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Presidents Message:

“One journey’s end is another’s beginning.”
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Dear WCRW Members and Friends,

Another year has passed and, yet again, as I always do, I wonder where did the time go? Not only is this the end of 2009, it is also the end of my time as President of Washington County Republican Women. These last two years have been a whirlwind of activity, accomplishments and learning. I appreciate the opportunity I had to serve as your President and getting to know all of the wonderful folks in our club and political community.

Soon we will welcome in a new year and, hopefully, there will be another beginning with the 2010 elections. Our nation is being led down a very dangerous road – a path that we must abandon, a journey that must end. We need to find those leaders that can reclaim America’s greatness and the values and freedom upon which it was founded.

In December, we will install a new board of terrific ladies. Last week, there was a joint meeting of the out-going board and the new board. We had a good exchange of information, there was a lot of energy, and I heard some great ideas being discussed. I know our new board will do a fantastic job leading and guiding the club.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of the newsletter – the last for 2009. Please come and join us for our last meeting this year on Thursday, December 3rd.

1st VP Bonnie Harrington has put together a program that promises to be informative and will provide a little Christmas cheer. Also Darcy Kruitbosch, President of the Utah Federation of Republican Women, will be our guest and will perform the installation of the new board.

My best wishes to all of you for a Christmas season of celebration, love, joy and family. I look forward to sitting out in the audience with you next year!

Susan Recknagel, President



NEXT MEETING
Thursday,
DECEMBER 3, 2009
11:00 AM
BEST WESTERN ABBY INN
1129 South Bluff – St. George

Our speaker will be Representative Don Ipson, with a Christmas message, and a preview of next years Legislative Agenda.

Holiday music will be performed by the Steve Millet Musical Group.

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

**Minutes of the WCRW
Monthly Membership Meeting
November 5, 2009**

President Susan Recknagel called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m., welcoming all members and guests.

Prayer: Eloise Young

Pledge of Allegiance: Wilma Courtney

Approval of the October Meeting Minutes: Approved as written.

Financial Report: Treasurer, Sandi Barrett reported the October Bazaar had netted \$2518.99. She thanked everyone for their support of this fundraising effort.

Membership: Gail Neumann, Membership Chairman, reported the current membership at 155. She announced the \$2.00 dues increase being imposed by the NFRW. She said the WCRW will raise annual dues to \$22.00 beginning January 1, 2010. She said those who have already paid the 2010, \$20.00 renewal fee, are not required to pay the extra \$2.00, however, it would be appreciated.

Legislative Review: Bonnie Harrington, Legislative Chairman, distributed a handout to the members which included information regarding local radio stations, television stations, and web sites for obtaining the latest news. She reported on the Legislative Committee meeting, and the interest in health care, net neutrality, climate, and the White House attack on Fox News.

Vote on Proposed WCRW 2010-2011 By-Laws:

President Recknagel announced that after the proposed by-laws were distributed for review, there was a change requested by the WCRW Board. She said the change has no impact on the By-Laws, but rather is for clarification. She read the addition of the phrase "a term of office will be two years". There was a motion, and second from the floor that the "By-Laws be adopted as written. The motion was passed.

Vote on Slate of Officers for 2010: A motion from the floor to elect the following officers for 2010 was seconded and passed.

Carol Aldred, President
Michelle Root, First Vice President, Programs
Wendy Cox, Second Vice President, Membership
Marlene Savage, Secretary
Tanya Beaulieu, Treasurer
Sandi Barrett, Assistant Treasurer

Nomination of Member-at-Large: Allison McArthur was nominated for the position of Member-at-Large for 2010. A motion was made and seconded. Allison McArthur was elected to the position.

Calendar of Events:

Veterans Day, November 11th. President Recknagel reminded everyone to fly the United States Flag.

Book Club will be meeting on November 11, 1-2:30 pm, at the Santa Clara Library. "A Brilliant Solution: Inventing the American Constitution" by Carol Berkin, is the book selection.

UFRW Convention will be held in Salt Lake City, November 13-14. The WCRW have 13 delegate votes, however, only 4 individuals have committed to attend the convention. President Recknagel encouraged everyone to consider attending the event, and she said gas and lodging will be paid by the WCRW. Those interested should contact Sandi Barrett and she will confirm lodging accommodations.

