



Washington County Republican Women

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A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor and bread it, has earned -- this is the sum of good government.

Thomas Jefferson

Having just finished reading *The 5000 Year Leap*, I've come to appreciate the magnitude of the wisdom of our Founding Fathers. They certainly would be appalled at the current situation of our government. The events that have occurred over the past several months – the unbridled spending, the interference with business, trying to re-distribute wealth and create a society where everyone has “equal things” -- are exactly what the Founders warned against and carefully avoided when creating The Constitution. Based on the quote above, what would Thomas Jefferson think of our government today? The Founders basic principles and beliefs are as valid now as when they were written into our Constitution. For over 200 years experience has shown this to be the case. I encourage all of you to read this wonderful book about our Constitution – “the miracle that changed the world”.

There is much work to be done to protect our Constitution and our rights. I am heartened by the rallying of the American right. The Tea Parties were a good starting point for creating the awareness of what is happening to this country. Ultimately, in order to change the course of events, we must vote for those representatives who will protect our rights and our freedom. We must continue to let them know what we expect and then follow through at the voting polls.

Susan Recknagel, President



APRIL

DOVE CENTER ITEMS

Paper Products:
napkins, paper towels, toilet paper

A special welcome to our newest members: Linda Pettit, Mary Ann Whitlock, Jeanie Arnett, and Ron Pettit, Associate Member.

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, 7, 2009
11:30 AM
BEST WESTERN ABBY INN
1129 South Bluff – St. George

The May Program returns to the "Year of Featuring Women" in public life, in business, and in community service. Our featured speaker will be Bette Arial, Director of Legislative and Community Affairs for Energy Solutions. Her topic will be, "What Can Be Done With Nuclear Waste".

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



Guest Speakers at the April WCRW Meeting: Senator Steve Urquhart, Stan Lockhart, Representatives Brad Last and Dan Ipson.



APRIL RAFFLE DRAWING WINNERS



Be sure to buy your raffle tickets at the May Meeting

**Minutes of the WCRW
Monthly Membership Meeting
April 2, 2009**

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

Prayer: Gloria Jones
Pledge of Allegiance: Wilma Courtney
March Meeting Minutes: Approved as written

Calendar of Events: President Recknagel reviewed the up coming WCRW events:

- The Book Club will meet on April 8th, from 1:30 – 2:30 PM, at the Santa Clara Library. This month's book selection is "5000 Year Leap". Tanya has extra copies.
- Quilt Show is April 10 -11 at the Dixie Convention Center. Raffle tickets for the WCRW Quilt are available, and Wilma would appreciate some help in sales.
- Tea Bags have been substituted with a "picture" of a Tea Bag, because of the possibility of being refused at the White House – there is always a concern that items sent may be toxic. There are pictures available on the sign in table.
- Tea Party at Vernon Worthen Park in April 15th, 5- 7PM, in protest of increased taxes. This is a non-partisan event. There will be people with signs at some main locations through out St. George, inviting folks to attend the event. There will be speakers, a high school band, a choir, and numerous speakers. Hopefully, the event will be covered by the press. Tea Party tee shirts are available on line, or it is recommended that you wear red, white and blue.

Membership Update: Gail Neumann, Membership Chairperson, announced that there will be Membership Tea held on April 24th, in the Bloomington Center (across the street from Wal-Mart), at the Jorgensen Music Center, 144 E. Brigham Rd, #17, Bloomington. Tea, lemonade, and sandwiches will be served, and music will be provided. The Tea will be from 2:00 – 4:00PM. Invitations are available and she encouraged the group to "invite everyone that you know".

Guest Speakers: Bonnie Harrington introduced Stan Lockhart, State GOP Chairman, Senator, Stephen Urguhart, and Representatives, Don Ipson, and Brad

Last. Bonnie stated that we in the Republican Party and those living in Washington County have the very best representation. She invited each to briefly speak on current issues.

Mr. Lockhart said that now, more than any time, it is important to understand why you are a republican. He said the Republican Party stands for time honored values and ideals. He stated that the legislators this year were able to cut the budget and have no tax increase, by using the "rainy day fund" that was set aside during 2001 – 2002. He noted during 2001, there were democratic representatives who wanted to use the money rather than prepare for a time when the money might be needed, such as now.

Mr. Lockhart said that it is important for us to use the following methods to make our feelings known:

- ✓ Send letters and e-mails to our Representatives
- ✓ Submit "Letters to the Editor"
- ✓ "Blob"
- ✓ "Facebook"
- ✓ Talk with friends, family and neighbors
- ✓ Talk to your children
- ✓ Be a delegate
- ✓ Contribute money
- ✓ Everyone should be a lobbyist

Representatives Ipson and Last, discussed the budget focus of the Legislature this year. It was noted that they must re-write the 2009 budget before they can start on the 2010 budget. It was agreed that all departments within the State Government have hard work to follow the budget.

