



Newsletter of the Nevada Republican Men's Club



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Our November Meeting will be on Monday the 5th at 11:30 a.m. at the Ellis Island Hotel and Casino

Our Speaker will be Chris Gulugian-Taylor, Executive Director, Nevada Republican Party

VICTORY IN 2006

Jerry McElroy

2005 has been a busy year of political transition. We have unwound from the effort that led to a Republican victory in 2004 and laid the groundwork for more Republican victories in 2006.

Through the efforts of our membership, under the guidance of Al Valdez, we have added 119 new members.

We have seen the growth of a Clark County grassroots effort and were the first Republican club to donate funds to help in this important effort.

We have heard from a variety of speakers on many interesting subjects. This started with a prelude to the legislative session; an explanation of the critical property tax issues and presentations by all three Gubernatorial candidates.

On December 19th, the NRMCM will be one of several Republican clubs sponsoring a special event feature Senator John Ensign. Working with the various Republican clubs in Southern Nevada, the NRMCM will continue to provide active leadership in our efforts to support and elect Republicans at all levels of the ballot.

This will be a lunch event, planned by the NRP and Senator Ensign's campaign, at a venue to be determined. The NRP plans to have several of these events during the next election cycle. The club with the highest percentage of membership in attendance will receive a 5% discount on the next such event. I encourage everyone to come hear Senator Ensign.

The NRMCM currently has over 600 members; the grassroots effort in Clark County alone will require over 4,000 volunteers. There are a wide variety of ways in which each of you can become involved. There is a burgeoning precinct organization, including over 1,000 precincts that need leadership. Additionally, there are over 22 coalitions being formed to focus on important issues.

Critical to the next election will be Voter Registration, Voter Id and Get Out the Vote efforts. Find your niche and fill it.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Neither the lords nor the shogun can be depended upon [to save the country], and so our only hope lies in grass-roots heroes.

Yoshida Shoin (1830 – 1859)
<http://tinyurl.com/bo98h>

NEW MEMBER PROGRAM REPORT

Al Valdez, Membership Chairman

It's a privilege to welcome 15 new members.

New Member

Nathan Emens
Dr. Bill Garner
Eldon B. Hardy
Brent Husson
Steve Inferrera
Vivienne P. Kerns
Merrill K. Molsberry
Terry McFarland
Theresea Quakenbush
Teresita "Tess" Smith
Steve Stiles
Scott Taylor
Andrick Wesley
Bill Wilson

We these new members and trust they will become actively involved in helping elect Republican candidates.

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

Sponsors

Al Valdez (14)
Harry Allen (4)
Paul Workman (4)
Jim Frank (3)
Steve Sanson (3)
Bob Beers (2)
Jeff Crisman (2)
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ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL

Paul Adams

Please permit me, in my last column as your corresponding secretary, to ramble through the rest of this newsletter.

As we look towards 2006, take inventory of the issues that concern you the most. Think about how best to influence these issues in the upcoming elections. As you consider these issues and how to influence them, examine your belief in limited government and the strict interpretation of the Federal and State Constitutions.

Everyone has their burning issue, but no issue exists in a vacuum. Most difficult issues cannot be explained or solved by a 30 second sound bite. In the information age of the 21st Century, we the people do not have to rely on government or the media for our information. We can use the World Wide Web to research issues from the comfort of our home and then communicate with like minded people all over the world.

One potential source of information on principles to limit government, expand freedom and strengthen America is the Heritage Foundation website. Consider downloading the "Mandate for Leadership" at <http://tinyurl.com/7v7ue>. This is a 156 page document that will provide food for thought on a wide variety of issues.

A significant number of important issues are state or local issues. As such, they should be addressed in the Nevada legislature or the Nevada judiciary. **Republicans hold insufficient seats within the Nevada Assembly to influence legislation. As long as democrats control the Nevada Assembly, that body will remain the place where good bills go to die.** A large number of the judicial opinions that influence Nevadan's lives are state decisions, made by local judges and decided by the Nevada Supreme Court.

People are rightly concerned about the US Supreme Court, with abortion being a critical issue. Many do not realize that, even if the Supreme Court overruled Roe v. Wade, abortion would still be legal in Nevada.

