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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY DR. CHRIS COMFORT

The Road to Peace

Many of us are very concerned over the preponderance of violence in our cities, what we allow into our home through television, what we read and of course, what some of have witnessed and have, in some form or another, experienced: War.

Whereas war is never a desirable outcome to any conflict of ideology, we have ostensibly inherited the role as international police officer. We have been chosen as the ones who apparently have all of the answers. Well, we do.

The answers lie within our Constitution and its amendments. We do have many answers. We are a great country, blessed by God, and have overcome many of life and society's more arduous challenges such as slavery, civil war, and grave external threats. We are not perfect, then again neither man nor woman ever is. We strive toward setting ever increasing standards to life and the attainment of wisdom. In a society whereby the individual is celebrated and meritoriously advanced through its ranks both in business and government, we should take heed and remind ourselves that our success is borne of the desire to be good.

Why is our goodness, often the subject of the liberal left, gradually melting away? For example, the removal of the Ten Commandments, the thrust and jab of those who want any reference of God removed. So we often ask ourselves, why are we faced with the derision of our nation's core values, why do we spend so much money, why are our children some of the lowest ranking students in the world with increasing truancy, absenteeism and drop out rates? There are so many "whys" so let us modify our thinking to answering the "what."

Let us look for the solutions. The answers come through strength. The strength of character begins and is promulgated throughout one's young life at home. It becomes our truth. Our family's core values have been attacked through the constant bombardment of distractions. Why study, why read, and why stay in school when YouTube and MySpace, and television fill the void where parents and teachers used to encourage us to be and do better. We have become a nation of situational diversions, bent on distracting ourselves

SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST

Our Next Luncheon Meeting is
OUR LAST LUNCHEON MEETING
AT ELLIS ISLAND CASINO
Monday, April 2, 2007
10:30 a.m. – Door Opens
11:00 a.m. – Program Begins

This Month's Speaker is Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons. Last month, we heard the media spin and barking from Las Vegas' leading media watchdog, Jon Ralston. Now get the real story from our Republican leader on his first 100 days in office in the crucible that is also known as Carson City. To accommodate the Governor's schedule, we will be starting an hour early, so plan to attend early to hear Governor Gibbons and get a good seat. This is one lunch you do not want to miss!

(Our May luncheon will be at a new location, possibly Lawry's, so check this space for details in next month's newsletter.)

from our core values of responsibility toward self and others, and of course from God. The politicians speak of uniting our country, of bringing us together in an effort to defend our values and beliefs. Rather myopic, would you not agree, for our politicians demonstrate their battles over the airwaves.

As Republicans, it is our moral obligation to ensure that our family values are at the center of our existence. Unity begins at home. My father taught long ago and inculcated a strong sense of duty toward self and others: do good, be good, and make yourself useful. In my expanded version of this wisdom: Do good with respect to yourself, minimize the level of exposure to distraction and focus upon answering to a higher power through prayer and forgiveness. Be good toward others, do no harm whatsoever; learn diplomacy and compromise in order to achieve a great good. Never beat someone over the head to get your point across, subtlety and listening are the arts of success. Make yourself useful toward yourself by taking care of your mind and body. Make yourself useful toward others in helping them to achieve their aims in life, as long as it serves the preceding points, and finally, the long lasting road of peace is through the application of these three values constantly.

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We live in an era whereby we need to be stronger than ever. During the past 100 years, close to 200 million people have been put to death either through war or bad governments. Our responsibility in the world arena is great, we are the ones who should spread democracy like wildfire, yet keep in mind that international peace begins at home and begins with those who will inherit our flag; our children. We must teach them these core values of self-respect and constant learning. Our country depends upon these ideals because they alone make us great. Leadership is a responsibility that begins here. As Republicans, we hold these values near and dear to our hearts and minds, so please support in earnest the political process: choose the right candidate who speaks to these solution sets and ignore the liberal and logical arguments that ultimately decry our denouement. We are a republic, not a socialist state.

