



# Nevada Republican Men's Club



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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### NRMC Luncheons

NRMC Luncheon Meeting  
August 6th  
Lawry's  
4043 Howard Hughes  
Pkwy

NRMC Luncheon Meeting  
September 10th  
Lawry's  
4043 Howard Hughes  
Pkwy

### Business Networking Mixers~

July 26th  
Kings Fish House  
The District  
Green Valley Ranch  
5:30-7:30  
(702)835-8900

### Thought of the Day

*Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions*

*Harold Geneen*

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## Business Mixers... June rolls on!

June mixer on the 28th was a huge success. Jim Marsh opened up his dealership and was a remarkable host. Over 75 people made the trip up to Centennial Parkway and were rewarded with great food and cold drinks.

A good time was had and 15 new members joined our ranks. Raffles were held and numerous free prizes were given away.

The next mixer is July

26th, 5:30-7:30 at King's Fish House in the District at Green Valley Ranch. We have reserved the patio and will have a cash bar and appetizers. The District is located at 215 and Green Valley Parkway and there is plenty of free parking.

After the mixer stay for dinner as they have an extensive selection of seafood.

The mixers are open to anyone who has an interest in republican activities and are open

to non members. Invite your friends and co workers.

For more information on this or any other Business Mixer please contact Russ Mickelson at 452-7335.

See everyone there.



## President's Message

*By Dr. Chris Comfort*

Recently, I was asked the meaning of democracy and its relationship to our educational system within the US, Clark County and of course, the nation as a whole. You can imagine my answer. My first and inherently redundant response is always one of my experiences as a parent, student, educator, and Doctor. But alas, I stopped myself... I stop myself from showing my angst and abhorrent attitude of our nation's school system much less that of the statistics within our state and county. Please refer to the NPRI Reporter Roundtables: Career and Technical Education in Nevada; Schmidt & Ziebell.

This past week I had the opportunity to spend some time with our country's

foremost scientists: they are developing a clean energy product. Invariably, the discussion of our society's ills came up as it always does for me when I speak to people. They have a sense that I am a problem solver, a doer as opposed to a whiney pundit. Or for that matter, it also could have been due to my nascent understanding of nuclear-chemical plasma physics and whether or not they could create 'work' from an environment as such, something that you might find generating energy in a star wars movie. Cool stuff.

Nevertheless, they expressed a fundamental concern for our ability in this great country of ours to educate and to teach applied sciences amongst our chil-



dren. Their keen observation was that it takes time to develop interest and capability within our students; core perceptions of the physical world cannot be understood overnight. The process must start at an early age and continue throughout ones lifetime. In a quantum way of thinking but very apropos, they outlined the fundamental nature of chaos, distraction, demise, and poverty as manifestations or coming realities that our nation is creating for itself. I cannot disagree. Democracy requires education; it mandates a drive to improve, not to destroy but to build. Every generation must pass its mantle to the next... not by example especially today, but through education.

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### Top Recruiters:

#### ..... New Members YTD

<b>Chris Comfort</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Sandy Frank</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>John Laub</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Rebecca McNair</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Mitch Hostmeyer</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Russ Mickelson</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Mike Mazur</b>	<b>3</b>



## August Luncheon Speaker, **Chris Carr**

July brings the RNC's Regional political Director for the Northwest, Chris Carr, as our guest speaker.

**Christopher Carr** was appointed in Feb 2007 as the Regional Political Director for the Northwest. Prior to this position he acted

as the campaign manager for Senator Ensign's (R-NV) successful reelection bid in 2006. Carr also worked as Executive Director of the Nevada Victory Campaign and Nevada State Republican Party, in addition to his role as the Executive Director of the Clark County Republican Party.

Lunch cost \$25.00, The doors open at 11:00 am. Join us at Lawry's on August 6th.



## Membership leaps to 534.....

Membership continues to rise as each month we are adding new members. At the June 28th Mixer we added 15 new members, at the July Luncheon meeting we added 2 new members. The total new members for 2007 is 85. Total membership is now at 534.

Below is a list of the members who joined during our last events. The second name is the sponsor.

