



Washington County Republican Women

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“You cannot keep out of trouble by
Spending more than your earn.”

Abraham Lincoln

Recently we celebrated the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln’s 200th birthday. At the Lincoln Day Breakfast, many of the speakers shared some of Lincoln’s wonderful quotes. I found the above quote on the internet and thought it most apropos for today’s environment. Surely, the amount of spending approved and yet to be approved will create a great deal of trouble for this country. Another early president had the following to say: “Spending money to be paid by posterity, under the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale”. Thomas Jefferson knew what would happen to future generations when the government goes on a huge spending spree. Talking about spending sprees, I found the following comment by Bill Clinton to be enlightening and quite amusing: “Taxing less and spending more...its fun in the short run, but it’s a recipe for disaster.” And, here’s what George W. Bush had to say about spending: “In an economic recession, I’d rather that, in order to get out of the recession, the people be spending their money, not the government trying to figure out how to spend the people’s money”. I agree with former President Bush!

We, as Republicans, cannot give up the fight for our beliefs of small government, individual rights, and individual responsibility. We can continue to let our elected representatives know

how we feel and what we believe in. We can begin by starting at the grassroots and working our way up to the federal level. It is important that we remain vigilant and informed about what is going on. We cannot let the Fairness Doctrine, or anything resembling it, be enacted.

It is comforting to know we can gather at our meetings and share information and socialize with others who feel the same way. I appreciate the time I spend with Washington County Republican Women and look forward to seeing all of you at our March meeting.

Susan Recknagel, President



MARCH

DOVE CENTER ITEMS

Bath towels, wash cloths, dish towels and/or
dish cloths

**A special welcome to our newest members:
Bette Arial, Contributor, Lynette Bingham,
and Dori Wagoner.**

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Thelma Young, who passed away recently.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 5, 2009

11:30 AM

BEST WESTERN ABBY INN

1129 South Bluff – St. George

Speaker, Gail Bunker, City Council Woman

Please make your luncheon check payable to WCRW in the amount of \$13.00 per person.

Also it would speed up the registration process if your checks were prepared in advance.

LUNCHEON EXPERIMENT - MEETING APRIL

In order to keep the cost down on our lunches, our contract with The Abbey Inn guarantees 60 lunches. Whenever we fall below the 60 number, the club pays for the difference. For example, last month we only had 46 people attend, so the club had to pay for 60 lunches -- a difference of over \$150.00. The Abbey Inn is willing to keep our lunches at \$13.00, without a guarantee, if we go to a buffet lunch. The quality and type of food would be the same. With a buffet, each person could determine the quantity and ratio (i.e. more salad, less pasta, etc).

Let us know what you think. At our April meeting we will try a buffet to see how everyone likes it.

35TH BIENNIAL NFRW CONVENTION

The National Federation of Republican Women will host their biennial convention September 10-13, 2009 at The Caribe Royale Hotel in Orlando, Florida.

If you are planning to attend this event or are interested in attending, please let me or one of the Board members know. There are other women from Utah clubs planning to attend and we could put you in touch with them. It would be nice if WCRW could have some representation.

Susan Recknagel

LOCAL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

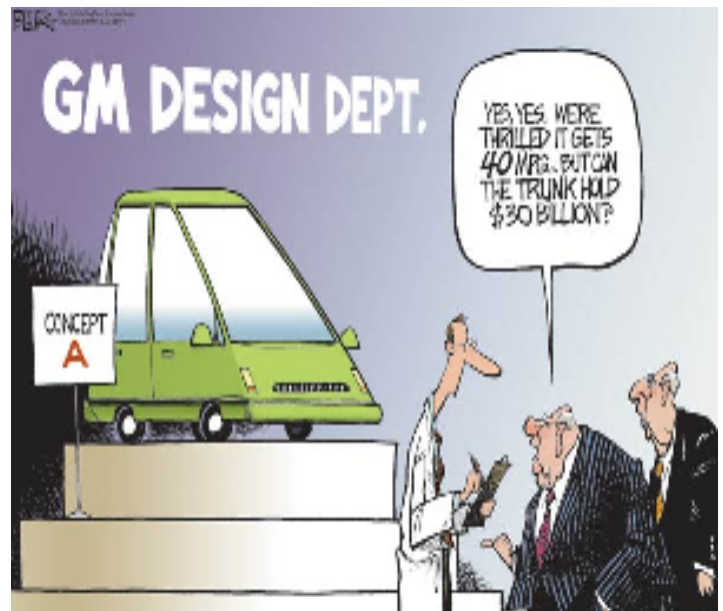
It is nearing the time again when every Republican Women's Club has the opportunity to receive recognition for their activities, events, and teamwork efforts.

