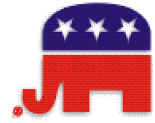


Washington County Republican Women



February 2010 St. George, Utah

www.washingtoncountyrepublicanwomen.org



President's Message.....

January 23rd....It has been 37 years since Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton (the Supreme Court decisions which legalized abortion in all 9 months of pregnancy). What can we do here in our community to make a difference? By supporting The Hope Pregnancy Care Center, prayerfully consider what you can do...Check the needs list of the center, call HPCC and/or The Hope Chest Thrift Store to see how you can volunteer or make a material/monetary donation.

We need to unite our different groups of like-minded people in our communities to be successful.

9-12 Coalition of Southern Utah,
Dadams912coalitionsouthernuthah@gmail.com

We The People of Washington County,
mferrin@utah.gov

Concerned Citizens On Illegal Immigration (CCII),
daisyflohr@mindspring.com

Liberty Rim Republic, janie@infowest.com

We The Cotton Pickin' People of Washington County, Nwja10@beyondbb.com

Dixie Republican Forum,
dixierepublican@yahoo.com

The Patrick Henry Caucus, evschunk@msn.com

We need to be a watchdog. Check out this new website: www.utahrising.com

There are many opportunities where we can make a difference. Attend the Lincoln Day Breakfast on February 13!

Thank you,
Carol Aldred
WCRW President

FEBRUARY MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

11:30 AM

Best Western Abbey Inn

Guest Speaker: Dr. Bradley Root

At our next meeting, we will be hearing from a Washington County doctor about the impact of government administration and programs on the medical practice.

A brief bio: Dr. Bradley Root, born and raised in Tempe Arizona, served a Mission to Flemish Belgium for the LDS Church, and graduated from Arizona State University in 1985. After graduating from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1988, he completed a rotating internship at the Mesa General Hospital and Medical Center. Dr. Root completed Residency training in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1992. His residency was followed by a 14-month tenure as staff physiatrist for Montana Plains Rehabilitation in Great Falls, after which he accepted the position of Medical Director of Rehabilitation at St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck, North Dakota. Since 1997, Dr. Root has practiced with his brother, Max, in St. George as part of Southern Utah Spin & Rehabilitation. He is Board Certified in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation by both the AMA and the AOA and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians. He is the Past President of the Utah Osteopathic Medical Association and currently serves as a Trustee, as well as being Past President of the Washington County Medical Association. Dr. Root has served in the U.S. Army Reserve Medical Corps for 12 years. Brad is married to Michelle and they are the parents of 5 children and are expecting their first grandchild in March.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We extend our warmest welcome to the following new members:

Linda Jacobsen
Linda Prince

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!



LINCOLN DAY BREAKFAST Saturday, February 13, 2010

The GOP Lincoln Day Breakfast is always a wonderful event. We'll hear from our elected officials and enjoy some great patriotic music and camaraderie.

General Admission tickets are \$20.00 in advance – Admission at the Door will be \$25.00

WCRW is sponsoring two tables. President Carol Aldred will have WCRW tickets for sale (\$20.00) at the February meeting. Or call Carol to reserve your ticket now at 673-1678 to sit with your WCRW friends.

Date: Saturday, February 13, 2010
Time: 8:00 AM
Place: Dixie College Gardner Center

Keynote Speaker – Utah Governor, Gary Herbert
Wash. Co. Report – Commissioner, Dennis Drake
Utah House Report – Speaker David Clark
Utah State Senate Report -- Senator Orrin Hatch



Monday, February 15

Presidents Washington and Lincoln are regarded as two of our best presidents. We often hear that history repeats itself. In the following quotes from these two great men, there is much that can be applied to today and their insight is very relevant.

President George Washington

“Remember that it is the *actions*, not the commission that makes the officer, and that there is more expected from him than the title.”

“Government is not reason; it is not eloquent; it is a force. Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.”

President Abraham Lincoln

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”

“I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the facts.”

