

NEWSLETTER OF THE NEVADA REPUBLICAN MEN'S CLUB

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**DECEMBER 4TH,
NEXT MEETING**

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **State of Emergency by Pat Buchanan**
- **Congratulations to Governor Elect Jim Gibbons**
- **Your new slate of officers seek your approval for 2007!**

FROM THE EDITOR, DR. CHRIS COMFORT

Well, what a year this has been. The Republicans have surely taken a beating in all aspects of our political life. It seems that the Democrats ran rough shod over us and took no prisoners...is that fair? Their strategy developed several years ago. Perhaps two to three years in the making. I have to write and state that it is not fair at all. But then again so goes the wind of political change. What will we do to rise above the din of liberal complaint, their barely won victories?

Republicans have been famous for their excellent treatment of others; as the one of their many foundations derive from Judeo-Christian principles...those very principles that aided our founding fathers in formulating our constitution. So I thought that anyway. Hey we were the ones who stopped slavery, recognized the fundamentals rights to meritocracy, and have thought further than the tip of our noses.

So where do we go from here is the classic question that we should be asking ourselves. The answers lie in leadership, creativity, and learning to play follow the leader. Our party has been so

fractured that we would rather look inward and point the fingers at our mirrors than to focus upon the issues that truly affect our daily lives.

So lets define the term substantive versus peripheral issues. Not all issues facing the Republican party today are substantive. By definition a political party in a representative democracy is designed to identify, understand, option solve, debate and formulate policy to solve our nations ills and formulate strategy that will aid our nation in enduring.

The notion that our strategies should be so myopic and jump from year to year to whatever seems 'media popular' at the time is eroding the very foundation that our constitutional fathers, those wise souls, developed for us. Therefore, the challenge that faces us today is one of an attitude adjustment. An ability to view the United states with respect to what are our substantive issues and develop long term comprehensive strategies to solve those problems.

We must identify strategies that will endure over time; this will take leadership. So who will

these leaders be: I will state this for the 2007 year; the mandate for the NRMC, your club, is to identify those leaders who at the local, state, and national level act like our founders fathers did years ago.

The Republican party is not here to voice the disdain of the few: that is peripheral, rather we must analyze and determine what affects our lives here in Clark County and at the state level whereby we can adopt the attitude of our founding fathers and develop good strategy.

It is imperative that we now consider ourselves as founding fathers. It is incumbent upon all of us who attend our meetings to think as they once did years ago. Each day we have an opportunity to hold fast and think before popping off . We must be serious about thinking substantively. We must act as we did before; that is, to know how our actions today will affect the children of tomorrow, the environ-

This month's speaker is :

Sherman Frederick

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY AL VALDEZ

As we approach the 2006 Thanksgiving Holiday, it's appropriate for me to express my gratitude for many blessings, including those directly related to my year as President of NRMCM. Let me take this opportunity to sincerely thank the following –

To YOU and the other NRMCM members – my thanks for strong attendance at our monthly luncheon meetings and especially for your active support and involvement in our Republican Party and the campaigns of many Republican candidates.

And, of course, for inviting dozens of guests to our meetings resulting in 142 new members during the

first eleven months of 2006. A record year of growth!

To our Program Speakers and to all of the many Republican candidates who came to our meetings throughout this very important election year.

To my fellow NRMCM officers – Paul Workman, Vice president; Rebecca McNair, Treasurer; Jane Ham, Recording Secretary; Chris Comfort, Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Editor

Plus the other members of our Board of Directors who consistently attend our monthly board meetings: Harry Allen, Gene Bare, Jim Frank, Jim Marsh, Buck

McElhone, Jim Morrison, Matt Passalacqua, Javier Sanchez, Bill Simpson, and Steve Trenshaw.

Our club has maintained a strong financial condition, which allowed our Board of Directors to offer significant financial support to the Clark County Republican Party in its successful "Get Out The Vote" Program during the last month of the election campaign. Incidentally, we're ending the 2006 year with more than 400 members!

I heartily congratulate the incoming Officers and Directors who will begin their year at our next meeting on Monday, December 4, 2006.

Our calendar for the 2007 year will be completed by the next board meeting, December 18th.

It's been an exceptional privilege for me to serve as President of your NRMCM. Again, my Thanks to each of you! Best wishes for a heartwarming Holiday Season for you and your family.