Article 19 of the Nevada Constitution provides for a referendum on state law (<http://tinyurl.com/6sxo9>). In 1990, the referendum process was used on Nevada Revised Statutes 422.250, permitting abortion under certain

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circumstances. This law cannot be amended or repealed by the legislature; it can only be changed by another referendum. (More details are available at <http://tinyurl.com/ex3y7> and <http://tinyurl.com/a4eef>.)

Consider education; most everyone supports education, but how many are involved at the local level. Do you believe this should be an area for the Federal Government? People talk about the No Child Left Behind Act, but have you actually reviewed the law. Rather than rely upon partisan soundbites, visit <http://tinyurl.com/358a7> to review the law itself. Information on the CCUSD, including all school district policies, is available at <http://www.ccsd.net/>.

If you support education, or other government services, how should those government services be funded? Do you oppose deficit spending and oppose new taxes but want more spending on government services? How would you propose to accomplish that? Have you made your views known to the local officials?

More fundamentally, do you know who represents you at all levels of government? Visit <http://tinyurl.com/7jhmo>, enter the information in the Voter Information Lookup to see your list.

Recently, our Republican Governor was honored as one of America's 5 best governors. The following is a brief excerpt from that article, **A GAMBLING GOVERNOR MAKES A SMART BET**, Time Magazine, November 21, 2005

While the economy has continued to thrive on his watch, Guinn has tried to leave Nevada with a broader and more solid foundation for the long-term future. Most notably, he established a Millennium Scholarship program to help high school graduates pay for college, and privatized the state's underfunded workers' compensation program—a move that took the \$2 billion shortfall off Nevada's books and helped lower the insurance rates companies pay into the system. Along the way, Guinn helped fight the Federal Government's plan for a nuclear waste site at Yucca Mountain; moved to diversify Nevada's gambling-dependent economy; and worked to address its many social ills, which include some of the nation's highest rates for suicide, teen pregnancy, youth violence and high school dropouts. **See the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/7zyeh>.**

We now face a new choice for Governor in 2006. The Republican Party has three excellent candidates, any one of whom would be far superior to the democrat alternatives. There is more than just the Governor's Mansion up for a vote.

Which of your legislators are up for re-election in 2006? What do you know of their actual voting record and how it agrees with your view of how things should be. Visit <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/> to discover the background of your representatives and to explore the make up of the Nevada Legislature.

What do you know about the Clark County Commission? According to its website, the responsibility for this multi-faceted service delivery organization is borne by the seven member Board of County Commissioners, elected from geographic districts on a partisan basis for staggered four-year terms. County Commissioners biennially elect a chairman who serves as the Commission's presiding officer. The Commission, in turn, hires a County Manager who is responsible for the administrative operations of County government. Clark County Commissioners serve as "ex-officio" as the governing bodies of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, the Clark County Sanitation District, the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, the Big Bend and Kyle Canyon Water Districts, and the Clark County Liquor and Gaming Board. The **Clark County Strategic Plan** is located at <http://tinyurl.com/9sp3o>.

I am not one who believes that all Republicans are perfect; I expect to disagree with fellow Republicans from time to time on a wide variety of issues. I do believe that, on the whole, the worst Republican is better than the best democrat.

Consider the history of the Republican Party. At a time when democrats thought that slavery was a matter of choice, the Republican Party was formed to take a stand against slavery. A Republican President issued the Emancipation Proclamation and Republican legislators stopped democrat filibusters against Civil Rights acts.

Now the world is turned upside down, with Republicans demonized on race and democrats considered the party of open arms. But consider this article on a Senate race in Maryland, **PARTY TRUMPS RACE**, S.A. Miller, The Washington Times, November 2, 2005

Black Democratic leaders in Maryland say that racially tinged attacks against Lt. Gov.

Michael S. Steele in his bid for the U.S. Senate are fair because he is a conservative Republican.

Such attacks against the first black man to win a statewide election in Maryland include pelting him with Oreo cookies during a campaign appearance, calling him an "Uncle Tom" and depicting him as a black-faced minstrel on a liberal Web log.

Operatives for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC) also obtained a copy of his credit report -- the only Republican candidate so targeted.

But black Democrats say there is nothing wrong with "pointing out the obvious."

"There is a difference between pointing out the obvious and calling someone names," said a campaign spokesman for Kweisi Mfume, a Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate and former president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

State Sen. Lisa A. Gladden, a black Baltimore Democrat, said she does not expect her party to pull any punches, including racial jabs at Mr. Steele, in the race to replace retiring Democratic U.S. Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes.