Valentine's Day - February 14th



There are several stories about the origins of St. Valentine's Day, many involving the martyr of priests named Valentine or Valentinus. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. While in prison, Valentine fell in love with a young woman, possibly the jailer's daughter, and he wrote a love letter signed “from your Valentine”, which is a phrase still used today. Pope Gelasius declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day around 498 A.D. Valentine Day greetings became popular during the middle ages. During this time, lovers sang or spoke their sentiments. Paper and written Valentine Day messages became popular at the end of the 15th century. The oldest Valentine that exists today was made during this era and is on display in the British Museum.



WCRW BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

Our books for the next three months were recommended by Hyrum Smith last year. They should provide interesting insight to terrorism and the culture of Islam. We have some extra books ordered. Contact Tanya Beaulieu at 986-0697 or parkcitycloset@yahoo.com if you would like a copy. Please feel free to bring friends and family to our book club discussions.

FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB

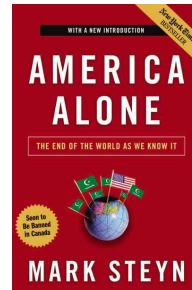
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Place: Santa Clara Library

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Book: *America Alone: The End of The World as We Know It*

Author: Mark Steyn



From the inside flap of the book: It's the end of the world as we know it...

Someday soon, you might wake up to the call to prayer from a muezzin. Europeans already are. And liberals will still tell you that “diversity is our strength” – while Taliban enforcers cruise Greenwich Village burning books and barber shops, the Supreme Court decides Sharia law doesn't violate the “separation of church and state”, and the Hollywood Left decides to give up on gay rights in favor of the much safer charms of polygamy.

If you think this can't happen, you haven't been paying attention, as the hilarious, provocative, and brilliant Mark Steyn – the most popular conservative columnist in the English-speaking world – shows to devastating effect. The future, as Steyn shows, belongs to the fecund and the confident. And the Islamists are both, while the West is looking ever more like the ruins of a civilization

But America can survive, prosper, and defend its freedom only if it continues to believe in itself, in the sturdier virtues of self-reliance (not government), in the centrality of family, and in the conviction that our country really is the world's last best hope. Mark Steyn's *America Alone* is laugh-out-loud funny – but it will also change the way you look at the world.

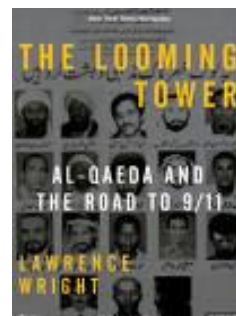
MARCH AND APRIL BOOK CLUB

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 – first half of book
Wednesday, April, 14, 2010 – second half of book

Place: Santa Clara Library

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Book: *The Looming Tower: al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*



From the back of the book:

A gripping narrative that spans five decades, *The Looming Tower* explains in unprecedented detail the growth of Islamic fundamentalism, the rise of al-Qaeda, and the intelligence failures that culminated in the attacks on the World Trade Center. Lawrence Wright re-creates first-hand the transformation of Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri from incompetent and idealistic soldiers in Afghanistan to leaders of the most successful terrorist group in history. He follows FBI counterterrorism chief John O'Neil as he uncovers the emerging danger from al-Qaeda in the 1990s and struggles to track this new threat. Packed with new information and a deep historical perspective, *The Looming Tower* is the definitive history of the long road to September 11.



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE
BRING YOUR BLANKET TO THE
FEBRUARY MEETING**

We'll be collecting blankets until February 6th. Our goal was to collect 83 blankets to give to our Veterans for Valentine's Day. We are still short about 20 blankets. If you were not able to be at the January meeting and would like to donate a blanket, please bring them to the February meeting. Our Veterans are so deserving of our gratitude, respect and appreciation!

Many thanks to our WCRW members who have donated blankets. Your generosity is most appreciated!

**MORE POLITICAL EVENTS IN FEBRUARY
MEET THE CANDIDATES**

The DRF (Dixie Republican Forum) will have Mike Lee, state senatorial candidate, at their luncheon on Tuesday, February 16th. Mike Lee recently announced his candidacy for state senate running against Senator Bob Bennett. Mike is a constitutional attorney. Many of you may have heard him speak at the Patrick Henry caucus meetings. The DRF luncheon is held at the Bell Tower, at 11:30 AM. Call Regina, at 435-673-1678, before February 10th, to reserve your lunch.

