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A Look at 2008 by NCRCO President Carol Holden



As I look forward to a new year of NCRCO activity, I want to share with you the plans for the Legislative Conference March 1-5 in Washington, D.C. at the Hilton Washington.

I do not yet have confirmation of guests and special activities for our meeting and reception, but I can tell you that we are aiming at some high level speakers and exciting activities. Will Kinzel, RNC Government Affairs Director, and Bill Behrens, Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at the White House, are helping to facilitate our plans. Ryan Yates, our NACo staff contact, is also assisting us.

As a caucus of NACo, NCRCO provides a forum to participate in, to comment on or to consider officials policies of the National Association of Counties. A major principle of NCRCO is to further the standards and ideals of the Republican Party through regular association with Republican County Officials throughout the United States.

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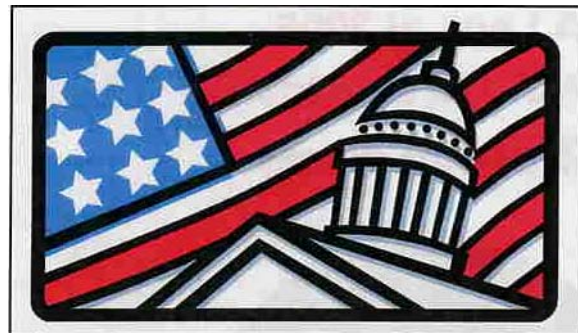
Committee members were selected by the president according to specifications in the NCRCO By-Laws.

If you are reading this newsletter, you are probably an active elected or appointed county official. Please consider joining NCRCO. Our potential membership is open to more than 20,000 county officials.

NCRCO solicits dues from its members, but we do not repeatedly ask for additional revenues. Our annual membership fee is \$20 which includes no charge for attendance at our two receptions at the NACo Legislative and Annual meetings. Corporate sponsorships are solicited to assist in annual expenses. The membership form is on the last page of this newsletter.

It is with enthusiasm in this Presidential Primary year that we as county officials will work together to retain and regain seats lost in 2006 from the White House to the County Court House.

Cordially,
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Oops! December 2007 Newsletter Mix up

During the July 2007 Annual Meeting, the 2007 Republican County Official of the Year Award was presented to two members of NCRCO. In the December newsletter, I made a mistake and did not recognize the proper individual for the second award. **Iowa Treasurer David Jamison was the second recipient.** The member from NH sincerely apologizes for the error.



Republican County Official of the Year Award

The National Conference of Republican Officials is accepting nominations for the “2008 Republican County Official of the Year” Award. The final deadline for applications to be electronically transmitted or postmarked is April 1, 2008.

The Chairman of the Awards Committee is a Past President of NCRCO and a past recipient of the award Seminole County Tax Collector, Ray Valdes. He along with a panel of four qualified judges, will review and evaluate the recommendations and choose this year’s winner(s). The winner(s) will be announced and presented the award at the Annual Conference in Jackson County (Kansas City) Missouri (July 11-15).

Candidate Data Form

This form is intended to provide the judges with information on candidates for the Award. All candidates or candidate’s sponsors must submit a data form not later than April 1, 2008 to: Tax Collector Ray Valdes, P.O. Box 630, Sanford, FL 32772, email republicanray@yahoo.com.

Candidates Name: _____ Current Elected Position: _____

Address: _____

Candidates Email Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone _____

- * Is the Candidate a member of NCRCO? _____
- * Please list any endorsements for the “Republican Official of the Year” Award on behalf of the Candidate (May attach up to 4 letters).
- * Please describe the Candidates Republican service experience including all elected and appointed positions: (Limited to 1,000 words. May also attach up to 4 pages political resume or biography).

Did You Know ...

... National County Government Week is April 6 -12th. This year’s theme is “Protecting Our Children,” focusing on the many ways counties protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of children.

... NCRCO has requested credentials for the RNC Convention. The Republican National Convention will be convened in seven months in Minneapolis – St Paul, Minnesota.

HOLIDAYS AT THE WHITE HOUSE
By Carol Holden (White House Invitee in November, 2007)



America's national parks were the stars of the holiday decorations at the White House. In the spirit of gratitude for our natural and historic treasures found from sea to shining sea, this year's theme highlighted the national parks. The guests were able to rejoice in America's blessings as they explored our national parks this year at the White House.

The National Park Service maintains the White House grounds as well as President's Park – the 82 acres of land surrounding the White House. The East Foyer was filled with golden aspen trees like those that you might see in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, or New Jersey while hiking the long Appalachian National Trail. Poinsettias and bright tulips added cheer to the recently refurbished Green Room.

The official White House Christmas Tree is the holiday highlight of the Blue Room. This year's tree, an 18-foot Fraser fir came from the state of North Carolina. The ornaments represented the 391 national parks, memorials, seashores, historic sites and monuments across our country and were decorated by artists selected by the sites.

In the State Dining Room the gingerbread house brings smiles to all the guest's faces. Months of work, pounds of chocolate, countless sheets of gingerbread, and mountains of sugar went into the creation of the enchanting and edible masterpiece.

It was a memorable experience for those of us who were fortunate to receive an invitation.

Memo from: Bill Behrens, Special Assistant to the President
Deputy Director Office of Intergovernmental Affairs – bbehrens@who.eop.gov.

Some of the highlights of the 2008 State of the Union Policy issues are all available on the White House website in PDF format at:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/stateoftheunion/2008/initiatives/index.html>.

The initiatives include: Staying on track for a balanced budget by 2012, Giving our national security professionals tools they need to protect America, Continued progress in Iraq, Supporting our nation's troops and their families, Opening new markets and expanding new opportunities through free trade, Increasing our energy security, and Improving border security and immigration. To access the Budget go to <http://www.budget.gov>. If you require further information, please call Bill Behrens at (202) 456-2896.

**Excerpts from an E-mail from Mike Duncan
Chairman Republican State Committee**

Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2008 Subject: Stop Clinton/Obama Now

The Democrats and their liberal special interest allies will spend whatever it takes to win total control of government. They are determined to push our country to the Left.

Whoever the Democrat nominee ultimately is, we already know their dream of the future. Both Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama want to:

- Implement massive tax increases that punish hard-working American families in order to pay for government bureaucracies;
- Give government instead of patients and doctors more power and control over health care; and
- Retreat from the War on Terror and cut off funding for our men and women in uniform.



We cannot allow a return of high taxes, big government, weakened national security style of government that Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama embody.



Special Events Legislative Conference, March 1-5, 2008

*All events will be held at the Hilton Washington
1919 Conn. Ave. NW, Washington D.C.*

11:00 AM – Noon	Board of Directors	Hemisphere (Concourse)
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM	General Membership And Reception	Munroe West (Concourse)

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING ACTIVE
IN NCRCO????**



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YES, I want to be an active participant in the National Conference of Republican County Officials (NCRCO) and help support the programs that will benefit all local elected and appointed Republicans. Enclosed is my membership fee of \$20.



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The National Conference of Republican County Officials

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Klamath Falls, OR 97603 |
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