

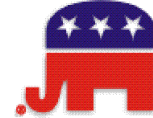


## Washington County Republican Women



January 2010 St. George, Utah

[www.washingtoncountyrepublicanwomen.org](http://www.washingtoncountyrepublicanwomen.org)



### **President's Message.....**

I trust you all had a very Merry Christmas and enjoyed the company of family and/or friends.

I received A Different Christmas poem this year of which I would like to paraphrase. (About a soldier talking with a man back home...) ...Who stand at the front against any and all, To ensure for a time that this flag shall not fall, Just tell us you love us and never forget, To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone, To stand your own watch no matter how long, To know you remember that we fought and we bled, That we mattered to you and you mattered to us... Pray for our troops that stand strong for us!

This is an important year for us as a state and a nation, as women we need to take a stand. We need to come out of our comfort zones and get off the couch (we can still send out emails and petitions online, too). We have stayed quiet for too long and let things just pass by. If we keep letting things in our country go as they are without us saying anything then we can't complain. We need to stand up for our families and for what this great country was founded on. Our children are our future and the time to act is now!

Please join us at our WCRW luncheon and bring a friend/neighbor. Dean Cox will be speaking this month about our precincts/delegate process and letting us know our vote counts!

FYI – check our Kimberly Fletcher, president and founder of Homemakers for America and a member of the Kitchen Cabinet PAC. You can Google her to get more info. Or go to [citizenlink.com](http://citizenlink.com) for the December 8, 2009 Top Story.

Have a safe (God willing), and a Happy New Year! Let's unite as strong women because we can make a difference in 2010!

.....Carol Aldred

## **JANUARY MEETING**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7th  
11:30 AM**

**Best Western Abbey Inn**

**GUEST SPEAKER DEAN COX**

To kick-off the exciting 2010 election year, our guest speaker for January will be Dean Cox, Washington County Republican Party Chair. Dean will be speaking about the precincts/delegate process and the importance of getting involved as a precinct or delegate.

Buffet Luncheon - \$13.00  
Please make checks payable to WCRW

# **Bring a Friend**

We're planning some wonderfully informative and educational meetings for 2010. There is so much going on politically and the 2010 November elections are more critical than ever. Come to our meetings, bring a friend and learn about what is happening and what we can do!

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We extend our warmest welcome to the following new members:

Lois Lang  
Kathy Mullen

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

THANK YOU to all who have renewed their memberships for 2010. If you haven't renewed your dues yet, please do so at the January meeting in order to be included in the 2010 Membership Directory in the 2010 Handbook.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, December 3, 2009

President Susan Recknagel called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM, welcoming all members and guests. She offered a special welcome to Darcy Kruitbosch, UFRW President, and her husband.

Prayer: Noma Clark

Pledge of Allegiance: Carmen Snow

Holiday Entertainment: Bonnie Harrington introduced the Steve Millet Combo. Steve Millet introduced the members of the group and said their name is now "Providence North". The group presented beautiful Christmas music, and concluded with a sing along of Silent Night.

Approval of the November Meeting Minutes:

Approved as written.

Financial Report: Treasurer Sandi Barrett reported that two years ago the WCRW had about \$2000, and now \$14,000. She said this was a result of the hard work of President Recknagel and the membership. Sandi expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to have served as Treasurer.

Membership: President Recknagel reminded everyone to pay their 2010 dues. She announced that the Hand Book will be published early in 2010, and only names of those who are current with their dues will be included.

Installation of New Officers: Darcy Kruitbosch, President UFRW, gave a brief overview of the previous two UFRW Conventions. She noted the delegates from St. George who attended the most recent convention, reviewed the convention speakers, as well as the tour of the Governor's Mansion. She announced that March 1, 2010 will be Legislative Day, and invited everyone able to attend and to wear a red jacket. She said the next meeting of the NFRW will be in Kansas City. Ms. Kruitbosch spoke very highly of WCRW member Diane Felsch who has served in the UFRW. She said anyone interested in serving on the UFRW or NFRW should contact her.

President Kruitbosch then installed the following officers and had them repeat the oath of office:

Carol Aldred, President

Michelle Root, First Vice President, Programs

Wendy Cox, Second Vice President, Membership

Marlene Savage Secretary

Tanya Beaulieu, Treasurer

Sandi Barrett, Assistant Treasurer

Allison McArthur, Member-at-Large

President Kruitbosch presented President Aldred with a president's pin and Susan Recknagel with a past president's pin. President Recknagel presented President Kruitbosch with a "thank you" gift.

### Calendar of Events

**Book Club:** will not be meeting in December and will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at the Santa Clara Library 1-2:30 PM. The book selection is Sarah Palin's book "Going Rogue: An American Life". Tanya Beaulieu has a few extra copies and Susan said the book is available at Costco.

**Caring for America Project:** WCRW are collecting blankets to be donated to the Veteran's Hospital. There are 83 veterans in need of blankets. Bring a new, twin sized blanket to the January meeting and receive a "Heart Pin". The blankets will be delivered on Valentine's Day 2010.

### Announcements

President Recknagel brought everyone's attention to the tables by the entrance door and said pertinent information is on the tables. She announced that "Saluting Soldier" posters are available for purchase.

President Recknagel introduced the outgoing board members and gave them thanks for their service and support of her.

President Recknagel noted that Joan Ackley, Etta Cheeney, Pat Keyes, and Dee Osborn were not in attendance due to recent injuries and surgery.

### Speaker

Bonnie Harrington introduced Representative Don Ipson.

