



In this Issue:

- Young Republican's Visit Las Vegas!
- Achilles Attends YR Monthly Meeting
- Full in-depth analysis of illegal immigration and border control

Index

Overcoming Distance	1&2
New York YRs Clean Up in Vegas	1&4
President's Corner: Report	2&4
What to Do with the Border	3

New York YRs Clean Up in Vegas

By
Rick Brownell
Vice President of the NYYRC

The New York Young Republican Club and the New York State Young Republicans were richly rewarded for their hard work at this year's Young Republican National Convention in Las Vegas. Thirty-five New Yorkers, including twenty-three from the NYYRC, made up the second largest delegation at YRNC, which ran from July 6 to July 10 and was held at the gorgeous and very large Mandalay Bay resort and casino.

There were several days of meetings which included voting in the new board for the Young Republican National Federation and discussions on topics such as Social Security, marriage, and YR activism. The evenings included gambling, shows, and Thursday night's party at Gilly's in the Frontier Hotel & Casino. This party, which was hosted by the New York State delegation, featured a mechanical bull and line dancing and quickly became renowned as *the* party to attend during the convention.

The black tie dinner on Saturday, July 9, which featured keynote speaker Kansas Senator



New York YRs accepting awards for Best Large Local Club, Best Event, and Young Republican Woman of the Year.

Sam Brownback, quickly became our night as awards were bestowed for YR work around the country. The NYYRC was awarded Best Large Local Club (over 100 members) for the hard work we have engaged in over the last two years in building and shaping this great organization. "It is an award shared by all members of the Club and all those friends of the club that have made our many successes possible," noted Club President Dennis Cariello.

which featured former UN Ambassador Jeanne Kirkpatrick to the party held at Vue. YRs from New York and New Jersey combined forces to provide some great times for YRs and other fellow Republicans across the country.

The Young Republican Woman of the Year award was given to Kimberly Morella, long-standing member of the NYYRC, for her tireless service to the Club.

Continued on page 4

Overcoming Distance

Distant Running Helps U.S. Soldiers Achieve Goals

By
Bryan Lamaj Editor Chief

"We are in war."

Those were the opening words for Mary Bryant, last month's guest speaker, whose voice echoed throughout the Union League Club.

Bryant, the Special Projects Director for "Achilles," a non-profit organization designed to help disabled individuals achieve distant running, spoke on the behalf of amputated U.S. soldiers within Achilles' organization. Many of these wounded soldiers have no legs,

arms, and even hands; however, these ailments have not stopped these individuals to walk, wheel, and run distant marathons.

"I can personally look into their eyes and know that is something there that has not been taken away from them," Bryant said. "It is more than just a light...there are really no words to describe it."

Achilles was founded by Dr. Richard Traum in 1983.

when Traum became the first amputee person to participate in a 26.5 mile marathon. Bryant said. Since then, Achilles has helped disabled individuals through physical therapy to accomplish more than just long distance marathons; it has given these individuals confidence to overcome physical disability and psychological trauma, especially for soldiers inflicted at war, by giving them a reason to push forward.

Continued on page 2

Overcoming Distance Distant Running Helps U.S. Soldiers Achieve Goals

According to Bryant,

Bryant's own brother was one of these soldiers who accomplished completing a long distant marathon. Paralyzed from the neck down, he was able to participate in a 26.2 mile marathon by pushing his head into a mechanic head-rest. His fuel was only his perseverance and strength. Much like Bryant's brother, many of the wounded soldiers want to do more than participate in just long distant track, they want to go back to war. Many New York Young Republicans, attending a June 26 Achilles marathon, were awestruck by the endless effort these soldiers were willing to travel.

"When you run alongside war veterans who are amputees or

blind, you find yourself digging deep down to attain a personal best you rarely achieve," Rick Brownell, Vice President of the NYYRC, said.

The acclaim attracting many Young Republicans to the marathon came from a basic ideal Republicans support: the value of life.

"Life is too precious... you cannot take stuff with you, but you can plant the seeds in the lives of other people," Bryant said.

"When you run alongside war veterans who are amputees or blind, you find yourself digging deep down to attain a personal best you rarely achieve."

For more information about Achilles, please check www.achillestrackclub.org, or call them directly at 212-354-0300.

been a great friend over the years, I was thrilled to see her win this award. My only sadness, however, is that this honor comes so late from an organization that has seen fit to use her talents for so long, while never once electing or appointing her to any position, from which she no doubt would have excelled. As her YR-career comes to a close (she will "age out" prior to the next convention), this award could be seen as a "lifetime" achievement award. But, it is just her graduation to the senior party that is celebrated, as I know that she will continue to be a force in New York, and that she will be deserving of awards and accolades for the good works she will perform in the future.

