



Washington County Republican Women

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*“Concentrated power has always been
the enemy of liberty.
Man is not free unless government is limited.”*

Ronald Reagan

October is a busy month! There will be a lot of activity in Washington County over the next few weeks. There’s the marathon, the Huntsman World Senior Games, Columbus Day and Halloween, just to mention of few of the “non-political” activities.

The WCRW has a lot going on in October, too. Our program on October 1 promises to be another exciting one. 1st VP Bonnie Harrington has lined up Representative Mike Noel to speak about states rights and the 10th Amendment of the Constitution: “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people”.

In addition to our speaker, another piece of business for the October meeting is the announcement of the 2010 Slate of Officers by the Nominating Committee. They have put together a wonderful group of ladies to serve WCRW next year. We’ll also have our final fund-raiser for the year, a Bazaar, in conjunction with the meeting. The Bazaar will begin at 10AM. We’re looking for some really great items to sell and to buy. It will be a busy day!

On October 17th, there will be a Patrick Henry Caucus rally in Worthen Park. The Patrick

Henry Caucus is dedicated to the ideals established by our Founding Fathers as enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution. Speakers will include Utah Patrick Henry Caucus organizer Carl Wimmer. So mark your calendar for Saturday, October 17th, 4:00 – 6:00PM and take your chairs, family, a picnic lunch and have a fun, educational day in the park.

And, we all need to continue our vigilance and keep ourselves informed about what is happening at the federal level with our government. Speaking out, participating in rallies, sending emails & letters and making phone calls is working. I think we are beginning to see definite results from the “angry mob”. Let’s keep up the pressure and carry it to the polls in 2010!

Keep the Faith!

Susan Recknagel, President

Please welcome the following new and renewed members:

Suzanne Allen, Maureen Janney, Mary Olson, and Marlene Savage

Our membership currently stands at 134 regular members and 13 associate members for a grand total of 147, just 3 people shy of our 2009 goal of 150 members. Thanks to everyone who continues to invite friends and neighbors to join us! Together we can make a difference.

NEXT MEETING
Thursday, October 1, 2009
11:30 AM
BEST WESTERN ABBY INN
1129 South Bluff – St. George
Craft Bazaar begins at 10am

Our speaker will be Representative Mike Noel from District 73. Rep. Noel is a member of the Utah Patrick Henry Caucus, and will be telling us about their mission, States' Rights, and government management of Utah's natural resources.

Remember to read the 10th Amendment of your Constitution. (It's a short one).

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

THURSDAY EVENING: The Gardner Center at Dixie State is prepared for 200 people to attend our membership drive on September 24, so please bring your husbands, friends, neighbors, teens. This should be a memorable and stirring evening with patriotic music, an American Legion color guard, and a dynamic and inspiring speaker. We hope to see each and every one of you on Thursday!

Minutes of the WCRW
Monthly Membership Meeting
September 3, 2009

President Susan Recknagel called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., welcoming all members and guests.

Prayer: Gloria Jones

Pledge of Allegiance: DyAnn Hickman

Awards: President Recknagel announced that the WCRW was recognized by the National Federation of Republican Women for our great Website. She offered thanks to Annette Taylor for her work as the Web Site Administrator. President Recknagel said the WCRW had received a Certificate of

Recognition for their "Caring for America" project. She read the letter that accompanied the Certificate, and she gave a special thanks to Wilma Courtney. Ms. Recknagel said that the Club award will be announced in November.

Hope Pregnancy Center: President Recknagel said that 12 women met together and made 30 baby blankets to be donated to the Hope Pregnancy Center.

Fall Fundraiser - Craft Bazaar: President Recknagel reminded everyone that the Craft Bazaar will begin at 10 AM, prior to our regularly scheduled luncheon meeting on October 1. The Craft Bazaar will reopen, following the luncheon meeting, until 2 p.m.

Calendar of Events: President Recknagel announced that The Book Club will be meeting at the Santa Clara Library on the second Wednesday each month. This month's reading selection is Liberty and Tierney.

September 12 will be the "Americans for America" Freedom Party at Vernon Worthen Park, from 4–6 p.m. There will be guest speakers as well as a video replay of the March in Washington DC held on the same day.

President Recknagel reminded everyone to wear red on Fridays, and display the American Flag on September 11th.