The period for the achievement award is January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. The awards submission deadline is in May. Although some programs or activities may occur after the submission deadline, credit will be given for programs scheduled through the end of December.

There are 4 levels of achievement: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond. Included in the activities that earn points are our programs, communication efforts, club structure, membership development, campaign activities, and community relations.

We need your volunteer hours! Please refer to the worksheet in the back of your WCRW Handbook, and submit your hours for 2008 and 2009 to either Jeanne Hauze or Susan Recknagel.

THANK YOU!



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The big news, of course, is that thanks to three moderate Republican Senators, the stimulus package passed and has been signed into law by President Obama. One of my favorite columnists, Charles Krauthammer, called it a “legislative abomination.” Not only is it pork laden and earmark infested, but the final version was stripped of the E-Verify amendments. This means that businesses that are contracted for stimulus projects will not be required to check the work eligibility of their new hires. The Heritage Foundation estimates that our tax dollars could be used to pay as many as 300,000 illegal immigrants, instead of unemployed Americans. Still, for Republicans, there is some cause for optimism, because according to a Rasmussen poll, only 38% of voters think the Democrats’ pork bill will help the economy and a large majority know that most Republicans voted against it.

At the state level, I have mostly good news to report as our legislature continues in session. The budget shortfall is a big problem, of course, but at least our legislators are committed to balancing the budget without raising taxes. There will be pain, but unlike California, the state of Utah will not become a fiscal disaster area.

Washington County’s very own Speaker of the House David Clark has sponsored HB 188, which would start to reform Utah’s health care system using more free market principles. One of the bill’s main components would allow insurance companies to offer basic health insurance plans without a lot of state requirements. These requirements, or mandates, are great for the people who are covered by them, but they drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone. This is not perfect solution to our health care problems, but HB 188 is an attempt to improve the situation without resorting to socialized medicine, which is far from perfect, also.

Other good bills our Utah legislators are working on include SB 69, sponsored by Sen. Mark Madsen, R-Eagle Mountain, which would require people registering to vote in Utah for the first time to show proof of citizenship. Currently registered Utah voters would not be affected. A similar bill is HB 126, sponsored by Rep. Brad Daw R-Orem, which would require voters to show ID before voting. Together, these bills should discourage some kinds of voter fraud from becoming a major problem in Utah.

HB 121, sponsored by Rep. Mel Brown R-Coalsville, is a bill that grants immunity from lawsuits to retired health care workers that provide free care to charities. HB 208, sponsored by Rep. Richard Greenwood, R-Roy, would require that illegal immigrants who receive in-state tuition rates at Utah’s public colleges be prohibited from obtaining jobs in the United States. The fact that illegal immigrants receive in-state tuition rates makes no sense to me, but at least this bill would keep these students from committing as many as three felonies: obtaining a fraudulent Social Security card, committing identity theft, and filling out a false I-9 form at a workplace.

The one negative action I believe our legislature has taken is SCR 1, which is a non-binding resolution asking the federal government for a waiver to establish a guest worker program in the state of Utah. This resolution passed last week with all of our local representatives voting in favor of it. In my opinion, with rising unemployment in Utah, this seems like an extremely poor time to propose bringing in guest workers, even in a non-binding resolution. The Chamber of Commerce backed this because they say that businesses cannot find enough workers to fill some jobs. I tend to agree with an idea I heard from an economist with the Office of Workforce Services in St. George, that there is no such thing as a worker shortage, only a paycheck shortage. SCR 1 has been a topic of vigorous discussion within the WCRW Legislative Committee. We don’t agree on

everything, but we each try to inform ourselves as much as possible before forming an opinion.

I'd like to welcome the newest member of the WCRW Legislative Committee, Carmen Snow. At our last meeting, Carmen gave us an amazing overview of the Utah Legislative process and the Utah Legislature website. She is very knowledgeable and we are lucky to have her!

Christine Blum
Chair, WCRW Legislative Committee

**STATEMENTS MADE BY THE LATE
DR. ADRIAN ROGERS OF BELLEVUE
BAPTIST CHURCH, MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE :**

**YOU CANNOT LEGISLATE THE
POOR INTO FREEDOM BY
LEGISLATING THE WEALTHY OUT
OF FREEDOM. WHAT ONE PERSON
RECEIVES WITHOUT WORKING
FOR, ANOTHER PERSON MUST
WORK FOR WITHOUT RECEIVING.**

**THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT GIVE
TO ANYBODY ANYTHING THAT THE
GOVERNMENT DOES NOT FIRST
TAKE FROM SOMEBODY ELSE.**

