



Washington County Republican Women

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“The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer someone else up.”

Mark Twain

Spring is just around the corner, the lizards are out, soon the hummingbirds will be back at the feeders and I’ve spied a few butterflies. I love spring – it always cheers me up. The national and world news is so depressing, it is a welcome relief to be able to walk through our wonderful parks and sit out on the patio.

We have some great events coming up in April that should be informative and entertaining.. At our April 2 meeting, we will hear from our elected officials about the legislative session and from Stan Lockhart, Chair of Utah GOP. This legislative session was a particularly hard one as our legislature struggled to make the necessary budget cuts for a balanced budget. A great deal was accomplished and I look forward to hearing the review.

On April 10 and 11th, our Patriotic Quilt will be exhibited at Dixie Convention Center as part of the Dixie Quilt Guild’s Festival of Fabric Arts. It should be a delightful event and I’m sure all of you quilters will want to attend. We could use some help with selling tickets at the event. If any of you are interested in spending a couple of hours assisting and then walking the show, let Wilma and me know. Admittance price to the show is \$5.00.

2nd VP Gail Neumann and her membership committee have planned a lovely Membership Tea on April 24. Bring a friend, listen to some soothing music, socialize with your fellow WCRW members and enjoy a cheerful afternoon! More details are contained in this newsletter and at our April meeting.

We’re also working on more activities to let our voices be heard. At the meeting, we will have tea bags (labels) to send to the White House and we’re looking into a possible Tea Party in St. George. We’ll keep you posted.

Keep the faith!

Susan Recknagel, President



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DOVE CENTER ITEMS

Kitchen Gadgets and Utensils.

**A special welcome to our newest members:
Susan Baker, Sponsor
Marianne Rowe, Member**

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Members General Meeting	April 2
Book Club Discussion	April 8
Dixie Quilt Guild Show	April 10-11
WCRW Membership Tea	April 24

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 2, 2009

11:30 AM

BEST WESTERN ABBY INN

1129 South Bluff – St. George

2009 Legislative Review: Senator Urquhart,
Reps. Ipson and Last.

GOP Update: Stan Lockhart, Utah State
Republican Chairman,

Buffet Luncheon - \$13.00



**Bonnie Harrington introduces guest speaker
Gail Bunker, City Councilwomen, at the
March meeting**

Thank you note from NFRW for the \$200 donation to the Lincoln Bicentennial program.

Dear Susan,

On behalf of the Americanism Committee and the Lincoln Bicentennial Campaign Committee, I would like to thank the members of the Washington County Republican Women for their generous donation to Ford's Theatre.

I hope you will be able to join us on March 26th as we visit the newly renovated Ford's Theatre for a dress rehearsal of the play, the Civil War.

Again, thank you,

*Barbara McInerney
Americanism Committee*

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

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Minutes of the WCRW Monthly Membership Meeting March 5, 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

February Meeting Minutes: Approved as written

Treasurer Report: Sandi Barrett, Treasurer, reported there was a loss of \$75.00 at the February meeting due to the luncheon guarantee of 60 persons.

Legislative Committee: President Recknagel announced that Bonnie Harrington will be the new Chairperson of the Legislative Committee. She said the Committee will be look for opportunities where "our voices" can be heard. Susan asked that anyone interested in serving on the Committee to contact Bonnie or herself.

President Recknagel brought everyone's attention to the Red Envelopes that are available to send to President Obama in protest to his position on abortion. She noted that this is a grass roots effort, and a manner in which the "voices of the people" can be heard.

PAC Review: President Recknagel announced that there were over views of the PAC Proposal available, and requested the membership review the proposal as the vote will be held in April.

Membership Update: Gail Neumann, Membership Chair, thanked everyone for their attendance, and gave a special welcome to new Associate Member, Jerry Holland. She explained that due to fluctuations in attendance, next month will be a buffet luncheon. She noted that this is a “trial”, and it will be determined if the members “like it”. She also said that their will be assistance for those who are in need.

