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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY DR. CHRIS COMFORT

Thank you for your positive responses regarding my election as president and the compliments for the editorial section and layout of the newsletter. Your 2007 NRMC Board wishes to convey to you the sincerest expression of gratitude and looks forward to serving you this year.

Our plan speaks to the ever-growing concern of issues that affect our state and Clark County. With any transition in leadership, two questions come to mind. First, will the leadership represent the best interest for the membership; and second, what will be the future direction of the club?

I am excited to share with you that we are here to serve and to find speakers that are timely and interesting. We are here to listen to you, publish your opinions and provide an exciting and dynamic club. It is my wish as your president to provide a direction of support for candidates, recruit members, find great speakers, and focus upon building the Republican Party here in Nevada. Many of you know my thoughts as conveyed in the newsletters and I do appreciate the trust that you have in me to carry our club forward.

I shall make 2007 a foundational year whereby we will identify issues. Many topics abound, requiring prioritization. Please write to my office, describe these issues and provide some ideas for solution, keeping memos and letters to three pages at most, double-spaced. I always welcome good, respectful and creative thought.

For the 2008 presidential election year, it is my goal to hand off a strong club; one that is focused on substantive policy identification; one that has taken the time to listen to the options available to us, and one that is known in Clark County and the state of Nevada for sound judgment and action.

Issues we will address concern the state of education, crime, property taxes, infrastructure, the court system, growth and economic

Our Next Luncheon Meeting is:

Monday, January 8, 2007

Ellis Island Casino

11:15 a.m. – Buffet Opens

12:00 Noon – Program Begins

1:00 p.m. – Adjourn

This Month's Speakers are State Assemblywoman Valerie Weber from Clark County District 5 and State Assemblyman Ty Cobb from Washoe County District 26. Get an inside look at the upcoming 2007 Legislative Session from those who will be fighting for us up in Carson City.

diversification, Republican ideology, legislative agenda, and health care in Nevada and Clark County. We will have the attentive ear of Governor Gibbons and pray that he will provide strong leadership for our state. Nevada is poised to become a showcase state where government has minimal impact, business is allowed to flourish, and investment refocuses in our state for technological advancement.

Please consider your membership as belonging to a group that thinks as the Founding Fathers once did for our country. We have but one purpose, that of the Constitution and its endurance.

As membership is the hallmark of any club's existence, I invite each of you to renew your membership in the NRMC and recommend fellow Republicans as lunch attendees and new members. Together we can make a difference in Nevada politics and Clark County.

LOOK Inside...There's Lots More, Including

**Honoring Walt Casey*

**A Republican Party Divided*

**Facts on Defense Spending vs Entitlements*

**New Year's Resolution – Americans First!*

Honoring Walt Casey... A Fond Look Back at Nevada Republican History

By Jane Ham, NRMC Recording Secretary

First, thank you all for the lovely birthday party you gave me on December 4th. It was a very happy occasion for me. But I was saddened when I read on December 3rd of the death of a good friend and great Republican leader, Walt Casey. He is the one who deserved the tribute. Whatever I have accomplished in the Republican Party rests on the shoulders of Republican stalwarts like Walt Casey. I think back, with gratitude, on the many Republican parties and fundraisers that Walt and Peggy Casey hosted on the grounds of their beautiful home in Paradise Valley.

Walt Casey was a Party leader back in the days when it was not easy to be a Republican. When he was Clark County Chairman, Democrats outnumbered us three to one. At that time the Executive Board met in the old County Commission Chambers downtown and were elected from different townships; so many from Las Vegas, Clark County, North Las Vegas, Boulder City, etc. State legislators were elected at large from each of the 17 Nevada counties.

I started out in politics as a precinct captain for Barry Goldwater in 1964. My precinct, Paradise 2, stretched all the way from Sunset Road to what is now St. Rose Parkway, but back then we called it the "Henderson cutoff." Since it was such a huge area without so many houses, I drove house to house in our great old 8-cylinder gas-guzzling Ford station wagon with no air conditioning.

Precinct meetings were in private homes then. Can you believe that Republicans actually

contested for the job of Precinct Captain? We had to change the bylaws to hold precinct meetings in public buildings because being the precinct captain was so coveted the host of the meeting would lock his door so no one else could be elected that evening. One Republican even gave the address of his precinct meeting as a Post Office Box!

Perhaps those were the "bad old days" but we were better and sturdier Republicans then. We got out and fought to get our Republican candidates elected no matter the three to one odds against us. We believed Winston Churchill when he said, "Never never, never, never, never give up." It was truly the greatest generation.

Walt Casey, you were one of the greatest. Farewell. "May flights of angels attend thee to thy rest."

DEFENSE SPENDING VERSUS ENTITLEMENT SPENDING

(thanks to General Sprague for providing these facts to our newsletter)

- Overworked personnel in the Air Force are ordered to cut one out of every ten people to buy equipment in wartime!
- 37cents of every GDP dollar went to defense in WWII, decreased to 14 cents in the Korean War, and only 9 cents during the Vietnam War. Today we spend less than 4 cents of every GDP dollar on defense!
- Korea ranks #1 in percent of GDP for defense, the US ranks 29th.
- If we increased the amount of GDP dollars for defense by just two cents, we would insure the survival of all those who receive government entitlements and the government who pays them out. Most people, asked this question this way, answer YES, MY LIFE IS WORTH TWO CENTS. FUND IT NOW!

