



Nevada Republican Men's Club



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

NRMC Luncheon
Tuesday, June 3
Lawry's
4043 Howard Hughes Pkwy

Las Vegas Republican Town Hall Group
Wednesday, June 11
Marie Callender's

Active Republican Women of Las Vegas
Thursday, June 19
Becker's Lakeside

Clark County Republican Party Summer BBQ
June date TBA
Dragon Ridge CC (see Page Four)

Southern Hills Republican Women
Tuesday, June 24
Buckman's Restaurant
Revere Golf Club

Republican National Hispanic Assembly
Wednesday, June 25
TBA

Republican Women of Henderson
Thursday, June 26
TBA

Spring Mountain Republican Women
Thursday, June 26
Spiedini Restaurant
JW Marriott

www.clarkgop.org/events.htm
www.nevadagop.org/Calendar/

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June Meeting Last at Lawry's; Venue Change in July

The NRMC will hold its June 2008 meeting at Lawry's Restaurant on Tuesday, June 3rd.

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.

We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker for June's meeting will Nevada RNC Committeeman **Joseph W. Brown.**

Read Mr. Brown's bio on Page Two.

Note: The NRMC will be moving its luncheon venue to a new location in July. Please see Page Four regarding this exciting news.

President's Message

Russ Mickelson

RNC Committeepersons

An important item of business accomplished at the April Nevada State Republican Convention was the election of two people to serve on the Republican National Committee.

Beverly Willard, Nevada's National Committeewoman (and representative of Northern Nevada), did not seek re-election. Washoe County Chairwoman Heidi Smith was elected to succeed Ms. Willard. We offer a well-deserved expression of appreciation to Ms. Willard who served most effectively with grace and charm. Known to many as "the lady in the hat", Beverly has been a leader and communicator with ideas.

Southern Nevada's

Joe W. Brown was re-elected for another term as Republican National Committeeman. Joe W. Brown's intellectual credentials and political insight come from many years of legal practice and leadership service in government-elected and appointed positions, as well as non-profit organizations at the national, state and local level. Mr. Brown was recently presented the 2008 Golden Elephant Award by the Clark County Republican Party.

Those Who Served – Then and Now

Lt. Col. William B. Simpson, U.S. Army Retired served 30 years combined active and reserve. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in the early days of World War II and participated in the Nor-

mandy, Utah Beach invasion. He was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. Six weeks later he rejoined his unit then on to the Rhine River Bridge crossings. Called back to active duty in 1950 for the Korean War, he flew helicopters in Alaska and L-19 spotter planes in Korea. He demonstrated the technical versatility of the American G.I. by driving (Engineer) trains in WWII France and piloted aircraft in the Korean War. His obituary appeared in the Las Vegas Review Journal May 19, 2008.

We should note the Simpsons were regular contributors and volunteers for the County and State Republican Party. His lovely wife, Louella Simpson, for years registered and checked in attendees at GOP events. She

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June Luncheon Guest Speaker: Joe Brown

Joseph W. Brown has been a member of the Republican National Committee since 2002, serving as Nevada Committeeman. He was re-elected at the Nevada State Convention in Reno in April. Nevada is authorized two committee persons in the RNC, usually one from Northern Nevada and one from the South.

Mr. Brown graduated from the University of Virginia with a BA in English, followed by law school and LLB from Washington and Lee University, where he was Co-Editor of *The Washington and Lee Lawyer*. Presently, he is President of Jones Vargas Law Firm in Las Vegas.

Military Service

Mr. Brown's distinguished military career includes the Marine Corps Reserve; Nellis Air Force Base Support Team as Commander and Vice Commander; USAF Commander's Air Power Support Group; and Chairman of the Nevada Patriot Fund.

Legal Career

Mr. Brown is admitted to practice law in the State of Nevada; District of Columbia; U.S. District Court for Nevada; U.S. Court of Claims; and before the Nevada Gaming Commission since 1969.

Joe is a member of the American Bar Association; American Trial Lawyers Association; Nevada Associates of Justice; International Association of Gaming Attorneys; and on the Board of Directors, State Law Resources, Inc.