On another note, our Tsunami Fundraiser was presented as the Charitable Event of the Year. Unfortunately we lost out to Boston's public service campaign, in which every week YR's go to help those in need (soup kitchens, etc). It was an impressive program and one in which I feel no shame in losing out to (although losing to Boston stinks - thankfully, Boston was club of the year last time, so we took their title).

To give you some perspective, the YRNF heard presentations on the award nominations over approximately six and a half hours during the convention. Presentations lasted roughly 10 minutes each, thus, there were roughly 40 separate presentations.

Additionally, we also had the second largest delegation in attendance - 35 persons made up the NYSYR delegation - and the NYYRC had 23 persons itself. Thus, by my count (and I did credentialing so I know), our Club delegation was larger than every other state delegation, Pennsylvania (24).

Also, I am happy to announce that Club Secretary Lynn Krogh was appointed the Communications
Continued on page 4

President's Corner: Report from Vegas

By
Dennis M. Cariello
President of the NYYRC

For quite some time now, I have thought the New York Young Republican Club ("NYYRC" or "Club") was the best Young Republican club in the country. Now, we have confirmation. At the Young Republican National Convention, held in Las Vegas from July 6-10, 2005, the Young Republican National Federation ("YRNF") saw fit to present three awards to the Club and its members.

First, our Club was awarded the Best Large Club Award by the YRNF. Large clubs are those with over 100 members. This is the direct result all our hard work these past four years, and a vindication of our philosophy that this Club is a business, one that must provide services and real value and opportunities to its members. This award should be shared by all members of the Club and all those friends of the Club that have made our many successes possible, not the

least our march from 12 members in August 2001 to 711 members on March 17, 2005.

Next, our Convention Events, held August 30-September 1, 2004 and co-sponsored by the New York State Young Republicans, were awarded the YRNF's Best Event Award. As many of you know, these events were an impressive display of what New Yorkers can accomplish, as well as being, some have said, the best events ever put on by Young Republicans (at least in the last 10 years).

Last among the winners, and certainly not least, former Club Vice President Kim Morella was finally recognized by the YRNF as the Federation's Young Republican Woman of the Year. This richly-deserved honor caps what has been a fantastic YR-career, spanning approximately 20 years. As Kim has

What to Do with the Border

By
Charles Petz
Staff Writer

It would seem our leaders have no interest in truly keeping this nation safe from terrorist and criminals. Two months ago, while President Bush hosted a summit in Texas, he perhaps made one of his weakest statements to Vicente Fox, the President of Mexico, and Paul Martin, Prime Minister of Canada. While discussing the border situation, Bush said, "I am against vigilantes." He was of course referring to the citizen group who came to Arizona to patrol the Border called the "Minutemen Project." These citizens turned out to be heroes to those who see danger in having an open border. They have proven what many conservatives have been saying for years: if you create a forceful presence at the Border, you will stem the tide of illegal immigrants. If Republican leaders do not address this situation soon the chances of remaining the majority party will greatly diminish.

Democrats, like Hillary Clinton, are already taking advantage of the popular success of the "Minutemen Project." In a recent speech on the Senate floor she sounded more like a Conservative Republican, bemoaning the fact that the strongest and most powerful nation on earth can't defend its own borders. Make no mistake, she is going to use speeches and issues like this one to split the electorate in the Southwest. Everyday men and women in the Southwest see illegal immigrants streaming across the Border and into their towns and homes. They want it stopped and they will vote for anyone who makes a serious pledge to do so, regardless of the party. This is the perfect Democratic smoke screen, for their frontrunner for the 2008 election, Hillary Clinton. I do not believe for one second Hillary Clinton or any Democrat really cares about dealing with the Border, but the more arm waving they do on this issue the more precarious our chances become of stopping Hillary from becoming President. So what can Republicans do to show that they truly are the ones who want to deal with illegal immigration?

