



Washington County Republican Women

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“Republicans believe every day is the Fourth of July, but Democrats believe every day is April 15.”

Ronald Reagan, 40th US President

Summer has arrived in St. George! Thursday, June 4th will be our last meeting until our September meeting this fall. Our June meeting should be another exciting, information-filled one, with guest speaker Representative Dave Clark, information about the “Freedom Fest” to take place around the 4th of July, and the drawing for our gorgeous Patriotic Quilt.

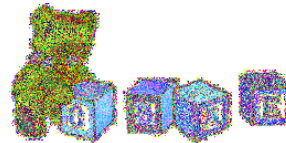
I think the Fourth of July will be especially significant this year. Never before have I valued my freedom and liberty as much as I do now. Republicans believe freedom means to be able to make choices without coercion or pressure and without giving up our liberties and right to pursue happiness. Democrats believe freedom means not wanting for anything, having everything given to you and having decisions made for you by a more “wise and empathetic” government. But there is a high price to pay for their definition of freedom – a price we shouldn’t be willing to pay – and that price is our individuality and our inalienable rights. So, let’s celebrate the Fourth of July every day!

WCRW has had a whirlwind first six months. We’ve accomplished a great deal and have done a good job of keeping ourselves informed and involved. There are a lot of activities to keep us busy over the summer and well into the

fall. I look forward to seeing all of you at the June meeting and sharing some more information about upcoming events.

Happy 4th of July!

Susan Recknagel, President



HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER

For those of you who took a baby bottle at the last meeting, don't forget to bring it to the June meeting, filled with your loose change.

Also, bring baby items such as bibs, socks, diapers, etc., that can be put into the Center's "store" for mothers to get for their babies.



DOVE CENTER

For any of you who still wish to bring items for the **DOVE Center**, they told us they are in need of **computer paper**.

A special welcome to our newest members: Loraine Militello, and Judy Williams

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, June 4, 2009
11:30 AM
BEST WESTERN ABBY INN
1129 South Bluff – St. George

Our June speaker will be Representative and Speaker of the House, Dave Clark. He will address healthcare reform, budget, stimulus spending, and the state of our State.

Also, Brynley Anderson, a Junior at Snow Canyon High School, was sponsored by the WCRW to attend the 2009 Spirit of America youth conference in Valley Forge, PA. She was selected by the Utah Chapter of the Freedoms Foundation which promotes Patriotism and education about what it means to be an American. She has been invited to speak about her experiences at our June luncheon. Brynley represents the type of patriotic youth we can be proud of. Plan to attend the luncheon to meet Brynley and to hear about her experiences.

Buffet Luncheon - \$13.00
Please make checks payable to WCRW
for \$13

Minutes of the WCRW
Monthly Membership Meeting
May 7, 2009

President Susan Recknagel called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., welcoming all members and guests. She offered special thanks for the Dove Center donations.

Prayer: Gloria Jones

Pledge of Allegiance: Wilma Courtney

President Recknagel asked if there were any changes to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. As there were no changes a motion was made and seconded to except minutes.

President Recknagel announced that the Board has decided to change our monthly charity from the Dove Center to the Hope Pregnancy Center. She asked Rhonda Tommer to come up and explain

what the Hope Pregnancy Center is and what they do for our community. Rhonda provided statistics of the numbers of unplanned pregnancies in Washington County since they opened there offices in 2005. She also had plastic baby bottles and asked everyone to pick one up and fill it with their change for the month. She will be back next month to pick up the full baby bottles. This is one of their fundraisers.

President Recknagel announced that we will be forming a PAC (Political Action Committee) and will need a nomination from the floor to start this PAC. Sandi Barrett so moved and Wilma Courtney seconded it. She advised the members and guests that this will be started by the Washington County Republican Women, but can include other people and organizations. We will be calling our PAC, Pro-Active Conservatives. She will meet will Allan Crooks regarding setting up the By-laws for this entity.

President Recknagel announced that according to our By-laws, we need to announce the Committee Chair for the Nominating Committee. They will present their slate of officers at the October meeting and additional motions can be accepted at this meeting. The voting will take place at the November monthly meeting and the new board members will be installed and take over their duties at the December meeting. Noma Clark will be chairing this committee. Anyone interested in running for office should contact Noma. Noma is not in attendance today but anyone interested in a position on the board can notify one of the Board members.