**WHEN HALF OF THE PEOPLE GET
THE IDEA THAT THEY DO NOT
HAVE TO WORK BECAUSE THE
OTHER HALF IS GOING TO TAKE
CARE OF THEM, AND WHEN THE
OTHER HALF GETS THE IDEA
THAT IT DOES NO GOOD TO WORK
BECAUSE SOMEBODY ELSE IS
GOING TO GET WHAT THEY WORK
FOR, THAT MY DEAR FRIEND, IS
ABOUT THE END OF ANY NATION.**

**YOU CANNOT MULTIPLY WEALTH
BY DIVIDING IT.**

Please note: [Fredie Arrighi has a new phone number. Please add it to your handbook. 251-8199](#)

**Book Club Meeting and Survey
Results**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Book Club survey! Of the responses, the support was overwhelming to meet during the day rather than the evening or late afternoon. Participants also favored the Santa Clara library as a meeting place.

Based on the results of the survey – the book club will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Santa Clara library, 1:30pm. We will pick up the reading schedule with the book originally planned for January – *Supreme Conflict*.

**Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2009
Place: Santa Clara Library
Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm
Book: “Supreme Conflict” – The
Inside Story of the Struggle For
Control of the United States
Supreme Court 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.

Be sure to check out the WCRW announcement in the St. George Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter at stgeorgechamber@P-GEMS.com.

Many thanks to Dee Osborn and Anne Williams for their work in getting the WCRW information included in the Chamber newsletter.

**Minutes of the WCRW
Monthly Membership Meeting
February 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: Kay Hancock

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.

Sandi Barrett, Treasurer presented the financial report for the month of January, 2009.

President Recknagel noted that the new membership handbooks are available at the front desk and in anyone didn't have one to pick one up on their way out. Also, we now have National Federation of Republican Women identification cards for all our members.

Tanya Beaulieu talked about the book club and its low turn out. They are working on different times and locations in order to get more members to participate. She passed out survey's and asked people to fill them out as to if they wish to participate and when are the best dates and times.

Christine Blum gave us the National Legislative Update:

They have called Senators Hatch and Bennett and urge them to vote "no" on the stimulus bill. She indicated that by using your WCRW Handbook there is a listing of all the local phone numbers for our elected officials. At the same time, urge Hatch and Bennett to fight to keep E-Verify amendment in the final bill. This would require all businesses getting stimulus funds to use the E-Verify system to insure that their new hires are legally eligible to work in this country. Utah Legislative Update: HB-126, sponsored by Republican Representative Bradley Law of Orem, would require all voters show a valid Utah driver's license or other government-issued picture I.D., such as a passport. Currently, a dozen or more allowable I.D.s, such as utility bills are allowed to vote. If a person does not have proper identification at the polling place, they can still vote using a provisional ballot, but must

show valid I.D. later to have their vote counted. SB-134, sponsored by Steve Urquhart, was approved unanimously by the Senate Transportation and Public Utilities and Technology Committee. It would make it illegal to spend the federal gas tax money that Utah receives if it came with earmarks for projects that are not on the state's list of transportation priorities. Urquhart wants to stop our national representatives from earmarking money for pet projects without consulting state transportation planners. If the bill passes, our state lawmakers are assuming that our federal representatives would not insist on a pet project at the risk of losing the federal money. SCR-1, sponsored by Republican State Senator Scott Jenkins of Weber and Republican Representative Brad Dee of Ogden, is a nonbinding state resolution that would allow Utah to set up its own guest worker program. If such a resolution were to become law, illegal immigrants currently residing in Utah would be eligible to become guest workers, if their employer sponsored them. The employer would then have to pay Social Security taxes and have Social Security and Medicare taxes deducted from the guest worker's pay. This money would be used by the state of Utah to pay for the cost of the program. Proponents say it would enable the state of Utah to track who is here and to get taxes from the employers. This was the same argument used by the proponents of the two amnesty bills defeated in the U.S. Senate in 2006 and 2007. Opponents say this proposal would give legal status to people who came into this country illegally, thus allowing them to jump to the head of the line of millions of people who are waiting to come into the United States legally. They believe it would encourage more illegal immigrants to come to Utah in hopes of gaining legal status and depress wages for American workers. Opponents also don't believe many employers of illegal labor would sign up for the program, since many hire illegals as independent contractors and don't withhold taxes from their pay anyway. This resolution passed easily in the State Senate last week and is currently in the Utah House.