Gail announced that April 24th will be the Spring Membership Drive. It will be held at the Jorgensen Music Center in Bloomington. There will be entertainment and food. Invitations will be available at the April meeting. There will be a Fall Membership Drive, with the possibility of Hyrum Smith as the guest speaker.

She also noted that this next month there will be experimentation with a new system of making luncheon meeting reservations. An e-mail will be sent to all who have e-mail, with a request to respond with a yes or no plan to attend the next luncheon. The calling committee will be contacting those who do not have e-mail.

President Recknagel said there was also going to be a telephone survey to each member asking question such as: Why did you join? What ideas do you have? Etc.

Communication Committee: President Recknagel thanked the members of the Communication Committee for their supreme efforts. Members recognized were Dee Osborn, Anne Williams, Annette Taylor, and Jeanne Hauze, Chair.

Calendar of Events:

- Book Club Discussion: Wednesday, March 11th, Santa Clara Library 1:30-2:30 PM. This months book “Supreme Conflict”.
- Chamber of Commerce: Meetings held each Wednesday at 12 noon. Information is available on the Chamber of Commerce web site.
- “Share The Hope” fund raising banquet will be held at Dixie State on March 28th.
- Quilt Update: The quilt is making its way around town. There are many opportunities to sell tickets. President Recknagel encouraged everyone to purchase tickets and take tickets to sell.

Guest Speaker: Bonnie Harrington introduced City Councilwoman Gail Bunker, and reviewed her many accomplishments and areas of service.

Ms. Bunker explained how she initially was appointed to serve on the City Council, and then later elected. She stated that it is “frightening” to “have your name out there”, and know you will be criticized. She said she has three principles that she follows:

1. She represents the people
2. She is fair, honest and unbiased
3. She responds to any contacts

She discussed the current budget dilemma, and explained that all departments have cut their budgets 20%. There have been no new hires, bonus’s, Christmas parties, or lay off’s.

Ms. Bunker stated that “we” have the best Fire and Police Departments in the State. She explained about programs such as graffiti removal, proactive protection against drug and gang activities, ICE Officers and Immigration, and the CAT, Community Action Teams.

She reviewed information regarding the new airport, Leisure Department which is responsible for Parks and Arts, and the formation of a new Arts Council.

Ms. Bunker said it has been her pleasure to serve, and she and the other council members are good friends even though they often disagree.

Ms. Bunker answered several questions from the audience.

President Recknagel thanked Ms. Bunker. She then reminded the members that we are always looking for ways to let people know who we are and what we are about. If anyone is interested in being more involved in the WCRW, please contact one of the Board members.

Adjourn: 1:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Jeanne Hauze, Secretary

Einstein once said, *'The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.'*

It is the disadvantaged and poor who habitually elect Democrats --- yet are still disadvantaged and poor.

Book Club Meeting and New Book Choices

Well, our book club is off and running again! The new time has worked out better for several people and we had a great discussion on the book Supreme Conflict.

Given many factors – we decided to change the last two books before our summer break. We decided to read ***The 5000 Year Leap*** for the April meeting and ***The Forgotten Man*** (by Amity Shlaes) for the May meeting.

April Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2009
Place: Santa Clara Library
Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Book: “*The 5000 Year Leap: A Miracle That Changed the World*”
Author: W. Cleon Skousen

If you’re a fan of Glen Beck – you’ve heard him promote this book as one of 3 books every person must read. In it, discover the 28 Principles of Freedom our Founding Fathers said must be understood and perpetuated by every people who desire peace, prosperity, and freedom. Learn how adherence to these benefits during the past 200 years has brought about more progress than was made in the previous 5,000 years. (synopsis by Barnesandnoble.com)

This book is a little hard to find in stock due to its popularity. I did find it online at www.barnesandnoble.com for \$12.96 and they have FREE 3-Day shipping for purchases over \$25.00.



What do the top ten cities with the highest poverty rate all have in common?