#### New Member

- Norman Ivans
- Thomas Boland
- Tommy Mandell
- Michael Fraser
- Bob Savera
- Allen Strunk
- Aaron Christensen
- Libby Bjerke
- June Bramble
- Cathy Villani
- Michelle Miller
- Sondra Lynch
- Beverly Hawk
- David Jaget
- Michelle Rizza
- Mikel Boland
- Bryan Land

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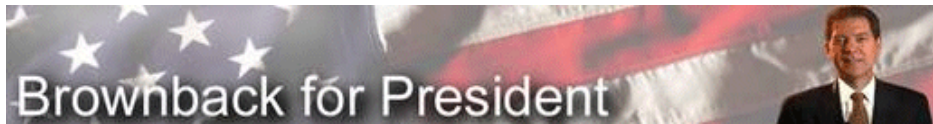
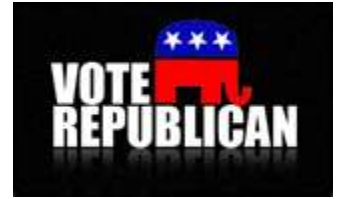
- Rebecca McNair
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- Rebecca McNair
- Michael Villani
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- Rebecca McNair
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- Chris Comfort
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- Tom Boland
- Chris Comfort

All adult U.S. citizens of voting age are eligible for membership. Annual Dues are \$10.00 and membership applications are available at the meetings.

*Please make an effort to keep you annual dues paid. Your dues pays for this newsletter and all of our communications. Your help in keeping these current is greatly appreciated.*

# Election Updates

## Presidential Candidates



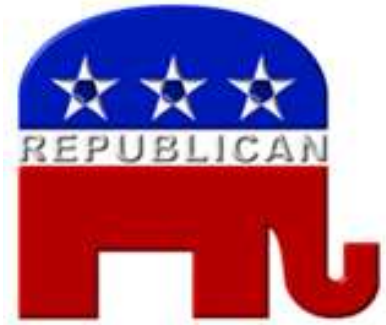
*The Election process is quickly coming upon us and we as republicans need to be informed and prepared for making well informed votes.*

*We will be running this section with current information on the candidates as well as any scheduled visits to Nevada.*

*These are the know Presidential Candidates to date.*

## Maybe you're a Republican.....

**Here is someone with the money to fund a rebuttal to what Howard Dean, Democratic National Committee Chairman, said recently that many Republicans have never done an honest day's work in their life. The following full page Ad was placed in the Washington Post by a businessman named George J. Esseff, Sr. He paid \$104,655.60 to run the ad and only did it because he is sick and tired of the way that "the rich" are portrayed by liberals these Days.**



**It is a great read.**

In today's America ask a growing number of high school and college Students, their teachers and professors, the self-anointed media elite and/or hard working men and women of all ethnicities the question, "What is A Republican?" and you'll be told ".. A rich, greedy, egotistical Individual, motivated only by money and the desire to accumulate more and more of it, at the expense of the environment, the working poor....and all Whom they exploit..."

I am a Republican - And I am none of those things...and I don't know any Republicans who are!

WHAT I AM first and foremost, is a loving husband of some 52 plus years, The father of four and an American who's proud of his country...and his country's heritage.

WHAT I AM is the grandson of immigrants who risked every-thing, including their lives and those of their children, to escape tyranny in search of Freedom.

WHAT I AM is a man who grew up during the Depression and witnessed first hand the effects of the Stock Market crash and the soup lines that followed. I watched as both my parents and grand parents, who had very little themselves, share what food they had with a half dozen other families, who had even less.

WHAT I AM is someone who worked his way through college by holding down three and four jobs at a time and then used that education to build a better life.

WHAT I AM is a husband who at age 24 started his own business for the "privilege" of working 60, 70 and 80 hours a week, risking everything I had including my health, in search of a better life for myself and my loved Ones.

WHAT I AM is a businessman whose blood, sweat and tears..and plenty of them..., made it possible for me to provide a secure living not only for my family and myself, but also for literally hundreds of my employees throughout the years. Employees who in turn were able to buy their own homes, raise their own families and give back to their communities and their country.

WHAT I AM is a man who believes in God; a God who has blessed this country... And all for which it stands.

WHAT I AM is someone who knows, if you doubt miracles exist in today's world, you need only to look into the face of those who received them....and the eyes of those who give them.