Dixie Republican Forum Luncheon, November 17th, will feature "Joe the Plumber". Joe is touring Utah in support of the Cherilyn Eagar for US Senate. This is a fundraising event in support of Ms. Eagar's campaign. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

Speaker: Bonnie Harrington introduced Victor Iverson. She noted Victor is a small businessman, who is concerned about the direction the government is taking. She said that she and many other WCRW had the opportunity to hear Victor speak during the 9/12 Freedom Rally held at Vernon Worthen Park.



Victor Iverson

Victor Iverson began by saying “this is not the first time our country has faced a crossroad”. He reminded everyone of Washington crossing the Delaware, and the “dark time” of the Civil War. He said “grass roots organizations” can make changes. He believes the most recent elections are a positive sign of “hope”. He suggested we be optimistic, focus of our ideals and values, and recruit good people to run as candidates. He said we cannot afford to “just accept whoever runs”.

Victor said he is a Southern Utah native. His father served in WWII, and believed in individual freedoms. Victor began his service as a Young Republican, and has served as a delegate. He actually ran against Rep. Dave Clark for the Legislature.

He recommended we focus on supporting the “Republican Platform”. He noted he is “underwhelmed” by the Federal Level politicians. There was a brief discussion of finding the right candidate to challenge Senator Bennett. Mr. Iverson stated it is important to get the message to the people, not just throw money in to advertising. He said we need to be looking for “crusaders”.

Wilma Courtney suggested that members of the WCRW run for precinct offices, and then do the job. Too many people are elected and they “never show up”. Victor agreed this is a positive direction in the grass roots efforts.

Mr. Iverson addressed questions from the audience.

Announcement: President Recknagel announced she has just received a message stating there is a petition at Jim Matheson’s office requesting he vote against the Health Care Bill. She encouraged everyone to sign the petition.

Raffle: Raffle tickets were drawn, and Coi Heath presented the winners with their items.

Reminder: President Recknagel reminded everyone that the December meeting would be the installation of officers, and a holiday program. Rep. Don Ipson will be speaking. The meeting will begin at 11:30 am.

Adjourn: There being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeanne Hauze, Secretary

Book Club Meeting

December Meeting: There will be no book club meeting held in December. We will reconvene in January.

January Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Place: Santa Clara Library

Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm

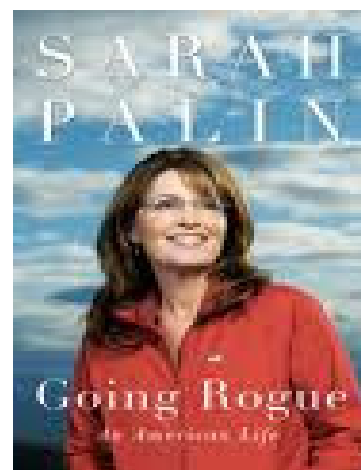
Book: “*Going Rogue: An American Life*”

Author: Sarah Palin

From Amazon’s Website:

In this eagerly anticipated memoir, Palin paints an intimate portrait of growing up in the wilds of Alaska; meeting her lifelong love; her decision to enter politics; the importance of faith and family; and the unique joys and trials of life as a high-profile working mother. She also opens up for the first time about the 2008 presidential race, providing a rare, mom's-eye view of high-stakes national politics—from patriots dedicated to “Country First” to slick politicians bent on winning at any cost.

Going Rogue traces one ordinary citizen's extraordinary journey and imparts Palin's vision of a way forward for America and her unflinching hope in the greatest nation on earth.



SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPT THANK YOU LETTER

September 24, 2009

Washington County Republican Women Scholarship
C/O Dixie State College Scholarship Department
225 S 700 E
Saint George, UT 84770

Dear Washington County Republican Women,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in funding the Washington County Republican Women Scholarship. I am honored to be the recipient of this award.

I am currently a 45-year-old returning freshman majoring in Health Sciences. I hope to become a nurse, and eventually earn a Bachelors degree. One day I will work in an emergency room and make a difference by saving lives.

While attending school I have been involved in the Campus to Community projects at Dixie State College, Student Support Services and TRIO, and the Life Long Learners Club. I also volunteer at Purgatory Correctional Facility and teach life skills at the Dixie Area Detention Center for Juveniles. I recently began to volunteer at the local VA center and hope to support other veterans as they come home and try to regain their lives.

