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Special Points of Interest

- ◇ A boomer is person born between 1946 and 1964.
- ◇ A boomer turns 60 every 7 seconds.
- ◇ 8,000 boomers will turn 65 each day for the next 18 years.
- ◇ The most boomers were born in 1957 (4.3 Million)
- ◇ “Old age” to a boomer is 80 years old.
- ◇ Boomers have an annual spending power of 2 trillion dollars.
- ◇ 72% plan to work past 65 years of age.
- ◇ More than 65 million boomers report spending 10-20 hours /week caring for their parents.
- ◇ 1 in 4 have 18 to 24 year old children who have moved home.

Information from AARP

Your Tax Dollars at Work?

By Director of Legislation Knight Allen

The “Great Recession” started towards the end of 2007 and ran through the middle of 2009. We have been in recovery (you should excuse the expression) ever since. Every year the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation issues the “Covered Employment and Payrolls” report. It is, far and away, the most broad based and accurate picture you can get. So, for your information:

Clark County Year End 2007 through Year End 2012

Wages:

Private Sector	\$41,399 to \$41,681	±0
State Government	\$46,187 to \$44,041	<5%
Local Government	\$49,488 to \$54,587	+10%

There is something very, very wrong with a compensation system that allows local government to cone through the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression with a standard of living 10% higher than it was when the recession began. Even state government took a hit but not the locals. As you can see, private sector wages have stagnated while local government has enjoyed the 10% increase and now has an average wage 30% higher than the private sector. We are living in a time when it simply doesn't matter what is happening to the people, government is going to keep demanding, and getting, more.

Over a hundred years ago the people struggled under the monopolies of that era. Today it isn't US Steel, Inc. or Standard Oil, Inc. beating the population down. It's Government, Inc. It's the Firefighters, Inc.; the Police, Inc.; AFSCME, Inc.; the NSEA, Inc. (with its 800 million dollar a year tax con that will be on the

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“Please Don’t Quote Me”

FIRST LADIES

There is a song from one of our not new musicals about girls which says something about ‘the short, the fat, the lean, the tall; I don’t give a rap, I love them all.’ That is the way I feel about people, and I have been fortunate in being placed where I had an opportunity to gratify my taste by meeting great numbers of them. – Grace Coolidge

- In 1931, Mrs. Coolidge was voted one of America’s 12 greatest living women.
- Grace Coolidge was the 1st First Lady to receive an honorary degree from Boston University.
- After her husband’s death she took her first plane ride and first trip to Europe.
- Mrs. Coolidge received a gold medal from the National Institute of Social Sciences

The one who is not in trouble will have to help the one who is in trouble. Do not curtail too many activities that are essential, because you throw the whole machine out of gear. If we all stopped buying any more than we have to have, employment would drop tremendously. Keep on spending money as a people. Everyone should seize the opportunity to do what he can. – Lou Hoover

- Mrs. Hoover was the first woman to major in geology at Stanford University.
- Mrs. Hoover reproduced furniture owned by the Monroes for a sitting room in the White House at her own expense and restored the Lincoln study.

As life developed, I faced each problem as it came along. As my activities and work broadened and reached out, I never tried to shirk. I tried never to evade an issue. When I found I had something to do—I just did it. – Eleanor Roosevelt

- Eleanor Roosevelt was the 1st First Lady to hold a press conference in the White House to women reporters only.
- Eleanor Roosevelt was the 1st First Lady to host a weekly radio show.
- Mrs. Roosevelt wrote a daily syndicated newspaper column called, “My Day.”

We are not any of us happy to be where we are but there’s nothing to be done about it except to do our best—and forget about the sacrifices and many unpleasant things that pop up. – Bess Truman

- President Truman called his wife, “The Boss.”
- Bess Truman is the longest lived First Lady (2/13/1885—10/18/1982 – 97 years old).