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| <p>Your <u>slate of officers</u> as recommended by the NRMCM Board for the 2007 year is:</p> <p>Dr. Chris Comfort—President</p> <p>Russ Mikelson—Vice President, Membership Chair</p> <p>Jane Ham—Recording Secretary, Legislative update</p> <p>Mike Mazur—Treasurer, Dues, Luncheon</p> | <p>Martin Janowski—Corresponding secretary, Newsletter, and AV</p> <p><u>Board Members:</u></p> <p>Rebecca McNair 2, John Hembrecht 2, Paul Workman 2, Mike Moriarity 2, Jim Marsh 2, Gene Bare 1, Jim Frank 1</p> <p><u>Unexpired:</u></p> <p>Jim Morrison 12-07, Steve Trenshaw 12-07</p> |
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ment in which they will reside, the political atmosphere and of course, the engine that will sustain it all, our economy.

Government must serve the people, and be lean, and technological savvy enough to serve many...well. Taxes in all forms must be reduced, and not altered into means that morph as some weird form of yet just another insurance. Crime is burgeoning, and

we are losing our country to an influx of immigrants who care not to be American or so it appears. Sure we will have some hot debates and that is good, but the divisions in congress run deep and have given our enemies a new found hope and empowerment that will force us to fight in the years to come. These issues are substantive ones that require a political solution. We have to take stock of our own vol-

unteers, identify and nurture our leaders, train them, educate them and allow them the opportunity to grasp the reigns of freedom, to ride into the future of doubt and of hope.

Let's have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Chanukah, next year we will role up our sleeves and get to work. My role will be to serve you as your president in 2007. We will make this year a foundational one.

Support Republicans, volunteer for Grassroots

NEW MEMBER REPORT; PAUL WORKMAN, VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR & BANKER

It's a pleasure to recognize the following NRMC members who have sponsored one or more new members during the first 11 months of our incentive program. Thank you and congratulations upon your great thinking and networking ability. The names and numbers are:

- Twenty-Five new members – Al Valdez
- Seventeen new members – Paul Workman
- Eleven new members – Dr. Chris Comfort
- Five new members - Cory Santos
- Four new members – John Hathcock, St. Sen. Joe Heck, Mike Mazur, Rebecca McNair
- Three new members – Gene Empey, John Hambrick,
- Two new members – Tim Andring, Kathy Augustine, St. Sen. Bob Beers, Dena Fox, Sandy Frank, Jim Gerbe, David Gibbs, Kurt Hanson, Rick Hawkins, Basil-Raffa, Javier Sanchez, Mason Workman

The following have each sponsored one new member: Harry Allen, Lisa Heck, Steve San-son, Bob Beers, Edwin Helfman, Richard Scotty, Mary Bolinger, Matt Johnson, Bob Shawhan, Joe Brown, Mark Larson, Danny Tarkanian, George Chehade, Matt McCullough, Amelia Tomashek, Mike Danon, Ray McKay, Toni Valdez, Sean Fellows, Pat Orme, Todd Valle, Jim Frank, Matt Passalacqua, Ken Walther, Monica Fuller, Norm Rothbart, Doris Wortman, Rich Runkle

We sincerely appreciate the efforts of the above named **50** members who have contributed significantly to the strength of our

NRMC. Believe it or not, we have added **142 new members** to our club roster in this year!

15 new members joined this past month. Thank you to the members who have sponsored these individuals. Because of them, we are closer to winning Nevada and electing great candidates

| New Members | Sponsor |
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| Cathie Bobson | Chris Comfort |
| Owen Cervantes | Al Valdez |
| Rose Cervantes | Al Valdez |
| A.L. Ciricillo | Rich Runkle |
| Bill Gonzales | Paul Workman |
| John McSweeney | Al Valdez |
| Ron Morneau | Bob Shawhan |
| Lynn Stewart | Al Valdez |
| Robert H. Talley DDS | Chris Comfort |
| Bobby Thompson | Pat Orme |
| Maria Valeroso | Lisa Heck |
| Kenneth A. Ward | Dena Fox |
| Mildred J. Ward | Dena Fox |
| Denny Weddle | Paul Workman |
| Norm Wessler | Self |

Our roster continues to grow with your referrals. Thank you. Let's make the 2007 year banner year! ~~
The Board of the NRMC.

Thank you

Congratulations to all of the Republicans who were elected in November. We are looking forward to helping you fulfill your mandate. We ask that you represent Nevada well and strive to make our state and our country whole and forward thinking. We embrace your goals and objectives with open hearts and minds and we promise to endeavor to stay positive, debate the issues with integrity, identify your successors if necessary, and be good Republicans! Good luck in your new offices and know that you are always welcome here, at the Nevada Republicans Men's Club. Furthermore, anyone wishing to consider a run for office in the near term, please contact us. The Board welcomes your interest and input.