Receiving this scholarship will have a profound effect on my life and my ability to learn a new way to support my family, as well as providing me with an avenue to be of maximum service to my community.

I will honor your assistance with my commitment to you by becoming a nurse and doing my best to uphold our ideals.

I thank you for your confidence and willingness to help me achieve my new life goals.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Dale B. Watts
1485 W 1230 N
Saint George, UT 84770

Member of 222nd on Loan to 145th Field Artillery
 Bravo Battery 222nd Field Artillery



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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 (\$22 if paid after Dec. 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.

RENEW YOUR WCRW MEMBERSHIP NOW

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:

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:

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

Thank You!

"I can no other answer make, but, thanks, and thanks."

William Shakespeare

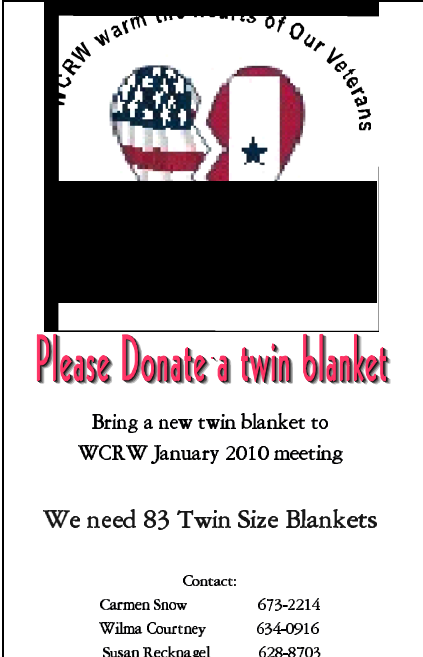
WCRW had a terrific year. A great big THANK YOU to everyone for making 2009 so successful. Your support, attendance at the meetings, donations, and participation in activities are what makes our club so terrific.

An extra special thanks to the out-going Board and Committee Chairs who kept the engine running:

- 1st Vice President **Bonnie Harrington** for a marvelous year of informative and for chairing the Legislative Committee.
- 2nd Vice President **Gail Neumann** for her tireless efforts to achieve our goal of over 150 members.
- Secretary **Jeanne Hauze** for diligently recording all the meeting minutes, serving as editor of our beautiful newsletter and chairing the Communications Committee.
- Treasurer **Sandi Barrett** for her excellent bookkeeping and accounting practices.
- Ass't Treasurer **Etta Cheeney** for assisting with the "money box" at lunches and for always being there when we needed her.
- Member-at-Large **Karen Vint** for her insight and wisdom and for co-chairing the Education Committee.
- **Dee Osborn**, auditor of our accounting books.
- By-Laws chair, **Caroline Peirce**, who also served as my Parliamentarian and advisor for the past two years.
- Caring for America chair and idea generator, **Wilma Courtney**.

- **Janine Leuthauser**, Calling Committee chair and person responsible for tallying our luncheon attendance.
- **Noma Clark**, Hospitality and Chair of the Nominating Committee – thanks for the new Board!
- **Rosalie Mimnaugh**, co-chair of the Education Committee – thanks for your passion.
- **Annette Taylor**, the website manager of our award-winning website.
- **Gloria Jones**, our chaplain for the past two years who provided words of blessing and thanks.
- **Anne Williams**, our photographer and historian who brought our historical books up-to-date with great photos and by compiling information.
- **Coi Heath**, our delightful Raffle person.
- **Tanya Beaulieu**, our Book Club moderator and researcher.

And, again, THANKS to all who have participated on committees, made bazaar items, attended meetings and supported our club. You make it all worthwhile!



WCRW warm the hearts of Our Veterans

Please Donate a twin blanket

Bring a new twin blanket to
WCRW January 2010 meeting

We need 83 Twin Size Blankets

Contact:
Carmen Snow 673-2214
Wilma Courtney 634-0916
Susan Recknagel 628-8703

INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD OFFICERS

At our December meeting on Thursday, December 3, Darcy Kruitbosch, President of Utah Federation of Republican Women, will perform the installation ceremony for the WCRW 2010 Board Officers.