Senator Stephen Urquhart, gave much praise to former Senator Bill Hickman, noting that he "set the stage" for the manner in which the Southern Utah representatives work together. He explained that they meet together regularly to make sure they "are on the same page". He invited anyone to contact him at any time at 435 668-7759. He stated they all get along very well, and even though they do not always agree initially, in the end they are never a divided team.

Questions and answered were addressed.

President Recknagel thanked the speakers, for their insight and service.

Adjourn: 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Hauze, Secretary

CARING FOR AMERICA

The Quilt made a good showing at the Quilt show. The judges liked the pattern choice and colors. The overall patriotic design was excellent, so they gave us a very good report. We are at the \$2000.00 mark in ticket sales with 6 weeks until the drawing. KEEP SELLING! A great THANK YOU to the Lions Club who sold a lot of tickets at one of their parties. They are also interested in helping us sell our small Flag Poster at future activities.

The TEA PARTY was so great! The media scoffed and called it a one time shot by a bunch of "right wing wacko's, well lets all write them letters letting them know we are down to earth, sweet, kind and caring, ordinary women who are retired workers, wives, mothers, grand and great grand mothers who love our families and LOVE THIS COUNTRY. Thanks to Roland and Rinda Hunter and their great committee who did all the work to set this up! Let's do it again! Let the GRASS ROOTS SPEAK LOUD AND CLEAR.

Wilma Courtney



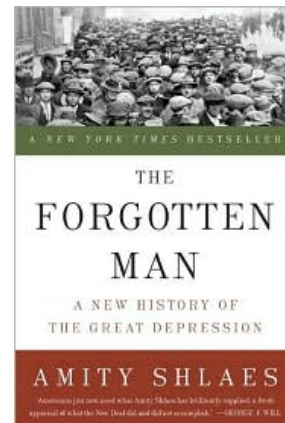
**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
MAY 10TH**

BOOK CLUB

May Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2009
Place: Santa Clara Library
Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Book: *The Forgotten Man : A New History of the Great Depression*
Author: Amity Shlaes

Amity Shlaes, one of the nation's most-respected economic commentators, offers a striking reinterpretation of the Great Depression. She traces the mounting agony of the New Dealers and the moving stories of individual citizens who through their brave perseverance helped establish the steadfast character we recognize as American today.



[Attention WCRW - Anyone interested in serving on the state board please contact Coi Heath.](#)

In accordance with the UFRW by-laws the Nominating and Elections Committee has selected Coi Heath from Washington County as Chair for 2010-2011 term.

The Nominating Committee shall present to the Convention Delegates a proposed Slate of Officers for election at the UFRW Convention.

As stated in the by-laws the Nominating Committee shall present the Official Slate to the Membership with the call to the Convention.

Time is of essence and we need to get started, mostly because our clubs will not be holding meetings in July and August. It's important that we give ample time to get the word out to all the members and get them started to think about serving in the State level.

The Nominating Committee shall consider candidates from all Clubs in the State of Utah. Inform and encourage your Club Membership to participate in this process by considering to run for any of the State Federation positions.

We need to have a Slate prepared by August 1st.

Please, we request that letters of interest be delivered to the Chair no later than July 1, 2009, to ensure time for review and discussion by the Nominating Committee members.

Candidates for nomination shall be current in their dues and be an active member of a Club. We prefer letters of interest and any other documents (i.e., letters of recommend, bio, political resume, etc.) be submitted electronically. All items should be forwarded to me at, coiheath@aol.com. If it is necessary to send items via regular mail forward them to:

Coi Heath
3554 South 1620 West
St. George, UT 84790

Items sent this way still need to reach me no later than July 1, 2009, regardless of postmarked date.

Please respond indicating that you received this letter to ensure all members equal opportunity to participate in the process.

We thank you for the great work you do in your clubs and your communities and spreading the Republican Party values and ideals.

Thank you.

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UFRW Nominating Committee Chair
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Bring a friend, and attend the Membership Tea Party on Friday, September 24th, 2- 4 PM at the Keith Jorgensen Music Center in Bloomington. Sandwiches, lemonade, and sweet treats will be served, and there also will be entertainment. A special prize will be awarded the member who brings the most guests.

Remember, this is an opportunity to extend an invitation to prospective members.

MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 25TH

