



Newsletter of the Nevada Republican Men's Club



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Our April meeting will be on Monday the 3rd at 11:30 a.m. at the Ellis Island Hotel and Casino
Our Speaker will be the candidates for Lieutenant Governor

Victory in 2006

We all need to ensure we are doing our share to support and elect Republicans.

**Nevada Republican Men's Club
2006 New Member Incentive Program
First Three Months (Jan. thru Mar.)
Paul Workman, Vice President**

It's a pleasure to recognize the following RMC members who have sponsored one or more New Members during the first three months of our incentive program.

Al Valdez – Seven new members
Chris Comfort - Three new members

The following have each sponsored two new members:

Gene Empey, Kurt Hanson, Basil Raffa, John Hambrick, Mike Mazur, Corey Santos, Paul Workman

The following have each sponsored one new member:

Bob Beers, St. Sen. Joe Heck, Richard Scotty, St. Sen. Bob Beers, Edwin Helfman, Amelia Tomaszek, Joe Brown, Rebecca McNair, Todd Valle, Mike Danon, Matt Passalacqua, Doris Wortman, Sandy Frank, Javier Sanchez

We sincerely appreciate the efforts of the above-named 23 members who have contributed significantly to the strength of our NRMC.

Forty-six new members have been added to our club roster to date in 2006!

We encourage each of our Club Members to invite a prospective member guest to our next meeting: 11:30 A.M., Monday, April 3, 2006.

Our speakers will be the four Republican candidates for the office of Nevada Lt. Governor: Lonnie Hammargren, Eldon Hardy, Janet Montcrief, and Brian Krolicki.

**March, 2006
Nevada Republican Men's Club
NEW MEMBER REPORT**

It's a pleasure to welcome the following 17 persons who have joined our group this month.

New Members

Tim Andring
Brandon Boshnack
Rodney Carlone
Sean M. Fellows
Dena Fox
Donna Hash
Ammon Hellewell
Gerri Iseman
Gary Killoran
Martha Kimpel
Richard G. Miller
Stephanie Miller
Jose R. Sanchez
Stephen Smith
Danny Tarkanian
Steve Tokita
Sharon Warren

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Matt Passalacqua
Chris Comfort
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Mike Mazur
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Paul Workman

We sincerely appreciate these dedicated Republicans who have joined with us to become actively involved in helping elect Republican candidates in 2006 and beyond.

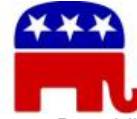
Many thanks to our current members, listed above, who have sponsored these new members.

NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Our 2006 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 members.
4. New members, a second elephant bookend for sponsoring 8 new members.

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



Clark County Republican Party

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The current tax code is a daily mugging. - *Ronald Reagan, 39th President of the United States - Labor Day address, Independence MO, 2 Sep 85*

President's Message

Dear NRMC Members:

As active members of the NRMC, we have a real opportunity to evaluate our Republican candidates for elective office.

By attending our monthly meetings, we can personally meet many of the candidates. We can hear their views on important issues. We can ask specific questions, and we can judge how effectively they communicate with us to earn our respect and admiration.

Thus, we're in a better position to determine the extent of support, financial and/or voluntary involvement that we may want to consider on their behalf.

Beyond those considerations, may I suggest that there are other qualities and characteristics that a "GOOD CANDIDATE" should possess.

- Integrity with a complete openness relevant to their personal background and "track record" in their business or profession as well as their community involvement.
- A "People-person" who has proven their ability to lead and motivate others. The ability to pull together

the people and financial resources needed to win a campaign.

- A strong positive character able to withstand the emotional and physical demands of a lengthy and arduous campaign.
- An established "base of support" that he/she can bring to the campaign – e.g. Political, geographic, volunteer, or financial.
- "Fire in the Belly". Is the candidate willing to make the sacrifices required to win?

In addition, may I further suggest three other areas to be weighed?

1. Will the candidate's personal history withstand the rigorous scrutiny by the media, the opposing political party and the voters?
2. Can he or she financially afford to run?
3. Does the candidate's family fully support his or her candidacy?

Yes, there's a lot for us to look into. However the "stakes" are very high. Think about it.

Alfred "Al" Valdez
NRMCM President

By Chris Comfort

I would like to convey a few salient issues not simply of our county, or our state, but the Union as a whole. These critical problems are not simply political in scope, but test the very mettle of our society and the American way of life. The election of 2004 highlights the crossroads our great nation is at where our Republican values are consistently eroded by an increasingly active democratic party.