The first step is to move away from the President's idea of granting amnesty to illegal workers already residents of the U.S. This philosophy of bringing people out of the "shadows" will only lead to the demise of the

Republican Party. Republicans should not be in the business of kowtowing to a constituency group who is obviously violating the laws of this country. In other words, if legally registered Hispanic voters do not like our message of being tough on immigration then so be it, but frankly that is not the case. Those men and women who came here legally are probably just as upset as those of us who watch in horror as illegal immigrants cross our borders. It is these legal immigrants who will hear our message and support us. If the Democrats want to register illegal immigrant voters let them. If we enforce and strengthen our current immigration laws then we will not have to worry about Democrats stealing elections with illegal votes,

The second step is to put more men on the Border. Now I know there is no way to totally stem the tide of illegals, but as the "Minutemen Project" showed how nine hundred men and women, lightly armed with no arrest authority, can make a huge impact. Recently the Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus released a thirty- three-page assessment on the success of the "Minutemen Project." The Caucus concluded that if the border-states received approval from the Defense

Department to deploy National Guard forces they could effectively control the Border. The report also pointed out that the levels of force, needed for this action, already exist in the National Guard within these states. So why are we not already doing this? Many fiscal conservatives feel this plan would cripple our economy. Like the President, these conservatives support this underground economy, because they do not believe Americans would do these jobs. How did these conservatives come to such a conclusion? Did they poll all the unemployed Americans in these regions? Their conclusion is only an assumption, which they provide as cover, so they can hide from dealing with the real issue - they are breaking the law.

If we are a nation of laws then we

cannot pick and choose which laws to enforce and in what circumstances it is convenient to look the other way.

The final step Republicans should take against illegal immigration is to streamline the entering process for immigrants. I concede this point to those who push for illegal immigrant amnesty, the process to enter this country is cumbersome and discouraging. Also, I believe many illegal immigrants want a better life, especially for their families. It should not take months or even years for honest people to enter this country. Republicans have to make it known to the world that we are not against immigration; we just want it to be legal. That is why Republicans should propose creating immigration centers similar to Ellis Island across the Southern and Northern Border States. There is no reason that within 24 to 48 hours immigration papers cannot be processed and vetted out. If we provide clearance to purchase a gun in two days time, we should then be able to provide such clearance to immigrants. Of course this process would necessitate the cooperation of the governments of the countries from which these individuals are emigrating. These governments would have to provide us access to their citizen databases. In addition, many of these nations may need to make sizeable upgrades to their information systems in order to provide the U.S.

with data necessary for entry. This will be costly, but it will be money well spent. These centers would not only lessen security threats but also ensure that contagious diseases are not crossing our border. Ellis Island, while not perfect, did its job as a gatekeeper for the country.

The issue of keeping our border secure will be a key running factor in the 2008 election. If Republican contenders do not show support for border enforcement and sensible immigration reform, then they can look forward to a bleak future as a defeated party. Not only will the Republican Party falter in many of the Border States, but also the conservative base in America will fracture.

"If we are a nation of laws then we cannot pick and choose which laws to enforce and in what circumstances it is convenient to look the other way."

THE NEW YORK YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUB

New York Young Republican Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 892

New York, NY 10268-0892

212-465-3377

info@nyyrc.com



*America's Oldest Club
Serving
America's Newest Generation*

We are also on the Web!

www.nyyrc.com

Origin of the New York Young Republican Club

The Club was originally founded in 1879 as the Young Men's Republican Club of New York City. In 1911, the Club was renamed the New York Young Republican Club and, on February 19, 1912, the Club was incorporated. The mission then as now is to educate and involve young people of New York City in the Republican Party, to serve our community, to support the Party, while also serving as a critic of the Party when warranted, and to develop the leaders of tomorrow.

Today, the Club consists of persons 18-40 living and/or working in New York City who care about politics and public service. We are one of the largest Young Republican Clubs in the Country and have been honored by the Young Republican National Federation as the Best Large Club in 2005. We hold monthly meetings and socials, which are free to the public, where we provide information about the Republican Party in our City, State and Nation. We present speakers to discuss the ideas that will shape the future of the policy debates in our country. We also hold numerous social events, which give our members a chance to relax with friends, to network with colleagues, and otherwise develop relationships outside the workplace.

President's Corner: Report from Vegas

Director of the YRNF, a great honor and an obvious signal that her work with our club and in our state has been noticed.

So, as I said in my acceptance speech, "it was a pretty good convention for New York." I will try and have the award on display at the next few meetings, and I will bring the Powerpoint presentation to the next meeting so people can view it. While this "victory lap" should be enjoyed, however, I call upon each of you to get more involved in the Club, to join a committee, and help us improve on what was a great year. With your help, I know we'll win Best Large Club again at the next convention - 2007 in Miami Beach.

The New York YRs Clean Up in Vegas

the YRNF, and the Republican Party as a whole. Recognition of Kim's stellar performance comes late considering how long she has been involved, but it is richly deserved just the same.

With the recognition the NYRC received in Vegas for its work, the bar for success has been set a couple of notches higher for the Club and its members. But there is every reason to believe that the New York Young Republican Club will rise to meet the coming challenges that face our Club, our city, and our nation in the months and years ahead.