



Nevada Republican Men's Club



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

NRMC Luncheon

Tuesday, April 1
Lawry's
4043 Howard Hughes Pkwy

Clark County

Lincoln Day Dinner
Saturday, March 29
Palazzo Ballroom
Venetian Hotel/Casino

Las Vegas Republican

Town hall Group
Wednesday April 9

Active Republican Women of Las Vegas

Thursday April 17

Republican National Hispanic Assembly

Wednesday
April 23

Nevada GOP

State Convention
Saturday April 26
Peppermill Hotel/Casino
Reno

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NRMC April meeting Lawry's

The NRMC will hold its April 2008 meeting at Lawry's Restaurant on Tuesday, April 1st.

Lawry's is located at 4043 Howard Hughes Parkway, at the corner of Flamingo; phone is (702) 893-2223. There is valet attendant service and plenty of free parking.

The price for lunch

is \$25.00 and doors open at 11:00 am for networking, social and check-in. The luncheon is served at 11:30 and the program begins at 12:00.



For more information on our luncheons please call Russ Mickelson at (702) 481-1173.

Come early and enjoy some conversations with fellow Republicans.

The guest speaker for this month's meeting will be political analyst and commentator **John Ralston**.

Read Mr. Ralston's bio on Page Two.

President's Message

Russ Mickelson

Presidential politics has placed Nevada in the National spotlight. The statewide success of the Nevada GOP Caucus and the Clark County GOP Convention demonstrated Republicans' ability to plan and conduct orderly and enthusiastic political activities. Let us carry the enthusiasm forward to victory in November for all Republican candidates.

The next Big Event is the Clark County **Lincoln Day Dinner** on Saturday evening, March 29. This is a great opportunity to hear Guest Speaker Mike Duncan, Chairman of the Republican National Committee: planner, political strategist and leader *par excellence*. Read about Mr. Duncan's bio on Page Two.

County GOP Chairman Bernie Zadrowski, sporting the party's closet crew cut, will welcome us at the fabulous Venetian Resort Palazzo Ballroom. GOP National Committeeman Joe W. Brown as Master of Ceremonies will assure the introductions and fun moves smoothly along.

The VIP Reception at 5:30pm will feature a string ensemble involving nine talented musicians from the Las Vegas Youth Orchestra along with photo opportunities with Mr. Duncan. For all guests, the meet and mingle 6:00pm Cocktail Hour will enjoy the popular melodies and artistry of pianist Richard Straub.

Now, can you top this? A live auction featuring "auctioneer", the most charming and intellectually brilliant

talk show hostess on Radio, Heidi Harris. For the audience, an assortment of valuable and fun prizes awarded with a smile.

Long time Vegas lounge entertainer and radio personality Dennis Bono will vocalize patriotic songs. His charming wife, former Lt. Governor Lorraine Hunt, will be attending along with a long list of GOP leaders and elected officials.

The Lincoln Day Dinner is a major fundraiser for the Clark County GOP party to pay expenses. County Vice Chairperson Ulli Miyashiro and a host of hard working volunteers present this annual event for all to enjoy. Make your reservations now to join this gala event. We plan to see you there!

At Your Service,

Russ Mickelson

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April Luncheon Guest Speaker: Jon Ralston

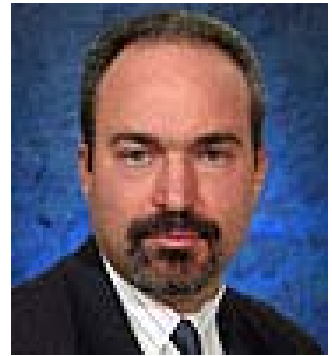
Jon Ralston, who hails from Buffalo, N.Y., holds a B.A. in English from Cornell University and a M.A. in journalism from University of Michigan. Shortly after his 1983 graduation from Ann Arbor, he arrived to Las Vegas as the night police reporter for the Las Vegas Review-Journal, later covering general assignment and county government before becoming a political reporter in 1986.

Ralston wrote for the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* for 15 years, the last seven as a freelance columnist. Ralston currently publishes The Ralston Report on-line via *Ralston-Flash.com*, a daily e-mail newsletter containing insider political and business information.

Mr. Ralston's weekly columns can also be found within the pages of *In Business Las Vegas* and the *Las Vegas Sun*. In addition to the print media, he is a frequent guest commentator on Las Vegas' CBS affiliate, Channel 8.

Ralston is also host of "Face to Face," a political discussion program on Las Vegas 1 (Cox Cable channel 19). Jon Ralston also is a regular panelist on "Nevada Week in Review."

Awards garnered by Ralston include: Nevada State Press Association's Outstanding Young Journalist of the Year in 1986; Best Columnist of the Year in 1991 and 1992; and Best



Non-Staff Columnist in 2000, 2001 and 2003. In 1996, Ralston was named one of Clark County's "Top 40 Under 40" by the Las Vegas Business Press. In 2000, Ralston was named as an Influential Businessman in Southern Nevada by *In Business Las Vegas*.

RNC Chairman Robert M. (Mike) Duncan, Lincoln Day Dinner Speaker

Mr. Duncan, a 30-year political strategist and veteran of Republican politics, was elected as the 60th Chairman of the Republican National Committee in January 2007.

Mr. Duncan has worked for and advised Republican candidates and parties at the local, state and national level his entire adult life. He has held a wide variety of positions at the RNC, most recently as General Counsel and before that, Treasurer. During his career, he has served on the campaigns of five Presidents, including Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush. He has been a delegate to six Republican National Conventions and is one of the few persons ever to serve on four standing convention committees.