WHAT I AM is an American who's proud that his President embraces a belief in God; proud of a President who understands, as "politically incorrect" as it may be, there is evil in this world and for the security and safety of all freedom loving people everywhere, it must be confronted...and it must be defeated.

WHAT I AM is an American who takes comfort in the knowledge that our President refuses to allow decisions concerning the very safety and security of this nation, to be governed by the political whims of foreign governments.

WHAT I AM is tired of hearing from leading Democrats who see only negativity in America ; racism in her people; class warfare in her society and "political incorrectness" in her character.

WHAT I AM is a former democrat who now understands that it is the soldier and not the reporter that guarantees our freedoms of press, speech and dissent.

WHAT I AM is a man who believes in the sanctity of life. A man **who is** repulsed by the pandering of the political left for votes, at the expense of the unborn.

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## *Maybe you're a Republican.....continued*

WHAT I AM is a husband and father who believes in the sanctity of marriage and the preservation of the family unit.

WHAT I AM is an ex-movie go'er who is repulsed by those insecure, socially inept, elementary thinking, ego-inflated "entertainers" who have appointed themselves "experts" in the fields of national security and geo-politics and then use their forum to attack this nation, its leaders and its actions....much to the delight and encouragement of our enemies.

WHAT I AM is an American who understands the difference between "censorship" and "choice." Evidently, these individuals do not, because when these same "celebrities" receive public ridicule for their offensive actions, the first thing they yell is "censorship." What they seem incapable of understanding is...the right of free speech and dissent is shared equally by those offended...as well as those who offend. I support and will continue to support those films and performers whom I choose to and refuse to support those I don't. It is my right as an American a right I will continue to enthusiastically exercise.

WHAT I AM is a voter, tired of politicians who every time their voting records are subjected to public scrutiny, try to divert attention from their political and legislative failures by accusing their opponents of "attack ads" and "negative campaigning"....and the news media who allow them to get away with it.

WHAT I AM is a Catholic who loves his God and his Faith and who's been taught to respect all religions whose teachings are based in love, peace and charity. As such, I am embarrassed and ashamed of those individuals in both private and public life whose decisions and actions are devoid of any sense of character or morals; individuals who are only driven by what's best for them....rather than what's right... often times at the expense of many....including our national security.

WHAT I AM is a realist who understands that the terrorist attack that murdered hundreds of innocent Russian children could have occurred here, in our heartland. That's why I sincerely believe America needs now, more than ever, a President who sees with a clear and focused vision and who speaks

with a voice when heard by both friend and foe alike is understood, respected and believed

WHAT I AM is eternally grateful to Ronald Reagan for having the bravery to speak out against Communism and the courage of his convictions in leading the fight to defeat it; and George W. Bush for the vision, courage, conviction and leadership he has shown in America's war on terrorism amidst both the constant and vicious, personal and political attacks both he and his family are made to endure.

WHAT I AM is a human being, full of numerous faults and failures, but a man nonetheless who though not always successful has continually strived to do "what's right" instead of "what's easy." A man who is challenging the religious leaders of all faiths, to not only preach to their congregations the fundamentals of "what's right" and "what's wrong," but to also then hold them accountable for their actions in both the public and private sectors.

WHAT I AM is disgusted with the Courts who on one hand call the murder of a pregnant woman a "double homicide," but then refer to the abortion of her baby as "pro-choice".

WHAT I AM is someone deeply troubled by a political party which embraces a candidate whose primary "leadership" qualities center around his protesting of the Vietnam war and his labeling the honorable men and women who fought in it, (50,000 of whom gave their lives in that action), as rapists, and war criminals (John Kerry). That same political party then stepped forward this year to block the appearance of a true Vietnam war hero, retired Admiral and former United States Senator, Jeremiah Denton, (a man who spent seven years and seven torturous months in a North Vietnam prison), from speaking before an open session of the California legislature as part of that state's 4th of July celebration. The reason Democrats gave for refusing to allow this American hero to speak before their state legislature was because of the "conservative" nature of his views. As an American, that troubles me deeply....as well it should you. (Are you listening Mr. D?)