Rep. Ipson stated that as a business owner, he knows the challenges of the recent economy. He said the people of Utah are so fortunate because Utah has "people's legislators". He noted that the focus of the legislators will be the budget. He said, based on the Utah Constitution, we must have a balanced budget. Rep. Ipson said there is a "rainy day" fund, however, there is reluctance to use those monies as they may be needed in the near future. He reviewed the need for bonds to continue and promote growth. He said there are some very good programs in place, however, they will be difficult to sustain due to "forced" budget cuts. Noting we all want less government, less taxes, no potholes in the roads and police when needed, Rep Ipson indicated that leadership does not want to raise taxes. He discussed the possibility of a cigarette tax, and, although that would generate money, they must be careful or people will go to neighboring states to make their purchases, resulting in lost revenue. Rep. Ipson noted that the support staff members are people who "really care" and they work hard and long hours. He said the main question they are all working on right now is "how to get the economy moving, and balance the budget".

It is his desire, stated Rep Ipson, to be accessible. His cell phone is 435-817-5283. His email address is [dipson@ut.org](mailto:dipson@ut.org). He said it is important individuals send their own comments and concerns regarding issues and to please provide their street address. He noted people are needed who believe in "In God We Trust" and we are "One Nation Under God".

Representative Ipson closed by saying "make sure you take care of each other and your families". He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

*Jane Curry said she had just heard that St. George was #1 in safety compared to cities of the same size.*

### Presentation

Wilma Courtney and Noma Clark presented Susan Recknagel with a beautiful flower arrangement with gratitude for her service. Bonnie Harrington presented Susan with a "Keepsake" from all of the members.

### Closing

President Recknagel said that 2010 is a big year, and the elections will be crucial. She said the new Board will not need to worry "so much" about fundraising and can use the money on hand to "help make a difference". Susan thanked everyone and said she looks forward to getting better acquainted with individual members and she will enjoy sitting in the audience.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeanne Hauze, Secretary

## 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](mailto: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!!

**HELP WANTED!  
We Need YOU**



Following are the 2010 WCRW Committees and their Chairs. If you have an interest in any specific area, please contact the chairperson or a Board member. We'd love to have you serve!

<u>Committee/Chair</u>	
Caring for America	Carmen Snow
Fund Raising	Carmen Snow
Legislative	Bonnie Harrington
Membership	Wendy Cox
Calling Committee	Sandi Barrett
Hospitality	Gail Neumann
Programs	Michelle Root
Education	Karen Vint/Rosalie Mimnaugh
Communications-Tanya Beulieu, Board Liaison	
Newsletter	To Be Announced
Website	Annette Taylor
Chaplain	Noma Clark
Historian/Photographer	Sharon Cook
Raffle	Judy Busch/Susan Recknagel
Book Club	Tanya Beulieu

*Everyone can be great because  
everyone can serve.*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*



## JANUARY BOOK CLUB MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, January 13, 2010  
Place: Santa Clara Library  
Time: 1:00 – 2:30 PM  
Book: “Going Rogue: An American Life”  
Author: Sarah Palin



From Amazon's Website: In this eagerly anticipated memoir, Plan paints an intimate portrait of growing up in the wilds of Alaska; meeting her lifelong love; her decision to enter politics; the importance of faith and family; and the unique joys and trials of life as a high-profile working mother. She also opens up for the first time about the 2009 presidential race, providing a rare, mom's eye view of high-stakes national politics – from patriots dedicated to “Country First” to slick politicians bent on winning at any cost. *Going Rogue* traces one ordinary citizen's extraordinary journey and imparts Palin's vision of a way forward for American and her unflinching hope in the greatest nation on earth.

## DON'T FORGET YOUR BLANKET!



**Please Donate a twin blanket**

Bring a new twin blanket to  
WCRW January 2010 meeting

**We need 83 Twin Size Blankets**

**Contact:**

Carmen Snow	673-2214
Wilma Courtney	634-0916
Susan Recknagel	628-8703

## 2010 FUND RAISERS

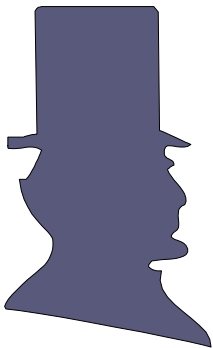
### THE WCRW 2010 PATRIOTIC QUILT

We've started a tradition! Once again, WCRW will be unveiling a Patriotic Quilt at the Lincoln Day Breakfast in February. We'll be offering raffle tickets for a gorgeous quilt from February through June when the quilt will be awarded to a lucky winner at our June meeting. Here's a sneak preview of just a small portion of this year's quilt.



### OCTOBER BAZAAR

The WCRW Bazaar last October was great fun and a tremendous success, so we'll be doing it again in October 2010! Start thinking now about the items you can make to donate and get a head start well before October. The items can be for fall, Christmas, or any time of the year!



### Washington County GOP Lincoln Day Breakfast

**Mark your Calendar for Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, for the Lincoln Day Breakfast. There will be great speakers and we'll hear from many of our elected officials. We'll have more details at the January meeting.**

*Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties. And not to Democrats alone do I make this appeal, but to all who love these great and true principles.  
...Abraham Lincoln in an August 27, 1856 speech at Kalamazoo, Michigan*



## THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

I absolutely love the signed journal you all gave me at the December meeting! It is the most appropriate expression of appreciation I have received – much more personal than the many plaques, certificates, clocks and paper weights I have collected over the years. Your gift, comments and friendship will be treasured for years to come! And, the pictures are wonderful.

With heartfelt thanks,  
Susan Recknagel

P.S. How did you ever manage to get all of the signatures and comments without me seeing you do it??