



Washington County Republican Women

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President's Message

“Everyone is different. Sometimes it’s very exciting; sometimes very scary.”

Emanuel Ax


Certainly the above quote is appropriate for the current campaigning in this election. Both parties are trying to demonstrate how their candidates are different and why we should vote for them. Supported by the media, we’re supposed to believe that the Democratic candidates are exciting and will bring about change while the Republican candidates are scary and will deliver “more of the same”. The 2008 Presidential Election will be historic – we’ll either have the first woman vice-president or our first black president. We’ll either have a resurgence of conservatism with Sarah Palin in office or we’ll have one of the most liberal administrations we’ve seen in our lifetimes – it can be exciting times or scary times. We, as Republicans, need to get out there and talk to voters and neighbors and encourage them to vote for McCain/Palin.

We have a very exciting fall coming up. In this newsletter you will find information about the Get Out The Vote effort, the Utah Federation of Republican Women Fall Conference being held in St. George, a new political book discussion group being formed, and our great programs for the next few months. Also, at the October meeting we’ll be talking about what WCRW can do to support our returning troops and our

deployed troops as they celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

I encourage all of us to participate in these activities, become more involved in the Washington County Republican Women’s club.

Susan Recknagel



September
DOVE CENTER ITEMS

The center is in desperate need of bottled water

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 2, 2008
11:30 AM
BEST WESTERN ABBY INN
1129 South Bluff – St. George

Due to our fantastic growth, the Abby Inn will be the new meeting location for the WCRW

Luncheon Menu Unavailable
Cost \$13.00

The Legislative Committee has planned, and will be coordinating an exciting event for the WCRW October meeting: "Meet and Greet Local Candidates". We are pleased that Bill Dew, Republican candidate for State Congressional District #2, Alan Gardner, Republican incumbent candidate for Washington County Commission Seat C, and Alan Crooks, SW Utah Republican election coordinator and the NEV/CO/UT election coordinator, as well as Consulting Manager for Bill Dew will be joining us. Each candidate, and Alan Crooks, will be asked to respond to key questions to be posed by the Legislative Committee. Our format is seeking to have open and extemporaneous responses to our questions which will not be provided in advance of our meeting. At the conclusion, there should be time for questions from the audience. Invite your friends and family.



RENEW YOUR WCRW MEMBERSHIP NOW

Yes, ladies, it's time to renew for 2009. 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 2009 Handbook and Directory. Mail your check payable to WCRW with membership form to Gail Neumann, 425 Shinava Drive, Ivins, UT 84738.

2009 Membership Form available on the last page.

WHO AM I? I am under 45 years old. I love the outdoors. I hunt. I am a republican reformer. I have taken on the Republican Party establishment. I have many children. I have a spot on the national ticket as vice president with less than two years in the governor's office.

Did you guess who I am?

Teddy Roosevelt in 1900.

GO SARAH!

(thanks to Wilma for this submission)_



Our September meeting featured guest speaker, Hyrum Smith. A large crowd (94 individuals) enjoyed his dynamic presentation, AND, he has committed to coming back to the WCRW to report on his upcoming trip to Iraq.

**GOTV
GET OUT THE VOTE!**



The 2008 Presidential Election is going to make history! “Get Out The Vote” efforts can mean the difference between success and defeat – and we want to win! It is vital that we make sure each and every voter identified by the RNC actually makes it to the polls either during the early voting period or on election day.

Studies have shown the most effective efforts are through personal contact – either by personal phone calls (not robo-calls) or door-to-door canvassing. Washington County Republican Women will be working with the County RNC to make phone calls to a list of identified voters.

At the October meeting, we will have a sign-up sheet for any WCRW member who would like to volunteer to help with the phone calling effort. We will also provide at the meeting the details of what is involved and the time-frame for participating in the GOTV program. There will be a training session in mid-October and volunteers will be given a list of names to call, a script, and instructions. These calls can be made from your home at your convenience over a specified period of a few days.