"Party trumps race, especially on the national level," she said. "If you are bold enough to run, you have to take whatever the voters are going to give you. It's democracy, perhaps at its worse, but it is democracy."

Delegate Salima Siler Marriott, a black Baltimore Democrat, said Mr. Steele invites comparisons to a slave who loves his cruel master or a cookie that is black on the outside and white inside because his conservative political philosophy is, in her view, anti-black.

"Because he is a conservative, he is different than most public blacks, and he is different than most people in our community," she said. "His politics are not in the best interest of the masses of black people." Read the complete article at <http://tinyurl.com/8c38z>

Imagine the national media uproar if a Republican were to make the statements contained in that article. Do you remember the reaction to Bill Bennett's racial hypothetical a few weeks ago? How many took a moment and write a letter to the editor or call a radio talk show to express your opinion?

Political change is a process, not an event. There is an old saying that when one is up to one's behind in alligators, it is hard to remember that the mission is to drain the swamp. If we can keep our eyes on the long term objective of limited and efficient government, reasonable taxation for the quality delivery of those services which only a government can provide, we can take the steps necessary to causing change.

I have been privileged to prepare this newsletter for the Nevada Republican Men's Club over the past two years. I hope you have enjoyed reading it as much as I have enjoyed preparing it. I look forward to working with you to support and elect Republicans in 2006 and beyond.



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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
Dec 05	5	19	Jan 06	9	16			

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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CHRIS COMFORT

Dr. Chris Comfort has a distinguished career which encompasses consulting, teaching and leadership roles within the health care industry, venture funding and professional associations. Although he began his professional life as a dentist and maintains a passion for caring for people as a health care professional, many years ago, Chris diversified his interests into the world of technology. He has over 18 years of experience in Venture Capital Funding / Strategic Business Consulting and Leadership training. Chris has consulted in the high technology and biomedical device market places, working with numerous key corporate executives to build significant value in companies. Additionally, he demonstrates significant strengths in Intellectual Property, Research and Development and Business Negotiations.

Chris is a versatile, dynamic forward-looking Senior Executive with expertise in business planning, business development and operational management. He focuses upon metric based results and strives to deliver on promises to enhance productivity and profitability. He also excels in being a strategic planner leading, directing, articulating, advancing and evaluating overall strategic and tactical goals. He is an engaging, professional communicator, able to put others at ease and quickly build relationships based on mutual trust. Recognized for exceptional team building skills and the ability to motivate others on all levels in the achievement of individual and organizational goals.

He is the president/CEO of Comfort Biomedical Inc, a holding company for intellectual property; the past managing director of CR Ventures, a firm that matches angel investors to emerging technology companies; CTO and Chairman of the board for Artisan Medical Devices {D3}; Member, Board of Advisors, Broadlink Communications Inc.; Board member, Bounce, Inc.; Limited member, Emergent Capital, LLC. He has assembled teams to promote associations and educational continuums. He is the past founder of the Northern California Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the past-founder of the Silicon Valley Aesthetic Dental Continuum, and has received awards for grassroots service in the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry.

He has engaged in political activism with the Reagan/Bush campaign and more recently with the Bush/Cheney victory. He is looking forward to serving as the Clark County Republican Party Grassroots Coordinator and is the new corresponding secretary for the Nevada Republican Men's Club.

THE NRMC WILL CO-SPONSOR A LUNCHEON EVENT FEATURING SENATOR JOHN ENSIGN

DATE: 19 DECEMBER; DOORS OPEN AT 1100. LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

PLEASE HOLD THE DATE AND CHECK THE NRMC WEB SITE FOR MORE DETAILS.

Anyone interested in assisting in preparation of the Newsletter should contact [Chris Comfort](#).

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

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The Clark County GOP Grassroots consists of a county wide Precinct Organization and multiple issue coalitions modeled after those established by BC04. Help take control of the Nevada Legislature. Contact Grassroots@ClarkGOP.org to volunteer in the new CCRP grassroots organization.

Stay in touch with the Republican Party by visiting the Clark County GOP page at www.ClarkGOP.org and the Nevada Republican Party at www.NevadaGOP.org.

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



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