

Nevada Republican Men's Club

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President's Message

By Michael Mazur

The Men's club continues to experience robust growth this year. Over 192 members attended last month luncheon to hear Governor Jim Gibbons discuss Nevada leadership and the future of Nevada. Additionally, Arizona State Senator Russell Pearce provided the membership with an insightful discussion on the history and passing of Arizona's illegal immigration bill. Senator Pearce was a sponsor of Arizona SB1070 which passed into law in April 2010.

At our Mixer on May 11, 2010, we were honored to have the former Commander of the USS Cole, Commander Kirk S. Lippold, USN (Ret.) as our guest speaker. Commander Lippold shared his personal thoughts he experienced when USS Cole was attacked by al Qaeda terrorists in the port of Aden, Yemen in October 2000. Commander Lippold is a resident

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Guest Speakers: Brian Sandoval & Mike Montandon
Monday, May 3, 2010 Luncheon at 11:30 AM Cili's Restaurant
(702) 856-1100
\$25.00 Cash or Check at the Door - CREDIT CARDS NOT ACCEPTED

Brian Sandoval was appointed United States District Judge for the District of Nevada by President George W. Bush in October 2005, becoming the state's first Hispanic federal judge. Judge Sandoval received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nevada in 1986 and his law degree from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 1989. Prior to serving as a federal judge, Sandoval was Nevada's Attorney General.

As Attorney General, Brian Sandoval set up the first public integrity unit to investigate and prosecute officials who violated the public trust, led the state's legal fight against the storage of high level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain and sponsored important legislation strengthening Nevada's laws against domestic violence, drug abuse and human trafficking.

Prior to his election as Attorney General, Sandoval served as a member and chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission, which oversees Nevada's gaming

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Guest Speakers – Brian Sandoval & Mike Montandon

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Brian Sandoval

industry. Before his Gaming Commission, Sandoval served two terms in the Nevada Legislature where he served on the Judiciary, Taxation and Natural Resources Committees and sponsored 14 bills that became law.

As a private practitioner, Sandoval had a varied law practice, where he engaged in litigation, administrative and adoption matters. Throughout his career, Sandoval has received several awards and certificates, including the Hispanics in Politics' 1996 "Broche de Oro Award", the Anti-Defamation League's 2003 "Torch of Liberty Award," the Nevada State Bar's 2004 "Access to Justice Public Lawyer Award," the Latino Coalition's 2004 "Most Influential Hispanic in the U.S. Award" and the 2004 University of Nevada "Alumnus of the Year Award."

Judge Sandoval and his wife, Kathleen, have three children. Judge Sandoval enjoys running, traveling and spending time with his family.

Mike Montandon is a seventeen year resident of Nevada. He served as Mayor of North Las Vegas, the fastest growing city in the country, for 12 years. He was first elected Mayor in July 1997 and was re-elected to his third four-year term on July 1, 2005. Mike has the distinction of being the first Republican Mayor ever elected in North Las Vegas.



Mike Montandon

As Mayor he served on a number of local government boards and committees. He was the executive board member of the Civilian Military Council of Southern Nevada, a representative on the Clark County Debt Management Commission, a member of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, and a member of the North Las Vegas Redevelopment Agency. He served as chairman of the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Federal Lands Subcommittee. He was a member of the Clean Water Coalition. He also was an ex-officio member of the Deferred Compensation Advisory Committee.

Montandon is presently employed in the construction industry. Prior to coming to Southern Nevada, Montandon worked in commercial appraisal and land planning in Phoenix, Ariz. He served as the treasurer of the Las Vegas Chapter of the Appraisal Institute in 1995 and 1996.

Montandon graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in finance. He also completed the Harvard University Program for Senior Executives at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. Mike is married to Antoinette and has five children. He enjoys spending time with his family, church, and the Boy Scouts. He also is a dirt bike riding, marathoner, and racquetball enthusiast.

"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."

—Theodore Roosevelt



New Members

Please welcome our newest members to the Nevada Republican Men's Club!

Mark Ciavola
Wilfredo Espiritu
Gerrit Hale
Robert Harrison
Joan M. LeMere

Jan Porter
Jacob A. Reynolds
Kathy Spicuzza
Barbara Lee Woollen
Bruce Wolleen

Our Purpose:

to promote sound, honest and progressive government at all levels, elect Republican candidates and suggest leadership and direction for the Republican Party of Clark County Nevada.