WHAT I AM is a man who feels the need to spend, ONE HUNDRED & FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED & FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$104, 655.60, tax paid) of his own money, to purchase this advertisement, in order to set the story straight. Some may say this money would have been better spent feeding the world's poor. At the risk of sounding self-serving, as an American and as a Republican, for the last six decades of my life, I have done exactly that...and more. Following the examples of my parents and grand parents, I have used my earnings to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, provide housing for the elderly and medical care for the sick.....and continue to do so...and I'm not alone in that work.

WHAT I AM is someone who is paying for this announcement at my sole expense in hopes of opening the eyes of those led blindly by ill-informed elements of our great nation, who, through either ignorance, or malicious intent, repeatedly attack and belittle those of us who belong to a political party that holds true to the belief, "The rights of the governed, exceed the power of the government." For those interested, I am speaking only as a tax-paying individual who is in no way associated with the Republican National Committee, nor with any of its directors, or delegates.

WHAT I AM is a man who understands, "the American way of life" is a message of self-empowerment for all.

WHAT I AM is an American who is grateful that our nation gives each of us the opportunity of self-determination and the right to benefit from the fruits of self achievement.

WHAT I AM is an American who wants to preserve that way of life for all who seek it.

WHAT I AM is blessed to be an American.... and proud to be a Republican.

# Immigration woes continue, City of Las Vegas looks to permit workers....

By Mitch Hostmeyer



Just because the public helped defeat the last round of immigration reform the issue is not resolved nor will it go away. It seems to be a political hot potato and no one seems to want to "Enforce the laws that are currently on the books".

Locally we have been listening as the City of Las Vegas debates what to do with the ever growing number of day laborers who congregate outside of local home improvement and valley nurseries. These are mostly men, speak little or limited English and are assumed to be most likely to be here illegally. Imagine that!

The businesses complain bitterly, the men urinate and defecate on the streets. The workers complain they are hot and frequently don't get paid by the people who hire them. Supporters say we should require businesses provide shelters or place bathrooms on the street for them to use.

City staffer's are looking at a plan that will allow employers the opportunity to hire day labor legally with a \$5.00 permit. They (the employers) will be handed a pamphlet that talks about job safety, and discuss the requirement to pay social security.

I may be missing something but isn't it illegal to hire and employ illegal immigrants? Doesn't it sound like this is just trying to give them some legal status? Why should businesses be required to provide shelter for someone who isn't even suppose to be here?

If we know that they may be illegal then perhaps it might make sense to have the U.S. Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement round up the large numbers of them. Once the workers learn that immigration officials are actually arresting people (a novel concept) then maybe they won't congregate there any more and the problem might resolve it self. If not we have laws that the police can enforce on loitering, vagrancy and public urination and defecation. Police HAVE the authority, so why is this an issue?

If they can't move the issue forward nationally they will continue to try smaller steps locally until they have numerous "rights". We need to stay vocal and demand that existing laws are enforced and we deal with this paramount issue nationally as well.

## Nevada Republican Caucus January 19th 2008

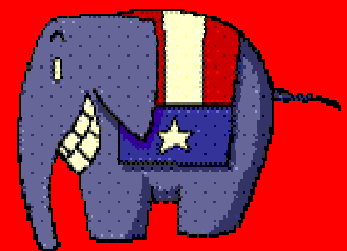
The State and County Republican committees are busy planning the next presidential caucus which will be held on January 19th, 2008. The date was changed to match the Democratic Caucus date which was moved earlier this year. This makes Nevada the second stop in the presidential election process. Historically Nevada has not been a significant player in the primary process, one being to sparsely populated, second the lateness of the date. With Nevada moving up to January 19th it will place us on equal footing with New Hampshire and Iowa. Nevada is also considered a swing state, so the candidates on both sides will be spending more time here.

Caucuses were the original method for selecting candidates but have decreased in number since the primary was introduced in the early 1900's. Any voter registered with the party may attend the caucus meeting. At the caucus, delegates are chosen to represent the state's interests at the national party convention. Prospective delegates are identified as favorable to a specific candidate or uncommitted. After discussion and debate an informal vote is taken to determine which delegates should be chosen.

In the coming months there will be countless volunteer hours needed to make the caucus a success. Volunteers will be needed in all of the 17 counties in Nevada. Please spread the word and do not be surprised if you get a call or letter asking for help. A strong turn out will make a statement to the commitment of state republicans to the election process and have our voices heard throughout the nation.