Yet, if we look closer at our opposition, particularly Harry Reid and his PAC known as Searchlight, it becomes apparent they lack a coherent vision, a deep set of principles for governance—morally, ethically and politically - and lean toward caustic criticism as opposed to real, substantive policy change. Please consider the 60% voter turnout in 2004 or the fact that the American people voted and reinstalled Republican control of both Capitol Hill and the White House; we *should not* lull us into apathy until the next election. We need to return to the fundamentals about what makes a political party: the individual.

The most recent national elections illustrate plainly that our country is locked in

ideological conflict about the socio-political direction we should take as a nation. With such a small margin of error, our political message must reach the individual, which requires immediate attention by our grassroots movement to the needs of active and inactive Republicans and more importantly, the moderates that characterized our state of Nevada as a swing state in 2004. Our work begins today. We will win Clark County.

The theme that has traditionally defined our party is the promotion of individuality manifested in our belief of limited government, private enterprise and the free market. Implicit in this message is the lesson we must learn from our forbearers- that politics should be about an aggregated pursuit of individual interests. Because our Party is so strong, we have accomplished an 8-year term in the presidency and wrested control of Congress away from the democrats. Yet, contemporary politics has still been mismanaged. While the Republicans successfully come together as shown in 2004, we have not been as attentive to local considerations, to domestic issues or to those Americans that identify themselves as moderate. It is our duty, as the grassroots movement here in Clark County, to show them why it is within their interests to join their views with the Republican Party. Not everyone will be interested in our message, but it is nevertheless our duty to try and incorporate as many *individuals* into our ethos as possible.

Political apathy, it seems, is a recurrent theme in our country whose consequences have been dire. After the First World War, the United States retracted itself from international politics, horrified by the stories and images of modern warfare. Our absence to fill the void as a global standard and thusly, watchdog, allowed Nazi Germany to rearm itself and prosecute another global war. Consider Iraq... Too strong of an example? How about the crime wave that plagued the early 1990s that saw little political action, under the supervision of Clinton and Gore, which resulted in innumerable thefts, assaults, rape and murder. Not in Clark County, right? Seven children were murdered this year alone, up from five last year. Have I struck a chord yet? Nevada is now ranked as the most violent state in the union, crime is up 18% from the year before and we have maintained this record for the third straight year, what kind of legacy is that? I am not attempting to scare you into political activism or utilize sensationalist rhetoric for its own sake. Instead, I am attempting to highlight a recurrent sickness in our of affairs that all too often slips into silence and ultimately oblivion, because we have forgotten the most important component to

achieving our political objectives: the individual. People are outraged by these events, but have been unable to organize or simply do not have framework or venue in which they are able to vent frustrations or create and lobby for real policy change.

Our role as grassroots Republicans is to solve that conundrum and provide a political platform for those individuals that have been able to express themselves. Our role as a grassroots movement is to help people understand the real Republican message, not the one democrats portray and demonize on daily basis, simply because they lack a political vision and identify themselves only in opposition to us.

We must confront these mischaracterizations and make palatable and real our message. That first and foremost, the strength of our nation lies with THE INDIVIDUAL and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored. Essential to good governance is the promotion of equal right, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability. Furthermore, intrinsic to our political platform is the idea of free enterprise and cultivating individual initiative that has brought our nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity for countless generations.

Most importantly, we must explain how the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations, and that the best government is that which governs least, whose power is devolved locally so as to maintain fair representation of the people's interests.

On the international scale, we must continue to export our values by promoting peace, freedom, human rights and democracy worldwide. These values, as Prime Minister Tony Blair from the United Kingdom, mentioned in 1999 will make us safe in this 21st century. We know our values are not only the best for this country as evidenced by years of historical example, but the triumph of our democracy over communism and other corrupt regimes proves we are in the right. This does not give us carte blanche to remove criticism of the system, but we must do so in a way that engenders policy-oriented solutions, instead of caustic filibuster that leads us nowhere. On the contrary, as the 19th century political philosopher John Stuart Mills remarked: it is this 'marketplace of ideas' that makes countries that promote discussion and debate, like the United States, so democratic. And yet, we must guard against inaction when the debate becomes fruitless or worse, purposefully divisive and a hindrance to the legislative

process. The aim of a debate should be progress not victory! J

As a Party ascribing to modern Republican ideals, we cannot simply lull ourselves into a false sense of security that could easily engender negative outcomes for our representation in the political process. In this age of advanced information technology, the individual has increasingly become the center of attention. With 30 million blogs being published in western countries, the majority of which originating in the United States, and vast networks of people lacing the global community, the way we can guarantee the survival and primacy of our political agenda is through grassroots activism.