Public Service

In addition to his role as Nevada RNC Committeeman, Mr. Brown has served as Commissioner of the US Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States (appointed by President Ronald Reagan); Board of Directors, State Justice Institute, serving under Presidents Reagan and George H.W. Bush; Commissioner, Nevada Department of Wildlife; and Commissioner of the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

Community Service

Locally, Joe serves on the Executive Committee of the Nevada Development Authority. He has served on the Board of Trustees of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; Chairman of Nevada Test Site Development Corporation; the Citizens Advisory Committee on Downtown Re-development; and the Board of Directors, Nevada Foreign Trade Zone Authority.

He is a former Board member of many other organizations in the Valley, such as: United Way and Boys and Girls Clubs of Clark County; Chair of Nevada Catholic Community Services and HELP of Southern Nevada; Founding member, UNLV Boxing Club; and Speedway Children's Charities. He has served his alma maters as a member of the Advisory Board of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation, University of Virginia; and the Law School Alumni Council of Washington & Lee University.



Photo Courtesy RNC

Recognition and Honors

Among his many recognitions and honors, Mr. Brown is a recipient of the Las Vegas Chamber's Community Achievement Award and recently received the 2008 Golden Elephant Award from the Clark County Republican Party.

Business Affiliations

Mr. Brown is a current member of the Board of Directors of the following corporations: Service 1st Bank of Nevada, Centre One Investments, Inc., and Sundance Energy Holdings, Inc.

Personal Data

Born in Norfolk, Virginia. Married to Pamela Lee Jones of Nashville, Tennessee, a graduate of Sweet Briar College, Virginia, and a Masters in Liberal Studies from UNLV. Their marriage is blessed with four sons: Joseph, Christopher, Jeffrey, and Will.

Voting - Use of Photo ID

By Frank L. Martano

Many American citizens applaud the recent US Supreme Court ruling requiring voters to produce photo identification when appearing to vote. The ACLU brought suit against the State of Indiana attempting to nullify the state law requiring the production of a photo ID at the voting polls. Factually, voting is a privilege not a right granted by some unknown constitutional edict. Constitutional Amendment XV, Section 1 provides that race, color or previous conditions of servitude will not deny or abridge the opportunity to vote.

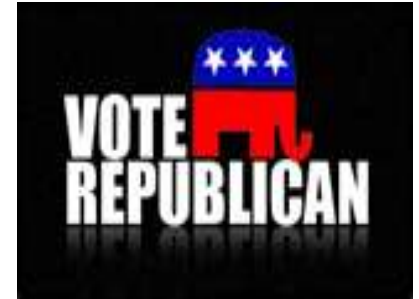
I offer my personal experience as an election officer in New York, Las Vegas and Henderson for more than 60 years. When voters appeared at my voting station, they voluntarily produced photo identification indicating their desire to establish their true identity. Occasionally, I would simply request a form of identification and the voter would gladly produce a photo ID. One would have to wonder what possible motive would be advanced to indicate that this requirement is burdensome. Many of our daily activities require that we prove identity. The simple renting of a video requires the production of an ID.

The argument that this process is a burden to the indigent, the poor, the uneducated and other minorities who lack the ability to produce such ID is flawed for many reasons. The obvious question emerges: Are individuals in these categories capable to cast a proper ballot? Initially, the state will produce - at **no cost** - the proper photo ID to individuals in those categories. We have to question whether we truly want to eliminate the possible illegal vote cast by deceased voters or other fraudulent voters. Another benefit would be the reduction if not eradication of counterfeit documents - there would be no market for the manufactured documents. Eliminating voter fraud has to be considered an overriding concern in this issue. Is it possible that some depend on voter fraud to win elections?

Our State of Nevada has not mustered the political courage to join the twenty or more states that have photo ID-requirement legislation currently in effect. Unfortunately, what we hear is, yes, we will introduce the legislation; however, it will never surface for a vote resulting in a slim chance for success. Do we then conclude that our state has little interest in eradicating voter fraud?

The Supreme Court ruling by a vote of 6-3 inspires a hope that our Supreme Court Judges agree on the need for voter protection. In this day and age when identify theft is a common occurrence, we may conclude that it may be minimized.