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# President's Message.....Continued from page 1

How can I make a difference, how are you able to help with this dilemma facing our country and our state?

My thoughts now turn to the philosophy of the NRMCM. It is one of camaraderie, of sharing a meal with like minded individuals. We provide a social and business network for our members. We also contribute to Clark County in different ways than you might not expect. We engage in a great speakers program: elected officials, pundits, and leaders who are charged with identifying the issues particular to their position in life and respond by offering efficacious solutions. We provide a forum for candidates. We identify and contribute to tactical political decisions that are made here in Clark County. Above all else, we recognize that we are a membership organization and ask for referrals to continue our growth and provide substance during election years. So what is this "substance?" We understand the nature of democracy, we are Republicans.

Substance means participation. Many opportunities exist if you should wish to volunteer your time and money. For those with little time, may I suggest an e-mail to your elected officials or perhaps writing a check to candidate campaigns or your favorite coalition/PAC or to the CCRP or RNC? Money talks, it says; "Hey, I may not have the time to give, but I do have one of my most precious resources to provide, please accept my contribution of \$X."

Equally as valuable is your time: the State GOP and

CCRP do have various tactical and strategic plans for physical participation. Our local political leadership has developed a great plan for assigning volunteers to various campaigns and county support roles. Titles mean very little, service counts. You have the opportunity to pick and choose. It is usually first come first served so contact them, please. This contribution on your behalf may entail stuffing envelopes, phone banking, graphic design, think tank sessions for ads and strategy, and of course, pressing the flesh. Usually there is something for everyone.

It is my belief the greatest and most gratifying hallmark of service toward the RNC and County would be to run for office and serve in the capacity as a leader. In order to make that decision, please understand your self first; determine if you have the skill set necessary to serve others, to be a servant leader. One must serve not only the individuals who place him or her into office, but those who did not: The opposition...the servant leader listens twice as much as he or she speaks. You must listen to both sides of any debate; otherwise, you may have fallen asleep.

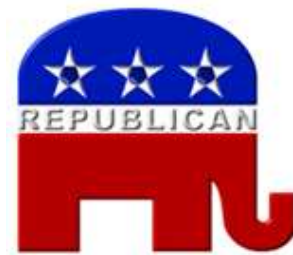
Make sure that your background has been vetted by an independent review, that it is stable and that your references can provide testimonials to your capability. Endorsements are great but testimonials are far more powerful. Create a short biography/CV and know your strategic direction: be well-versed in current affairs and begin implementing a con-

sensus plan. Make sure that people know the 'you'. Build slowly and build a strong foundation of support by letting your solutions be known. We all have an idea as to what the problems are...let us hear about those solutions. If you are short on good ideas, then option-solve.

Some say that the most important factor is to walk the walk and talk the talk. You will be tested at every turn and utterance because you are asking to serve the public trust. It is the very nature of the political process. I learned over the past several years that it so relevant to be true to your convictions, and enlist that strength of character to move forward in a sea of opinion, discontent and processes of option-solving; be results oriented.

What is your truth? Pick goals and objectives that will repair and promulgate our democratic institutions and thus yield a natural legacy to your leadership. It is never too late to start, nor too early for that matter. Pick three and only three issues of which you will make your case for your brand of leadership. Specifically, know as much as possible about these issues, option-solve when you must, debate, and suggest and/or accept the undone. When serving many, look for the least common denominators.

The constitutional mandate of our Founding Fathers was to thy own self, be true. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you...if you do not contribute, if you do not 'do anything', then you may expect 'nothing'. Now



and gently put, may I suggest that you continue to build our organization through your referrals, attend the luncheons and mixers, but above all else, adopt an attitude of a Founding Father. It is the Republican birthright. A special thanks to Steve Sanson for having me speak over the radio...10 million listeners right?

At your service,  
Chris

## Dues... Dues... Dues for 2007

Just a friendly reminder that your annual dues for 2007 is past due. Your annual dues is only \$10.00 per year. Yours dues supports NRMCM mixers, luncheons and your newsletters.

If you haven't paid for 2007 please pay at the next event you attend or drop a check in the mail to:

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