The 2008 battle starts here in Nevada and will spread throughout this country. Support Republicans and demand solutions from them. Every one of them, vying for office, has the right intentions, but we should not forget our own backyard. Support your club {we have 27 new members for the year- fantastic!} and I invite you to listen to our Governor during our next meeting. He needs our support. Please turn out the big numbers, let the Democrats know that we will not lie down and allow them to derail our constitutional officers. This meeting will be our last at Ellis Island so let's have some fun! The doors will open at 10:30 due to the Governor's schedule.

At your service,
Chris Comfort

Coming to a Neighborhood Near You...

Have you talked to your business colleagues, friends or neighbors and asked them to join you at our monthly luncheon, only to get turned down because they're "too busy" or "just can't get away for lunch"?

NRMC will soon be holding evening business mixers in various places in Clark County to allow these hardworking Republicans a chance to meet and talk with others who share their values. The cocktail receptions will be scheduled to accommodate their busy schedules.

When you see the first one announced in this newsletter or email, be sure to tell your friends and plan to attend.

CLARK COUNTY LINCOLN DAY DINNER **Thursday April 19, 2007** *LATE DATE WELL WORTH THE WAIT*

Working Nevada Republicans rarely get a chance to personally meet and listen to Republican Presidential candidates, especially when the election is more than a year and a half away. And if they do, the receptions and meetings can cost \$1000 or more.

That's why this year's Clark County Lincoln Day Dinner is so special. Our speaker this year is United States Senator and Republican Presidential Candidate John McCain. He will certainly be a significant factor in the 2008 Republican Presidential primaries, if not the Republican nominee for 2008.

The dinner will be held at the Venetian Hotel and Casino on Thursday, April 19th. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$125 per person. VIP tickets, which include a special reception with Senator McCain, are \$750 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at www.clarkgop.org or by sending a check payable to CCRP, 574 South Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107. And if you want to make it real easy on yourself, I'm certain someone will be selling tickets at the April NRMC luncheon, so bring your checkbook.

In addition to the fact that this year's Lincoln Day Dinner is special for its speaker, keep in mind that this is the Clark County Republican Party's top fundraiser for the year. By purchasing a ticket for this event, we support our local Republican party's vital mission of registering Republican voters, supporting local Republican candidates and getting out the vote to elect them to office. All NRMC members are strongly encouraged to purchase a ticket or two to support this critical mission.

For more information about this event, please contact the Clark County Republican Party office at 702-258-9184.

Republican Scholarship Foundation To Hold Fundraiser at Lincoln Day Dinner *Supporting Tomorrow's Leaders*

The Clark County Young Republican Foundation will be holding its first fundraiser at the Clark County Lincoln Day Dinner Thursday April 19th at the Venetian Hotel and Casino. The foundation will raffle off a 6 foot by 8 foot military playhouse, complete with enough official military gear, clothing and accessories needed to carry out any child's mission successfully. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event.

Created by Mrs. Lisa Heck, the non-profit foundation will offer scholarships to five young Republican students in Clark County, who represent Republican ideals and values, and contribute their time or services to elect Republican candidates, to further their education. Each recipient will receive \$1500 per semester for two consecutive semesters and maintain criteria established by the board. assist those Clark County students

Students eligible for the award must be a registered Republican, carry a minimum 3.0 grade point average and carry at least 12 credits at an accredited college or university. The student must also be sponsored by a member of any Republican organization in Clark County, be a Clark County resident, and major in Political Science.

The Clark County Young Republican Foundation requests sponsorship for their 2007 Foundation Awards to be given out in August 2007. Sponsorships range from a Presidential Level of \$9000, which will sponsor three students for one year, to a State Level of \$500, which sponsors book fees for a student for one semester. Sponsors who would like to support this worthy organization can write a check to the "Clark County Young Republican Foundation." For donors to be included in the foundation's recognition acknowledgments, their donations must be received by April 2, 2007.

The Clark County Young Republican Foundation is a 501(c)3 non profit, so donations can be tax deductible. For more information regarding this new Republican Scholarship program, check out the web site www.gopscholarship.org or email Lisa Heck at lmheck@cox.net. Please support their important efforts to help young Clark County Republicans.