The AOPC (Association of Private Urban Developments and Condos) is hosting a Meet the Candidates, February 13th, from 4:00 – 6:30 PM, at the Dixie Center. They are expecting Senator Bob Bennett, Mike Lee, Jim Williams, Tim Bridgewater and Cherylyn Eagar, to share in an "Animated and Vibrant Discussion". The AOPC is hoping to get a big crowd out for the **FREE** event.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**MONTHLY LUNCH INCREASE BEGINNING
FEBRUARY**

A review of our lunch budget from last year shows a continual loss on our lunches. Although changing to a buffet style lunch has helped, on average we are still not collecting as much for lunch as we are spending.

One item where we can all help is to make our lunch count that we give to the Abbey Inn as accurate as possible. This is where we can all pitch in!

If you plan to attend the lunch – please make a reservation at least 48 hours prior to the lunch date. Although we can handle a few "walk-ins", these numbers have been increasing, making it difficult to predict how much food we need.

If you do need to cancel your reservation – please do so at least 48 hours prior to the lunch date. As a policy, we have asked those who have not canceled to reimburse the club for their lunch and we will continue this policy.

Sandi Barrett is managing the lunch reservations this year – so please call or email her with any changes at least 48 hours prior to the lunch. Contact information: phone 674-5513, email sbarrett5513@msn.com

As Republican Women, we want to be fiscally conservative and not use funds earmarked for our scholarship, Caring for America, or other programs to fund our lunches. To this end, we will be increasing the price of the monthly lunches by \$2 for a total of \$15 for lunch. We feel this is an amount where, overall for the year, we should break even on the lunches and not need to dip into other funds. To sweeten the pot a bit, you will also receive with your lunch purchase, one ticket for the drawing. Keep watching for some fabulous ideas we have for the drawing items this year!!

REPORTING YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Part of the recognition a local Republican Women's club can receive from the National Federation of Republican Women is earned from the number of hours a club devotes to certain activities. It is important that we, as a club, tabulate the hours we spend on these activities, especially during an election year. The Policy on Tabulating Volunteer Hours, contained in our membership handbook, details the type of activities for which we can report our time. To make reporting of these hours easier, when you receive the email or phone call for reserving your lunch, you can report the hours for the past month. We are proud of the work WCRW does for our party and for our community. Let's keep tab of the hours we spend performing these activities!



Freedom Run

In 2007, the "Caring for America" outreach program of WCRW established a scholarship at Dixie College to provide financial assistance with college expenses for our soldiers who have served in Afghanistan or Iraq. Funding for the scholarship has come from donations and the sale of our "Saluting Soldier" poster.

Later this spring, some members of the 2nd Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery unit of the Utah National Guard will once again be deployed to the middle-east. To raise additional funds for the scholarship and to honor our service members, WCRW and the National Guard will be hosting a 5k/10k FREEDOM RUN on Saturday, March 13, 2010.

If you, your friends, or members of your family would be interested in participating in or donating to this fantastic event, please contact Carmen Snow at 435-673-2214. We will have more information and registration forms available at the February meeting.

COME RUN WITH A SERVICE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD! SUPPORT OUR TROOPS WHO PROTECT OUR FREEDOMS!



Minutes of the WCRW Monthly Membership Meeting January 7, 2010

President Carol Aldred called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m., welcoming all members and guests. She acknowledged that Larry Meyers was in attendance and is the Washington County Coordinator for the campaign of Cheryl Eager for the United States Senate.

Prayer: Noma Clark
Pledge of Allegiance: Wilma Courtney

Financial Report: Treasurer, Tanya Beaulieu, reported that last month the total income was \$1428.00, the expenses were \$1,668.93, resulting in a loss of \$240.95. Thus the ending balance was \$1282.56.

Membership Update: Wendy Cox asked us to encourage our friends to join or renew their membership by month's end so as to be included in the membership handbook that will be printed at that time.

Programs: Michelle Root pointed out that the programs for the year are not all set and planned because we need to be able to address some activities as they happen during the year.

Caring for America: Carol expressed gratitude to those who brought blankets to be given to the veterans in the Salt Lake City VA nursing home. Those who did were given a heart pin. These blankets will also be collected again at the February meeting before being taken to the home.