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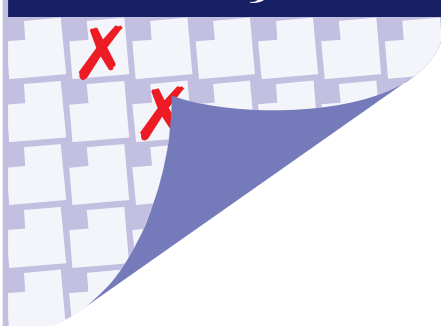
of the great State of Nevada and we hope to see his continued leadership in the future. In addition, Michele Fiore, candidate for Congress shared her qualifications and business experience with the membership.

In June, the NRMC will be sponsoring three separate events. The first event will be the Mixer which will be held on Wednesday June 2, 2010 at the Italian American Social Club from 5:30-7:30. Guest speakers will be the newly elected Chairman of the Nevada Republican Party and State Senator Mark Amodei and congressional candidate Joseph Tatner.

Next, our monthly luncheon will be held the day before the primary election on Monday June 7, 2010 at Cili Restaurant at Bali Hai Country Club. We will be featuring Nevada gubernatorial candidates, Brian Sandoval and Mike Montandon. Please join us at the luncheon and meet your republican candidates and leadership.

For our third event, the NRMC will be hosting the GOP Primary Victory and Viewing Party on the Primary Election night, June 8, 2010. Please join all your conservative friends at the Italian American Social Club from 6:00 until 10:30 p.m. The IAC will provide 4 big screen televisions and a limited menu for ordering appetizers and full entrees. There will be a no host bar and everyone is welcome to attend. We hope to see you then!

Calendar of Events



Join Us at the **GOP Victory & Viewing Party!**

June 8, 2010

Italian American Social Club

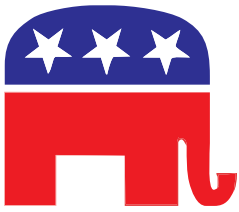
6:00 PM - 10:30 PM

2333 E. Sahara Avenue

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(702) 457-3866

Free Admission - Limited Menu - No Host Bar



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Tax Refunds or Government Grants

by *Frank L. Martano*

For many years our system of assessing federal income taxes has expanded. The growth has followed a pattern of assessing taxes and then eliminating certain taxes. This process was to achieve public acceptance, expecting understanding and cooperation from all.

As a solution to reducing the burden of taxes for low income earners the concept of “Earned Income Tax Credits” was created. This started the process of providing tax refunds for that segment of our populace. It would appear that this earned income tax credit would eliminate the need for government issuance of welfare grants to that category of low wage earners. These processes continued and were expanded every year. As we approach the current filing period for 2009 we find that approximately 47% of our 300 million plus population pays zero federal income tax. The resulting 53% pay all the federal income taxes providing the largest source of revenue required for the proper functioning of our government.

Many constantly agree that our taxing system is in need of reform. Attempts for simplification resulted in expansion and more complex rules and regulation. Perhaps an initial approach may be to establish a definition of income taxes and tax grants. Various taxes should be properly identified. Social security taxes are not income taxes and Medicare taxes are also not income taxes. They are taxes levied to provide a specific source of money for providing old age benefits i.e. Social Security and Medicare. Specifically, income taxes could be truly a tax on income. The constant cry for transparency would dictate that proper descriptions of revenue would be in order. Refunds of federal income taxes paid would be truly refunds of income taxes. Payment by government to low income earners could be described as grants by government. The segment of our population that requires these grants because of low earnings would be eligible for such stipends. Our generous government has always provided for any segment of our population that is in need of assistance. As these low earners advance and increase their earnings they would join the 53% already there and become real tax payers. Logic would dictate that issuing an income tax refund to one who pays no income tax is not possible.

Past NRMC Presidents

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Scott Black	Michael Schaefer
Wade Stephens	

**Deceased*

The distribution of monies to various segments of our populace should be clearly defined. Making work credits, expanded child care tax credits, credits for families with at least three children, credits for college expenses, credits for purchasing a new home, credits for acquiring energy efficient appliances etc should be specifically identified not as tax credits but simply as federal grants or awards or stipends. Suddenly we find that our federal tax code would become manageable and understandable. Government grants would be clearly identified and would not cloud the federal income tax code.