



# WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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## FALL SOCIAL MINUTES

Mitt Romney – Utah Republican Nominee for the United States Senate.  
Abbey Inn

### Welcome:

- President Lesa Sandberg called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm
- The prayer was offered by Rickline & Jimi Kestin and
- The pledge was led by Representative Lowry Snow
- Special musical number by Wade Hinds, *God Bless the USA*. Accompanied by Jennifer Redfearn.
- Dignitaries present were: Bette Ariel representing Senator Mike Lee, Courtney Brinkerhoff representing Senator Orrin Hatch, Adam Snow representing Representative Chris Stewart. Representative Lowry Snow, County Commissioner Dean Cox, Utah Federation of Republican Women President LaRene Cox, Washington County Republican Party Chair Jimi Kestin, St. George City Council members Bette Ariel and Ed Baca. Running for office, Gil Almquist and special guest Mitt Romney.

### Business:

- WCRW Funds reported as \$19,203.76 in our business account
- Bylaws changes were handed out to members to review to be voted on in October.
- The audience sang ‘Happy Birthday’ to Jon Event coordinator for Abbey Inn and Lesa thanked him for being a great host for our Republican Women events!

### Introduction of Guest Speaker:

Courtney Brinkerhoff introduced Mitt Romney, our Utah Republican nominee for the United States Senate. Mitt Romney also was the former Governor of Massachusetts from 2003 to 2007 and the former United States Republican Presidential Candidate in the year 2012. He is a businessman and supports many charitable organizations. He led the struggling Salt Lake Winter Olympics to success in 2002. He received his Bachelor’s Degree from Brigham Young University and his MBA from Harvard. He has five sons and twenty-four grandchildren. He has been married to Ann Romney for forty-nine years.

## **Guest Speaker: Mitt Romney**

- ❖ During his speech, Romney praised the president. He predicted Trump's win in 2020 and lauded him for steering the economy in a good direction.
- ❖ When someone in the audience asked him about his current stance on the president, given Romney's criticism of Trump during the 2016 campaign, Romney said he'll stand with the president "when I think he's right for Utah and the country, and whenever I think he's wrong for Utah and the country, I'll tell him I think he's wrong. "If the president says something that I think is destructive to our culture, I'll point that out."
- ❖ One of the issues Romney hopes to tackle if he's elected to the U.S. Senate is the Antiquities Act, which allows presidents to establish national monuments. Romney said he will seek support among other senators in Western states to pass legislation that would require the sitting president to gain approval from state legislatures before the Antiquities Act can be used to designate national monuments.
- ❖ The proposed pipeline to provide water from Lake Powell to Washington County is also a necessary plan that Romney said he'd help fight for if elected. If Utah doesn't build the Lake Powell Pipeline to receive all the water Southern Utah is entitled to, Romney said other states like California may one day gain access to the water downstream. "Let's get all the water we're entitled to," Romney said. "Clearly, the pipeline project is a priority for me and for our state."
- ❖ Romney pointed out that two-thirds of Federal spending is not voted on. Most are entitlements.
- ❖ "We're great because this nation is strong and we're great because this nation is good," Romney said. "And the same thing is true for our state."

Toward the end of Romney's remarks, a heckler burst into the room and shouted "We've got to end vaccinations."

Washington County Republican Women presented Romney with a \$620 donation to his campaign.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted by WCRW Secretary Judy Houston

The meeting was recorded live on Washington County Republican Women's Facebook page.