Tanya Beaulieu spoke on the Political Book Discussion Meeting. They will meet on Wednesday, May 13, from 1:30-2:30PM, at the Santa Clara Library. They will be discussing is *The Forgotten Man*. Tanya has copies of the book for \$10 if anyone is interested.

Bonnie announced the program for June will have our Representative David Clark as our speaker. Also Brynley Anderson from Snow Canyon High School, will be speaking on what it means to be an American.

President Recknagel announced that Bonnie Harrington has provided copies of The United States Constitution booklets and they are on the

dining tables, one for everyone if they are interested.

President Recknagel talked about the Utah Federal of Republican Women's state nominations. They will be having elections in August. If anyone is interested in running for office at the state level they can notify Coi Heath. Diane Felsch, one of our members, is currently 2nd Vice President of the UFRW, however her 2 year term of office will end this year. Diane has been active in sharing information from the state level.

President Recknagel thanked all that have purchased tickets for the Quilt Raffle. To date we have received over \$2,100 in ticket sales. The raffle will be held at our June meeting. We will be having another fund raiser at our October 1st meeting. It will be a Craft Bazaar. Anyone who likes to make crafty Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers, and would like to donate them to the bazaar, please get started on them now.

President Recknagel gave an update on April 15th Tea Party and its huge success. Over 2,500 people showed up with 1,500 signing the resolution to be sent to congress. There were over 1 million tea bag letters sent to the White House. The Tea Party organizing committee is planning "Freedom Fest" event on June 24th at the county fairgrounds in Hurricane. Their goal is to have at least twice as many people show up. On September 12th, there will be a march on Washington D. C. by people expressing their views on our Federal government.

President Recknagel also gave an update on our own Membership Tea Party held April 24th. There were 33 people who attended with 12 of them being guests. Currently WCRW has 120 members and 14 associate members with a total of 134 members.

President Recknagel announced that the National Federation of Republican Women give out club awards every 2 years. Susan has submitted applications for WCRW recognition for the following: Caring for America, Local Club Achievement Award, and our Website.

Vice President Harrington talked about participating in the April 15th Tea Party by showing up at 11 a.m. to do a flag and wave at all the cars passing by with others on the Tea Party committee.

She encouraged people to log onto the; righttoworkfoundation.org to read it and sign it.

Legislative Chairman Bonnie Harrington also spoke about the Legislative committee and what they are working on. They voted to send a letter of thank you to Bob Bennett for his efforts in placing a hold on two appointees to the Dept of Interior.

Bonnie also introduced our guest speaker, Bette Arial from Energy Solutions. Bette spoke on the services and solutions to the nuclear energy industry. Energy Solutions utilizes its resources to drive technological and innovation solutions. They are headquartered in Salt Lake City and employ more than 5,000 world-class professionals with a wide spectrum of technical experience. Bette invited us all to tour their facility. She also answered questions from the audience.

Raffle: Coi Heath presented the winners of the raffle with their gifts. She stated that the raffle donations for the day were \$54.00, and thanked the group for participating.

Adjourn: 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandi Barrett

CARING FOR AMERICA

Ticket sales are going very well. The last Treasurers Report noted \$2282.00 in sales. There are only two weeks remaining, so keep selling!

Thank you for all you do, and have done. Your service is appreciated. Rest well this summer, because next season is likely to be very busy.

Wilma Courtney

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

A group of 72 selected honor students have a strong desire and interest in developing a video and book representing the many interviews they plan to have with returning servicemen/women from active duty in the military. Their goal is to take this video and

book to the various schools, etc in our area and present it as an educational program to promote patriotism and awareness in our community. Or even beyond!