Social Security numbers are issued as soon as you enter the world----could a photo ID be an automatic addition to this process??



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volunteers for telephone and mail campaigns. At Lincoln Day and GOP conventions and meetings, Louella Simpson was there with other great volunteers; Bill would direct traffic. Bill served in leadership positions in the local chapter of the Military Officers Association of America and was present at many of our NRMC meetings. We thank the Simpsons for their unselfish service past and present. Great patriots!

Voter Registration

The battle is joined to register Nevada voters.

Each NRMC member can invite and urge voters to register and vote Republican. Our NRMC women and men are the best prepared to explain the issues to voters of all ages and backgrounds. Working with you for Victory in 2008....At Your Service,

Russ Mickelson
NRMC President

Membership Report May 2008

Year to date since December 2007, the NRMC has gained a total of 83 new members, including 21 in the month of April. Many of these new members gained in April were a result of the table at the Hannity concert (kudos to Russ Mickelson and Chris Comfort for their recruitment efforts there) and the mixer event hosted by Christine DeCorte.

If you have not yet paid, your 2008 NRMC dues should be made payable to NRMC and sent to: Mr. Michael Mazur, NRMC Treasurer, c/o Lawrence Nathan Associates, Inc. 3037 Warm Springs, Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89120.

Please make an effort to keep you annual dues paid. Your dues pay for this newsletter and all of our communications. Your help in keeping these current is greatly appreciated. All new membership inquiries should be made to Brian Scroggins, NRMC Vice President (contact details on Page Two).

America's Last Hope - A High-School Editorial *By Ryan Cunningham**

Now that the John McCain has secured the necessary 1191 votes, he is the presumptive Republican nominee for President of the United States of America. It no longer matters if you were a Giuliani supporter, a Romney supporter, a Huckabee supporter, or of any other, he is our nominee now. We need to give up our current biases (to which I am guilty) and unite as Republicans, or we will end up with the other side as our President. Their plans would have a devastating affect on the country. One candidate's universal health-care program would drain our Treasury, and if the government can't even manage to get supplies to New Orleans after a regional hurricane, how can it competently manage a nationwide healthcare service. Another candidate's reluctance in facing the modern terrorist threat is shown in his push for an American withdrawal in Iraq, giving Al Qaeda an easy victory. Also, his program to give free education to every student in the country would have disastrous results.

Looking at the doomsday scenario, McCain doesn't look too bad. In fact he looks like a mirage in a bleak political wilderness that is Washington. He showed true courage in standing up in support for the Iraq War when all seemed lost. Now that the surge is having visible positive effects, he is reaping the rewards. Having been in the infamous Hanoi Hilton, his stance on interrogation methods is understandable. He has himself suffered through interrogations far more severe as a prisoner of war. I love his stand for lower taxes, because the less money the government takes out of my paycheck the better. I like keeping the money that I work for. One of his most unique traits is how he seems to be his own person.

I am a Republican through and through, and he is our candidate and it is vital that we hold the White House. McCain's liberal positions may just attract voters from either candidate from the other side (all depending on who wins the democratic nomination). A combination of unified Republicans and potentially upset Democrats could win him the election. Here's hoping that he can do it!



**Disclaimer: Ryan is a top student at his local high school in Las Vegas, and the article was written for his school newspaper in March. Ryan and his father recently joined the NRMC and attended the May luncheon. The NRMC Board welcomes submissions, but as a disclaimer does not necessarily share the views stated by contributors.*

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

Clark County Republican Party

Summer BBQ Fundraiser
at Dragon Ridge Country
Club, MacDonald Highlands
Henderson
June date TBA

More information coming
soon from CCRP
See www.dragonridge.com
and www.clarkgop.org/events.htm

Nevada Republicans Mens Club
Announcement:

New venue for July!

Cili Restaurant

at Bali Hai Golf Club
5160 Las Vegas Blvd South
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Phone - (702) 856-1000
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The time of day and price of lunch will remain the same. Your NRMC Board is pleased to provide this luncheon venue in light of Lowry's opening up to the public for lunch. More details in the June newsletter regarding the exact date, dependent on speaker availability.