Membership Drive: Bonnie Harrington reported that everything is in place for the Fall Membership Drive. The event will be held in the Gardner Center at Dixie State College, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 24th. Hyrum Smith will be speaking on "Staying Focused in Challenging Times". Bonnie encouraged everyone to attend the event and invite their friends and neighbors.

Program: Bonnie Harrington announced that the October meeting will feature Representative Mike Noel. He will be speaking about State's Rights.

Ms. Harrington noted that in continuance of our Powerful Women presentations, Terri Kane, CEO of Dixie Regional Medical Center would be speaking on matters relating to the current Health Care issues. Bonnie gave a brief bio on Ms. Kane, and introduced her.

Speaker: Terri Kane



Ms. Kane invited the group to feel free to contact her regarding any health care concerns at Dixie Regional Medical Center. Ms. Kane described St. George and surrounding communities as extremely “giving, and supportive”. She noted the willingness of volunteers.

Ms. Kane discussed the key issue of Energy. She stated that the DRMC has back up generators that support all essential needs at the hospital.

She pointed out the growth that DRMC has experienced, from 126 beds to currently 345 beds. Staff has increased also from 1100 employees to 2200. Ms. Kane reviewed all of new Clinics that Intermountain Health Care has opened in the area. She discussed the New Woman’s Center that will be opening in 2014, which will be “State of the Art”. She announced that DRMC was 18th in the Nation for being “A Happy Hospital”.

Ms. Kane shared several personal stories, and said that “all people get special treatment at DRMC”.

She noted that Utah is in the top 10% in the Nation for Cardiology Care. She then reviewed all of the different service options available at DRMC, such as the Hyperveric Chamber, NICU, Imaging, and Robotics,

Regarding Health Care Reform, Ms. Kane said that she agrees something needs to be done; however, she does not believe there is a single solution. She said that if a “single payer” system were to be put in place, Intermountain Health Care would be forced to close all of their hospitals.

Ms. Kane noted that Medicare is not the same in every state. The system is based on the cost of living in each state. She does feel that the government should pay for performance and quality care, and pay less to inferior hospitals. She also said that the submission of data being sent to multiple agencies is cumbersome and time consuming, and the billing codes are too complex and need to be simplified. She indicated that many doctors order numerous unnecessary tests searching for the “perfect diagnosis” so they will not be sued.

Ms. Kane answered questions from the audience.

President Recknagel thanked Ms. Kane for her presentation, and recommended that “we” keep talking to our representatives regarding our concerns on the Health Care issue. She said that she “has faith in America, and faith in the people”, and encouraged everyone to VOTE, and not lose the American Spirit.

Raffle: Coi Health presented the winners of the raffle with their gifts. She stated that the raffle donations for the day were \$40.00, and thanked the group for participating.

Adjourn: There being no further business, President Recknagel adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanne Hauze, Secretary



Congratulations, Washington County Republican Women! We received recognition from the National Federation of Republican Women for our Caring for America program and activities. The award letter from Arla Jeanne Murray, NFRW Caring for America Chair, reads in part:

“It is with a humble heart that I send this letter of appreciation to you for all that you have done to uplift a grateful nation by your involvement in *Caring for America*. Your contributions have been tremendous and will be an enduring legacy to us all.....There is no higher calling, no loftier purpose, no greater good than showing your love for our nation, not only by your words, but more importantly by your deeds.”

Book Club

Hi All –

Just a reminder that we chose Glen Beck’s Common Sense: The Case Against an Out-of-Control Government, Inspired by Thomas Paine as our October Book Club book. The meeting is October 7, 1:00 – 2:30pm at the Santa Clara Library.

We also talked about reading more books about the constitution and I’ve been doing some research on possible books. Here’s what I’ve come up with:

Books that discuss the background on the Constitutional Convention and how the constitution was formed:

- [A Brilliant Solution: Inventing the American Constitution](#) by Carol Berkin.
- [Miracle At Philadelphia: The Story of the Constitutional Convention May – September 1787](#) by Catherine Drinker Bowen

- [The Federalist Papers](#) - “THE FEDERALIST PAPERS were written by Alexander Hamilton (1755-1804), John Jay (1745-1829), and James Madison (1751-1835). Due to concerns about the New York State legislators ratifying the The U.S. Constitution, these papers were journal pieces written to New York journals and newspapers to convince both the residents and state legislators to ratification The U.S. Constitution.” – reviewer on Amazon

Books that discuss the Constitution itself:

- [The Words We Live By: Your Annotated Guide to the Constitution](#) by Linda R. Monk
This book could (and probably is) used as a high school or college text book on the constitution. It is easy to read, easy to understand, and presents many examples of how interpretations of the constitution was used historically as well as within the recent past. It has no political bias one way or the other, nor does it delve very deeply into the philosophy behind the constitution.
- [The Politically Incorrect Guide™ to the Constitution](#) by Kevin R.C. Gutzman
This book is published by Regnery Publishing, a publisher of conservative writings. The first few chapters give background information on the forming of the constitution and what our founding fathers envisioned. The remaining text looks at how the judiciary branch is slowly by surely reinterpreting and making its own laws through activist judges and the problems that ensue.
- [The Heritage Guide to the Constitution](#) by Edwin Meese.

Other non-constitutional related books that are possibilities:

- [Catastrophe](#) by Dick Morris and Eileen Mcgann
- [Culture of Corruption: Obama and His Team of Tax Cheats, Crooks, and Cronies](#) by Michelle Malkin
- Any book by Ann Coulter

I’d like us to pick 2 – 3 books for the next couple of months so people can read ahead a bit and I can have some available for members to purchase at our luncheon. Also – any suggestions for December – do we want something lighter, more inspirational, or maybe just skip reading a book in December because that month can be so hectic?

Details on any of these books can be found on Amazon.com where you can read reviews and for most of them you can browse through the table of contents and random pages to get a sense of the writing style, etc.

Let me know which books from above look interesting and/or other suggestions and then we can pick the next couple of books at our book club meeting on the 7th.

Thanks as always!
Tanya

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.

WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN 2010 Membership Renewal Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State & Zip Code: _____

Phone: (home) _____

(business) _____

(cell) _____

(email) _____

Annual dues for Renewing Members, Associate Members and Young Republicans are \$20 for the period January 1-December 31. 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: Renewal Associate Member
Young Republican (18-25)
Contributing Member
Sponsor

I would like to volunteer to work on: (check all that apply:

- Campaign Fundraising
- Legislation,
- By Laws
- Membership
- Newsletter
- Programs
- Publicity/Public Relations
- Website
- Education
- Other

PROPOSED

WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN BY-LAWS

As approved by the Board on September 3rd, 2009

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be Washington County Republican Women.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES

To promote an informed electorate through political education, and to encourage active involvement in local, state and national issues.

To increase the effectiveness of women in good government through education, active participation, and campaign support of women who aspire to political office and whose platform is in line with the Republican Party.

To be an influential organization on a local, state, and national level by:

- 1) Facilitating cooperation among all Republican Women.
- 2) Fostering loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote its ideals.
- 3) Working for the election of Republican Party nominees.

ARTICLE III POLICIES

Members of the Executive Committee (all elected officers) must abstain from endorsement of any individual in primary campaigns. Individual members are free to work for the candidate of their choice as long as it is not done in the name of the club.

The initiation of litigation by any member or any other adversary proceeding against WCRW or in which WCRW is named defendant or respondent, shall constitute cause for removal and WCRW shall be entitled to recover from such member, officer or appointee its attorney fees and any other costs and expenses relating to any such litigation or proceeding if the WCRW shall substantially prevail therein.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: All women who pledge themselves to support Republican candidates, the Republican Party platform, and are eligible for membership.

Section 2: The membership shall include: The WCRW Membership shall consist of Members in

Good Standing, Associate Members, Contributors, Sponsors and Young Republicans.

A. Members in Good Standing are those members who are current in their payment of their dues.

B. Associate members shall be active male Republicans or members of another Federated Unit. A woman may be counted in only one club. Associated members may not be counted for total membership or for the purpose of determining the number of delegates to national and state conventions. Associate members do not automatically become members of UFRW or NFRW. Associate dues shall remain in the WCRW. Associate members are persons who wish to support the organization by paying annual dues and attending meetings, but are not eligible to hold office, make motions, or vote on other than local issues.

Annual dues shall be the same for Members in Good Standing..

Section 3: The organization shall be a member of the Utah Federation of Republican Women and a member of the National Federation of Republican Women.

NFRW By-laws do not permit continued membership of a club that is on record as having advocated a split party ticket or having supported a candidate running on an opposition ticket.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Dues shall include the cost of membership in the State and National Federation of Republican Women. Dues are payable when a member joins WCRW and all dues are renewable January 1st.