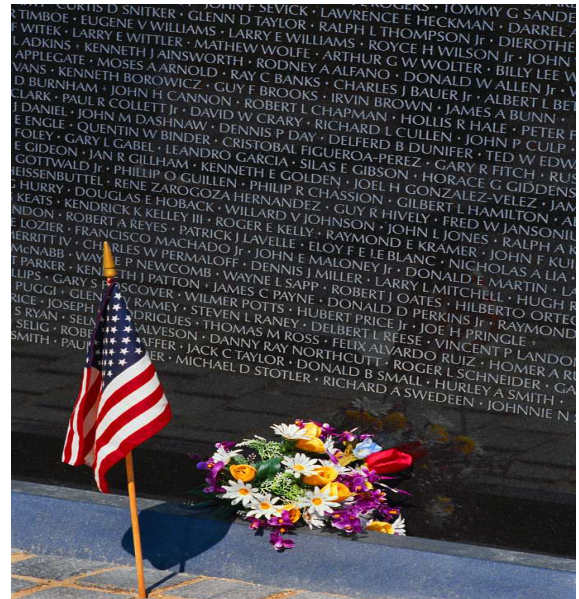
This project will be a year long fete broken into 4 phases: September to January; research and development of story is the first segment; the third phase being assembling of materials and data, and the fourth presentation to the schools, Chamber of commerce, Rotary etc. wherever they are welcomed. All of this of course would be on behalf of the sponsorship of WCRW group.

Peggy Jardine and Rhonda Taylor of Snow Canyon middle school, co-leaders of this honor group and are very excited about the teaching and learning aspects of this entire program. Our obligation has some monetary obligations being: the need of a digital camera(8 pixel) and the equipment to make a "Flip Video(2 gigs) for a point and shoot presentation. They have researched the costs and found the necessary items can be purchased for around \$300-325. These items should of course be a gift to Snow Canyon school for future projects. Our organization will receive visibility and perhaps at the completion of this we could honor the core students/teachers with a plaque of recognition to be placed in their school or a local library.

Thank you and respectfully submitted:
The Education Committee
Rosalie Mimnaugh
Karen Vint
Noma Cheney

"This project addresses two of our focus areas, education support and military support. What a wonderful way to show returning service personnel they are appreciated and teaching our students about patriotism and conservative values". .

Susan



MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 25TH

Way To Go!

The National Federation of Republican Women recently recognized our website in their "Winning Website" program. In addition to the recognition, we were included in their May 11 Newsletter. Their comments were:

"Congratulations to the Washington County Republican Women's Club.

They are to be congratulated on having a website that it is very easy on the eyes, easy to navigate, and updated frequently. This website exceeds the goals set forth for the program."

Our appreciation and thanks go to Annette Taylor for creating, and managing our website. It is indeed an outstanding website, and we hope all of you visit it frequently at:

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

**NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST
NEXT NEWSLETTER – AUGUST. HAVE
A GREAT SUMMER!**

Book Club Meeting and New Book Choice

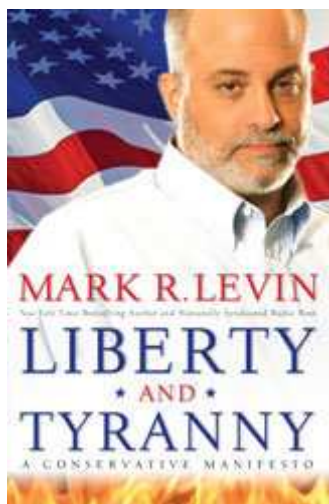
June Meeting

There will be no book club meeting held in June. We will reconvene in September.

September Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2009
Place: Santa Clara Library
Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Book: *Liberty and Tyranny, A Conservative Manifesto*
Author: Mark Levin

In the face of the modern liberal assault on Constitution-based values, an attack that has steadily snowballed since President Roosevelt's New Deal of the 1930s and resulted in a federal government that is a massive, unaccountable conglomerate, the time for re-enforcing the intellectual and practical case for conservatism is *now*. Conservative beliefs in individual freedoms do in the end stand for liberty for all Americans, while liberal dictates lead to the breakdown of civilized society -- in short, tyranny.



And the Winner Is...

At the June meeting, we will be drawing the winning ticket for the Patriotic Quilt.

There's still time to purchase or sell a few more tickets! Call Wilma at 634-0916.

The quilt would look beautiful in your home!



WCRW FALL BAZAAR

We will be having a Bazaar in conjunction with our October meeting.

During our summer break, let's work on gift, household, clothing, baby items for this WCRW fund raiser.

Whatever your talent -- Quilting, painting, knitting, crocheting, making jewelry, sewing -- bring your items to the Bazaar!



Celebrate Independence Day
July 4th



PIONEER DAY JULY 24TH