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The Politician's Dilemma...Incorporate or Inoculate

By Martin Janowski, NRMC Corresponding Secretary

Survival of politicians depends on this very simple equation. If an issue is supported by a large group of people, enough to defeat you in an election campaign, find a way to incorporate it into your campaign so that enough people are convinced about your support of the issue to get the votes needed for election. If the issue is supported by a small group, not big enough to draw votes away, but noisy enough to weaken your support, find a way to inoculate or protect yourself on the issue so it does not build into an election defeat.

A good past example of this is the abortion issue. In the 1970s and early 1980s, it was enough for politicians to "inoculate" themselves by saying that they were "personally" against abortion, but supported the Roe v Wade decision as a woman's choice to have an abortion.

But those who supported life took a long-term view that science and education was on their side. They continued to support Republican candidates who held their pro-life views, and even supported the Republican Party when these views were not publicly proclaimed and supported as rapidly as they believed they should. Supporters of life issues knew that the alternative (sitting out elections and allowing Democrats to win) would mean more abortions and losses of even the small gains they had made.

Today we find in the Republican party that pro-life values are the majority and not the minority view. Through education, pro-life advocates have whittled away the rhetoric that allows a politician to inoculate themselves from political damage by proclaiming to be pro-choice. It took decades, but the trend is truly toward life and away from abortions on demand.

Changing hearts and minds is a long process, involving hundreds and thousands of individual conversations. But it is the only way we will change the current political practice of inoculation against having to address such tough issues as immigration reform, border security, Social Security and Medicare reform, and education reform.

When the politicians know you have the votes to defeat them, only then will they quit inoculating themselves against potential electoral defeat, and incorporate your views to ensure electoral victory.

New Members and Sponsors Signed Up at March 5th Meeting

New Member	Sponsored By
Frank Jordan	Dr. Chris Comfort
Bette Renwick	Mary Bollinger
Terri Dunn	Dr. Joe Heck
Walter Goldstein	Dr. Chris Comfort
David Ungar	Paul Workman
Mark Hentry	Tomas Wagner
Jim Donovan	Rick Hawkins
Dan Whitehead	Dr. Chris Comfort
Sam Mineo	Rick Hawkins
Dino Amonka	Dr. Chris Comfort

This brings the total number of NRMC members to 477. Thanks for bringing friends and coworkers to our club meetings and think about sponsoring a new member at April's luncheon meeting.

RACE FOR THE ELEPHANT

In 2007, several NRMC members have gone beyond just bringing in one friend as a new member. These folks are well on their way to receiving their prized elephant...

Dr. Chris Comfort	6 new members
Sandy Frank	3 new members
Doug Gillespie	2 new members
Rick Hawkins	2 new members
John Laub	2 new members

Check this space for the most exciting race until the 2008 Presidential Election

2007 NRMC Officers and Directors

President – Dr. Chris Comfort
 Vice President – Russ Mickelson
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Rebecca McNair 2, John Hambrick 2,
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You don't get invited to a fancy dinner and just eat the appetizer and leave!

This Newsletter is just an appetizer. More articles, photos special features will be included in 2007 on the NRMC WEB SITE.

Visit it now and see what's new!

NRMC IS ON THE WEB!

<http://www.republicanmensclub.com>

IMPORTANT FOR ALL MEMBERS

Treasurer's Message

Mike Mazur, NRMC Treasurer, is pleased to report that our club is collecting its annual membership dues ahead of last year's collections. He thanks all of you who have paid your 2007 membership for being prompt in your response.

THIS COULD BE THE LAST NRMC NEWSLETTER YOU RECEIVE!!!

Mailing costs represent one of the largest expenses to NRMC and it is not fair to members to subsidize other members who forget to pay their annual dues.

COMMENTS, PLEASE... If you have a comment or opinion on improving this newsletter, please send your comments and suggestions to Martin Janowski (coorspsec@republicanmensclub.com) or just come up and say hello to him at the next luncheon. We've increased the number of printed pages and hope to expand it even more in the electronic edition in the coming months. If you have a suggested article or opinion, please send it to the email address above.

Bring NRMC into the Workplace

We are exploring the possibility of offering corporate memberships for small businesses and corporations. If your small business or corporation would want to have this kind of membership, please let NRMC Board Member Rebecca McNair know of your interest.

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