POLITICAL VALUES REFLECT A PARTY'S VALUES BY MARTIN JANOWSKI

Many Republicans wonder why we lost in 2006. We have a great economy. More people are working than ever before in our nation's history. The poorest among us live better than rich people did at the turn of the century in America. The federal deficit represents less than 2 percent of our Gross Domestic Product. By all rights, Republicans should have been reelected to office. Sure, we had a tough war situation in Iraq

and most of the nation's print and broadcast media painted us darkly, at best, but to blame the election on these two factors focuses on tactics and not the underlying cause.

We, like our great former leader, Ronald Reagan, believe that government is not the solution to society's problems; it is the problem. Republicans who run for office are former small business owners or professionals who have distinguished themselves in their chosen career. They

consider a run for government office as a call to serve, a duty much like walking the dog or cleaning the kitty litter. Republicans do not aspire to office as the pinnacle of their career, but rather as a way to give back to the community from which their prosperity and success came.

Democrats, in contrast, believe that government offers the best solution to society's problems. Government becomes the instrument of power and success, and Democrats



who want success and recognition, seek it through elective office. When government fails to solve society's problems, the solution for Democrats is easy; the program failed to be fully funded (we didn't throw enough money at it!) or the program needs to be revised (we need to add more government to the program!).

Our elections run much the same way. Democrats aspire to every office in government and

saturate the field with candidates so that no race is unopposed. They conduct their political operations much as they do in government...they throw money at the problem, paying volunteers and creating "independent organizations" to spend excess campaign funds. They have a deep bench filled with bureaucrats, agency heads, and junior staffers seeking elective office while drawing salaries from taxpayer dollars. Their colleagues sup-

port them financially, knowing that someone who holds a government job is unlikely to cut government programs, salaries or staff.

Republican values reflect a more conservative approach. We generally support only candidates who have a good chance of winning, not wishing to throw money into a bad investment on a long shot underdog. We have a tougher time recruiting candidates. Many of the good candidates are too busy

Welcome to our new officers for the very promising 2007 club year!



participating in entrepreneurial enterprises (creating wealth and jobs) to consider a run for elective office. Few Republicans stay in the bureaucracy waiting to run for office since the "empire building" inherent in government agencies conflicts with conservative Republican values.

I am not suggesting that Republicans take on Democrat political values to win more elections in the future. Many of our Republican Senators and Con-

gressman tried that in 2006 and lost. A Republican can never outspend or "out promise" a Democrat.

What Republican candidates must change is their attitude toward running for and holding elective office. Instead of considering a run for office as a duty or an obligation to serve, consider your election to office as an opportunity to serve a group of private equity investors (taxpayers) and protect their in-

vestments (tax dollars). Representing this group, a Republican office holder can bring down the cost of government, increase the efficiency of programs, and privatize (sell off) those parts of government programs that have no reason to be there in the first place. That brings real Republican values into the political arena of ideas. And it's a much better approach to governing than growing government ever larger in a bureaucratic maelstrom where it's hard to tell a Demican from a Republicrat.



We are on the web!

<http://www.republicanmensclub.com>

We had 110 members last luncheon, time for the press to show up! Watch out you pundits and prognosticators, we know what is best!

Clark County is Republican territory, Nevada is Republican territory... write

into my office with your exercise in cerebral, gray matter exaltation, and give us some quotes! You write it and we will consider it during our next board meeting. Thank you: Please direct all suggestions to your corresponding secretary. Tell us what you like about our candidates. Please keep your one liners to one sentence. No offensive, denigrating, untrue, or otherwise, in poor taste quotes will be published. We will not allow quotes from convicted felons, unethical business men, questionable characters, or fricking idiots. That is why this document is a Republican Newsletter! LOL

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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OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Reminder: Our 2006 New Member Incentive Program includes recognition and awards as follows:

1. Our newsletter will e-print the names of the members who join plus the names of the sponsoring members.
2. The above-noted names will receive recognition during the monthly meeting.
3. Recruitment awards: Four members ==> an elephant bookend, eight ==> another one!

We encourage each of club members to invite a prospective member or guest to our next meeting. It begins at 11:15 in the Ellis Island Casino. [Officers](#)

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Membership is an affordable \$10 per year.

Our monthly lunches cost \$20.

Great value, great food, great speakers, great friends, and of course, a great political party.

We are proud to be Nevada Republicans!

Its time to renew for the 2007 year, please remit your dues at our next meeting. Thank you, The NRMC Board.