I realize that this sounds like a big political message for only one part of our country, but Clark County is a place indicative of an overall confrontation of political ideologies in the United States. With voters constantly changing camps between Republicans and Democrats, our county is like a microcosm of problems we face on a national level regarding the advancement of the Republican political agenda.

In sum, our country IS at a political crossroads~ one that will not be fought on simply a national level. The example of Ohio in 2004 demonstrated how certain communities in one state decided who would win the White House. Determining the political landscape of those communities, numbering only in the 10s of 1000s, is the function of our duty as grassroots Republicans. We shape the political terrain of the future. We bear the weight of the party. We will be the masters of our Party's future political success or failure. Political apathy is a very real threat not to just our political agenda, but to our democratic process. It's a new year, 2006, it is still a new century; our responsibility begins here, in Clark County at the grassroots level. Let's move forward and ensure the American way of life, not just for ourselves, but our future generations of both Nevadans and Americans.

The Clark County Republican Party has organized a grassroots plan to provide a vehicle for everyone to get involved and influence the process. E-mail your Senate District Leader at SenateDistrictX@ClarkGOP.org, where X is your Senate District. There are multiple coalitions 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. Make a difference.

If you have not already paid your dues for 2006, please do so as soon as possible.

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

The Clark County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner was a great success! Thank you to all of the CC Committee members who put on a fantastic show!

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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The False Choice of 2006 – Deny Allegations or Throw Mud

Do you remember when you were a small child, that another child might invite you to play a game where you didn't know the rules? They said that they'd explain it to you as they played. The further you got along playing the game, the more you found out that every time you got outside of the "rules" of that game, the "rules" favored the child who invented the game, and left you at a disadvantage. Sooner, rather than later, you got frustrated, refused to play, and walked away.

Not wishing to trivialize allegations that have appeared in recent weeks against Republican elected officials, but this kind of game is being played by Nevada Democrats. They make the rules, start the mudslinging, and the news media, eager to score punches in a fight rather than seriously covering the important issues facing Nevadans in 2006, jump at the chance to get their bylines on a juicy story. It's employment security for the news media

because they expect Republicans to respond by throwing the mud of allegations on Democrats...and there's plenty more mud on them than there is on us!

Hyperbole takes over and each party accuses the other of a culture of corruption. The final result is predictable. Good people don't vote. Families working two jobs and trying to raise their children to be moral, upstanding citizens, want to know how government affects their lives and their future. They hope that public servants are doing something good on behalf of those who elected them, but are discouraged by media reports that create the perception that all politicians are corrupt and on the take.

Small business owners expect little from the government except a level playing field and a positive business environment. They perceive, from all the mudslinging trotted out in the news media, that politicians get elected to office to feed their massive egos, and put down the opposition in petty political blood feuds. Is this what I'm paying my taxes for?

This situation will get worse and may never get better in 2006 because of one simple reason: The Democratic Party, both nationally and in Nevada, has no agenda to offer voters.

Republicans offer candidates and ballot initiatives that promote government spending controls, property tax reductions and reforms, education reform, and regulatory reforms that create jobs and promote business in Nevada. We may disagree on what reforms and initiatives offer the best solution to our current problems, but our goals as Republicans are united. We want less government, lower taxes, more accountability in government, and more personal responsibility.

Since Republicans believe in the rule of law, we do not fear the investigative process underway in these allegations. Furthermore, since we advocate personal responsibility, we hold our elected officials to a higher standard, and that makes for a more sensational headline whenever one of our own is accused of wrongdoing. Wrongdoing by Democrats is just not as newsworthy.

Are the allegations you're reading in the newspapers now or will be reading in the next few months true? Believe me, once the Democrats start throwing mud, they won't stop! The answer is simple. Unless you're the target of these allegations, you don't know.

