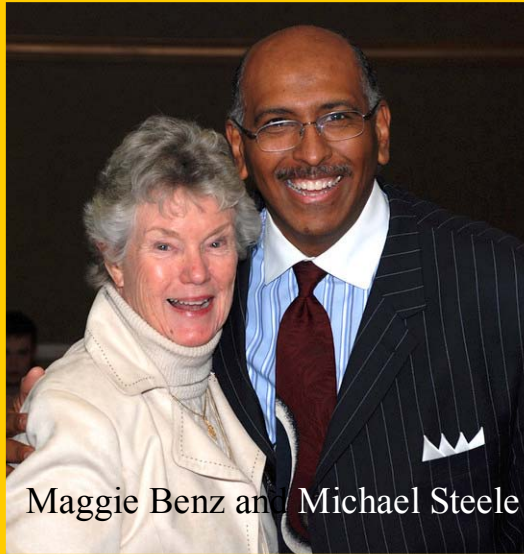




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Maggie Benz and Michael Steele

CHAIR'S CORNER, JANUARY 2009

The Governor's Mansion was the venue for the 2008 Douglas County Republican Central Committee's Christmas Party. Many thanks to Brenda Robertson and her committee. Brenda chaired the event. Renea and Gary Louie, bar tenders for the evening, did a great job. Again, thanks so much for lending a hand to help make the event very successful. We even had a magician, Thomas Wiese, who stopped by to entertain us prior to dinner. The weekend of December 13/14 the Republican State Central Committee had its fall meeting in Las Vegas. DCRCC was allowed 12 representatives. About 175 delegates attended the meeting, a quorum was met and business took place. Sherry Dilley served as credentials chair, and did a thorough job of making sure each dele-

gate was duly qualified. There were highlights of the weekend. One was the field trip to Yucca Mountain Nuclear Repository. Another was meeting Michael Steele, who is a candidate for Republican National Committee Chair. He was Lt. Governor of Maryland.

Please, each of you, contact Wes Rice, who is chairing the nominating committee, of your interest in serving on the Executive Board. All the officer positions are open, e.g. Chair, Valley Vice Chair, Lake Vice Chair, Treasurer, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries. In addition, Republican State Central Committee Representative (1) due to Harold Willard's resignation and DCRCC Valley Member at Large, due to the passing of Diane Gordon. Diane was a significant part of DCRCC for many years; having served as Recording Secretary, Central Committee Representative Valley Member at Large. She was past President of Sierra Nevada Republican Women and hosted many events throughout her tenure. Diane will be missed in so many ways.

A very Happy New Year to each of you.

Maggie

DCRCC will meet Thursday January 8, '09 at our headquarters, 1516 Hwy 395, Suite G, (HAAS Center) Gardnerville.

5:30 P.M. - Executive Board Meeting

7:00 P.M. - Social with refreshments

7:30 P.M. - Meeting called to order with

guest speaker Ron Knecht, member of the Board of Regents representing District 9, which includes the Lake Tahoe area of Carson City, Douglas, Lyon and Storey Counties and southern Washoe County.



DCRCC Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner will be held Saturday February 14 at the Carson Valley Inn, Minden. Sherry Dilley is chairing the event and needs help. Contact Sherry at 267-3784.

REPUBLICAN YOUTH!

Want to help win the next election? Then join Douglas County's first Republican Youth grassroots campaign. CYU: the Conservative Youth for Unity organization. This is an organization aimed at getting the younger generation actively involved.

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INTERESTING FACTS NOTE LINK AT BOTTOM

Some unreported statistics about the 2008 election: Professor Joseph Olson of Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, points out some interesting facts concerning the 2008 Presidential election:

Number of States won by: Democrats: 20; Republicans: 30

-Square miles of land won by: Democrats: 580,000; Republicans: 2,427,000

-Population of counties won by: Democrats: 127 million; Republicans: 143 million

-Murder rate per 100,000 residents in counties won by: Democrats: 13.2; Republicans: 2.1

Professor Olson adds: "In aggregate, the map of the territory Republican's won was mostly the land owned by the tax-paying citizens. The Democrat's territory mostly encompassed those citizens living in rented or government-owned tenements and living off various forms of government welfare..."

Olson believes the United States is now somewhere between the "complacency and apathy" phase of Professor Tyler's definition of democracy, with some forty percent of the nation's population already having reached the "governmental dependency" phase.

The original posting with this information is below this Newsweek article at this link: <http://www.newsweek.com/id/163337>.

Thank you Stuart L. Posselt for sharing this with us.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN
CENTRAL COMMITTEE
GENERAL MEETING
November 13, 2008**

The regular general meeting of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee called to order by Chair Maggie Benz, November 13, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. at the Republican Headquarters in Gardnerville, Nevada.

Wes Rice gave the Invocation and Assemblyman James Settlemeyer led the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag of United States of America.

52 members present and quorum met. Chair introduced Assemblyman James Settlemeyer.

Minutes of meeting approved October 9, 2008 as printed in newsletter. **MSC.**

Treasurer's report – attached to copy of secretary's minutes and will be filed for audit.

Program:

Assemblyman James Settlemeyer, Wes Rice and Doug Mathews discussed the election and what we now need to do.