So, please look for the sign-up sheet at the October meeting or call Susan Recknagel at 628-8703 to volunteer. **WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!**

Meet The Stars: *WCRW member Janice Brooks-Nichter, and her handsome son Chase, are performing in the Tuachan production of “Big River”.*

A very special welcome to our newest WCRW members:

Jayanna Welsh Bradbury, Susan Brown, Donna McDonald, Cindy Voorhis, Vonda Williams, Arnolda Bergel, Claudia Hansen, Tiffany Harris, Rachel Southwick Hickey, Cheryl Huner, Mitzi Rak, and Helen Southwick



**UTAH FEDERATION OF
REPUBLICAN WOMEN
2008 FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**Courtyard by Marriott/Rim Rock
Convention Center St. George, UT
Friday, November 7th, and Saturday,
November 8th. 2008**

This year WCRW is hosting the UFRW Fall Conference and it promises to be an entertaining and educational event. The theme of the conference is “Republican Women, More than Just Lunch”. We have lined up wonderful speakers and workshops – there is something of interest for everyone! Our Keynote Speaker will be Shirley Sadler, President of National Federation of Republican Women and we are also honored to have the Immediate Past President of NFRW, Beverly Davis, as a moderator for one of the workshops. In addition, Major General Brian Tarbet, The Adjutant General, Utah National Guard will be speaking on “How Republican Women Can Support the Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan”. On Friday evening there will be an Opening Reception hosted by Washington County Elected Officials and a Silent Auction Fundraiser. Throughout the day Saturday, there will be drawings for door prizes and attendance prizes.

In the next few days, you will be receiving your Registration Form and Program in the mail.

The first meeting of the Women's Book Club was held at the downtown library on September 11, 2008. Many thanks to those who attended and helped select our books for the year.

Our book club is going to be a discussion group where we read a common book dealing with issues relevant to our time and then meet to discuss the book. We have attempted to pick books that will elicit great discussions and represent an issue honestly and truthfully. The books for this year deal with health care, the Supreme Court, global warming, and the Middle East. We'll also be reading a book about Abraham Lincoln to look at the parallels between what Lincoln faced in his administration and our current political situation today.

Our next meeting to discuss the first book will be held:

Date: October 9, 2006
Place: St George Library (downtown library)
Time: 6:30 – 7:30/8:00
Book: Who Killed Health Care, by Regina Herzlinger

We'd love to have friends, family and neighbors join in our discussions! Don't forget husbands too! To prepare for upcoming months – here is the full roster for the year: **October 9, 2006 Who Killed Health Care by Regina Herzlinger**

In the battle for U.S. health care, patients and doctors are losing. "Who Killed Health Care?" shows how to win the war. One of the nation's most respected health care analysts, Regina Herzlinger exposes the motives and methods of those who have crippled America's health care system—figures in the insurance, hospital, employment, governmental, and academic sectors. She proves how our current system, which is organized around payers and providers rather than the needs of its users, is dangerously eroding patient welfare and is pushing costs out of the reach of millions. – amazon.com

November Book Liberal Fascism by Jonah Goldberg

In this provocative and well-researched book, Goldberg probes modern liberalism's

spooky origins in early 20th-century fascist politics. With chapter titles such as Adolf Hitler: Man of the Left and Brave New Village: Hillary Clinton and the Meaning of Liberal Fascism—Goldberg argues that fascism has always been a phenomenon of the left. – Editorial review by Publishers Weekly

December Book Hot, Flat & Crowded by Thomas Friedman

Friedman explains how global warming, rapidly growing populations, and the astonishing expansion of the world's middle class through globalization have produced a planet that is "hot, flat, and crowded." Already the earth is being affected in ways that threaten to make it dangerously unstable. In just a few years, it will be too late to fix things--unless the United States steps up now and takes the lead in a worldwide effort to replace our wasteful, inefficient energy practices with a strategy for clean energy, energy efficiency, and conservation that Friedman calls Code Green. – amazon.com

If you believe in global warming or not – come armed with your facts and ideas and let's have a great discussion in December!

