



Washington County Republican Women



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*“Not what we say about our blessings,
but how we use them, is the true measure of
our thanksgiving”.*

W.T. Purkiser

Fall is here and November is a special month -- a month during which America has set aside a day for giving thanks for all of our blessing. Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday. I've heard it said that the pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts, yet they still set aside a day to give thanks for all their blessings and for their life in the new world. What a remarkable way to start this new country. We can be thankful everyday for living in the great country of the United States of America.

November is also an important political month -- a time to go to the polls and vote for individuals to represent the will of the people. Is it a coincidence that elections happen during the same month that contains our designated day for thanksgiving? Although conservatives are not happy with the current administration and the direction they are taking our country, we can be thankful that we still live in a country that has elections and we still have a representative government. It is a privilege and a duty to be able to go to the polls and vote.

My thanks and appreciation to all who made our October Bazaar such a success. It was a great event and so much fun! And Representative Noel was an exciting and insightful speaker. We have another great meeting planned for November.

We will also vote for the new 2010 Board and on our 2010 By-Laws. So be sure to come and join us!

The fall is always a busy time for me and a remarkably quick passing of time, too. It seems that one day it is summer and the next day it is Christmas! Each day my "to-do" list gets many more additions than items crossed off the list. But I'm thankful for everything I have and for the friends I have made in WCRW. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, November 5th.

Susan Recknagel, President

Please welcome the following new and renewed members: Nicole Graf, Pam Hawk, Sharon Cook, Jane Bell, and Andy Cox (Associate member)

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, November 5, 2009
11:30 AM
BEST WESTERN ABBY INN
1129 South Bluff - St. George

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

November Program:

Our speaker will be Victor Iverson, a businessman from Hurricane. He will bring a passionate plea for each one of us to do our part in this most troubling time for our nation.

Minutes of the WCRW Monthly Membership Meeting October 1, 2009

President Susan Recknagel called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., welcoming all members and guests.

Prayer: Gloria Jones

Pledge of Allegiance: Wilma Courtney

Approval of the September Meeting Minutes:

Approved as written.

Financial Report: Treasurer, Sandi Barrett, reported the Bazaar, prior to lunch, had netted \$1,205.00. She encouraged everyone to remember they can continue purchasing items from the Bazaar following the luncheon. She announced the WCRW currently have a total of \$11,053.48, without the addition of the Bazaar earning.

Proposed WCRW 2010 By-Laws: President Recknagel reminded everyone to read the Proposed By-Laws for 2010. The By-Laws were distributed with the WCRW Newsletter, and are now in the thirty day review period to be voted on at the November meeting. Additional copies are available.

Slate of Officers for 2010: Noma Clark announced the slate of officers for 2010 as suggested by the Nominating Committee. It was announced the slate will be presented for a vote at the November meeting, and at that time nominations will be taken from the floor, as well as nominations of the "Member at Large". Names submitted by the Nominated Committee:

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

Membership: Gail Neumann reminded everyone it is time to renew memberships for the 2010 year. She encouraged all to submit their memberships as soon as

possible so the 2010 WCRW Handbook is not delayed in printing.

Legislative Committee Report: Bonnie Harrington announced the Legislative Committee Members are currently focusing on Health Care, and Cap and Trade. She suggested the importance of notifying our local representatives of our concerns, and she indicated everyone should take the time to "read about" the Cap and Trade issue, and the impact it will have on Utah.

Calendar of Events:

Book Club: President Recknagel announced the October Book Club will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 1-2:30 pm at the Santa Clara Library. The book selection is "Common Sense: The Case Against an Out-of-Control Government, Inspired by Thomas Paine", by Glen Beck.

Patrick Henry Caucus Rally: Will be held at Vernon Worthen Park on October 17, 2009, 4-6 pm. This will be a family event, and everyone is invited to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy.

UFRW Convention: The event will be held in Salt Lake City. Based on the number of members in the WCRW, we have 15 delegates. Votes on elections and issues cannot be made by proxy. President Recknagel stated more information, including an agenda, will be available soon.

Woman's Conference: Senator Hatch and his wife are hosting a Woman's Conference on October 26th, in Salt Lake City. Laura Bush will be the keynote speaker. President Recknagel has the information for those who are interested in attending.

Program: Bonnie Harrington said she "is proud to call Utah home. She complimented the elected officials of the state of Utah on their efforts to protect the citizens. Ms. Harrington introduced Representative Mike Noel, who has served on the Legislature for 8 years.

Speaker: Representative Noel stated there are currently several "critical" issues the legislators are working on. He explained the issues regarding the natural resources in Utah, and the Federal Governments totally "reneging on the original agreement" to give Utah the "rights" as were agreed to. He noted environmentalists are the reason, and they care more about animals, fish, and birds, than they do about people. He said the Cedar Mountain Electric Project was "shut down" because some lines "might" go across a prairie dog habitat. The cost to research and review the plan will cost about \$100,000.00, and he said this is "neither rational, nor using common sense". He also suggested the Federal Government pay "their" share of taxes on the land they "own".