By the way, entitlement spending was 28 percent of the Federal budget in 1964; it now represents 62 percent of the budget.

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A Republican Party Divided

By Martin Janowski, NRMC Corresponding Secretary

That elephant in the living room that polite people won't talk about is not the Grand Old Party symbol. The elephant I write about today is one of division, of fracturing, of seeking out safe shelter while closing the flaps of what used to be a "Big Tent" called the Republican Party.

It's not just our problem. Democrats have the same problem, only worse. They ran on conservative values and want to govern with their same liberal game plan (Okay, they lied!). But they were allowed to do this because we lost our way. If we want to learn from our bad experience in 2006, we need to note the following:

An Issue is Not A Party – Many people hitched their wagons to one issue of concern and blamed Republicans when they did not solve that one issue. The party that moves the process toward support of your issue is your friend, not your enemy.

We Cannot Buy Votes With Taxpayer Dollars – Democrats own that franchise and we can never outspend them. We are the party of limited government.

We are at War and Nobody Likes It – The war against Islamic terrorists continues and our resources must be prioritized to fight that war. If we are dead, all our rights and freedom do not matter. "Provide for the common defense" is the *ONLY* government requirement cited in our Constitution.

More Government Regulation Drives Away Republican Voters – Paraphrasing Ronald Reagan, government is not the solution to the problem...government is the problem. The more we try to regulate and control people's lives, whether it's "for the children", or whatever, more likely Republican voters will stop voting and look to the Libertarian Party for their candidates.

Education is a lifelong effort – We cannot just debate politics and values during the two months prior to our election. Action government

takes now, occurs as a direct result of how voters voted, or did not vote. As adults, we recognize that actions have consequences. We must educate our friends, our coworkers, and our family and neighbors when these actions occur.

Are we ready to fight for our values and beliefs? Next month, we'll talk about values all Republicans share, not the single issues that divide us.

Suggested New Year's Resolution... Let's be Americans First

There's been a lot of criticism when we hear about hyphenated Americans. As a New Year's resolution, I suggest that we keep the hyphen, but reverse the order.

Those who suggest that we drop all hyphens and refer to ourselves as only Americans fail to recognize that all of us bring treasures from our ancestors and our place of origin. The foods, traditions, and celebrations contribute to the rich heritage of what makes America great.

But we must be Americans first. It goes like this...I used to be Polish-American. I now refer to myself as American-Polish. Since I'm also half German, I can refer to myself as American-German.

Words matter. Just as we set the American flag higher than any others, so should our American heritage be expressed first. If we start this trend here in Nevada, it might spread nationwide. Try it on yourselves and your friends and neighbors.

Certainly all of us are proud of our ancestors and the culture that we came from. But we should recognize what we are most proud of. We are Americans. And only American citizens can make that claim.

2006 NEW MEMBER HALL OF FAME

Al Valdez – 25 new members

Paul Workman – 17 new members

Dr. Chris Comfort – 11 new members

Cory Santos – 5 new members

Get your name in the Hall of Fame for 2007

Something Worth Reading Again...

Americans are hungry to feel once again a sense of mission and greatness. I don't know about you, but I am impatient with those Republicans who after the last election rushed into print saying, "We must broaden the base of our party", when what that meant was to fuzz up and blur even more the differences between ourselves and our opponents.

Our people look for a cause to believe in. Is it a third party we need, or is it a new and revitalized second party, raising a banner of no pale pastels, but bold colors which make it unmistakably clear where we stand on all of the issues troubling the people?

Let us show that we stand for fiscal integrity and sound money and above all for an end to deficit spending, with ultimate retirement of the national debt.

Let us also include a permanent limit on the percentage of the people's earnings government can take without their consent. Let us also call for an end to the nit-picking, the harassment and over-regulation of business and industry which restricts expansion and our ability to compete in world markets.

And we must make it plain to international adventurers that our love of peace stops short of "peace at any price." We will maintain whatever level of strength is necessary to preserve our free way of life.

A political party cannot be all things to all people. It must represent certain fundamental beliefs which must not be compromised to political expediency, or simply to swell its numbers.

I do not believe that I have proposed anything that is contrary to what has been considered Republican principle. It is at the same time the very basis of conservatism. It is time to reassert that principle and raise it to full view. And if there are those who cannot subscribe to these principles, then let them go their way.

(Excerpts from Ronald Reagan's speech to the Conservative Political Action Conference March 1, 1975)

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Coming Soon to your Nevada Republican Men's Club Newsletter in print or online...

You Ought To Read This! (Articles found on the Internet to educate and entertain Republicans)

Member Spotlight (Interview with an NRMCM member doing special work on behalf of Republicans or living Republican values)

Photos from Past Luncheons – Keeping printing costs of this newsletter to a minimum, photos will soon be available at the web site.

Keep reading. Let us know how we can make your newsletter better. Send your comments and suggestions to Martin Janowski (coorspsec@republicanmensclub.com) or just come up and say hello to him at the next luncheon.

IMPORTANT FOR ALL MEMBERS

It is time to renew your membership for 2007. Please remit your \$10 annual dues at our next meeting. Thanks for your prompt response and support of the Nevada Republican Men's Club.

SHARING IS CARING... Share this newsletter with a friend, coworker or neighbor. Even better, invite them to be a member of NRMCM and share lunch with you here!