The fiscal year of the organization shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS and their DUTIES

Eligibility: Each officer, or appointed officer, shall be a Member in Good Standing, attend most of the monthly meetings and are involved in special committees.

Section 1: The officers of the organization shall be: President, First Vice-President/Programs, Second Vice-President/Membership, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Member-at-large.

The immediate past President shall be included to complete the Executive Committee.

A vacancy in an elective office, other than the President, shall be filled by the Executive Committee at its next meeting following the vacancy.

Section 2: Duties of the Officers

A. The President shall preside at all meetings and shall have general supervision of the work of the organization. She shall represent the organization at all times or designate someone as representative in her absence or inability to do so. She shall appoint the chairperson of the Nominating Committee. She shall appoint the Parliamentarian, the Auditor, and chairpersons of all the standing committees with the approval of the Executive Committee. She shall appoint committees not otherwise provided for by the Constitution. She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee. She shall assign duties to all officers as needed.

B. The First Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of the President. She shall perform other duties as may be assigned to her by the President. She shall serve as Program Chairperson.

C. The Second Vice-President, in the absence of the President and First Vice-President, shall perform the duties of the President. She shall perform other duties as may be assigned to her by the President. She shall be the Membership Chairperson and keep an accurate roster of all members. These records shall be provided to the Secretary and Treasurer periodically as needed.

D. The Secretary shall keep and read the minutes of all the meetings, or, make available to the membership, the minutes in written form. She shall be custodian of all records of the club, issue notices at the direction of the President, handle correspondence, and any other duties assigned by the President.

E. The Treasurer shall receive and be custodian of all funds of the organization, shall pay all bills, and make payments due to UFRW. Two signatures shall be required on all checks, the President, and the Treasurer with the Assistant Treasurer signing if the Treasurer or President is unavailable. She shall: keep records of all monies received and disbursed by her and prepare a written financial report for each monthly meeting. This written financial report will be provided to the President and Secretary. She shall: keep a record of attendance and compile statistics for the Board to assist in their preparation of an annual budget.

F. The Assistant Treasurer shall perform duties assigned by the Treasurer.

G. The Member-at- Large shall be nominated from the floor at the November meeting. She shall serve as a liaison between the membership and the Executive Committee. She shall be ready to fill any vacancy, temporary or permanent, which may occur on the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII EXECUTIVE and STANDING COMMITTEES and their DUTIES

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Committee, elected officers, standing committee chairs, special committee chairs and appointees. The immediate Past President, chairpersons and appointees shall serve on the committee in a non-voting advisory capacity.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall have authority to transact any necessary business meetings, to make recommendations as to policies, to advise the President, and to approve payments of invoices presented by the Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall present an annual budget to the membership. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms in one position, with a term limit of 4 consecutive years on the Board. An officer who has served more than ½ a term shall be considered as having served a full term. A term of office shall be 2 years for the President and 1 year for the remaining board members.

Section 3: The Parliamentarian shall decide questions and procedures upon request, conduct all elections, and act as a member of the By-laws Committee.

Section 4: Officer's records:

All officers and committee chairpersons shall be required to turn over to their successor officers and committee chairpersons all records, files or documents pertinent to their organization responsibilities within two (2) weeks of the termination of their term office, unless otherwise directed by the President or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS

Section 1: Election of officers shall be held at the regular November meeting of the membership, and those elected shall be installed and assume their duties at the close of the December meeting following installation.

Section 2: To provide continuity, the new board members will assume office in a staggered rotation as follows: in even-numbered years, the positions of, 2nd Vice President and Assistant Treasurer will rotate; in odd-numbered years, the positions of 1st

Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will rotate. The Member-at-Large will rotate every year.

Section 3: **Organization officers shall be elected in the following manner: The Nominating Committee of five (5) members shall be elected by a majority vote of the general membership at the May meeting. The President shall appoint one member who shall be chairperson of the Nominating Committee.**

A. The Nominating Committee shall select one nominee for each elected office and announce its slate of candidates at the regular October meeting of the membership.

B. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the October meeting of the membership.

C. Election voting shall take place at the regular November meeting of the membership. Where there is one candidate for office, election may be made by voice vote, otherwise elections shall be made by written ballots. Where written ballots are required, the Parliamentarian will provide ballots, and tally the results. A majority vote shall prevail.