January Book Supreme Conflict by Jan Crawford Greenburg

With its closed chambers and formal language, the Supreme Court tends to deflect drama away from its vastly powerful proceedings. But its mysteries hold plenty of intrigue for anyone with the access to uncover them. In *Supreme Conflict*, Jan Crawford Greenburg has that access, and then some. With high-placed sourcing that would make Bob Woodward proud, she tells the story of the Court's recent decades and of the often-thwarted attempts by three conservative presidents to remake the Court in their image. Among the revelations are the surprising influence of the most-maligned justice, Clarence Thomas, and the political impact of personal relations among these nine very human colleagues-for-life. Written for everyday readers rather than legal scholars, her account sidesteps theoretical subtleties for a compelling story of the personalities who breathe life into our laws. – Tom Nissley

February Book The Dirty Dozen by Robert Levy & William Mellor

Cato Institute senior fellow Levy and lawyer Mellor, in this excellent examination of twelve far-reaching Supreme Court cases and their consequences, force readers to question the direction in which the judiciary has led our country over the past century--and possibly their own attitudes toward the federal government. The authors deftly navigate the complicated proceedings without slipping into lawyer-speak, while unapologetically leaning on their libertarian sentiments to color their commentary and analysis. Though the writers defend well their claim that the dozen cases under discussion--with a number of "dishonorable mentions" and an appendix each for *Roe v. Wade* and *Bush v. Gore*--have expanded the federal government and eroded civil liberties, one can't help but feel a creeping sense of arrogance when Levy and Mellor assert repeatedly that they know how the Constitution's authors would view the document were they alive today. Still, the authors' canny investigation into the Supreme Court should call into doubt some of the staid political viewpoints readers may have taken too long for granted.

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March Book The Politically Incorrect Guide to the Middle East by Martin Sieff

The Middle East: a region that's almost never off the front pages, yet one most Americans know little about. The mainstream media and Ivy League academics only make matters worse by casting everything in the usual politically correct mold: Arab terrorists are just desperate freedom fighters, and the region's one free democracy--Israel--is the oppressor, not least because of its alliance with America. And if Islamic extremism is a problem, the establishment tells us, it's only because it's rooted in that source of all evils: religion. A different strain of political correctness has seeped into some minds on the right--most notably the Bush administration, which, so ready to buy into the egalitarian myths we are all taught, believed that Western-style democracy could flourish anywhere. Now, in *The Politically Incorrect Guide*(tm) to the Middle East, veteran Middle East correspondent Martin

Sieff puts the lie to all these myths and clichés, giving you everything you need to know about the region to understand its past, its present, and its possible future.

April Book Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln by Doris Kearns Goodwin

The life and times of Abraham Lincoln have been analyzed and dissected in countless books. Do we need another Lincoln biography? In *Team of Rivals*, esteemed historian Doris Kearns Goodwin proves that we do. Though she can't help but cover some familiar territory, her perspective is focused enough to offer fresh insights into Lincoln's leadership style and his deep understanding of human behavior and motivation. Goodwin makes the case for Lincoln's political genius by examining his relationships with three men he selected for his cabinet, all of whom were opponents for the Republican nomination in 1860: William H. Seward, Salmon P. Chase, and Edward Bates. These men, all accomplished, nationally known, and presidential, originally disdained Lincoln for his backwoods upbringing and lack of experience, and were shocked and humiliated at losing to this relatively obscure Illinois lawyer. Yet Lincoln not only convinced them to join his administration--Seward as secretary of state, Chase as secretary of the treasury, and Bates as attorney general--he ultimately gained their admiration and respect as well. How he soothed egos, turned rivals into allies, and dealt with many challenges to his leadership, all for the sake of the greater good, is largely what Goodwin's fine book is about. Had he not possessed the wisdom and confidence to select and work with the best people, she argues, he could not have led the nation through one of its darkest periods. Amazon.com review.

May Book My Grandfather's Son by Clarence Thomas

Provocative, inspiring, and unflinchingly honest, *My Grandfather's Son* is the story of one of America's most remarkable and controversial leaders, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, told in his own words. Thomas speaks out, revealing the pieces of his life he holds dear, detailing the suffering

and injustices he has overcome, including the acrimonious and polarizing Senate hearing involving a former aide, Anita Hill, and the depression and despair it created in his own life and the lives of those closest to him. In this candid and deeply moving memoir, a quintessential American tale of hardship and grit, Clarence Thomas recounts His astonishing journey for the first time. Amazon.com review.