1. **Detroit , MI** (1st on the poverty rate list) hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1961;
2. **Buffalo , NY** (2nd) hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1954;
3. **Cincinnati , OH** (3rd)...hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1984;
4. **Cleveland , OH** (4th)...hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1989;
5. **Miami , FL** (5th) has never had a Republican mayor;
6. **St. Louis , MO** (6th)...hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1949;
7. **El Paso , TX** (7th) has never had a Republican mayor;
8. **Milwaukee , WI** (8th)...hasn't elected a Republic and mayor since 1908;
9. **Philadelphia , PA** (9th)...hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1952;
10. **Newark , NJ** (10th)...hasn't elected a Republican mayor since 1907.



SORRY, THE "HONEST MISTAKE" EXEMPTION ONLY APPLIES TO OBAMA APPOINTEES.

TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

In the next two weeks someone from the Membership Committee will call you to get your ideas about how we can make our club most useful to our members. Each one of you is a valuable member of our club and we want to know the best way we can stand together and make a difference in these troubling times. Please take some time to consider these questions before you are called.

Why did you join WCRW? What are you looking for at the monthly meeting?

What are the benefits to you of being a member?

Do you typically attend the luncheon meetings? Why or why not?

Do you enjoy the speakers? Do you have any suggestions for topics?

Do you read the monthly newsletter? The emails we send to the entire membership?

What would you like WCRW to do that we don't do now?

Washington County Republican Women Donate Scholarship Funds to Dixie State to Honor War Veterans

(ST. GEORGE, Utah - March 12, 2009) The Washington County Republican Women Organization and Dixie State College of Utah announced Thursday the continuation of a scholarship to benefit and honor veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars and the Utah National Guard's 222nd Field Artillery Unit.

Washington County Republican Women president Susan Recknagel, treasurer Sandi Barrett, and "Caring for America" outreach program chairperson Wilma Courtney presented a check for \$1,250 to DSC president Dr. Stephen D. Nadauld in a brief morning ceremony.

The scholarship, which is part of the "Caring for America" outreach program, was established at Dixie State in 2007 to honor of veterans of the Iraq or Afghanistan conflicts, with priority shown to 222nd veterans. The monies will provide financial assistance with college expenses, including tuition, books and college fees, to veterans who meet specific academic qualifications and demonstrate financial need.

The scholarship may be used for one or more persons, as financially needed. The Dixie State College financial aid office will determine the financial need. DSC will then inform the organization when and to whom the scholarship is awarded.

According to Recknagel, part of the WCRW charter is supporting the military through the "Caring for America" program, where members engage in charity work, community work and support of the military and their families. She added that the scholarship was created to honor the 222nd for the service the unit provided in both conflicts.

"We established this scholarship at Dixie State College so anyone returning home from Iraq or Afghanistan could receive financial support," Recknagel said. "All of the women in our group really wanted to do something to continue to remember them, even after they have come home."

To qualify for the scholarship, the potential recipient must be a registered Republican, live in Washington County, be a veteran of either the second Iraq War or the conflict in Afghanistan, and must have a 3.00 or higher academic grade point average or better.

If not enough students at Dixie State College fill these criteria before the end of the 2009 calendar year, then DSC will contact the Washington County Republican Women for a decision on how to disburse any remaining funds.

For more information about or to contribute to the scholarship, please contact WCRWO president Susan Recknagel at 435-628-8703 or at reckwest@msn.com.



Left to Right: Wilma Courtney, Chairperson, Dr. Stephen Nadauld, DSC President, WCRW President Susan Recknagel, WCRW Treasurer, Sandi Barrett.



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DO YOU KNOW WHERE THIS IS?



This statue, currently stands outside the Iraqi palace, now home to the 4th Infantry division. It will eventually be shipped home and put in the memorial museum in Fort Hood, TX

The statue was created by an Iraqi artist named Kalat, who for years was forced by Saddam Hussein to make the many hundreds of bronze busts of Saddam that dotted Baghdad.

Kalat was so grateful for the Americans melted 3 of the liberation of his country he heads of the fallen Saddam and made the statue as a memorial to the American soldiers and their fallen warriors.

Kalat worked on this memorial night and day for several months.

To the left of the kneeling soldier is a small Iraqi girl giving the soldier comfort as he mourns the loss of his comrade in arms.

Thanks to Judy Busch for this submission.