Reports:

Chair Maggie stated that Commissioner Elect Olsen arranged for Ray Tomalas to make our new podium. Thank you both! Chair thanked all volunteers for their time and effort during election. She stated we had as guests: Sarah Palin's brother and parents also Mitt Romney, John Voight, John Ratzenberger, Dean Heller and Brian Krolicki.

Valley vice chair – Wes for Susan moved the following for membership:

Larry Reece and Renea Louie. **MSC.**

Wes nominated Garritt Fauria and Stephan DeGraffenreid for membership.

MSC.

Unfinished business:

Christmas dinner –Brenda:

At the Governor's Mansion December 10th. \$25.00 per person.

Lincoln Day Dinner – Sherry stated still working on a speaker.

Jack Van Dien's resolution to censure the state party failed.

New business:

Ed Hayes motion to change committee procedures failed.

Harold Willard resigned as of end of year as central committee representative to state party.

Announcements:

Cheryl Van Ocker will now chair the headquarters hours to be open Thursday and Sunday from noon to four.

Nevada State Party meeting December 12th & 13th in Las Vegas.

Raffle collected \$67.00.

Next regular general meeting will be January 10, 2009 at the headquarters at 1516 Hwy. 395, Suite G, Gardnerville, Nevada.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Submitted by,
Sherry Dilley
Secretary

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN JANUARY MEETING

Douglas County Republican Women's speaker will be Nancy Dallas on January 7th 2009. She will be speaking about our Legislative Session, due to begin February 2nd in Carson City. She will also arrange a trip to the legislature in April, for us to see our legislators in action.

The meeting will be at Carson Valley Inn with social hour at 11:00 and the lunch served at 11:45.

Reservations are to be made with Corky Greer-782-3986 or Cornhusker-Corky1@aol.com or Bonnie at Betts-bbetts@wradvisors.com.

SIERRA NEVADA REPUBLICAN WOMEN JANUARY MEETING

Sierra Nevada Republican Women meet the second Wednesday of each month at Two Guys From Italy, Gardnerville, for lunch.

Check the calendar section of the Record Courier for additional information.

Happy New Year. Join DCRCC for our first meeting of 2009, Thursday January 8th at Republican Headquarters..



ENSIGN CONCERNED ABOUT TARP PRECEDENT. Move by White House, UAW Email Should Alarm Taxpayers

December 19, 2008 Washington, D.C. – **Senator John Ensign** voiced serious concern today after the White House announced it will use the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) to lend money to the Big 3 automobile companies. After leading efforts in the Senate to stop the White House-Democrat bailout legislation because it injected politics and failed to put the Big 3 on a path to be competitive, today he is alarmed by the precedent set for TARP and what it means for the taxpayers.

“The plan put forward by the White House is similar to what the Senate voted against. This action goes against the will of the most deliberative body in the world,” said Ensign.

“Expanding TARP so that the government can pick winners and losers in any sector of the economy is troubling and should be a cause of concern for taxpayers. Congress created TARP to prevent the financial markets from freezing. Rather than encouraging the flow of money, the White House is now inappropriately using the funds to bailout politically hand-picked industries,” said Ensign.

“Even more troubling is that the measure put forward today can be completely erased or changed by the incoming administration. This is about precedent because it is not written into law. Those with an interest are already urging President-elect Barack Obama to weaken the concessions made. They are lobbying to remove the safeguards put in place to protect the taxpayer and help restructure the Big 3 to make them competitive,” added Ensign.

“Government can and should play a role in helping the Big 3. Along with Senator Richard Shelby, I drafted a bill that provided debtor-in-possession financing and backed the automakers warranties, both contingent on bankruptcy. A structured bankruptcy is the best way forward because it utilizes experts instead of Washington, D.C., politics for decision-making,” Ensign concluded.

A strategy email sent out today by the United Auto Workers said, “We will be calling on President-elect Obama to indicate that he will act to drop these requirements. We believe this can be done through executive action.” The email continued, “But we also would like you to be sharply critical of the addition of the Corker requirements, and to call for their immediate elimination once the Obama administration takes over.”

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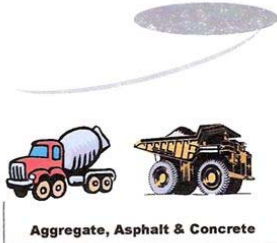
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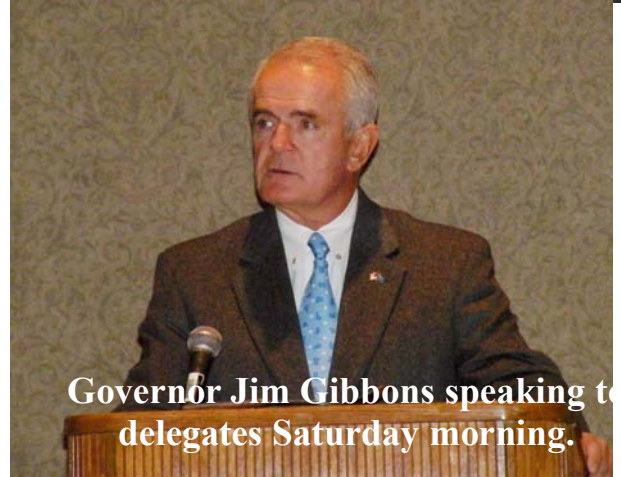
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Check in Team Friday Night
 Nevada GOP Meeting



Governor Jim Gibbons speaking to
 delegates Saturday morning.



Dinner Saturday Evening with
 Michael Steele!

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