WOMEN SHOULD VOTE

This is the story of our Grandmothers and Great-grandmothers, as they lived only 90 years ago. Remember, it was not until 1920 that women were granted the right to go to the polls and vote.

The women were innocent and defenseless, but they were jailed nonetheless for picketing the White House, carrying signs asking for the vote. And by the end of the night they were barely alive. Forty prison guards wielding clubs and their warden's blessing went on a rampage against the 33 women wrongly convicted of obstructing sidewalk traffic.

They beat Lucy Burn, chained her hands to the cell bars above her head and left her hanging for the night bleeding and gasping for air. They hurled Dora Lewis into a dark cell, smashed her head against an iron bed and knocked her out cold. Her cell mate, Alice Cosu, thought Lewis was dean and suffered a heart attack. Additional affidavits describe the guards grabbing, dragging, beating, choking, slamming, pinching, twisting and kicking the women.

This unfolded the "Night of Terror" on Nov. 17, 1817, when the warden at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia ordered his guards to teach a lesson to the suffragists imprisoned there because they dared to picket Woodrow Wilson's White House for the vote.

For weeks, the women's only water came from an open pail. Their food-all of it colorless slop- was infested with worms. When one of the leaders, Alice Paul, embarked on a hunger strike, they tied her to a chair, forced a tube down her throat and poured liquid into her until she vomited. She was tortured like this for weeks until word was smuggled out to the press.

So. Refresh my memory. Some women won't vote this year because- why exactly? We

have carpool duties? We have to get to work? Our vote doesn't matter? It's raining?

Last week, I went to a sparsely attended screening of HBO's new movie "Iron Jawed Angels". It is a graphic depiction of the battle these women waged so that I could pull the curtain at the polling booth and have my say. I am ashamed to say I needed a reminder.

All these years later, voter registration is still my passion. But the actual act of voting had become less personal for me, more rote. Frankly, voting often felt more like an obligation than a privilege. Sometimes it was inconvenient.

My friend Wendy, who is my age and studied women's history, saw the HBO movie too. When she stopped by my desk to talk about it, she looked angry. She was - with herself. "One thought kept coming back to me as I watched that movie" she said. "What would those women think of the way I use - or don't use- my right to vote? All of us take it for granted now, not just younger women but those of us who did seek to learn". The right to vote, she said, had become valuable to her "all over again".

HBO released the movie on video and DVD. I wish all history, social studies and government teachers would include the movie in their curriculum. I want it shown on Bunco night too, and anywhere else that women gather. I realize this isn't our usual idea of socializing, but we are not voting in the numbers that we should be, and I think a little shock therapy is in order.

It is jarring to watch Woodrow Wilson and his cronies try to persuade a psychiatrist to declare Alice Paul as insane so that she could be permanently institutionalized. And it is inspiring to watch the doctor refuse. Alice Paul was strong he said, "and brave". That didn't make her crazy. The doctor admonished the men. "Courage in women is often mistaken for insanity".



WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN
2009 Membership Form
Come join us!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip Code: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (business) _____

(cell) _____ (email) _____

Annual dues for New Members are \$26 for the period January 1-December 31. Dues for Renewing Members, Associate Members and Young Republicans are \$20. For \$50 annually, Contributing Members are acknowledged in the Newsletter and listed as Contributors in the Membership Handbook. For \$100 annually, Sponsors are also acknowledged in the Newsletter and Membership Handbook. Make checks payable to WCRW and send to WCRW, c/o Gail Neumann, Membership Chair, 425 Shinava Drive, Ivins, UT 84738.

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

Circle: New Member Renewal Associate Member Young Republican (18-25)
Contributing Member Sponsor

Have you previously been affiliated with a Republican women's organization? If so, please note when, where, and in what capacity (member, officer, volunteer, etc.)

Have you ever worked on a political campaign as a candidate or volunteer? If so, please describe when, where, type of campaign, role (candidate, campaign manager, treasurer, volunteer, etc.) and any special accomplishments.

Do you have any special skills or interests that could assist our efforts?

Do you have an interest in seeking political office? _____
Have you been, or are you currently, an officeholder? If so, please list your office.

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 Legislation Membership Newsletter Programs Publicity/Public Relations Website
 Other _____