Come join us and meet your new Board Officers:

Carol Aldred	President
Michelle Root	1 st Vice President
Wendy Cox	2 nd Vice President
Secretary	Marlene Savage
Treasurer	Tanya Beaulieu
Ass't Treasurer	Sandi Barrett
Member-at-Large	Allison McArthur

Utah Federation of Republican Women 2009 Biennial Convention

Salt Lake City, Utah

November 13th - November 14th, 2009

The Convention opened at 2:30PM Friday with the Regent's Event -- Tea with First Lady Jeanette Herbert at the Governor's Mansion and a tour of the Mansion. WCRW was represented by Diane Felsch, Caroline Peirce and Coi Heath.

In attendance from WCRW at the Friday evening Reception and the Convention Program on Saturday were: Noma Clark, Etta Cheeney, Carmen Snow, Coi Heath, Caroline Peirce, Diane Felsch and Susan Recknagel. The location for these events was the Salt Lake City Country Club which was beautifully decorated and a lovely setting, with the snow on Saturday creating a sparkly, winter wonderland.

The Program opened with the following agenda items:

Call to Order	President Darcy Kruitbosch
Invocation	Noma Clark, WCRW
"God Bless America"	sung by Cherilyn Eagar
Pledge of Allegiance	led by Gennie Olson, CCRW
Introduction of 1 st Speaker	Past President Marilyn Stevens, DC RW
Welcome/Speaker	Lt. Governor Greg Bell

Nomination and Election of UFRW 2010-2011 Officers:

Coi Heath, UFRW Nominating Committee Chair and member of Washington County Republican Women, presented the slate of officers:

President	Darcy Kruitbosch
1 st Vice President	Dianne Yancey
2 nd Vice President	Trudie Biggers
3 rd Vice President	Mary Taylor

4 th Vice President	Cherilyn Eagar
Executive Secretary	Stacie Phillips
Treasurer	Machel Maycock

Officiating the election were Diane Felsch, Marilyn Stevens and Patti Florence.

Club Updates: President Susan Recknagel of Washington County Republican Women gave an update on 2009 Accomplishments of WCRW (see report in this newsletter).

Speakers: In addition to the keynote Speaker, there were three other speakers:

- Wendi Baggaley, Timpanogos Republican Women, was not able to attend the convention and sent a substitute to speak about "Ethics in Government Initiative". A lively discussion ensued and concluded with a request for members to research both sides of this topic.
- Jim Bennett (Representing Senator Bob Bennett) provided an "Update on the Hill". He spoke about current issues, particularly the Healthcare Bill and attempted to convey Senator Bennett's positions on the issues.
- Bette Arial, Professional Republican Women, provided a perspective on women in politics from her early experiences in Hawaii. The take-away from her presentation was the importance of being prepared with facts and presenting those facts without emotion.
- After a very nice luncheon, Kathleen Handy, President-Elect of WRC of SLC introduced the Keynote Speaker, Sue Everhart, Georgia GOP Chairwoman. Ms. Everhart's presentation focused on women in politics and what needs to be accomplished. Her slogan is "WIN – Women in Numbers". Her speech was filled with humor, insight and tips for fund-raising, increasing membership and getting involved in politics. She chided anyone who wanted to just "come to lunch". Republican Women Clubs are political clubs, not social clubs. There is a lot of work to be done and women can be very powerful and influential. She wants to see more women involved in precincts, caucuses, elections and serving in office.

Presentation of Awards and Wrap-up: Due to bad weather, President Kruitbosch concluded the meeting with presentations of Thank You gifts to out-going UFRW Officers, presentation of NFRW Awards to county clubs, the Regents Presentation, Door Prizes and purchases from the Silent Auction.

After closing remarks by President Kruitbosch, the Convention adjourned.



REGENTS EVENT AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION



DIANE FELSCH RECEIVING "THANK YOU" GIFT



WCRW ATTENDEES WITH PRESIDENT KRUITBOSCH



SUSAN RECKNAGEL ON BEHALF OF THE WCRW RECEIVING NFRW ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season, and a great New Year, with blessings of health, happiness, peace, and prosperity.

Jeanne Hauze, 2008-2009 Newsletter Editor

Merry
Christmas

The text "Merry Christmas" is written in a red, cursive font. The word "Merry" is on the top line, and "Christmas" is on the bottom line. The text is decorated with two sprigs of holly leaves and red berries. One sprig is positioned between the end of "Merry" and the start of "Christmas", and the other is positioned to the left of the start of "Christmas".