The Older Population

The older population--persons 65 years or older—numbered 41.4 million in 2011 (the most recent year for which data are available). They represented 13.3% of the U.S. population, over one in every eight Americans. The number of older Americans increased by 6.3 million or 18% since 2000, compared to an increase of 9.4% for the under-65 population. However, the number of Americans aged 45-64 — who will reach 65 over the next two decades — increased by 33% during this period.

In 2011, there were 23.4 million older women and 17.9 million older men, or a sex ratio of 131 women for every 100 men. At age 85 and over, this ratio increases to 203 women for every 100 men. Since 1900, the percentage of Americans 65+ has more than tripled (from 4.1% in 1900 to 13.3% in 2011), and the number has increased over thirteen times (from 3.1 million to 41.4 million). The older population itself is increasingly older. In 2011, the 65-74 age group (21.4 million) was almost 10 times larger than in 1900; the 75-84 group (12.8 million) was 16 times larger and the 85+ group (5 million) was 40 times larger.

In 2011, persons reaching age 65 had an average life expectancy of an additional 19.2 years (20.4 years for females and 17.8 years for males). A child born in 2011 could expect to live 78.7 years, about 30 years longer than a child born in 1900. Much of this increase occurred because of reduced death rates for children and young adults. However, the period of 1990-2007 also has seen reduced death rates for the population aged 65-84, especially for men — by 41.6% for men aged 65-74 and by 29.5% for men aged 75-84. Life expectancy at age 65 increased by only 2.5 years between 1900 and 1960, but has increased by 4.2 years from 1960 to 2007. Nonetheless, some research has raised concerns about future increases in life expectancy in the US compared to other high-income countries, primarily due to past smoking and current obesity levels, especially for women age 50 and over.

About 3 million persons celebrated their 65th birthday in 2011. In the same year, approximately 1.8 million persons 65 or older died. Census estimates showed an annual net increase between 2010 and 2011 of 916,837 in the number of persons 65 and over.

Between 1980 and 2010, the centenarian population experienced a larger percentage increase than did the total population. There were 53,364 persons aged 100 or more in 2010(0.13% of the total 65+ population). This is a 66% increase from the 1980 figure of 32,194.

(Based on online data from the US. Census Bureau's 1) Population Estimates and Projections; 2) 2010 Census Special Reports, Centenarians: 2010, C2OJOSR-03, 2012; and 3) Table 5. Population by Age and Sex for the United States: 1900 to 2000, Part A. Hobbs, Frank and Nicole Stoops, Census 2000 Special Reports, Series CENSR-4, Demographic Trends in the 20th Century. The National Center for Health Statistics ' Hoyert DL, Xu JQ. Deaths: Preliminary data for 2011. National vital statistics reports; vol 61 no 6. Hyattsville, MD: 2012. The National Research Council's Crimmins EM, Preston SH, Cohen B, editors. Explaining Divergent Levels of Longevity in High-Income Countries. Panel on Understanding Divergent Trends in Longevity in High-Income Countries, 2011.)

Highlights*

- The older population (65+) numbered 41.4 million in 2011, an increase of 6.3 million or 18% since 2000.
- The number of Americans aged 45-64 — who will reach 65 over the next two decades — increased by 33% during this period.

