by visiting the CCRP web site at <http://www.clarkgop.org/>. Don't just sit back and complain, get involved.

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'KIFAYA' IS THE BUD OF A NEW MOVEMENT ON ARAB STREETS

By Youssef M. Ibrahim
Special to Gulf News 08/03/2005

The recent protests in Cairo and Beirut have been organized with the chant of a new Arab movement kifaya, Arabic for enough.

The word, says the Egyptian democracy advocate and sociologist Dr Saad Al Din Ebrahim, is fast becoming a mantra for millions of Arabs wanting to seize their own destiny.

Certainly the slogan has surfaced in banners carried into those street demonstrations, but more important it has now found its way on television shows, read in opinion columns by Arab pundits and certainly advocated by millions of Arabs in the privacy of their homes from Casablanca to Riyadh.

Could this one word be a harbinger of a muscular popular Arab revolt such as the movement that guided millions of people in Eastern Europe in shedding their tired old despot regimes after the fall of the Soviet Union? ***

Freedom, human rights, rule of law, entitlement are all on the agenda for what may very well be a popular uprising which transcends the ordinary. It is coupled with another morphing of the proverbial Arab street as it re-examines America too.

Whether they like or hate American policies in this region, many Arabs catch themselves quietly approving, indeed enjoying, the pressure Washington is exerting on their governments to democratise and cleanse their act.

Around the Arab world nowadays, many will tell you: look here, starting with a messy invasion in Iraq, the Americans have delivered a few things, including ridding Iraqis of a bestial dictatorship, giving them a first taste of free elections and significant freedom of speech.

Then, they might say: whether the intentions of President George W. Bush were either good or bad, the result seems a significant advance of the human, legal and constitutional rights for 27 million Iraqis. That is something good for them, and good for other Arabs, is it not?

See the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/68ox5>.

If you have not already paid your dues for 2005, please do so as soon as possible.

Contact Grassroots@ClarkGOP.org to volunteer in the new CCRP grassroots organization.

ALL THAT WORK FOR NOTHING?

A letter from the Social Security Administration makes the case for reform.

BRENDAN MINITER

Wall Street Journal, March 16, 2005

The other day the Social Security Administration sent me a letter that upon close inspection turned out to be the most compelling case for reform I've ever seen. The letter, which I get each year, details how much I've paid into the system and what I can expect from the government when I retire. Like many Americans, I typically give the letter a cursory read and promptly file it in the trash. But not this year. With the debate raging over creating private Social Security accounts, I decided to give it a careful look.

This all stacks up in favor of reform because private accounts are the only thing that can bring some equity to the system. See the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/6o5tr>.

LAW AND BORDERS

The conservative case for Bush's immigration plan.

by Tamar Jacoby

The Weekly Standard February 28, 2005

Every day last year, the immigration service apprehended some 1,400 illegal immigrants trying to cross into Arizona. Over 12 months, along the whole southern border, the total number arrested was more than a million. Morgan has seen too much in life to be anything but candid, and although it's his job to help catch these unauthorized migrants, he criticizes the apprehensions as a waste of time and resources. "They're just poor people trying to feed their families," he shrugs. But that doesn't mean he isn't concerned--very concerned. The main issue in his eyes: the distraction the immigrant influx creates. "What if another 9/11 happens and I'm responsible?" he asks. "What if the bastards come across here in Arizona and I don't catch them because I'm so busy chasing a busboy or a gardener that I don't have time to do my job--my real job--catching terrorists? I don't know how I'll live with myself."

Morgan's personal nightmare is one urgent reason why all Americans, no matter what their politics, should support President Bush's plan to retake control of our southern border. The White House proposal, introduced in early 2004 and allowed to drop from sight during the election year, is back on the table. The president laid out his ideas again in the State of the Union and is reportedly planning a major initiative to take the issue to the public later this spring.

See the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/5vc3e>.

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The State Central Committee Meeting will be held in Carson City from April 1 – 3. If you want to attend, sign up at <http://www.nevadagop.org/>. If you are a member but cannot attend, be sure to complete and turn in a proxy to the CCRP.

NEW CLARK COUNTY GOP TREASURER

Congratulation to NRMC member and Director Matt Passalaqua on his election as the new Treasurer of the CCRP.

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. For Information, contact Grassroots@ClarkGOP.org

LINCOLN DAY DINNER - DETAILS

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2005

PLACE – THE VENETIAN

GUEST SPEAKER: KARL ROVE

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 or email Events@ClarkGOP.org 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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Year 2005 Meetings -- All dates are Monday -- Please Mark Your Calendars

Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board	Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board	Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board
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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J.R. "Buck" McElhone, Director

Buck is a Notre Dame graduate and an Air Force Veteran who has been a Las Vegas resident since 1945. He is the President of McElhone Realty, Inc. and has been heavily involved with his community.

He has been the President of the Greater Las Vegas Association of Realtors, a Director of the Las Vegas Board of Realtors, the Nevada Association of Realtors, served on the Realtor Committee, the Commercial Listings Committee, the Program Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee, the Grievance Committee and the Professional Standards Committee. Buck served as the Director Liaison to several Committees, including Education, Realtor and Program Committees. Buck has served as the Chairman of the Program Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee. In addition, he participated in the Speakers Bureau.

In addition to his business involvement, Buck has served the community as a member of the United Fund Budgetary Review Committee, a Director of the Las Vegas Kiwanis Club, a Director of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, a Director of the Las Vegas Chapter of Kentucky Colonels, Executive Vice President of the Las Vegas Jaycees, President of the North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Founding Director of the German American Social Club of Nevada, President of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and Founding President of the Clark County Recycling Operation. He is the Vice Chair of the Natural Science Scholarship Association at UNLV and a Director of the Camp Lady of the Snows HOA.

With all his community commitments, Buck has still found time to be involved in Republican activities. He is a Director of the Realtor Political Action Committee and we are proud to have Buck serve as a Director of our Nevada Republican Men's Club.

DIRECTORS

Gene Bare (1)	Art Eyler (1)
Jim Frank (2)	Jim Marsh (2)
Buck McElhone (1)	Steve Trenshaw (1)
Matt Passalacqua (1)	Bill Simpson (2)
Phil Fisher (2)	(Term to Serve)

PRIOR PRESIDENTS

Len Yelinek	Milton Schwartz
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Charley Johnson	

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