Representative Noel discussed the loss of revenue to individuals, and the state, as a result of areas where movies can no longer be filmed. He said judges are "making new rules of law" based on their own biases. He reiterated judges "have tremendous power".

Representative Noel stated there are some republicans, even in the legislature, who are not true conservatives. He said that he has been disappointed in some of the decisions made by Governor Huntsman, without legislative approval.

He believes we currently live in a "throw away society", and people have forgotten what is important in life. Representative Noel gave a brief history of his background and education.

Rep. Noel stated Cap and Trade will steal from us (UT) to give to others, and it frightening to him.

He discussed the "great" healthcare available in Utah, and said reform is needed, however, not in the direction currently being proposed. He said "tort reform" and "open competition" would solve many of the problems.

Representative Noel addressed questions from the audience.

Announcement: Regina Venzke announced The Dixie Republican Forum will be holding a fundraiser. A Chili cook-off, on October 10, 3-6pm at the Coral Canyon Golf Clubhouse. Ticket prices are \$15.00 per person, and \$40.00 per family. She said there will be prizes for winners, and a list of ingredients needs to be provided, however not the recipe.

Adjourn: President Recknagel thanked everyone for their participation in the Bazaar. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanne Hauze, Secretary

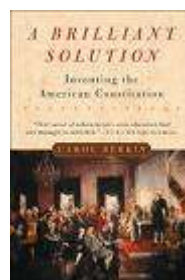
Book Club

Date: Wednesday, November 11th, 2009
Place: Santa Clara Library
Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm
Book: A Brilliant Solution: Inventing the American Constitution
Author: Carol Berkin

"The majority of historians seem to suggest that the founders knew just what to do--and did it, creating a

government that would endure for centuries," writes CUNY historian Carol Berkin in the introduction to *A Brilliant Solution*. Sitting atop the pedestals we've placed them on, these figures would be "amused" by such notions, she says, because in reality the Constitutional Convention was gripped by "a near-paranoid fear of conspiracies" and might easily have succumbed to "a collective anxiety" over its daunting task. Berkin's rendition of these well-known events is clear and concise. It does a bit more telling than showing, but this seems to be in the service of brevity--the main text is only about 200 pages. (Another 100 pages of useful appendices follow, including the full texts of the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution, plus short biographies of all the convention delegates.)" Amazon.com

I will have a few books available for purchase (\$10) at the November meeting for those who are interested. If you'd like to reserve a copy to buy, please email or call Tanya Beaulieu – 986-0697 or parkcitycloset@yahoo.com.



RENEW YOUR WCRW MEMBERSHIP NOW!

Yes, ladies, it's time to renew for 2010. For just \$20 you can continue to enjoy informative luncheons, great camaraderie and all the resources of the Utah and National Federations. Please renew by December 31 to ensure inclusion in the 2010 Handbook and Directory. Mail your check payable to WCRW with membership form to Gail Neumann, 425 Shinava Drive, Ivins, UT 84738.

WCRW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2010 BOARD

At our November meeting, we will be voting on the slate of officers for 2010. The proposed new Board members are:

Carol Aldred	President
Michelle Root	1 st Vice President, Programs
Wendy Cox	2 nd Vice President, Membership
Marlene Savage	Secretary
Tanya Beaulieu	Treasurer
Sandi Barrett	Asst. Treasurer

The Member-at-Large will be nominated from the floor.

Also, we will vote on the proposed 2010/2011 By-Laws.

Mark Your Calendars

2009 UFRW Biennial Convention
Saturday, November 14, 2009
Salt Lake Country Club
2400 Country Club Drive

Friday, November 13, 2009

2:30 p.m. Regents Tea with Utah First Lady Herbert at the Governor's Mansion.

6:30 p.m., Social with Elected Officials, Salt Lake Country Club.

Saturday, November 14, 2009

10:00 a.m., UFRW Convention, Salt Lake Country Club

Welcome: Lt. Governor Bell
Election: 2010-2011 UFRW Officers

Keynote Speaker: Sue Everhart, Georgia GOP Chair

Note: Registration Forms will provide complete details.

Accommodations

Block of rooms reserved at the SLC Marriott @ University Park, 480 Wakara Way, SLC, 801-581-1000. Rooms are \$85 per night.

Hope to see you there!!

Thank you.

Diane Felsch

A graphic with the words "Help Wanted" in a stylized, 3D font. The letters are red with blue outlines and shadows, giving them a floating appearance.

2010 is quickly approaching and we are looking for volunteers to help on many of our committees next year. If you would like to be more involved with WCRW, please let one of the Board members know what you are interested in doing and what you are passionate about and we'll get you in touch with the right people. Following are the standing committees we have and areas you might want to consider:

Caring for America: need committee members

Fund Raising: need committee chair and members

Legislative

Membership

Calling Committee

Hospitality

Education

Communications: need Newsletter editor



HAPPY THANKGIVING