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- Over one in every eight, or 13.3%, of the population is an older American.
- Persons reaching age 65 have an average life expectancy of an additional 19.2 years (20.4 years for females and 17.8 years for males).
- Older women outnumber older men at 23.4 million older women to 17.9 million older men.
- In 2011, 21.0% of persons 65+ were members of racial or ethnic minority populations--9% were African-Americans (not Hispanic), 4% were Asian or Pacific Islander (not Hispanic), less than 1% were American Indian or Native Alaskan (not Hispanic), and 0.6% of persons 65+ identified themselves as being of two or more races. Persons of Hispanic origin (who may be of any race) represented 7% of the older population.
- Older men were much more likely to be married than older women--72% of men vs. 45% of women (Figure 2). 37% older women in 2012 were widows.
- About 28% (11.8 million) of non-institutionalized older persons live alone (8.4 million women, 3.5 million men).
- Almost half of older women (46%) age 75+ live alone.
- In 2011, about 497,000 grandparents aged 65 or more had the primary responsibility for their grandchildren who lived with them.
- The population 65 and over has increased from 35 million in 2000 to 41.4 million in 2011 (an 18% increase) and is projected to increase to 79.7 million in 2040.
- The 85+ population is projected to increase from 5.7 million in 2011 to 14.1 million in 2040.
- Racial and ethnic minority populations have increased from 5.7 million in 2000(16.3% of the elderly population) to 8.5 million in 2011(21% of the elderly) and are projected to increase to 20.2 million in 2030 (28% of the elderly).
- The median income of older persons in 2011 was \$27,707 for males and \$15,362 for females. Median money income (after adjusting for inflation) of all households headed by older people rose by 2% (not statistically significant) from 2010 to 2011. Households containing families headed by persons 65+ reported a median income in 2011 of \$48,538.
- The major sources of income as reported by older persons in 2010 were Social Security (reported by 86% of older persons), income from assets (reported by 52%), private pensions (reported by 27%), government employee pensions (reported by 15%), and earnings (reported by 26%).
- Social Security constituted 90% or more of the income received by 36% of beneficiaries in 2010 (23% of married couples and 46% of non-married beneficiaries).
- Almost 3.6 million elderly persons (8.7%) were below the poverty level in 2011. This poverty rate is not statistically different from the poverty rate in 2010 (8.9%). During 2011, the U.S. Census Bureau also released a new Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) which takes into account regional variations in the livings costs, non-cash benefits received, and non-discretionary expenditures but does not replace the official poverty measure. The SPM shows a poverty level for older persons of 15.1% (more than 6 percentage points higher than the official rate of 8.7%). This increase is mainly due to including medical out-of-pocket expenses in the poverty calculations.

**Principal sources of data for the Profile are the U.S. Census Bureau, the National Center for Health Statistics, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Profile incorporates the latest data available but not all items are updated on an annual basis.*

At the July Meeting



NSC Director of Legislation Knight Allen with July speaker Clark County Commission Chair Steve Sisolak.

The attending members got lots of good information on what is and will be happening in the county.

Thank you commissioner.

Members



Renewing Members:

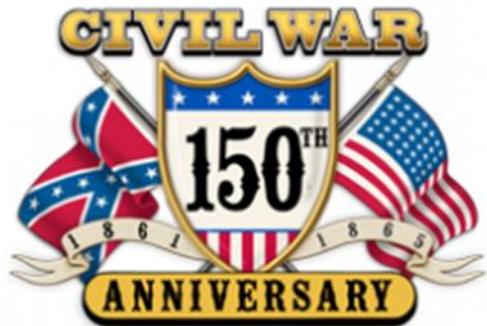
- *Clyde Dinkins*
- *Michelle Shafe*
- *Elaine Siegel*

Thank you for your continued support!

New Members:

- *Barbara Colvin*

Welcome Aboard



Thanks to all NSC members for your help and - especially Ed and Mary Duffy and Ted.

Your membership anniversary date is on the
 Foghorn Mailing label. If the label is **RED**,
 please renew your membership, either by
 mail, or at the next meeting you attend.
 Your name is removed from the membership
 list 90 days after expiration.
 Membership dues are \$10.00 per person.



Solutions

Everyone concentrates on the problems we're having in Our Country lately: Illegal immigration, hurricane recovery, alligators attacking people in Florida



Not me – I concentrate on solutions for the problems – it's a win-win situation.

- * Dig a moat the length of the Mexican border.
- * Send the dirt to New Orleans to raise the level of the levees.
- * Put the Florida alligators in the moat along the Mexican border.

Any other problems you would like for me to solve today?