Chairman Duncan's service has extended to the federal government. In 1989-90, during a sabbatical from his banking career, he worked in the George H. W. Bush White House as assistant Director of Public Liaison. The President's Commission on White House Fellows

nominated him to the Tennessee Valley Authority Board, a position to which he was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate in March 2006.

Mr. Duncan helped in the successful campaign to win back Kentucky's statehouse for the first time in 36 years. He also chaired Jim Bunning's successful U.S. Senate race. In addition, Duncan is a long-time supporter and fundraiser for Senator Mitch McConnell.

A civic capitalist, Chairman Duncan is active in numerous professional and nonprofit organizations. He served as board chairman of a state university and a private college.

Chairman Duncan has served as President of the Kentucky Bankers Association and as a Director of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank Cincinnati Branch.

Mike Duncan and his wife Joanne are 1974 graduates of the University of Kentucky College of Law.

Immigration Reform

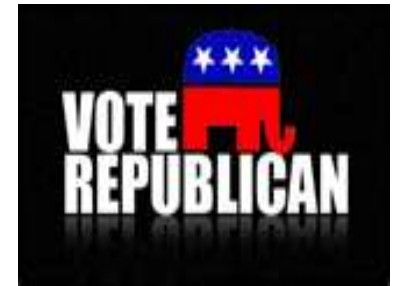
By Frank L. Martano

As reported recently in the Associated Press, the United Kingdom continues to seek solutions to the ongoing invasion of illegal aliens. One specific proposal required residents to pay money deposits when European Union family members visit. Deposits Resident sponsors would be required to supply a financial guarantee to ensure their return, refundable when these relatives return to their home countries. Another idea reduced the length of the tourist visa from six to three months. Another plan grants priority to skilled over unskilled workers. Additionally, the institution of compulsory identification cards would be required for incoming foreigners. The basic aim is to strengthen secured borders and eliminate illegal immigration. These measures would ideally close legal loopholes, forestall terrorism and reduce the financial burden on public services. These proposals indicate the attempt by one European country to solve the illegal immigration conundrum.

Here in the United States we have been deluged with a myriad of similar and dissimilar proposals and methods for solving this problem. We find that many candidates for office espouse positions, ideas and comments on the subject. The unfortunate reality is that as proposals are crystallized and pass through the legislative process, opposing forces seem to overwhelm these proposals, and they end up on the cutting-room floor.

Currently several US Senators have submitted a series of bills: S 2710 (Senator Sessions), "no match" in hiring of illegal aliens; S 2711 (Senator Sessions), employers use of E-Verify in hiring; S 2712 (Senator DeMint), completion of 700 miles of fence as required by law; S 2713 (Senator Vitter), restriction of federal funds to states and municipalities with sanctuary policies; S 2716 (Senator Domenici) continued use of National Guard on border; S 2717 (Senator Chambliss), enforcement by state and local officials on immigration law; S 2720 (Senator Specter), denial of financial aid to countries that cause unreasonable delay on those ordered removed; S 2721 (Senator Alexander) modify US Citizenship exams; S 2722 (Senator Dole), prohibit aliens who are repeat offenders from receiving legal status or immigration benefits. These descriptions of proposed legislation are merely a brief extraction. The detailed specifics are readily available from the US Senate.

If, as many profess, comprehensive reform is the true aim, then this series of bills should encourage serious consideration. Pressure by constituents should be constant and not be allowed to fall on the usual excuse that "we will get to them in the next administration".



Clark County Republican Party 2008 Lincoln Day Dinner

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th, 2008

Speaker: Mike Duncan, Chairman Republican National Committee

VIP Reception from 5:30pm to 7:00pm

No-Host Reception at 6:00pm – Dinner at 7:00pm

Venetian Hotel Casino, Palazzo Ballroom

Contact the County Party Office at (702) 258-9184/www.clarkgop.org for more information and reservations, or call Russ Mickelson (702) 481-1173.

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Republican National Hispanic Assembly Making Impact in Nevada

By Didi Lima

¡Hola Amigos!

We extend our gratitude to the Nevada Republican Men's Club for the invitation to participate in your newsletter this month.

The mission of the NV RNHA, founded 10/07, is to foster the principles of the Republican Party in the Hispanic community; to provide Hispanic Americans with a forum to play an influential role in local, state and national Party activities; to increase the number of Hispanic Republican elected officials and to create and maintain a network of Hispanic Republican leaders. We aim to stimulate Hispanics to become involved in Nevada's political process.

We began with 30 members and are happy to report that we presently have 85 registered members and growing. Our goal, with your help, is to have 500 by November's Presiden-

tial Election; we are presently in the process of forming a sister group in northern Nevada.

Our new website is under construction, you can find it at www.nvrepublicanhispanics.com or www.nvrnha.com. We also have blogs in Spanish: "Politikeando" and in English, "Latin Pulse", where you can post comments and get the latest news.

NV RNHA Directors were active participants at the Clark County Republican Convention on March 8, 2008 and will be in attendance at the Nevada State Republican Convention in Reno on April 26, 2008, making important contributions.

The NV RNHA is open to all who wish to join; we request and welcome your participation and invite you to our next Mixer on April 23, information may be obtained at 702.285.9182.



WOMEN'S SILVER STATE EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE SERIES

The program was founded by Beverly Willard, Nevada's GOP National Committee Woman, and has been implemented in many other states.

The program identifies, trains, and mentors Republican Women to help them succeed in politics and public service. The aim is to increase the number and influence of Republican Women in elected and appointed government positions at the local, state, and federal level.

For more information contact: Monica Moradkhan or Brittny Evans at 336-6849

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