President Recknagel talked about spending a few days with Wilma Courtney and Colleen Wallis in the making of the quilt. She asked Wilma to show the quilt, including the backside with the beautiful stitching. We will be raffling it off at our June 4th meeting. Anyone interested in buying or selling tickets can see Wilma Courtney or Sandi Barrett. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

President Recknagel talked about the upcoming Lincoln Day breakfast on Saturday, February 14th, and the cost is \$20 with proceeds going to the Washington County Republican Convention. We have purchased 2 tables of 8 people and if anyone wanted tickets they could see Sandi Barrett after the luncheon.

Speaker: Bonnie Harrington introduced our guest speaker, Muriel Blake, CEO of Southwest Federal Credit Union and Chairperson of United Way for Southern Utah.

Muriel spoke about her life in St. George and family life. At age 33 her husband passed away and she was left to raise her 4 children. She went to work at the credit union in an entry level position. Over time she offered suggestions to be boss on various way of improving the business. After working very hard for several years she worked herself into a management position and later to become the Chief Executive Officer of 5 branches of the Southwest Federal Credit Union. Similarly she started off helping with the United Way and is currently the Chairperson of Southern Utah. Muriel took many questions and was very well received and offered thanks by the audience.

Raffle: Coi Health presented the winners of the raffle with their gifts. She stated that the raffle donations for the day were \$53.00, and thanked the group.

Adjourn: 1:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Sandi Barrett

Many thanks to Sandi for taking the minutes at the February meeting, while I was in Salt Lake City for the birth of our new grand triplets.

Jeanne



POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE PROPOSAL FEBRUARY 19, 2009

"Please read the following information regarding the formation of a Political Action Committee. At our April meeting, we will be asking you to vote on creating a PAC."

What is a PAC?

The term "political action committee" (PAC) refers to a distinct type of political committee registered with the FEC for the purpose of raising and spending "hard" money to defeat or elect candidates to office. There are 2 types of PACs: 1) Separated Segregated Funds, associated with corporations and labor unions, who can only solicit funds from the members of their associated corporations and unions, and 2) Nonconnected Committees, not connected or sponsored by corporations and unions and who are free to solicit funds from the general public.

How would we use a PAC?

In addition to donating monies to candidate campaigns, several other possibilities for use of PAC money would be: advertising on key issues, educational pamphlets stating our positions on issues, donating with other PACs to launch a new candidate, promoting our conservative beliefs and platform during election periods.

What are the legal requirements for the creation of a PAC?

PACs must register with and file detailed financial reports of monies raised and spent with the Federal Election Committee.

What are the financial limitations of a PAC?

Campaign Finance restrictions state that PACs can give \$5,000 to a candidate committee per election (primary, general or special); give up to \$15,000 annually to any national party committee, and \$5,000 annually to any other PAC. However, there is no limit on how much PACs can spend on advertising in support of

candidates or in promotion of their agenda or beliefs.

PACs may receive up to \$5,000 from any one individual, PAC or party committee per calendar year. A husband and wife each have separate \$5,000 limits. The PAC may also raise money by selling fundraising items or tickets to fundraising events.

What would we name the PAC?

The name of the PAC may not include the name of any candidate. Since this PAC can accept donations from the general public, we would want a broader name than Washington County Republican Women's PAC. The proposal by the Board is to name the PAC "Pro-Active Conservatives".

How would the PAC Be Managed?

The PAC would be managed by a committee comprised of five (5) individuals:

- *The Past President of WCRW
- *The Current President of WCRW
- *One additional WCRW Board member
- *Two members at large
- * positions would rotate with incoming new presidents/board members

We would use a certified accountant qualified to work with PACs to provide the required reports to the Federal Election Committee and to be an advisor. In addition, Alan Crooks would be an advisor and we would secure legal consultation when needed.

Who can donate to a PAC?

Any individual, but corporation and union donations are prohibited.

What type of donations are acceptable?

Each individual may contribute up to \$5000. A contribution is anything of value given to

influence elections. The most common types of contributions are:

- Gifts of money
- Gifts of goods and services ("in-kind" contributions)
- Loans and guarantees or endorsements of loans.

Cash contributions are limited to \$100 or less. Contributions exceeding \$100 must be made by check or other written instrument (for example, credit cards)

Will WCRW members be required to donate?

No. Making a donation to the PAC is a personal, voluntary decision and not a requirement.

Can someone volunteer to work on the PAC without making a donation?

Yes.

Where can I get more information?

The following link on the Federal Elections Commission website will give you detailed information about Nonconnected Committees.
<http://www.fec.gov/pdf/nongui.pdf>



Dixie College Young Republicans are trying to form a political readings discussion group. They met most recently on Tuesday, February 24, to discuss *The Federalist Papers*. Please contact one of the club officers if you are interested in joining their discussions.



**HAPPY SAINT
PATRICKS DAY**

March 17, 2009