Think about this:

1. Cows
2. The Constitution
3. The Ten Commandments

COWS

Is it just me, or does anyone else find it amazing that during the mad cow epidemic our government could track a single cow, born in Canada almost three years previous, right to the stall where she slept in the state of Washington? And, they tracked her calves to their stalls. But they are unable to



locate 11 million illegal aliens wandering around our country. Maybe we should give each of them a cow.

THE CONSTITUTION



They keep talking about drafting a Constitution for Iraq . Why don't we just give them ours?

It was written by a lot of really smart guys, it has worked for over 200 years, and we're not using it anymore.

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

The real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments posted in a courthouse is this:



You cannot post 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery' and 'Thou Shall Not Lie' in a building full of lawyers, judges and politicians – it creates a hostile work environment. The ACLU would have you in court in a second.

I embellished and updated an e-mail that has been sent to me many times over the years. It is still current. The U.S Congress hasn't done anything for five years and counting.

And 2014 is another election year!



Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 12 starting at 10 a.m. at >>>>>>>>>>>>



Whitney Recreation Center

5712 E. Missouri Ave.

The September 12 Speaker will be:

Clark County Public Administrator

John Cahill

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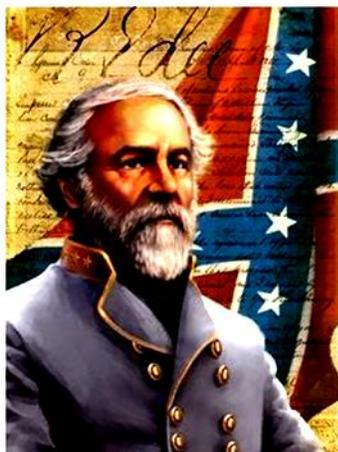
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Liaison

August 8, 1863

General R.E. Lee Offers Resignation

More than a month after his defeat at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Confederate General Robert E. Lee sends a letter of resignation as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia to Confederate President Jefferson Davis.



At first, many people in the South wondered if in fact Lee had lost the battle since Lee's intent had been to drive the Union army from Virginia, which he accomplished. The Army of the Potomac suffered over 28,000 casualties, temporarily disabling the Union army's offensive capabilities. But the Army of Northern Virginia had suffered 23,000 casualties which was nearly one-third of its total strength. Soon the Union army was back in Virginia and it became clear that the Confederacy had suffered a serious defeat at Gettysburg.

The southern press began to openly speculate about Lee's leadership, and the great general began reflecting on the campaign at his headquarters in Orange Courthouse, Virginia.

The Nevada Seniors Coalition, Inc. (NSC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. No person is excluded on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin.

The organization's purpose is to promote the physical and social welfare of senior citizens, their children and grandchildren.

The organizations' goals and objectives are:

- Improvement of political and governmental institutions and processes on local, state and federal levels.
- Identify legislative trends at all levels and set NSC priorities.
- Support domestic policies responsive to the needs and will of the Nevada senior population.
- Work to involve more seniors in government. to assure government is open, responsive and accountable.
- Keep members and the general public informed on current issues affecting them. Encourage them to make their voices heard at all government levels.
- Work with other organizations in a common endeavor when their issues and programs coincide with those of NSC.

Lee took the failure at Gettysburg very personally. In his letter to Davis, he wrote, "I have been prompted by these reflections more than once since my return from Pennsylvania to propose to Your Excellency the propriety of selecting another commander for this army... No one is more aware than myself of my inability for the duties of my position. I cannot even accomplish what I myself desire... I, therefore, in all sincerity, request your Excellency to take measure to supply my place."

Lee not only seriously questioned his ability to lead his army; he was also experiencing significant physical fatigue. Perhaps he sensed that Gettysburg was his last chance to win the war. President Davis refused the request. He wrote, "To ask me to substitute you by someone... more fit to command, or who would possess more of the confidence of the army... is to demand an impossibility."