Wilma Courtney showed a picture of the quilt in progress that will be displayed at the Lincoln Day Breakfast. It will be used as a fundraiser.

Calendar of Events: The January Book Club will meet next Wednesday, January 13th at 1 p.m. at the Santa Clara Library. The book to be reviewed is Going Rogue by Sarah Palin.

The Dixie Republican Forum Luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 19th at Noon, featuring Representative Carl Wimmer, one of the founders of the Patrick Henry Caucus concerning States' rights.

The Lincoln Day Breakfast will be at the Dixie State College Gardner Center, Saturday, February 13th. The WCRW plans to purchase a table so we could sit together. The table will hold eight people and will cost \$20 per seat, or \$25 at the door the morning of the breakfast.

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Minutes of January 7, 2010 Meeting continued.....

Speaker: Michelle Root introduced Dean Cox, the Chairman of the Washington County Republican Central Committee.

Mr. Cox acknowledged that we as conservative voters have been given a wake-up call since the 2008 Presidential Election and that the socialist vision before us since then does not jibe with the Constitution of the United States. He urged us to be vigilant because the Obama Administration will work very hard to pass its agenda before the upcoming 2010 election as some Democrats' Senate and House seats may be in question at that time.

Through the use of a slide show, Mr. Cox taught us what our role should be in the upcoming Precinct Caucus Meetings and how important our involvement is at the grassroots level. In some states anyone can file to be on the Republican ticket. (Some could be called "RINOS"...Republicans In Name Only!) With that system, anyone could run for office. However, in the State of Utah, we have a caucus convention system to determine who the candidates will be. The period for filing to run for office is just five days, from March 15th to March 19th. On Tuesday, March 23rd at 7 p.m., at the end of the filing period, the Neighborhood Caucus Meetings will be held for both parties. There are 80 Republican precincts in Washington County, with 1250 registered voters in each precinct. Some areas are growing and more precincts may be needed soon. Other Parties hold their caucus meetings the same night but they consolidate into one meeting as there aren't as many registered voters.

Mr. Cox told us that Voter Registration cards have been sent to all registered voters in the last couple of weeks and this card tells us our precinct number on the back. We can go to the following websites to find maps, the number and location of the Caucus Meetings, and the name of each Precinct Chair.

www.lg.utah.gov

www.utgop.org

www.washingtoncountyrepublicans.com

This grassroots level allows those involved to have the largest impact in elections and in the organization of the Precinct. The Chair and Vice-Chair in each Precinct make up the backbone of the Washington County Republican Central Committee. Each Precinct elects six county delegates and two state delegates. This allows those elected to have a strong role in choosing candidates. Before attending the caucuses, however, everyone should make sure they are registered Republicans in order to have a voice and a vote and be 18 years old by the election date in November.

Those elected as county delegates attend the County Convention on April 17th. If a candidate gets 60% of the vote, their name ends up on the November ballot. Otherwise, the two top candidate vote getters got to a Primary in June where only registered Republicans vote to choose who will be on the ballot.

State delegates attend the Utah Republican Nominating Convention on May 8th at the Salt Palace in Salt Lake City. The same process as the County level applies to those running for State and National offices. These delegates also vote on any resolutions and amendments. There are 3500 State delegates.

Those who are elected as delegates owe it to their Precincts to be informed and to represent the feelings of their Precinct members. They should make sure they can and do attend the Conventions in which they were elected to participate. But it starts at the caucus meetings if we want to become involved in the governmental process. Last year only 2000 people attended their caucus meetings. They were the one who decided who would be on the Republican ticket last November.

Donations to the Party are very important as they are used to run the Conventions. On our Income Tax Returns there is a place to check to donate \$1 toward the Republican Party. Also the Lincoln Day Breakfast is a great fundraiser and also a time to get enthused about the voting process. The Caucus meetings are also a great place to donate money.

Closing: The winners of the door prizes were determined and Carol announced that next month the cost for the WCRW luncheon would increase to \$15, but each person would receive a ticket to win one of the door prizes.

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marlene Savage, Secretary