And let's not be too hasty to make judgments based on allegations we read in the newspapers. Back in the 1980s, former Secretary of Labor Ray Donovan was accused of having connections to the Mafia. When he was finally cleared after years of investigation of all the charges, he asked, "Where do I go to get my reputation back?"

Our choice is clear. Do not engage the Democrats in a tit for tat game of "gotcha" and mudslinging. Now is the time to talk to our friends, our neighbors, and our coworkers about the values of the Republican Party and its candidates. When people ask, tell them Republicans believe in less government, lower taxes, less regulation and more personal responsibility. Then ask them, "What is the Democrat agenda and what are their values?"

By Martin Janowski

"JUMP THE LINE"

Practiced daily on our county's southern borders is this "Jump the Line" activity. Many citizens of various countries south of our United States borders are ignoring and flaunting United States immigration laws. They simply "Jump the Line" and walk across the borders into the United States. Individuals who seek to enter our country properly, through the front door, do get in line, prepare the proper documents and wait patiently for the US Government to process their application. They remain in line.

We understand that there is a specific procedure to be followed if an American decides to enter a foreign country. There is no possibility of a "Jump the Line" allowed.

Why does the United States tolerate such activity? Are our laws to be obeyed only by United States citizens? Could our Congressmen, our Senators, the Attorney General and our President explain to the citizens of our country and clarify the requirements for admission to our country.

The United States always welcomes immigrants from all over the world and simply asks that they enter properly through the front door.

Submitted by Frank L. Martano

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If you are a candidate or know of one who has been left off of this list: Please e-mail Dr. Chris Comfort as soon as possible. Thank you!

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I am a Republican because Republican Principles

I'm a Republican because...

I BELIEVE the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

I BELIEVE in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability.

I BELIEVE free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

I BELIEVE government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

I BELIEVE the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations, and that the best government is that which governs least.

I BELIEVE the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people.

I BELIEVE Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

I BELIEVE Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

FINALLY, I believe the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

The best way to get involved and stay involved is to find a coalition for which you may contribute ideas and to share information that is vital to Republicans winning this state. It is a GRASSROOTS effort!

County and State Problems requiring political problem solving and leadership!

This article will attempt to outline several of the issues each month that affect our county, state and of course, country.

Your opinions regarding county issues are welcome. Unfortunately, this newsletter will be unable to publish everyone's thoughts.

The purpose of this column is to let our candidates know of our concerns.

Our preliminary outline includes the following:

- Sustainable Educational Systems
- Child welfare in general
- Health Care
- Merit less suits
- Property Taxes
- Increasing Business Taxes
- Attracting Business Investment
- TASC
- Colonization
- Border Security
- Crime
- Size of government
- Tort Reform
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Submitted by Chris Comfort

Calling on all precinct leaders!



Adapted from cfif.org

Year 2006 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 06	16	23	Apr 06	3	17	Jul 06	3	17
Feb 06	6	13	May 06	1	15	Aug 06	7	21
Mar 06	6	20	June 07	5	19	Sep 06	11	18

The cost of the luncheon at the regular meeting of the Men's Club is \$15.00 each for Members and Guests. Membership is \$10.00 for the year.

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Guiding Principles

By Chris Comfort, Corresponding Secretary

Please remember while volunteering and assisting the NRP and CC with their goal of electing Republicans, that the garbage and ill-will we dig up today will be the democrat's cannon fodder of tomorrow. Let us focus upon the issues that affect our great state. Discover the truth, which is what matters. Our goal for the primary is to identify issues and get out the vote. August 15th is admittedly a difficult date for anyone of sound mind and body to vote; it's hot, middle of summer, and vacation time.

As Republicans, we will take those issues to the ballot box in August and identify our top candidates to fulfill our mission. Our mission speaks of limited government, fiscal responsibility, meritorious advancement, spending constraints and the avoidance of new taxes. Please visit the [NRP website](#) for our current platform.

Our six constitutional offices are open; please volunteer your time and efforts with the Clark County Grassroots Republicans.

For some comedic relief: please visit [Reid's Retchings](#) or [Reid World](#). Now, this stuff is what I call great politics in the style of the late Lee Atwater.

For a comprehensive web page regarding Clark County, please visit the [Clark GOP](#) website. It is very informative and current.

Anyone interested in assisting in preparation of the Newsletter should contact Dr. Chris Comfort.

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