D. To be eligible to vote for officers, a member must be in good standing. No proxy voting shall be permitted.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

Section 1. **Regular meetings shall be held monthly unless otherwise designated by the Executive Committee.**

Section 2: **Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held prior to the regular meetings at such time and place as may be designated by the President. Committee Chairpersons shall be invited as deemed necessary by the President.**

Section 3: **November shall be designated as the annual meeting for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business.**

Section 4: **A quorum for a meeting of the organization shall be ten (10) percent of the membership.**

Section 5: **A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the Executive Committee.**

ARTICLE IX

Committees:

The committees may include but not be limited to:

**Auditor- January audit
Literacy/MELP
By-laws- see Article xii b
Membership
Fund Raising
Program
Legislative
Publicity/Public Relations**

Special Committees and Appointees:

**Achievement Awards/Volunteer Hours
Historian/Photographer
CAP Alert Program
Hospitality
Caring for America/Community Activity
Newsletter/Bulletin
Campaign
Nominating
Chaplain
Parliamentarian**

The President shall have the authority to appoint and establish all standing and special committees

ARTICLE X PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Rules contained in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern all proceedings except where inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws of this organization.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

A. These By-laws may be amended at the regular meeting by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the club members provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has either:

1.) Been sent to each member at least 30 days prior to the meeting, or

2.) Been submitted in writing at a previous regular meeting.

Proposed changes are sent to the State Federation By-laws Chairperson for review and approval.

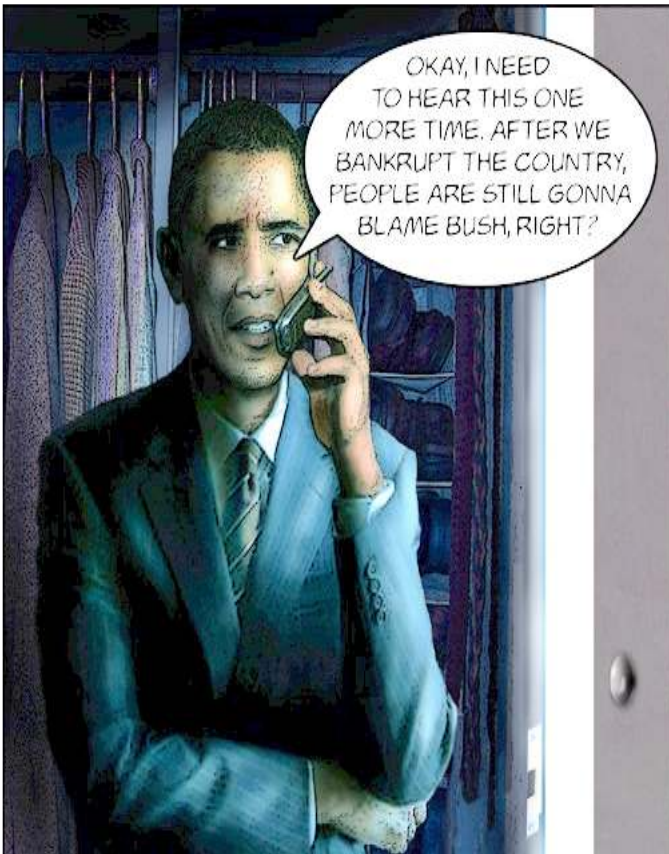
B. The By-laws shall be reviewed every two (2) years by the By-laws Committee. Proposed changes are then sent to the State Federation By-laws Chairman for review and approval. Once approved, the club shall vote on the changes.

C. All club members shall have a copy of the Membership Handbook which shall include a copy of these By-laws.

ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION

The club may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any meeting of the club, provided that notice of the dissolution has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting and has been sent by mail to all members of the club. In the event of dissolution, the Executive Committee shall, after payment of all liabilities of the club, distribute any remaining assets to the State Federation. No funds shall be used to the benefit of any individual member.

Please review the proposed changes to the WCRW By-Laws. Approval will be voted during the October Meeting.



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The MELP program of Washington County Republican Women 2009 in honor of a former first Lady Mamie D. Eisenhower, called the "Mamie Eisenhower Library Project" donated and presented 3 books to the St George Library. "The president is Shot" by Harold Holzer, "Lincoln at Cooper Union", by Harold Holzer, "Lincoln's Men" by David Mark Esptein.

MELP Chairman Etta Cheeney

**GOD BLESS
AMERICA!!!**